

# Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday



## My Close Friend

Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? You are not alone. King David prayed in Psalm 41:9, “Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.” To have a heel lifted against you is to receive a tremendous kick. It is a kick that sends you reeling and knocks the breath out of you—much like the feeling of being betrayed by a trusted friend. When trust has been broken, you can pray David’s words as your own and put your trust in the One whose betrayal they prophesy. For your Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took the pain and shame for you.



**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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## ***Serving Today***

**Pastor Jonathan Christensen**  
**Craig Escude, Choir Director**

**Robert Hamrick, Organist**

**7:00 PM**

**Elders**            **David White, Paul Mincer**  
**Lectors**        **Wendy White**

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**9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday**

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# Maundy Thursday

Stand

## Opening Hymn

## 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

## Confession and Absolution

*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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- 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.

Sit

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, 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 for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Kneel/Sit*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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.

**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.

**P** 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.

**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 ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 17*



<sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your | servant;\*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house | of the LORD,\*  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Gradual

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

**P** [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

**C** thus securing an eternal redemption.

**P** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**P** He sent redemption to his people;

**C** he has commanded his covenant forever.





## Holy Gospel

John 13:1–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

<sup>21</sup>After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup>Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 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.

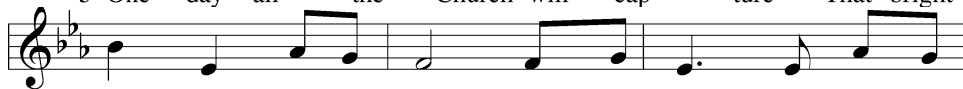
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the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

## Hymn

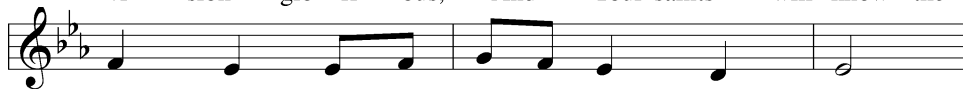
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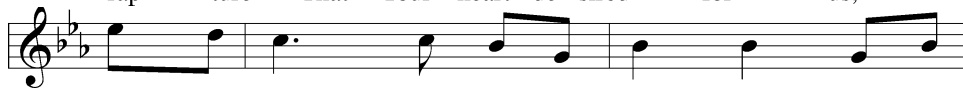
1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
 3 What was there that You could give them That would  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



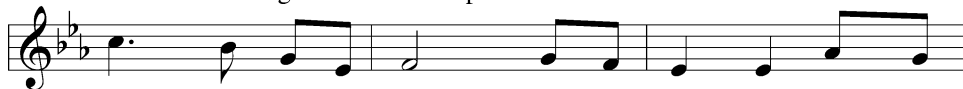
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

## Sermon

### Stand

#### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home, and for the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people would be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the educational institutions of our nation, from preschools and elementary schools through universities and graduate schools, that there would be an atmosphere of growth and godliness and that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood at this blessed Table, that in their eating and drinking they receive the benefits of the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life, and truly have a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us or others to call them home to the Father with words of welcome and actions that express our care in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they would use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people and for all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them. We also pray for all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who are sick, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace and for those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Examination

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and that "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." He also warns that "Whoever... 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." Therefore, those who have been instructed, examined, and confirmed by the pastor in this congregation or one of our sister congregations, and who share the confession and faith concerning this sacrament are invited to receive the body and blood of Christ. Those who have not yet been instructed and confirmed in the confession of this congregation are invited to come forward and receive a blessing, which can be signified by crossing one's arms over their chest, until they are instructed. Those who are not yet confirmed are also encouraged to contemplate and take to heart the confession that the congregation will now make.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**C** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**C** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**C** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**C** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**C** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**C** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved His people called them to Himself, we ask You to bless this congregation. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Preface

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**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.

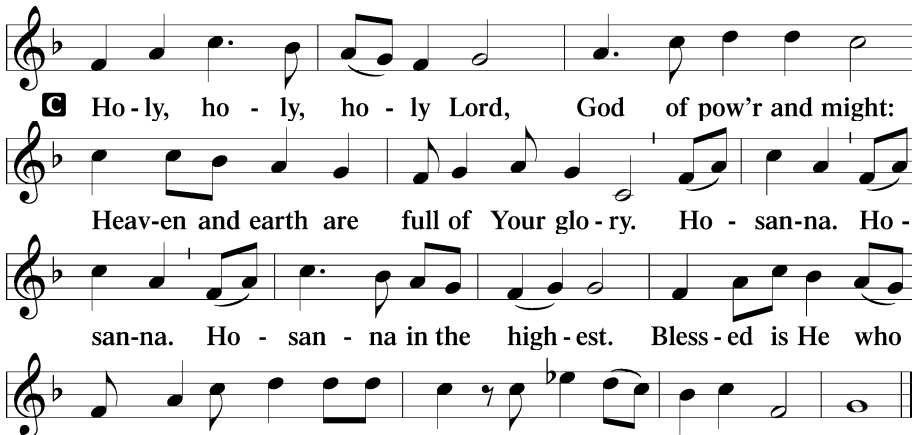
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

**P** It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has invited us to His Table of grace, where we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Grant that we humbly and reverently receive these gifts before us, thankful to be joining the company of heaven gathered at Your eternal feast as evermore they praise You, saying:

## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

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

## Proclamation of Christ

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

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

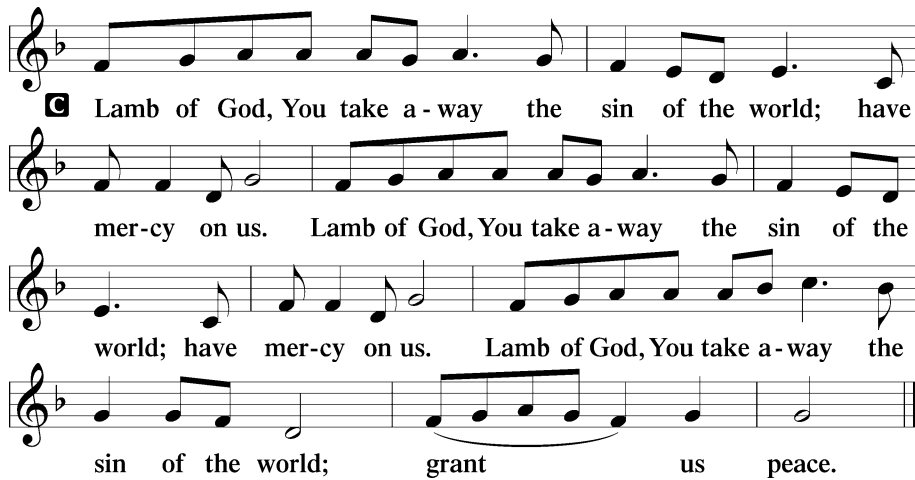
## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### 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.

**C** Amen.





## 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.

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| <p>5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken<br/>           That this food is to be taken<br/>           By the sick who are distressed,<br/>           By hearts that long for peace and rest.</p>    | <p>6 Agony and bitter labor<br/>           Were the cost of God's high favor;<br/>           Do not come if you suppose<br/>           You need not Him who died and rose.</p>                       |
| <p>7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,<br/>           And receive My grace and favor:<br/>           Those who feel no pain or ill<br/>           Need no physician's help or skill.</p> | <p>8 "For what purpose was My dying<br/>           If not for your justifying?<br/>           And what use this precious food<br/>           If you yourself were pure and good?"</p>                |
| <p>9 If your heart this truth professes<br/>           And your mouth your sin confesses,<br/>           You will be your Savior's guest,<br/>           Be at His banquet truly blest.</p>    | <p>10 Let this food your faith so nourish<br/>           That its fruit of love may flourish<br/>           And your neighbor learn from you<br/>           How much God's wondrous love can do.</p> |

## Hymn

## 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
 Yet faith this truth embraces:  
 Your body, Lord, is even now  
 At once in many places.  
 I leave to You how this can be;  
 Your Word alone suffices me;  
 I trust its truth unailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
 Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust,  
 And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears  
 Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

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**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Stripping of the Altar

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 is chanted by the Cantor, and the congregation sings the hymn "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" in response.*

### Hymn

### 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted st. 1



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.



<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*

and by night, but I | find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*

enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;\*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

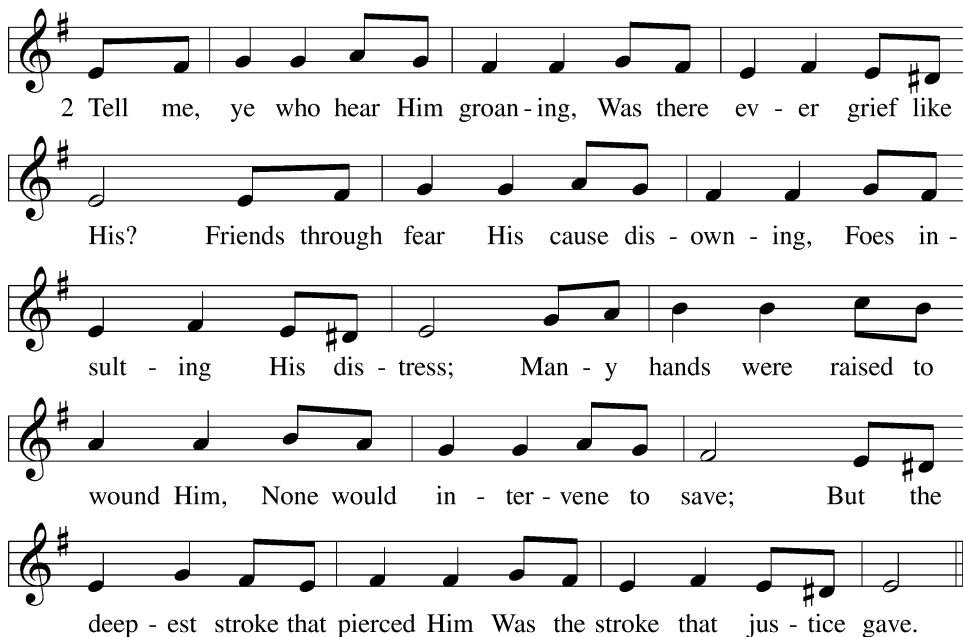
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast | from my birth,\*  
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

## Hymn

## 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted st. 2



2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
 and all my bones are | out of joint;\*  
 my heart is like wax;  
 it is melted with- | in my breast;  
<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
 and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
 you lay me in the | dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;\*  
 a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—  
<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*  
 they stare and gloat | over me;  
<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,\*  
 and for my clothing they | cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
 O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,\*  
 my precious life from the power | of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*  
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted st. 3

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

- <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
- <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his | face from him,\*  
but has heard, when he | cried to him.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
- <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*  
May your hearts live for- | ever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
- <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.
- <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
- <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

## Hymn

## 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted st. 4

4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

*All leave the church in silence.*