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Opening

Worship



Sow • Nourish • Reap

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that
in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will
abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV).*



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 into the harvest fields to continue the work our Father gives us to do, for The Time is NOW to sow, nourish, and reap.

REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we receive the Lord's Supper as guests of our host congregation Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, West Des Moines, Iowa, and its pastor, Rev. David Dahlke. 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 gives 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.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OPENING OF CONVENTION

(Please rise as you are able.)

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEMS

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

*1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us,
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.*

*2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy,
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.*

*3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion,
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.*

*4. Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our Head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.*

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"Preach You the Word" LSB 586

1. *Preach you the Word and plant it home,
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand,
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.*
2. *We know how hard, O Lord, the task,
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask,
What prideful profit it may make.*
3. *The sower sows; his reckless love,
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have,
The wholesome loaves that all men need.*

4. *Though some be snatched and some be scorched,
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"*
5. *Of all his scattered plenteousness,
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"*
6. *Preach you the Word and plant it home,
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow,
Will watch and tend His planted Word.*

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"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

1. *Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty,
Waits for Him, who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!*
2. *Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou,
Let it be Thy temple now!*
3. *Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,*

*Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be,
Fruitful unto life in me.*

4. *Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
How-so-e'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.*
5. *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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"God Himself is Present" LSB 907

1. *God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple; All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
Him alone On His throne Is our God and Savior,
Praise His name forever!*
2. *God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending,*

*Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.*

3. *Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You.
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you,*
People: **so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work**
(2 Corinthians 9:8).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. God is able to make all grace abound to you,

People: **that we will abound in every good work.**

Pastor: We confess our sins unto the Lord.

People: **Almighty God, our bountiful Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by not faithfully sowing the Gospel as You would expect of us; we have not sought the nourishment of Your Word and Sacrament, but seek to be filled with things that will rust and fade away; and we have not sought to reap a harvest for You, but for ourselves leaving Your work to be done by others. We seek refuge in Your abounding grace to forgive and nourish us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: God has heard your heartfelt confession. He is able to make grace abound in you. He has sown His Word in you. He has nourished you with His blessings. You reap the benefits of His love, forgiveness, and salvation. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

1. *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

2. *To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.*

3. *People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;*

*And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.*

4. *Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.*

5. *Let ev'ry creature rise and bring,
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.*

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FESTIVAL LITANY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Leader: Come, Thou long expected Jesus with Your great bounty.

People: **There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

Leader: Joy to the world the Lord is come!

People: **For unto us a Child is born.**

Leader: Manifested by the star, to the sages from afar.

People: **They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

Leader: John baptized the Lamb of God.

People: **When He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.**

Leader: Your face and garments shine like the son before Moses, and Elijah.

People: **This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.**

Leader: O Lord, throughout these forty days.
People: **He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things.**

Leader: Holy Week is our reflection on the passion of Christ.
People: **Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit ..."**

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: See, the Lord ascends in triumph.
People: **He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of sight.**

Leader: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest with Your great bounty.
People: **"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things ..."**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
People: **O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of receiving Your bountiful blessings, we may be nourished in our faith in Christ Jesus who, by His death on the cross gave us salvation and empowers us to serve as His light with abundant fruits to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come, Holy Spirit"

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OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 17:5-8

(Read by a local missionary in native tongue and English.)

⁵ Thus says the LORD:
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
⁸ He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 1

Leader: ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
People: ²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**
Leader: ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
People: ⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
Leader: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
People: ⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

1. *Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.*

2. *God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

3. *Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

4. *Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

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EPISTLE 2: Corinthians 2:9-15

(Read by a local missionary in native tongue and English.)

⁹ For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL HYMN: "Lord, You Call Us"

All

*Lord, You call us, as Your people,
Out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us,
Made us precious in Your sight.
Give us faith to trust You boldly
And to love You steadfastly.*

By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Choir

*Lord, You call us, as disciples,
Walking on Your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior,
You are with us every day.
Give us wisdom; give us courage
As You teach us patiently.*

By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

All

*Lord, You send us to the harvest
In Your Great Commission's call,
Reaching out to all the nations,
Bringing life and hope to all.*

*Give us boldness and compassion;
Bless us with Your eyes to see.*

By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Choir

*Lord, You call us to new ventures
By a pathway yet unknown.
Though we cannot see the ending,
We will follow You alone,
Your hand is guiding,
You love us faithfully.*

By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

All

*Lord You call us, as Your people,
Joined in faith we sing Your praise:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Alleluias to You raise.
Hold us in Your gracious power,
Blessed Holy Trinity,
That rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.*

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(Please rise as you are able.)

GOSPEL: John 4:31-38 ESV

(Read by the presiding clergy.)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” LSB 691

1. *Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.*

2. *Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.*

3. *Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.*

4. *Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

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MESSAGE: The Rev. Gregory Seltz

THEME: Appointed, Anointed, and Sent!

"God's people are resourced with abundant grace for service to others in Christ's Name!"

Text: Luke 10:1-20

(Please rise as you are able.)

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS

(Please be seated.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(Please rise as you are able.)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 has ransomed us by His blood that all the redeemed may stand before His throne. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 v. 1 & 4

*1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: 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.

People: **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: As we prepare to receive Christ today in the Lord's Supper, we join as one in praying:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(These words of our Lord are recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11.)

THE PEACE

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" LSB 434

1. *Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!*

2. *Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.*

*All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!*

3. *Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!*

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(Please be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "O Living Bread from Heaven" LSB 642

1. *O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.*

2. *My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.*

3. *You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.*

4. *Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.*

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“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770

1. *What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!*

2. *Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

3. *Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

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Choral Anthem: “What Is This Bread?”

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“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636

1. *Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded,
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.*

2. *Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.*

3. *He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.*

4. *Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!*

5. *Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.*

6. *Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.*

7. *Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.*

8. *Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.*

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"For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894

1. *For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.*

2. *In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring,*

*For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

3. *For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.*

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(Please rise as you are able.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

1. *O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.*

*Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord have mercy!*

*May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord have mercy!*

2. *Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.*

*No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord have mercy!*

*Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord have mercy.*

3. *May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord have mercy!*

*Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord have mercy!*

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you,*

People: *so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work* (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV).

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lutheran Women, One and All"

1. *Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins, a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim,
And unite to praise His name.*

2. *Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,*

*By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By your prayers for sinners lost,
By your gifts for missions' cost.*

3. *Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty Host
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.*

Tune: LW 495, LSB 892 Elmer A. Kettner

(Please be seated.)

POSTLUDE

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