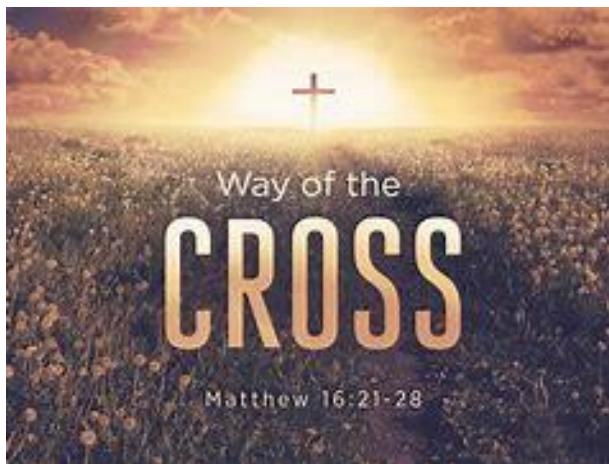


# **Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**September 3, 2023**

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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**9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday**



**We are delighted to have you worship with us today.** May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. **To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at [mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com](mailto:mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com).**

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## **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. **We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.**

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God*

*In celebration of 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 8/30 by Richard and Robin Paris*

### ***Serving Today***

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**Pastor Jonathan Christensen**

**Robert Hamrick, Organist**

**Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor**

	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:45 AM</u></b>
<b>Elders</b>	<b>Rick Sanborn</b>	<b>David Maloney</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Rick Sanborn</b>	<b>Debby Zagone</b>
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Jackie Fry</b>	<b>Nona Schmook</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Rose Steen</b>	<b>Debbie Leger</b>
		<b>Michele Escude`</b>
		<b>Debby Zagone</b>

### **Serving Next Week**

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	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:45 AM</u></b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Diane Sanborn</b>	<b>John Zagone</b>
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Jackie Fry</b>	<b>Nona Schmook</b>

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# The Order of Matins

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Robert Bucklee Farley  
Barbara Harbach

*Stand*

Hymn

426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a  
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 290

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Sit*

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers

have faltered. I have resisted His love, and so my love for others has also failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Blessing

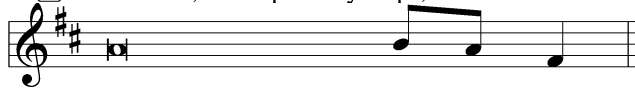
**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in  $\text{✠}$  peace.

**C** Amen.

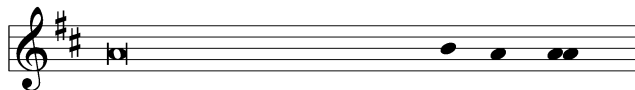
*Stand*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody



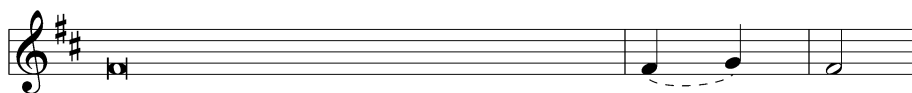
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

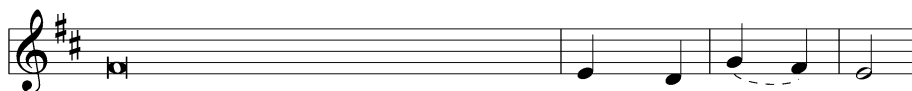
## Venite

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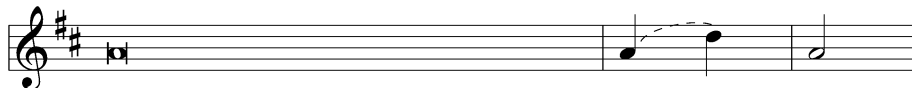
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

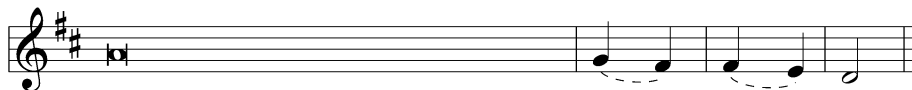


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

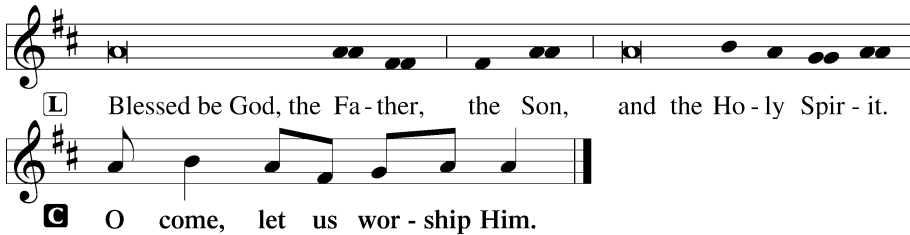
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



## Readings

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 15.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalms

*Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8 Tone I*



<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,\*  
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;\*  
test my heart | and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,\*  
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup>I do not sit with men of | falsehood,\*  
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,\*  
and I will not sit with the | wicked.  
<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in | innocence\*  
and go around your altar, | O LORD,  
<sup>7</sup>proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,\*  
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\*  
and the place where your | glory dwells.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,\*  
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,  
<sup>10</sup>in whose hands are evil de- | vices,\*  
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.  
<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;\*  
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.  
<sup>12</sup>My foot stands on | level ground;\*  
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 12:9–21*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 12.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 16:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.



<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

LSB 221

**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.

### 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

## Sermon

## Canticle

*Stand*

**Te Deum Alternative**

**940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

sts. 1–5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

**Stephen P. Johnson**

## Prayer

*Stand*

**Kyrie**

LSB 227



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

## Collects

*Each petition will conclude with the following:*



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads.
- P** O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- P** Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another.
- P** Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us.
- P** Great Physician, heal and restore Your people. [*We especially remember* \_\_\_\_\_.] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.
- P** O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again.
- P** Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us.

## Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 216

**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 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Distribution

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

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

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

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

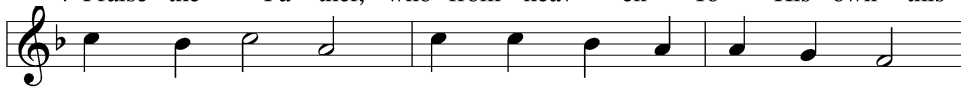
**G** **Amen.**

## Distribution Hymn

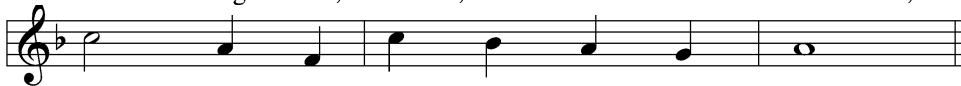
## 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
And with the wine the blood He shed.  
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.

7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.

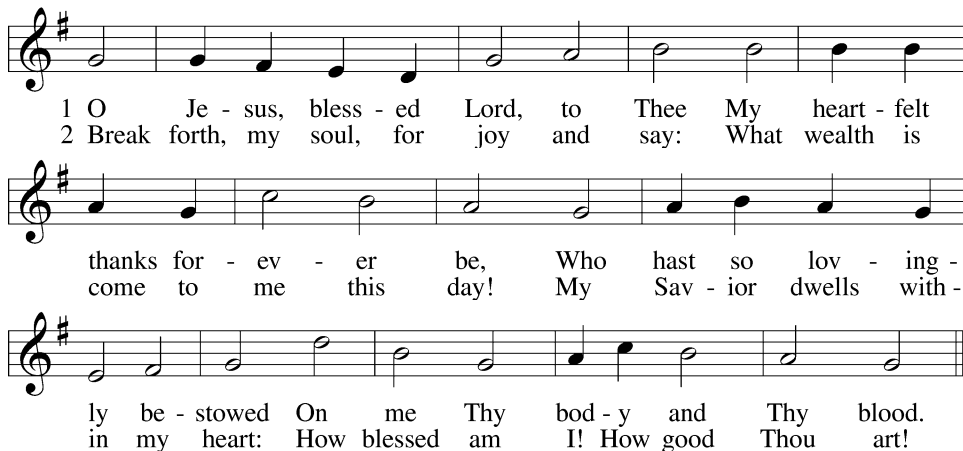
8 "For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?"

9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest,  
Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you  
How much God's wondrous love can do.

## Hymn

## 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

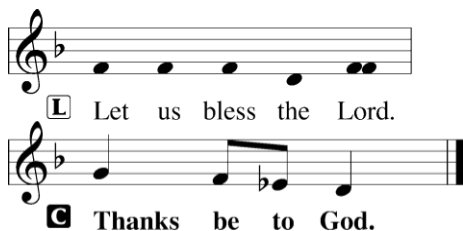


1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

## Stand

## Benedicamus

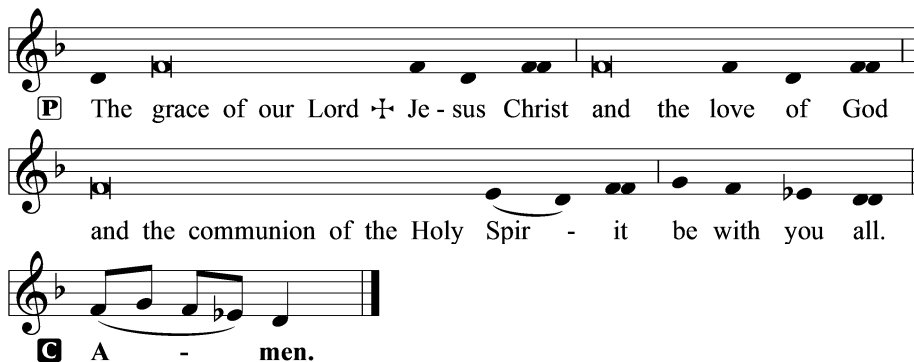
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**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.  
**G** A - men.

# Hymn

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

### Postlude

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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