



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

It is our joy to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us. May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.

YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS ARE NEEDED AT ETERNAL HOPE!

As Eternal Hope continues to grow and reach more families with the life-saving Gospel message we need all the help we can get! It is part of our core values and beliefs as Christians that each and every person is gifted by God. We invite you to share your gifts with us as we, together, share Christ's love with our world!

AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament Reading should be read last, for it is a call to rejoicing, at least for people of faith in Christ. The guaranteed future includes "peace . . . like a river" (Isaiah 66:12), a powerful and restful image. The Epistle, however, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, "let us not grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9). When the Seventy-Two (not just the Twelve) went out in the Gospel, we do not know how fearful they may have been, but they returned triumphant and were congratulated by our Lord. Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to "shout for joy to God, all the earth" (Psalm 66:1).

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER (St. Augustine's prayer to the Holy Spirit. circa 400)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III

(Pages 184 – 202)

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven” LSB 793

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



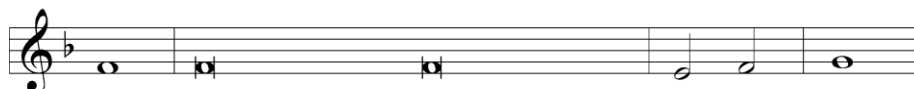
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



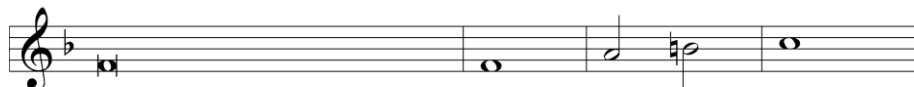
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



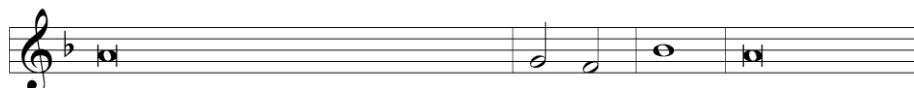
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



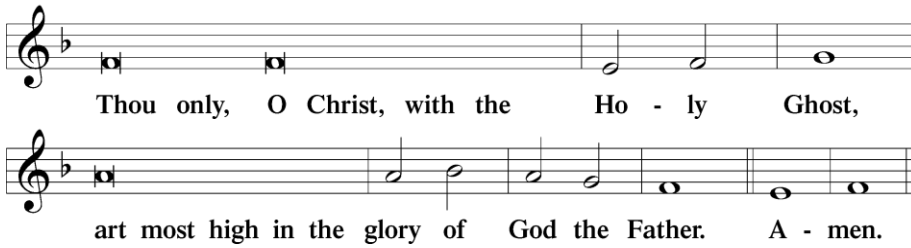
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 66:10–14*

(The prophet calls for rejoicing in the present time, for God has promised comfort and peace.)

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the Lord:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalm 66:1–7; antiphon: vv. 8–9*

Pastor: ¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ²sing the glory of his name;

People: give to him glorious praise!

Pastor: ³Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

People: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Pastor: ⁴All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

People: they sing praises to your name.”

Pastor: ⁵Come and see what God has done:

People: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Pastor: ⁶He turned the sea into dry land;

People: they passed through the river on foot.

Pastor: There did we rejoice in him,

⁷**who rules by his might forever,**

Pastor: whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

People: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18* (Paul encourages restoring one another.)

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . . ¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE *Luke 10:5b, 9b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Peace be to this house!

People: The kingdom of God has come near to you. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:1-20* (Jesus rejoices with the disciples as they return with good news.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CATECHISM

The First Article of the Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" LSB 533

SERMON

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

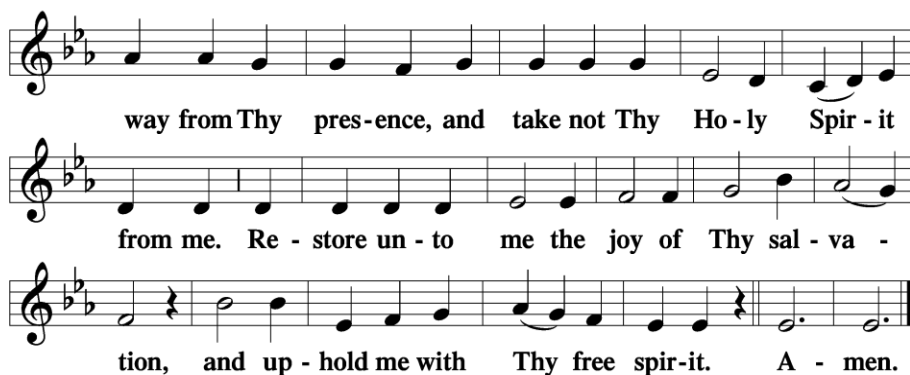
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it to your neighbor.

Luke 10:20b – "But rejoice that your names are written in heaven." No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus. He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the church. It's our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the church that motivates us to support it.

OFFERTORY





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord of the harvest, at Your Son's instruction we pray that You would continue to send laborers into Your vineyard, that the plentiful harvest may be gathered into the peace of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, grant that we may sow the seed of Your Spirit and fulfill the law of Christ by bearing one another's burdens. Guard us, lest we grow weary in doing good or become boastful, that in due season we may enjoy the Spirit's harvest of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, Your Son sent the 72 with the charge to enter homes to proclaim peace and declare the coming of Your kingdom. Grant our homes to be places in which Your peace dwells, that husbands and wives love and honor one another, children are nurtured in fear and faith toward Your name, and Your kingdom comes among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, be with those who govern in our nation, especially our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to serve us in Your name. Give to the nations an end to violence and terror. Guide us to work toward the common good for the sake of those most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, the work of Your hands is evident in the heavens above and the sun in its course. Teach us thankfulness for Your created order, that we may rejoice in Your provision and care for Your creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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People: Amen.

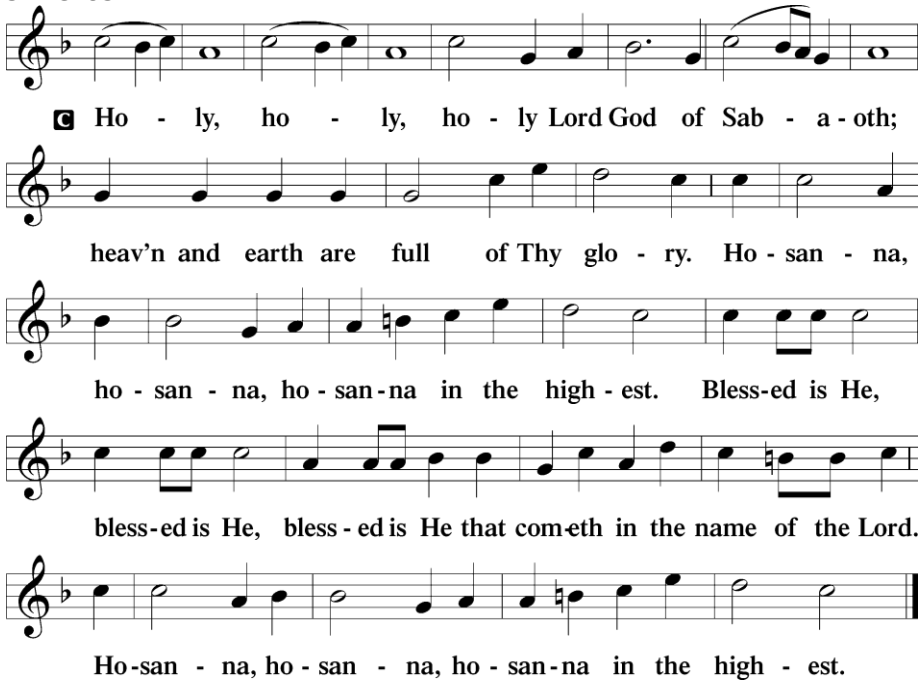


C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

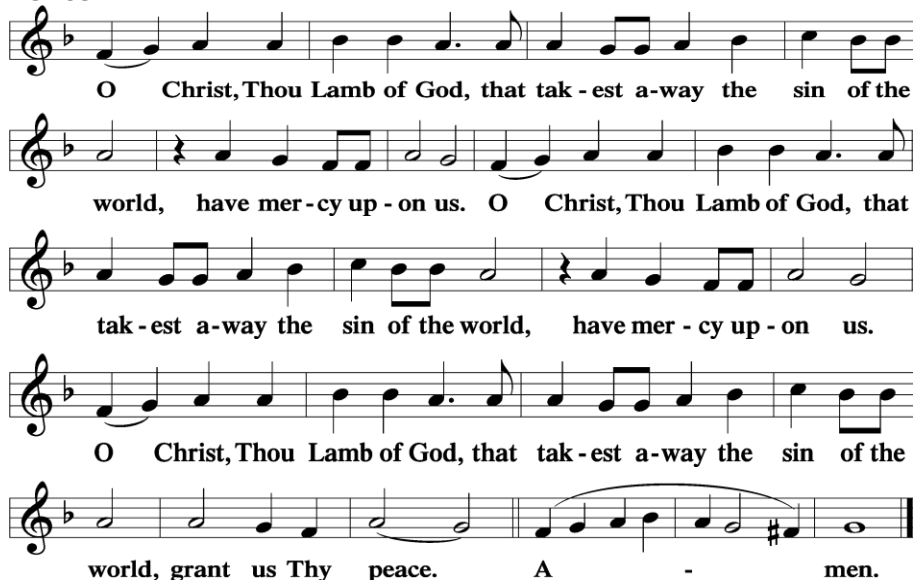
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION

(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(As Needed)*

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636

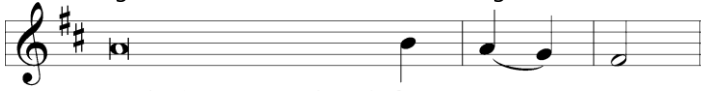
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" LSB 631

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965