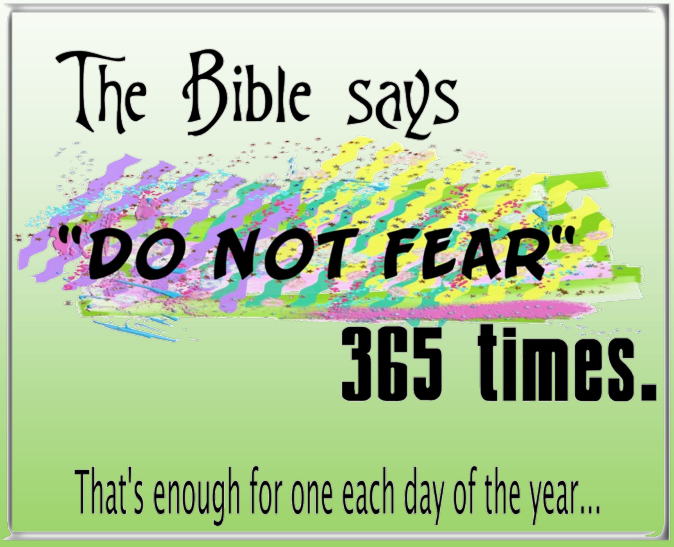
Jesus said, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."



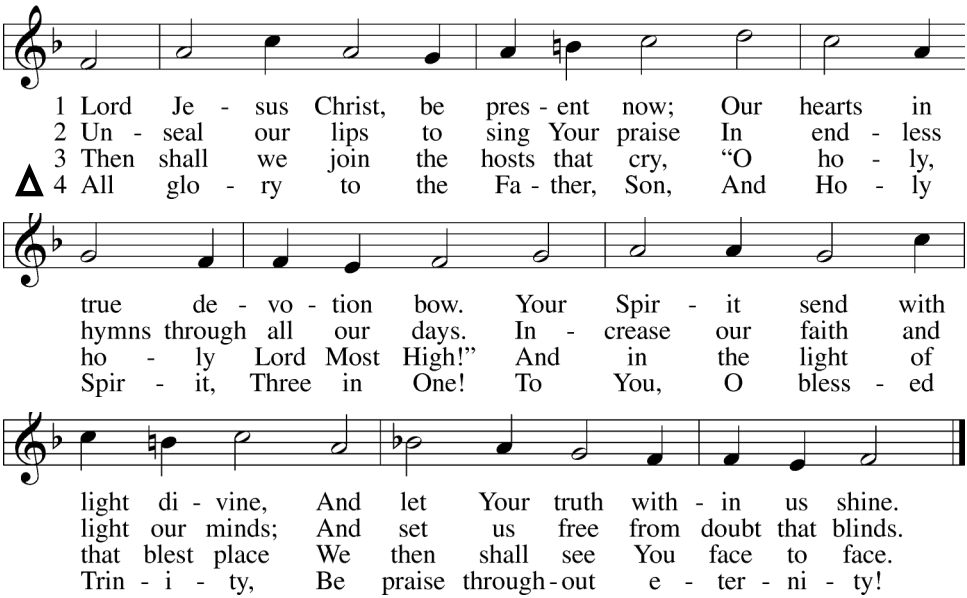
St. John Lutheran Church, Pulaski, WI

Thursday, June 18th & Sunday, June 21st, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather… It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "***Do not be afraid***," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "***Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord!***"

Opening Hymn — Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now — LSB 902



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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION — LSB pg. 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

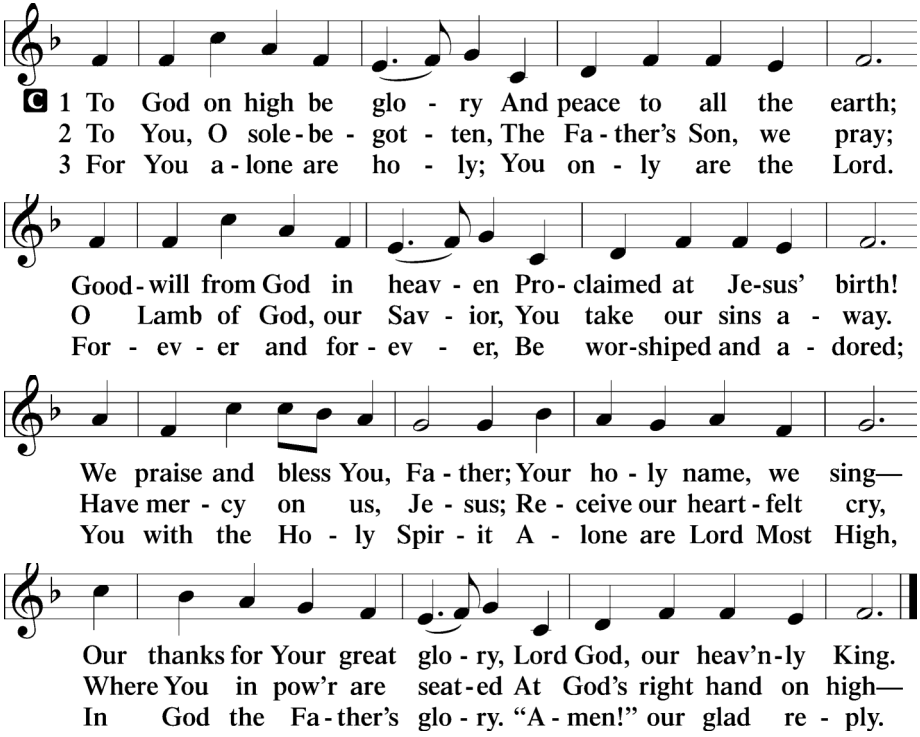
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — LSB pg. 204



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,
Loving God, since You have called us by the light of Your truth to let that light shine through us to the world, give us the boldness, love, and strength to be Your faithful witnesses, 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 (Jeremiah's complaint) Jeremiah 20:7–13

7O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; You are stronger than I, and
You have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.
8For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word
of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9If I say, "I will
not mention Him, or speak any more in His name," there is in my heart as it were a
burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
10For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us
denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be
deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." 11But the Lord
is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not
overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal
dishonor will never be forgotten. 12O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who
sees the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You
have I committed my cause. 13Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For He has
delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE (Slaves to righteousness) Romans 6:12–23

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
13Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but
present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and
your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14For sin will have no
dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15What then? Are
we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16Do you
not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves
of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience,
which leads to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God, that you who were once
slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to
which you were committed, 18and, having been set free from sin, have become
slaves of righteousness. 19I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural
limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and
to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves
to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20For when you were slaves of sin, you

were free in regard to righteousness. 21But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL (Do not be afraid) St. Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

5These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them…21"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22and you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

26So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed or hidden that will not be known. 27What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

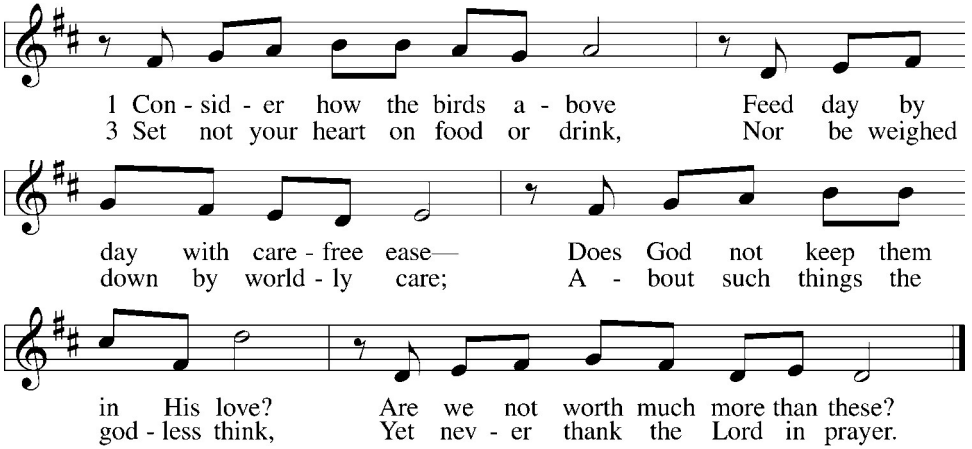
APOSTLES' CREED LSB pg. 207

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.

HYMN **Consider How the Birds Above** **LSB 736 vs. 1,3,5-6** *(Alt Tune: 385)*



5) Be not afraid to suffer loss
Of all the things for which you pray,
For He who faced for you the cross
Will give you strength to live each day.

6) Seek first God's reign,
His boundless grace,
His holy name in all you do:
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
All else will then be given you.

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SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: *. . . Lord, in Your mercy,*
Reply with: **. . . hear our prayer.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

P The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22] **LSB pg. 208**

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

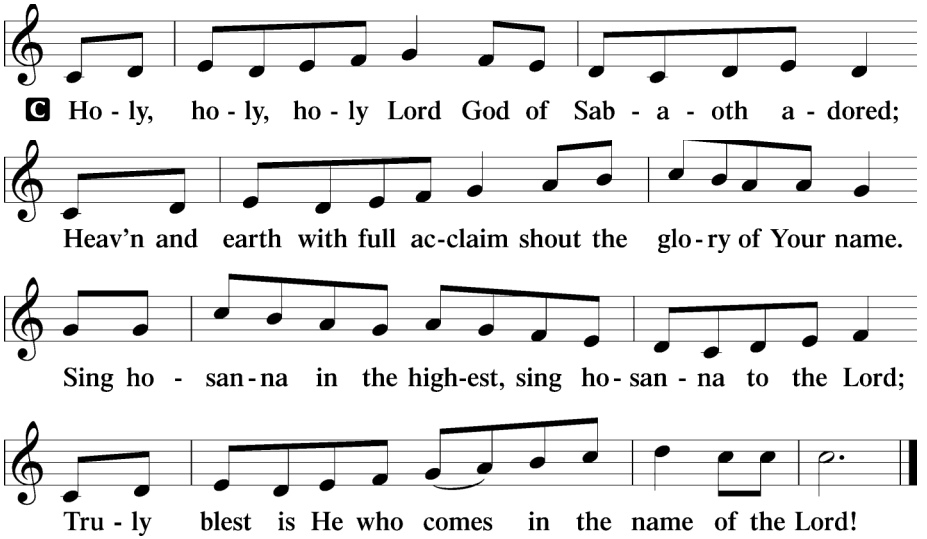
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation.

Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent

Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING LSB pg. 209

P Blessed are 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.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

A **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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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

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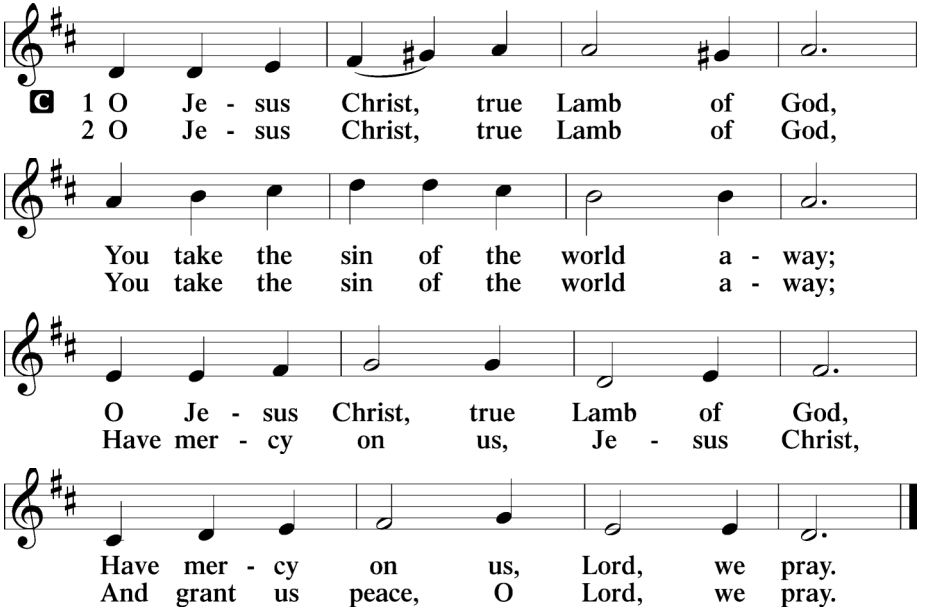

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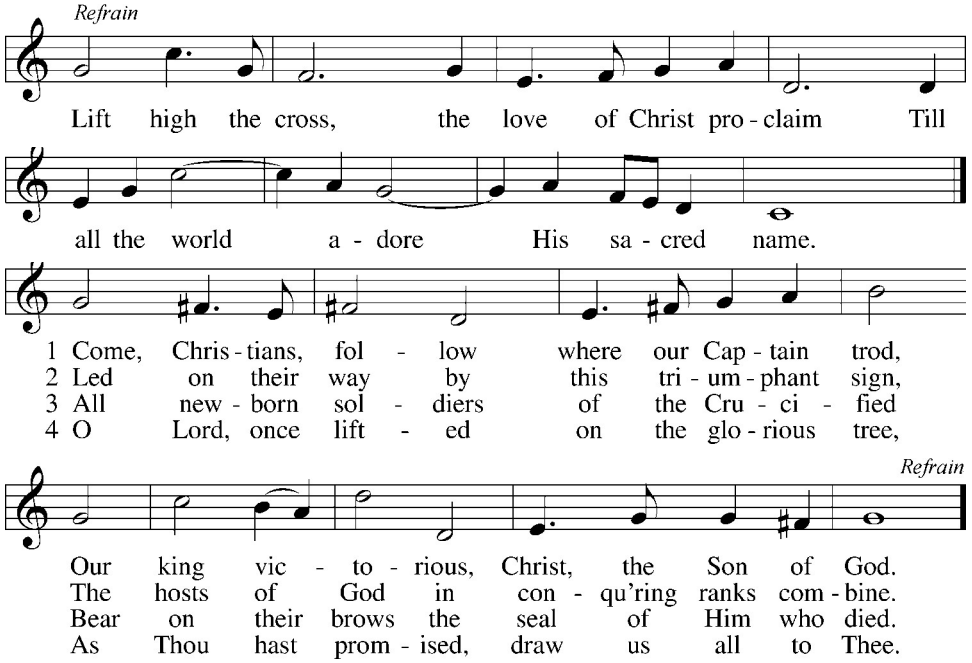
Prayer Before Communion

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

HYMN Lift High the Cross *Public Domain* LSB 837



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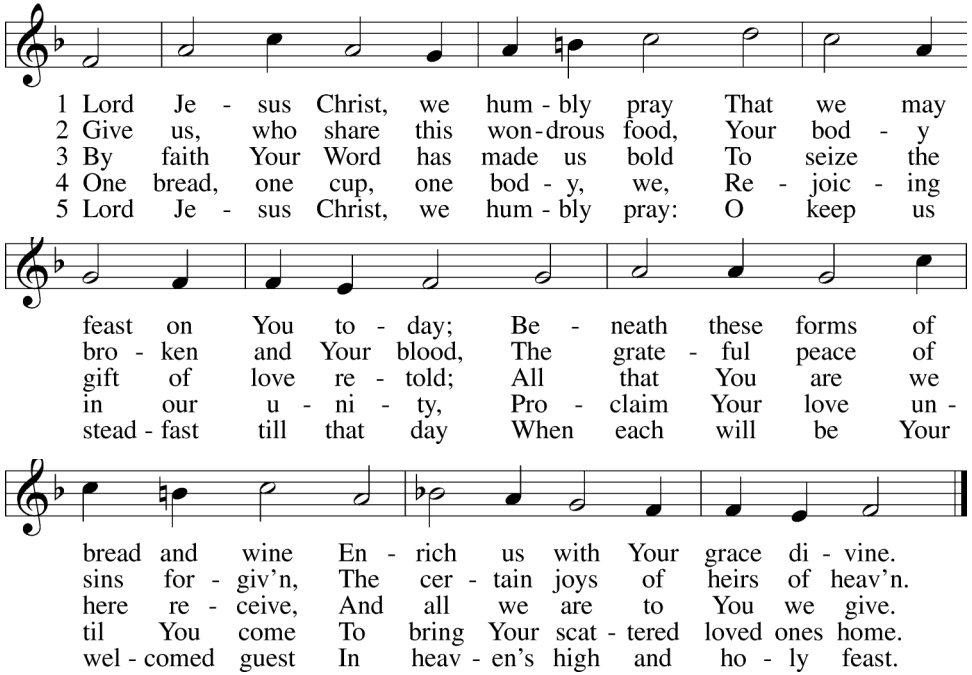
HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray *Public Domain* LSB 623



HYMN When Peace, like a River

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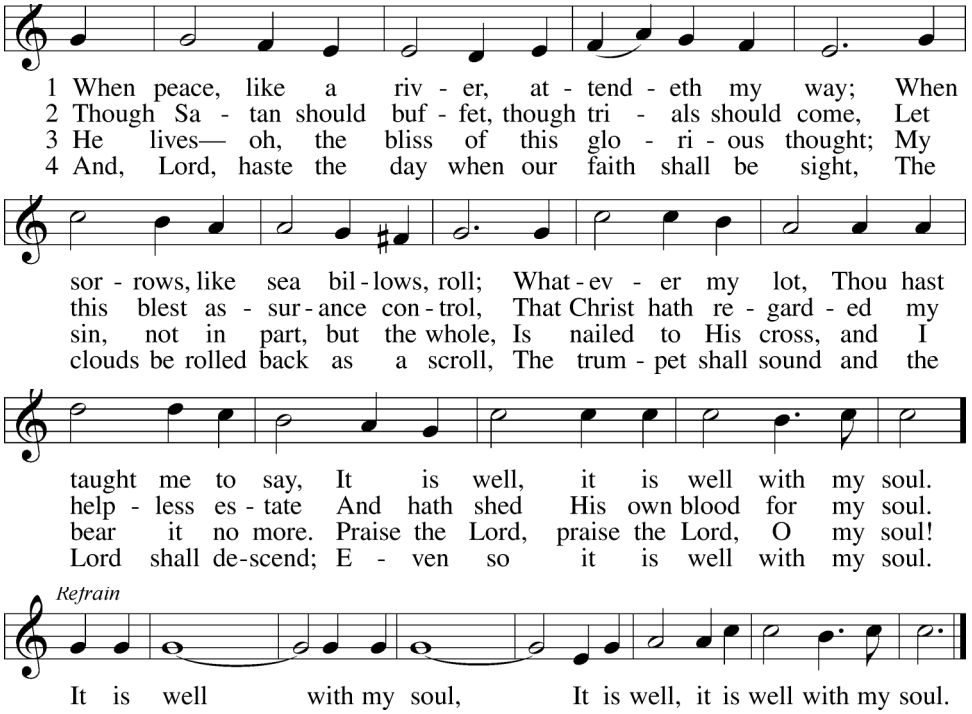


POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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.**

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

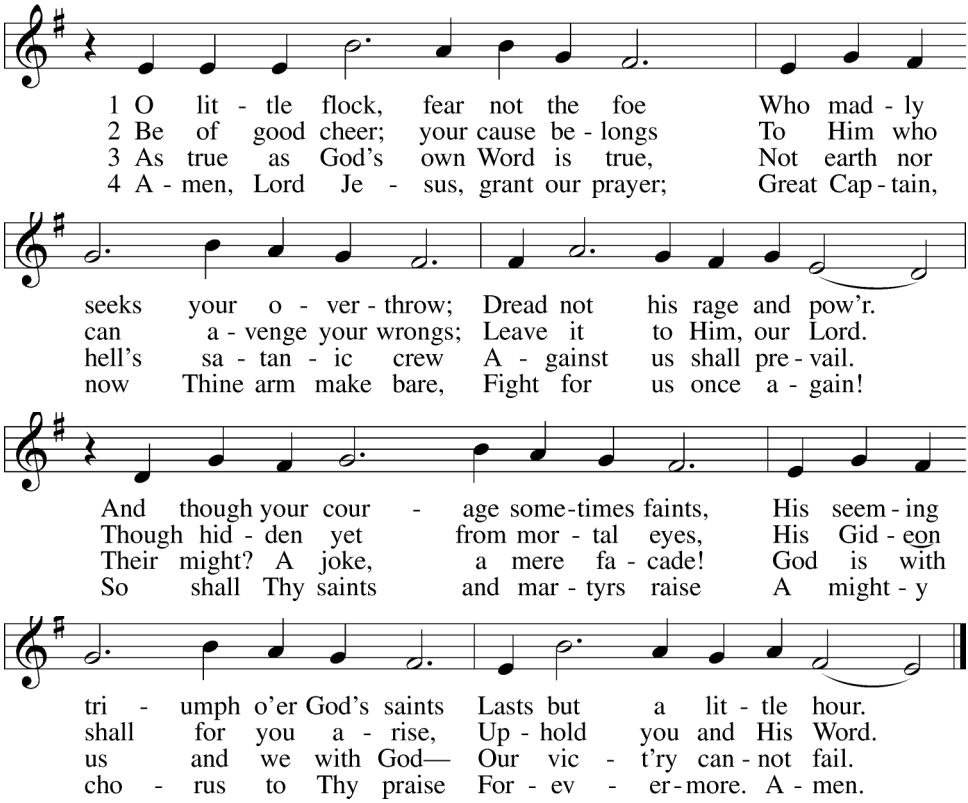
P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe LSB 666 (*alt. tune 698*)



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VOTERS' MEETING—Sunday, June 28th @ 10:30am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Aug. 3rd to 6th

St. John will be hosting their annual VBS the first week of August. We have set forth some procedures to ensure the health and safety of all participants and volunteers. You can find those guidelines and registration forms online at www.stjohnpulaskiwi.org

ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: JUNE 28TH & JULY 5TH

On Sunday, June 28th in light of the Voters' Assembly, the Church Council requested we have only one service at 9:00 am with the meeting to follow. On Sunday, July 5th, we will be having only one service at 9:00 am as Pastor will be on vacation. There will be no need to sign up for those Sundays, but we are asking people to be socially responsible.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

those in need of God's grace & mercy especially …

Those in need of our prayers: Doug Clements, Loretta Dyer, Bill Folkman, Linda Kolzow, Riley Lestrud, Kaitlyn Orlando, Bob Townsend & Bev Wagner

Our Shut-Ins:
Bill & Willie Burmeister, Shirley Folkman, Juliana Gerrits, and Cheryl Szcepanski

Our Military: We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army) who has left for basic training and for the men and women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

Those Celebrating…

Birthdays: June 21: Brielle Behling, Brian Lancour, Tim Prokash
June 22: Ellie Flory **June 27:** Judy Hanstedt, Mark Hendzel, Melissa Wood

Anniversaries: June 21: Larry & Dawn Heckmann, John & Cheryl Weister
June 24: Chris & Amy Jacobs **June 27:** Betty & David Johnson

You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)

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