

# The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 2022



981 State Highway Z St. Robert, Missouri 65584

# **Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Website: Church Phone: Email: www.felclcms.org (573) 336-4464 office@felclcms.org



Pastor John Perling 573-337-0253 pastor@felclcms.org Skype, Facebook, Twitter

# § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

### Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

*How Can We Help You?* We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

# Those Serving February 20th at Faith

Organist	Mary Jones
Acolyte	Grant Anderson
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	

Asst.	Dennis Engstrom
Minister	
Greeters	
Refreshments	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	God sent me before you
	to preserve life.

# Confession and Absolution

Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

#### **Confession of Sins**

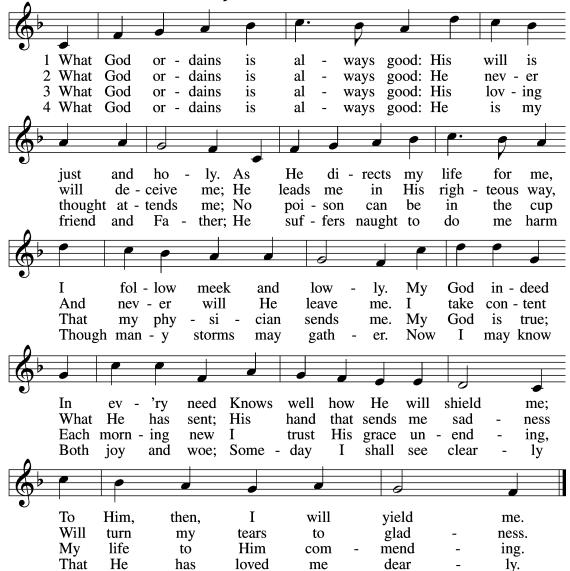
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

# 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good



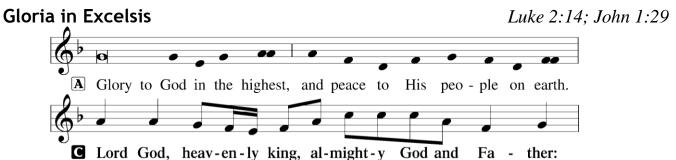
- 5 What God ordains is always good:
  Though I the cup am drinking
  Which savors now of bitterness,
  I take it without shrinking.
  For after grief
  God gives relief,
  My heart with comfort filling
  And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good:
  This truth remains unshaken.
  Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
  I shall not be forsaken.
  I fear no harm,
  For with His arm
  He shall embrace and shield me;
  So to my God I yield me.

Text and tune: Public domain

**P** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36







Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

A The Old Testament Reading for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany is from Genesis, chapter 45.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Antiphon The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\* and forget not all his | benefits,

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*

who heals all your dis- | eases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life | from the pit,\*

who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*

so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works | righteousness\* and justice for all who | are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\* his acts to the people of | Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\* nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\* nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

12as far as the east is | from the west,\*

so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his | children,\* so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

Antiphon The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\* slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

# **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign

until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

# Common Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs

from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

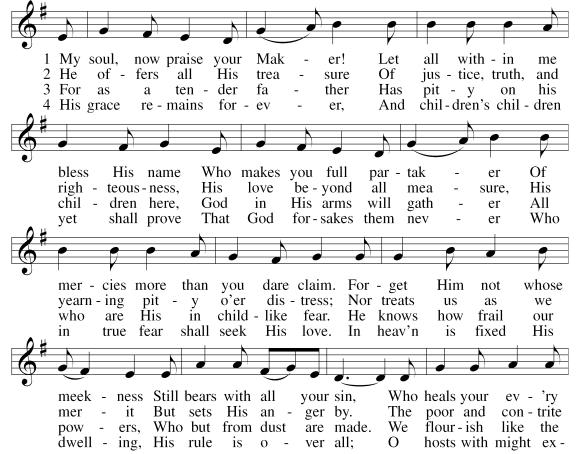
<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

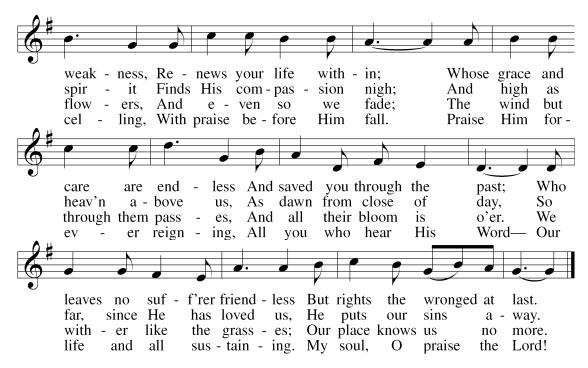
<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."



Please be seated.







Text and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

Please rise.

# **Apostles' Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For tested faith like that of Joseph, who endured hardship and struggle, yet believed it would come to good; and that God would bring all things to completion according to His purposes in Christ, the new Adam, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all pastors, missionaries and church workers, that they would be faithful and compassionate in their service; and for all members of our congregation, that we may be blessed to hear Your Word and to serve our neighbors in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism, that they would continue to bring them to Christ faithfully in the Divine Service, so that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For love that expects no reward but serves those in need; for an end to all bitterness and strife among us; and for forgiveness between each other, even as Christ's blood has covered our sins before God's heavenly throne, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For civil authority and those responsible to God for the welfare of our nation, state and community, that they would pursue faithfully the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end; and for first responders and those who defend us here or abroad, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who suffer, the sick, and those troubled in body or soul, especially those listed in our bulletin, that God would comfort them with His grace and heal them according to His will; and for the dying and those who mourn, that they may know peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A In thanksgiving for the gift of the blessed Sacrament; and for a right heart among all who prepare to commune, that by this eating and drinking we would be equipped to love God above all and our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

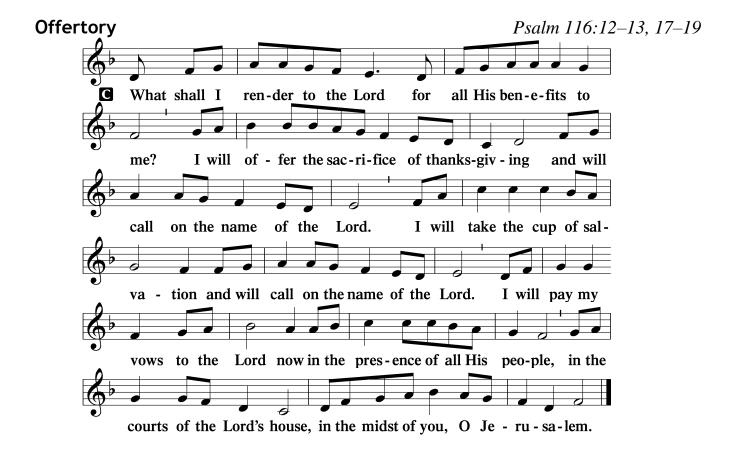
P Lord God, heavenly Father, You will bring all things to completion according to Your order and time. When Christ comes and all the dead are raised, number us, we pray, among the saints in glory, clothing the perishable with the imperishable and bringing us into eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C Amen.

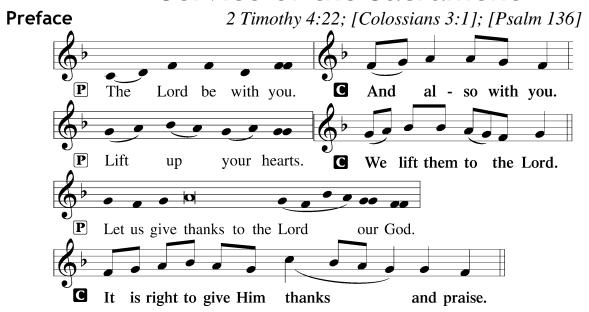
Please be seated.

# Offering

Please rise.

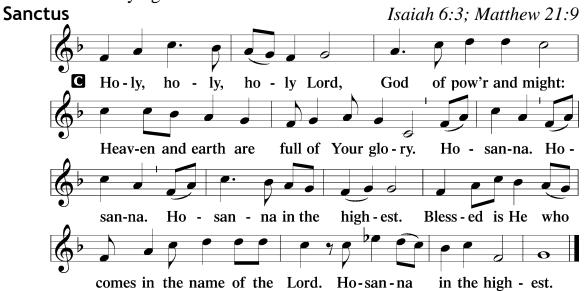


# Service of the Sacrament



# **Proper Preface**

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

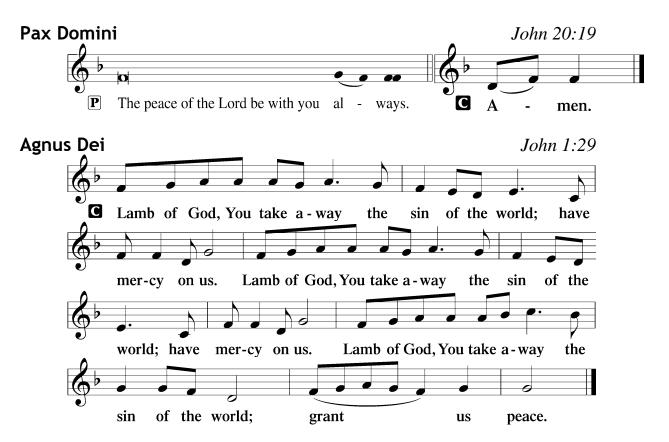
1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Please be seated.

### 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.

Communing at Faith

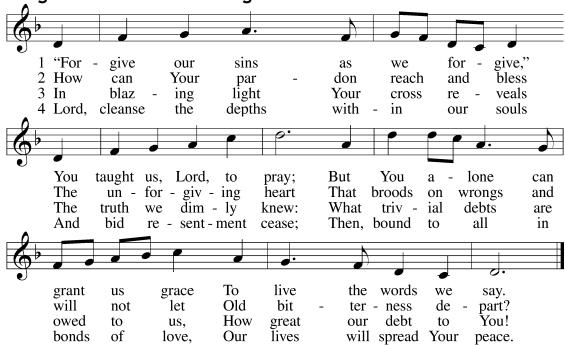
Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.

### 692 Praise to You and Adoration



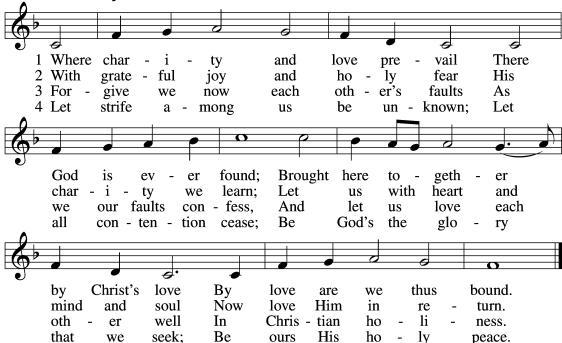
Text and tune: Public domain

## 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



Text: © Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003563 Tune: Public domain

### 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



- Let us recall that in our midst
   Dwells Christ, His only Son;
   As members of His body joined
   We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
  That names the Savior's name;
  His family embraces all
  Whose Father is the same.

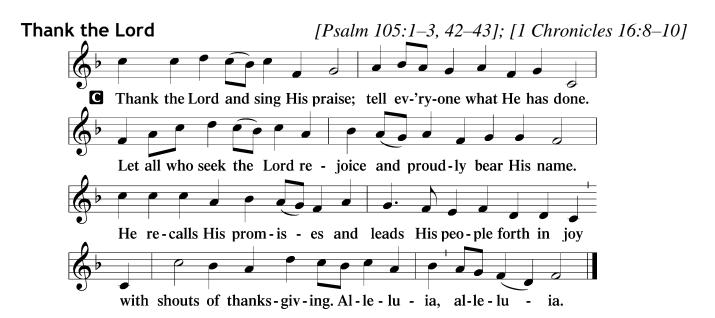
 $\textbf{Text:} \ \textcircled{0} \ \textbf{1960} \ \textbf{World Library Publications.} \ \textbf{Used by permission:} \ \textbf{LSB Hymn License no.} \ \textbf{110003563 Tune:} \ \textbf{Public domain}$ 

Please rise.

### The Dismissal

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.



### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



Please be seated.

### 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003563 Tune: Public domain

#### **Acknowledgments**

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.