

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

2021 LWML SUNDAY

October 3, 2021 8:30a



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

 → 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.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

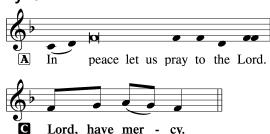
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.

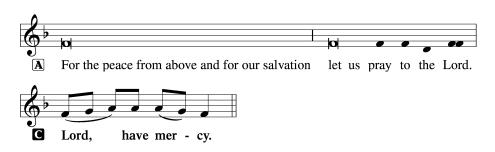
Service of the Word

Entrance Psalm Psalm 86:5–12

- **P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- **a** abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- **P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
- In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.
- There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
- All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- P For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
- Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
- P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



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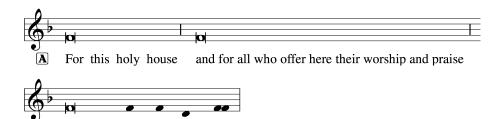


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





let us pray to the Lord.







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.







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Salutation and Collect of the Day

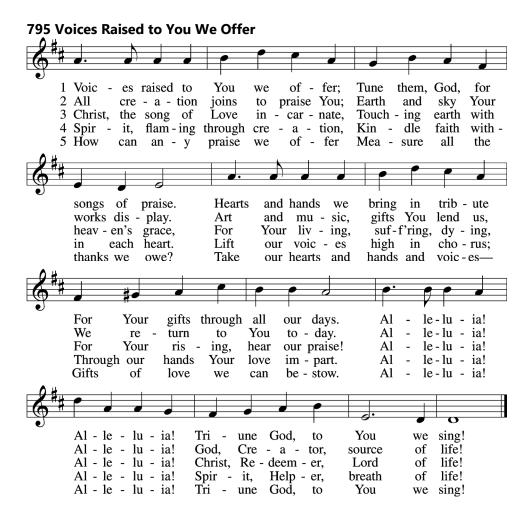
Al-le - lu - ia,



P Let us pray.

Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-27

²²"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GoD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GoD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 51:1-2, 6, 10-12

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- **C** and cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** Behold, you desire truth in the inward being,
- and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P Cast me not away from your presence,
- **C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- **P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
- **C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Epistle 1 Peter 1:18–22

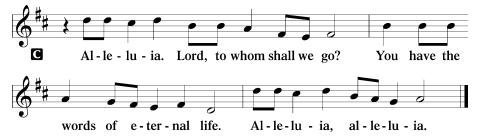
¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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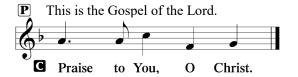


Holy Gospel Mark 12:28–31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁸And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



Nicene Creed

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



Sermon

Theme: "Love One Another Earnestly from a Pure Heart"

Text: 1 Peter 1:22

LWML Pledge

P We fellow believers in a common goal of furthing the Gospel, we join the LWML in their pledge.

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.

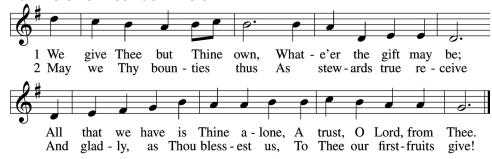
Prayer of the Church

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- P Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- Prof the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.
- P For... (additional intercessions of the congregation). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

- P For communicants who come to Your table to eat and drink Your Son's holy body and blood: May they draw near with humble confidence in Your forgiveness and reliance upon Your promise of nurture as we faithfully walk the heavenward way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



Dedication for Gifts from the Heart

- P Beloved in the Lord, people in the past and present have brought gifts that have been made for service for the Lord to be dedicated for that service. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church present these Quilts for such dedication.
 - Since the Lord has taught us that in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we dedicate these items for service to the Lord for used by those who receive them.
- Let us pray. O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless these items for service, as we dedicate them to You. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Grant that they may reflect our love for You, benefit those who receive them, and bring joy to them as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

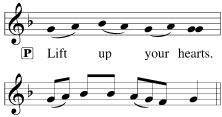
Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

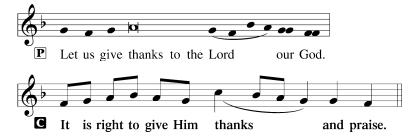




C And al - so with you.

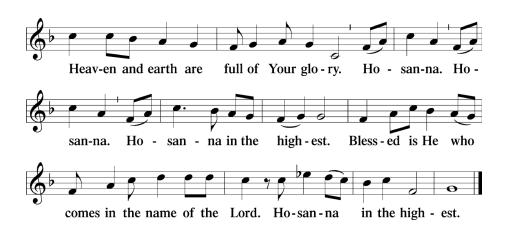


C We lift them to the Lord.



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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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

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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

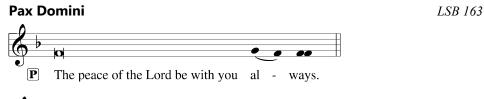
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- 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.

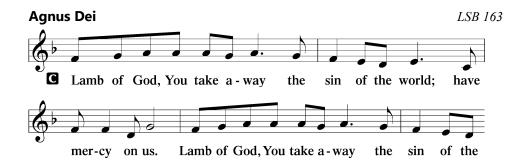
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

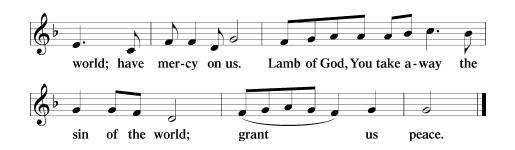
Lord's Prayer

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.









Distribution





740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb 1 I tle am Je - sus' lit lamb, Ev - er glad at 2 Day by day, Je - sus is at home, a way, my 3 Who so E - ven now the hap - py am. For Shep - herd gent - ly guides me, heart am; my staff and stay. When ľ hun - ger, feeds me, Je - sus Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed. pro - vides me, Loves Knows my need and well ev - 'rv me to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When Ι thirst, He His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me day the same. ven calls me by my name. Where bids me go the qui - et wa - ters flow. His breast, There with - in His to rest. arms Thank the Lord LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166



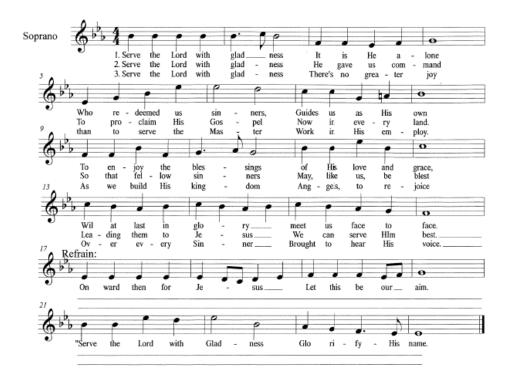
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Serve the Lord with Gladness

Tune: LSB 662



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