

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

*LSB 901 vs. 1-3*

- 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, O 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.

**Invocation**

*LSB 151*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- 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.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Glory Be to God the Father

*LSB 506 vs. 1, 2, 4*

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 5:1–7*

### Epistle

*Philippians 3:4b–14*

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33–46*

## Nicene Creed

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

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

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

### **Praise, Love, Serve** (Based on LWML Pledge) *(Tune: LSB 361)*

- 1 Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,  
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.  
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.  
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.
- 2 In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.  
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.  
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;  
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.
- 3 Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.  
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.  
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin  
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

## Sermon

### LWML Pledge

**C** In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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### Prayer of the Church

#### Preface

*LSB 160*

**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has made us the people of His kingdom, freeing us from eternal death, and giving us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798 v. 8

8 The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,  
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry, “Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!”

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

**C** Amen.

## Behold the Lamb of God

(Tune: LSB 346)

1 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.  
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

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2 O Holy Lamb of God, have mercy now upon us.  
Under the bread and wine, Your body now is given us,  
Your blood poured out for all, We now in faith receive.  
Grant us Your peace, O Lord, That we in You may live.

(The first verse is Verse 3 from “When All the World was Cursed,” LSB 346; the second verse is original by Rev. Larry Krueger)

## Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.

- 2 As His pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread,  
And with the wine the blood He shed.
- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;  
Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe,  
His judgment then you shall receive.
- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only 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.

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## **O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

*LSB 632*

- 1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

## **Dismissal**

**P** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in one true faith unto  
life everlasting. Go in peace and joy. Amen.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a  
foretaste of the kingdom feast to come in the Holy Supper of  
Your Son's body and blood. Keep us as Your kingdom people  
throughout our days that we may bear fruit in keeping with  
repentance till that day when we celebrate the feast of the  
Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face  
shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you  
with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Serve the Lord with Gladness

(Tune: LSB 662)

- 1 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.
  
- 2 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!
  
- 3 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

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