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# Opening Opening Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name | Philippians 2:9 (ESV).

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 22, 2017



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Savior and King! We are glad to have you join us for worship. We praise God for everyone who has gathered here today, and we pray that God the Holy Spirit will rest on each person as we are nourished in our Christian faith through the reception of God's Holy Word, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the presence of our fellow saints. May we be equipped, through this time together, to go back home and continue the work our Father gives us to do, for the task of proclaiming Jesus Christ above all is imperative!

# REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we receive the Lord's Supper as guests of our host congregation, Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and its pastor, Rev. Neal S. Groeling. We thank them for this service on our behalf.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord give into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and 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 yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of the host congregation.

### **OPENING OF CONVENTION**

# PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 [To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.]

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Kneel/Stand

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P 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.

Stand

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 145:1-21 Psalm 145:1-21



<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my | God and King,\* and bless your name forever and | ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day I will | bless you\* and praise your name forever and | ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\* and his greatness is un- | searchable.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\* and shall declare your | mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\* and I will declare your | greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

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

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is | good to all,\* and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\* and all your saints shall | bless you!

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom\* and tell | of your power,

<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\* and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\* and your dominion endures throughout all gener- | ations. The LORD is faithful in | all his words\* and kind in | all his works.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are | falling\* and raises up all who are | bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all | look to you,\* and you give them their food in due | season.

<sup>16</sup>You open | your hand;\*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD is righteous in | all his ways\* and kind in | all his works.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\* to all who call on | him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;\* he also hears their cry and | saves them.

<sup>20</sup>The LORD preserves all who | love him,\* but all the wicked he | will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\* and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

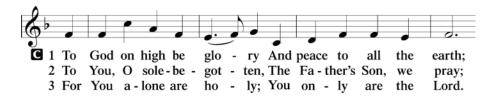
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### **Kyrie**



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis





O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 6I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." 8Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! 9All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. 10"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. 11I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. 12I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God. <sup>13</sup>Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?" <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice. <sup>15</sup>I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

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

# Choir | "Sing For Joy"

GF Handel | arr. L. Spevacek | Heritage Music Press

Epistle Philippians 2:1–11

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

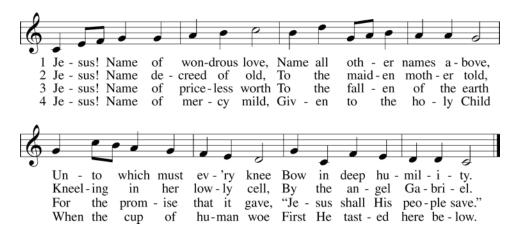
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

### 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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### **SERMON**

Stand

# 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved. 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

# Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

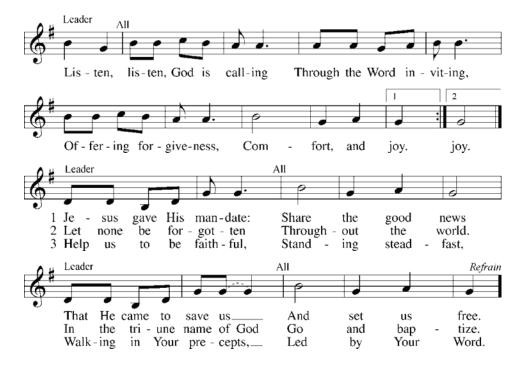
### **OFFERING**

# Choir | "A New Song"

Dana Mengel | Concordia Publishing House

# 833 Listen, God Is Calling

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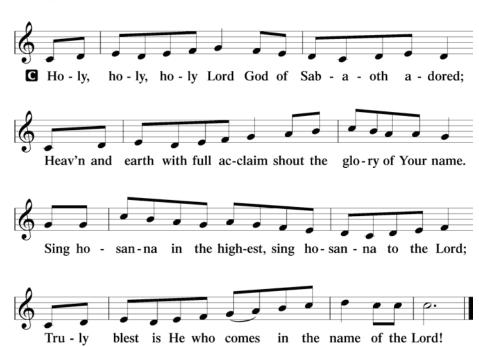
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Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die

eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

C 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.

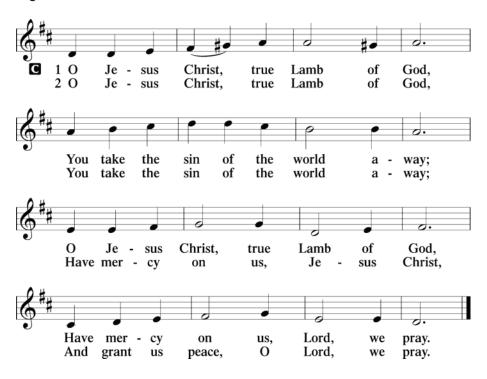
### The Words of Our Lord

- 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 † 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 LSB 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen

# Agnus Dei



Sit

### DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first at their assigned stations, 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. **Amen.** 

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

# Choir | Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll

Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll Text: Wilfred L. Karsten Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, Nürnberg, 1524; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 Text: © 2016 Wilfred L. Karsten. Used by permission. Music: Public domain ES IST DAS HEIL 87 87 887 Rom. 6:23; Gen. 3:7; Is. 64:6; 61:10; Ps. 46; Heb. 4:12

Though all our life is like a scroll Unrolled with blemished pages; Though sin has shredded what was whole And death is now our wages; Yet here we stand in confidence, With Jesus as our sole defense, For He alone still saves us.

Though pompously we try to dress In costumes of our making;
Though fig leaves of self-righteousness Are futile and heartbreaking;
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore
So we would perish nevermore.
His grace alone still clothes us.

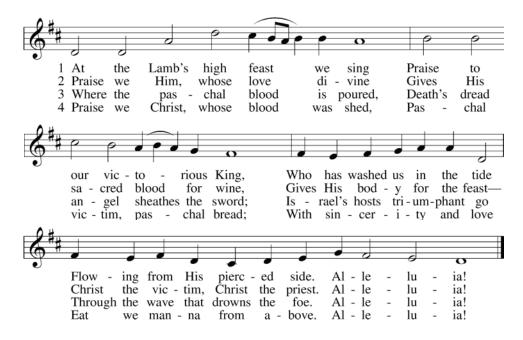
Though earth's deep waters foam and roar As surging waves are rolling;
Though all the nations rage with war While bells of doom are tolling;
Yet God gives peaceful fortitude,
He nurtures us with Heaven's food.
True faith alone still anchors.

Though critics cut out Scripture's claims
And treat them with derision;
Though they conduct their hostile aims
With scalpels of suspicion;
Yet how the living, two-edged sword
Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!
God's Word alone: still truthful.

Now sing a high doxology
To God who gives salvation.
Both here and in eternity
Let this be our vocation.
To Father, Son, and Spirit raise
A symphony of grateful praise,
For He alone is worthy.

# 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! | This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, | Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

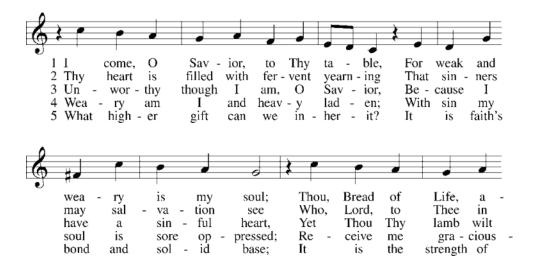
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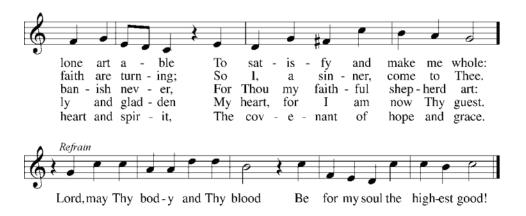
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### 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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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.

Stand

### Nunc Dimittis



### 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.

C Amen.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

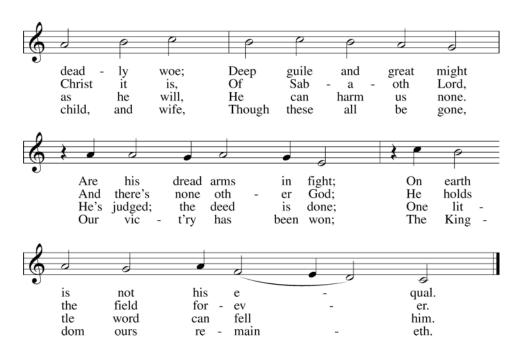
  The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

# 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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# **POSTLUDE**

### Worship Leaders

The Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner and Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML Pastoral Counselors.

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The Celebrant: Rev. Neal Groeling, Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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