

**Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing**

*LSB 847 (Tune: LSB 491)*

- 1 Christ, our human likeness sharing, Heaven's love on earth portrayed;  
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, In His death our ransom paid:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Be Your life in us displayed.
- 2 Hear the word that Christ has spoken, Help the weak, the hungry feed;  
See the pow'rs of darkness broken, Sinners pardoned, captives freed:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Help us meet our neighbor's need.
- 3 Christ, in ev'ry congregation Build Your temple, stone by stone,  
With Your word as firm foundation For a faith matured and grown:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Make in us Your Gospel known.
- 4 Come, O living Christ, renew us, As of old in wind and flame;  
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us, Servants of Your saving name:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

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**Invocation**

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

**Confession and Absolution**

- 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.

## **O Love, How Deep**

*LSB 544 (Tune: LSB 405)*

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
  - 2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.
  - 3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.
  - 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.
  - 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.
  - 6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- Δ7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, open our eyes to behold Your great love toward us in the humility of Your Son and to know Him in the least ones, that we may serve You by serving our neighbors, until You gather us together to rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 16:4–13*

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:12–26*

## Alleluia Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:31–34, 44*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

## Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

*LSB 844*

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Benediction

**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.

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*LSB 849*

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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