GRACE Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



Christ the King Sunday

Divine Service (Setting Three)
November 24, 2019
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome in Jesus' name.

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Holy Communion in the Lutheran Church

The Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is intended for all who have been instructed in the articles of our Lutheran faith, who repent of their sins and who desire God's forgiveness. Please note our Communion statement on page 16 and please speak with Pastor Armstrong if you desire the Sacrament. There is additional information about our communion practice on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

Preparation

Scripture exhorts us to examine ourselves before partaking. The questions on page 329 of Lutheran Service Book (LSB) may be helpful.

Hymns & Music

The hymns and liturgical music in the bulletin are melody only. If you wish to sing in SATB "parts" we encourage you to follow along in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) which you can find under the pew in front of you.

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME

To our Guests and Visitors:

Welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today. Please pick up a *Welcome* folder before you leave. They are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged in worship. Indeed, from ancient times they have been an important part of the worshipping community (Joel 2:15-16). If needed, however, there is a nursery available in the East Wing (near the main entrance).

Prelude: Chorale by N. Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand, if able.

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

Invocation Matthew 28:19

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the \mathbf{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

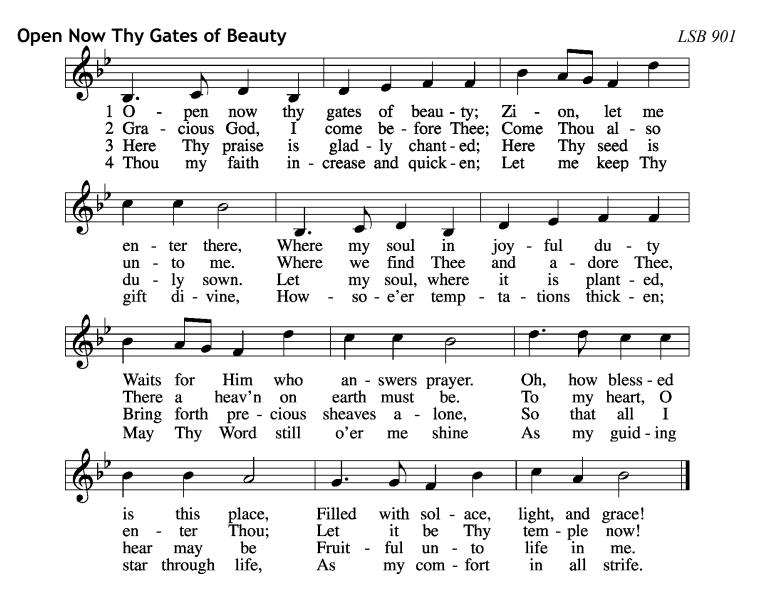
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

P 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.

C Amen.

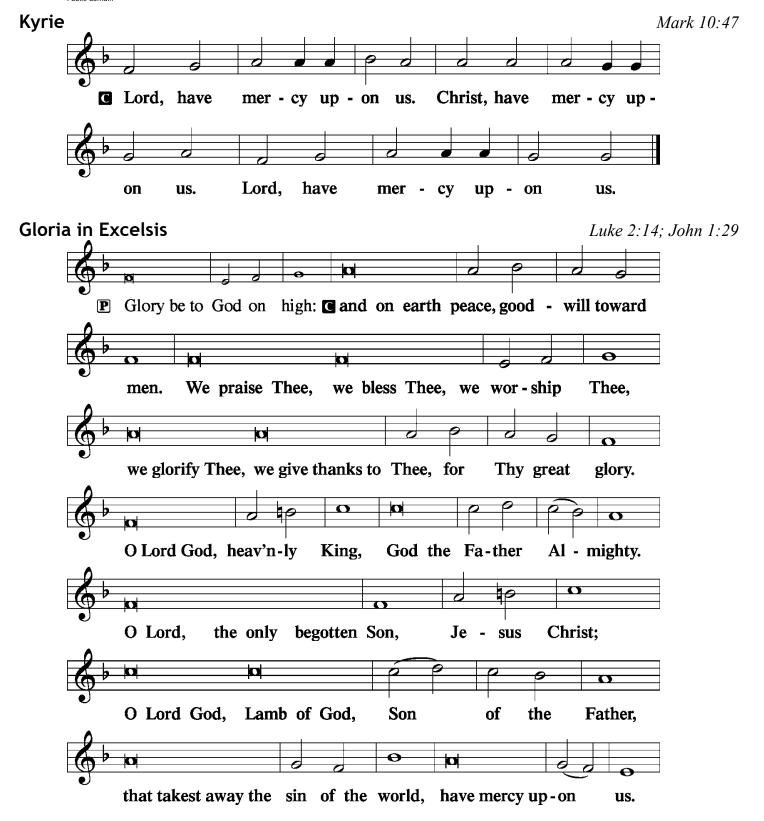
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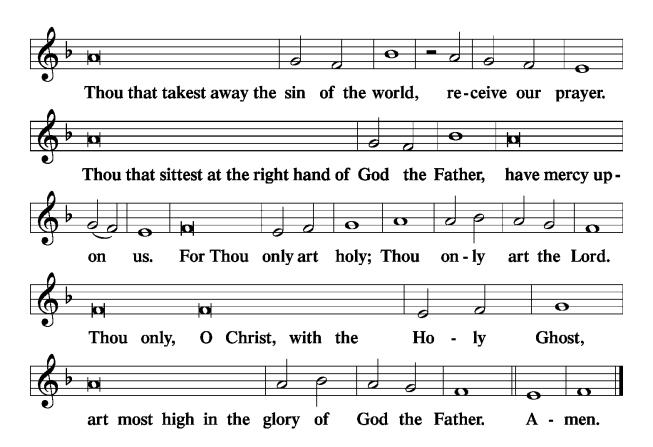


Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;Let Thy will be done indeed.May I undisturbed draw near Thee

While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Temple Talk

Children's message.

Hymn

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

¹³"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."'

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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





Holy Gospel Luke 23:27–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Creed

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.



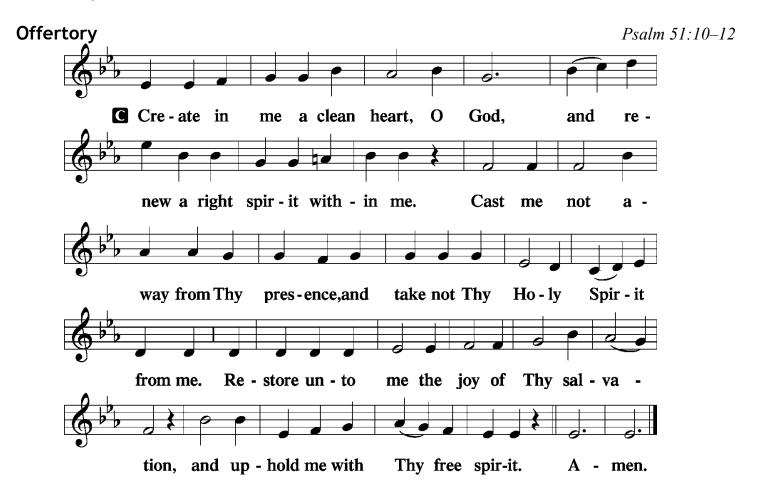
Sermon

"What does it mean to have Christ as King?" (Luke 23:36-43)

- I. "The Ben Franklin effect" (v. 26).
 - A. Simon of Cyrene (v.26) is not so much the _____ as the one
 - B. The criminal (vv.40-43) is not so much the _____ as the one

- C. Even God's ______is stronger than _____ strength (1 Corinthians 1:25; John 12:32).
- II. A different kind of King.
 - A. His sole concern is for :
 - 1. The daughters of Jerusalem (vv.28-31);
 - 2. His executioners (vv.33-37);
 - 3. and the criminal on the cross (vv.40-43).
 - B. Sin = a life lived "inward" for ______ rather than "outward" for
 - 1. This describes all except _____ (Hebrews 4:15).
 - 2. He is "______." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Please stand, if able.



Please be seated.

Offering (8 am): Grace Choir, *Look at the World* by J. Rutter (b. 1945)

Please stand, if able.

Prayer of the Church

We give thanks for:

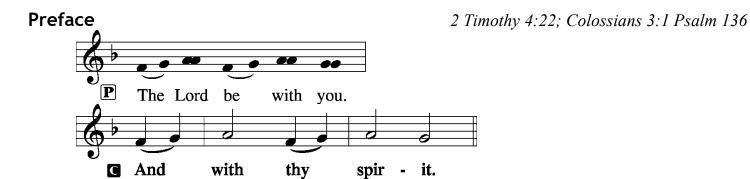
- the reign of our gracious King, our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Luther Academy, training Lutheran pastors around the world (lutheracademy.com);
- those who have served on our 2019 Ministry Management Board;
- our voter's meeting last Thursday, the adoption of our 2020 budget, and our faithful stewardship of God's gifts;
- our Visitation Ministry to shut-ins;
- our MOPS and MOPS Kids ministries;
- our Grace Library.

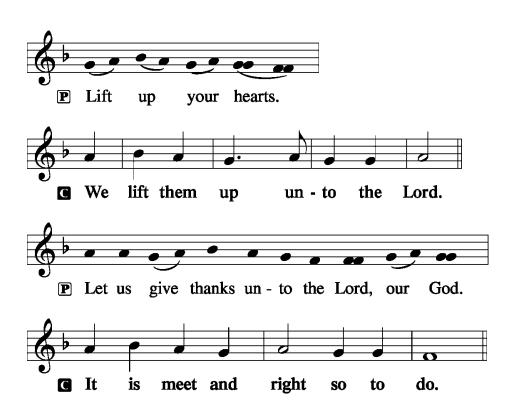
We pray for:

- persecuted believers in Eritrea;
- good attendance at our Thanksgiving Eve service (Wed., 6:30pm);
- those we are inviting to Divine Services;
- those seeking employment and career direction;
- all seeking healing:

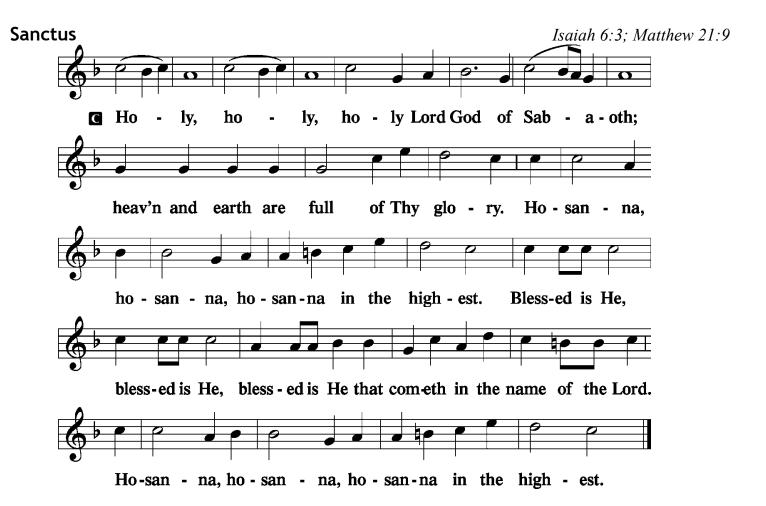
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Service of the Sacrament

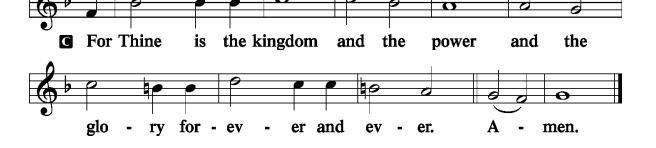




P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13* hal - low - ed be Thy name, P Our Father who art in heav - en, Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it give us this day our dai - ly is heav - en; as we forgive those who and forgive us our tres - pass - es a - gainst us; and lead us not tres - pass temp - ta but deliver us tion, from vil.



The Words of Our Lord Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- P 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."
- P 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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

John 20:19

Pax Domini

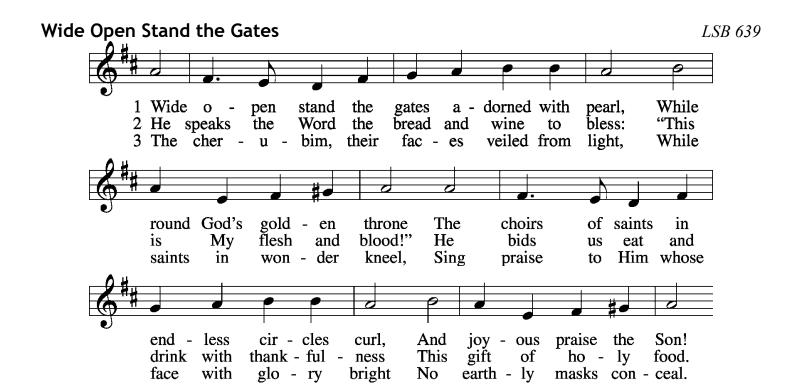


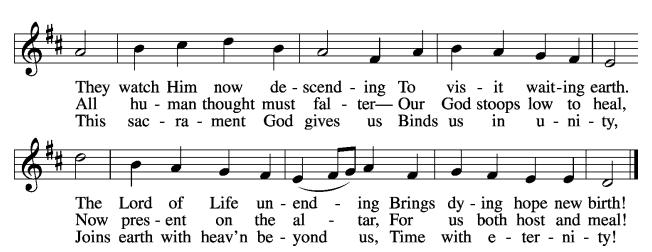
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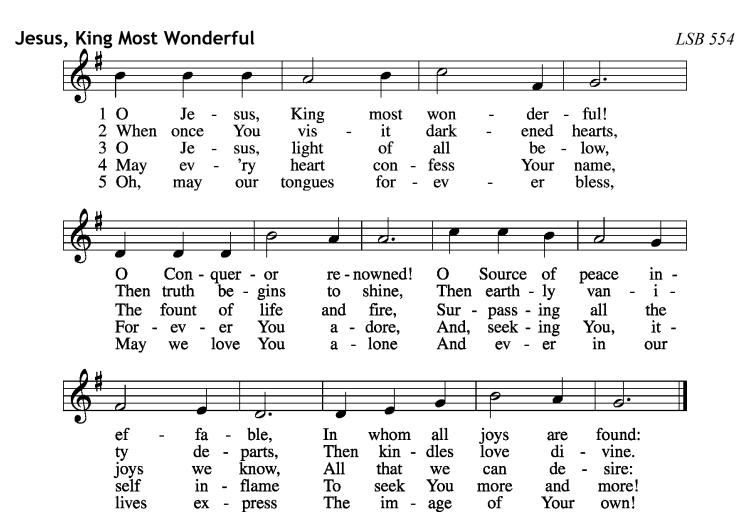
Holy Communion at Grace Lutheran

Together with Holy Scripture and the early Christian church, we Lutherans confess that in the Lord's Supper, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. We value your presence among us and are genuinely interested in your spiritual welfare. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at our altar (1 Corinthians 10:17), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold beliefs differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor. May God's richest blessings be yours through Jesus Christ our Lord. If you take an individual cup, please hold it until the Common Cup passes. The Pastor will then know who wants the Common Cup.





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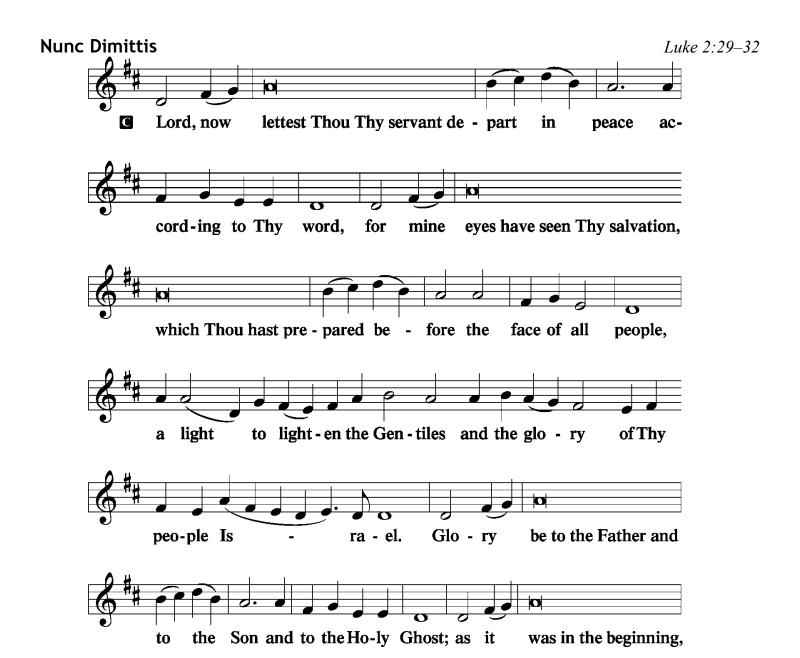
Dear-est Je-sus, un-to Thee.

Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be,

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Please stand, if able.





Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Psalm 107:1

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 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.

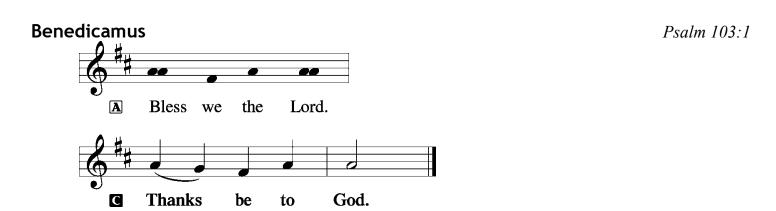


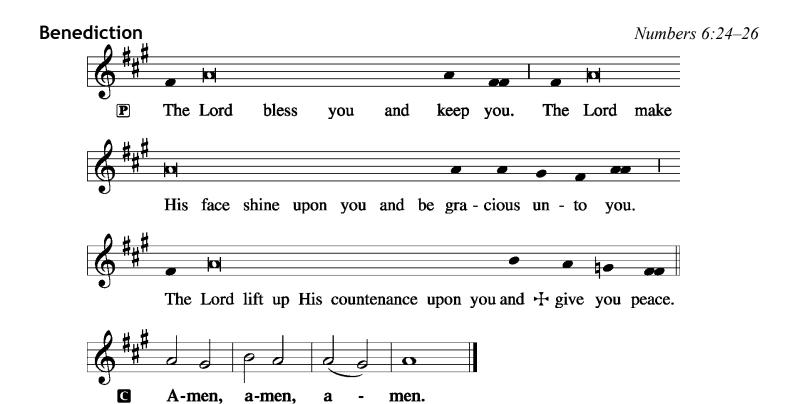
Salutation and Benedicamus



2 Timothy 4:22







Postlude: Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God) by S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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