

**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Saturday, June 6, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

*Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor  
William Prann, Director of Christian Education  
Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Divine Service, Setting 2  
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(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

In Hosea's day, God's people discovered a hard truth: their love for Him evaporated like morning dew, but His steadfast mercy never faded. Today we hear the same gracious call—"Come, let us return to the Lord"—for the One who tears also heals, and the One who withdraws His face does so only to draw us back to Himself. In Christ Jesus, the true Bridegroom, God returns to the unfaithful with forgiveness that restores, mercy that revives, and a love more certain than the dawn. As Abraham was counted righteous by faith and as Matthew was called from his tax booth by grace, so we gather as sinners whom the Lord seeks, heals, and welcomes. In Word and Sacrament, the God whose mercy never evaporates returns to us again.

## **IMAGE**

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up." - **Hosea 6:1**

## **WELCOME**

## **✠PREPARATION✠**

## 602 THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

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

## EXHORTATION

*LSB 167*

- 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.**

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 167*

- 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

- 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.

**✠WORD ✠**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
**C** **from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**P** Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
**C** **I am God, your God.**

**P** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
**C** **your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

**P** I will not accept a bull from your house  
**C** **or goats from your folds.**

**P** For every beast of the forest is mine,  
**C** **the cattle on a thousand hills.**

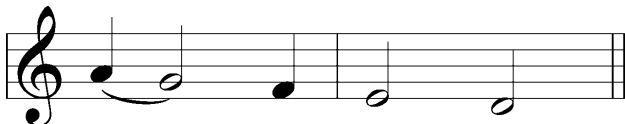
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
**C** **from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

## KYRIE

*LSB 168*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

**P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

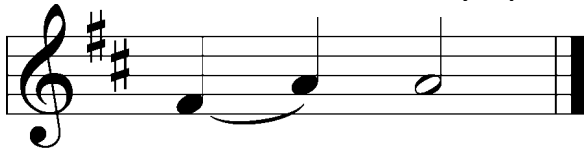
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You call us to return to You, for though our love evaporates like the morning dew, Your steadfast mercy never fails. You tear in order to heal, You strike down in order to bind up, and in Your risen Son You raise us to live before You. By the power of Your Spirit, open our ears to hear Christ's call, open our hearts to trust His mercy, and open our lives to walk in His ways, that we may know You, love You, and rejoice in the salvation You freely give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Hosea 5:15-6:6*

*(God promises to go to His people.)*

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

<sup>1</sup>"Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 143:3, 5b, 6b*

**P** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**C** and his greatness is unsearchable.

**P** On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** and I will declare your greatness.

## EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

*(We are saved by the faith given to us, not our own designs.)*

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173



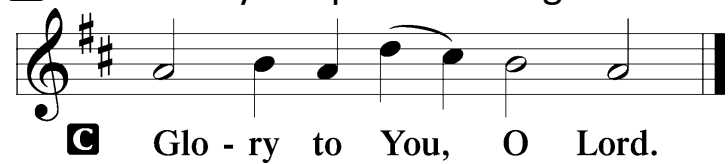
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

*(Jesus accepts people who know they are sinners, but He opposes those who are proud.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, *“Follow me.”* And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

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



Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## “Your Mercy Like the Morning”

*Tune: LANCASHIRE, Meter: 7.6.7.6 D (LSB 478 – “The Day of Resurrection”)*

### **Stanza 1 — OT (Hosea 5–6)**

Your call, O Lord, is  
sounding  
To hearts that turn aside;  
You tear, yet bring the  
healing,  
You strike, yet still provide.  
Our love like dew  
evaporates,  
Our strength is but a sigh;  
Yet You return with mercy,  
As dawn lights up the sky.

### **Stanza 2 — OT → Gospel (Hosea → Matthew 9)**

You seek the lost and  
wandering,  
The sinner and the weak;  
Not sacrifice You’re  
wanting,  
But hearts made low and  
meek.  
You called the tax collector,  
You shared the sinner’s  
place;  
Restore us by Your  
kindness  
And draw us by Your grace.

### **Stanza 3 — Epistle (Romans 4)**

You spoke Your promise,  
Father,  
And Abraham believed;  
Not works but faith You  
counted,  
And righteousness  
received.  
So strengthen us with  
courage  
When sight and strength  
both fail;  
For You are true and  
faithful—  
Your promises prevail.

### **Stanza 4 — Gospel → Sacrament**

O Christ, who came to call  
us  
And bore our sin and  
shame,  
Revive us by Your rising  
And justify our name.  
Now feed us with Your  
presence,  
Your body and Your blood;  
Bind up our wounds with  
mercy  
And make us stand in God.

## SERMON

### VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**P** O Lord, You strike down and You heal; You tear in order to bind up; You withdraw in order to draw us back. Revive us by Your Word, raise us up by Your mercy, and lead us to live before You in steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus, as You called Matthew from his tax booth to follow You, continue to call and equip men for the Office of the Holy Ministry. Grant them faithfulness in preaching, humility in service, and joy in proclaiming that You came not to call the righteous but sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, You strengthened Abraham to trust Your promises even when sight failed him. Strengthen parents in their holy calling, that they may teach their children Your Word, persevere in love, and trust that You are able to do all You have promised. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Creator and King, You call into existence what does not exist and govern all things for good. Bless our nation and all who serve in public office. Grant wisdom, integrity, and a desire for justice, that peace may flourish and righteousness be upheld. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, Your Son ate with tax collectors and sinners and brought healing to the broken. Look with compassion upon all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially **[names may be spoken]**. Bind up the wounded, strengthen the weary, and let Your steadfast love be their comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Faithful Savior, as we gather at Your Table this day, grant that all who receive Your body and blood may do so in repentance and faith. Strengthen us with the forgiveness You won, nourish us with Your risen life, and bind us together as Your redeemed and holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** God of mercy, You desire steadfast love and not sacrifice. Preserve us from grudging obedience and cold hearts. Give us joy in serving our neighbor, compassion for the lost, and gratitude for every good You have done for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Holy Father, we give You thanks for Abraham, Sarah, Matthew, Hosea, and all the saints who trusted Your promises. Keep us steadfast in faith until that day when we shall live before You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Matthew 9:9 – “As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he rose and followed him.” When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, “Follow me,” and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I’ll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?

*Stand*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so 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 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. For You are the God whose steadfast love endures, who calls Your people to return and to know You. As surely as the dawn, You come to revive; as gentle rain, You restore life. In Your compassion You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Seed through whom the inheritance rests on grace. He is the Physician who seeks the sick and the Lord who gives life to the dead. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise You, saying:

# SANCTUS

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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 Your steadfast love endures forever and Your faithfulness is sure as the dawn. You called Your people to return to You, and in mercy You fulfilled Your ancient promise by sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Offspring through whom the inheritance rests on grace. He is the Physician who seeks the sick, the Master who calls sinners to His table, and the Lord who gives life to the dead.

Gathered in His name and trusting in His Word, we pray that You would renew and strengthen us by Your Spirit. Grant that we who receive His body and blood may be revived in faith, steadfast in hope, and formed in the mercy He desires. Bring us at last with Abraham and all the faithful to the feast of His kingdom, which has no end. 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**

*LSB 197*

**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 ✠ 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.”

## **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

LSB 162

**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

LSB 180

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



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**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, grant us peace.

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*Sit*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



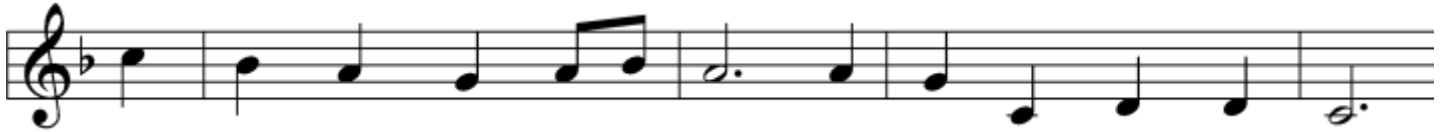
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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## 567 NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;  
2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;  
3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;  
4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.  
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.  
Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,  
I rest on love divine,  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart  
I call this Savior mine.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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## 915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857

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*Stand*

# THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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 with shouts of thanks-  
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

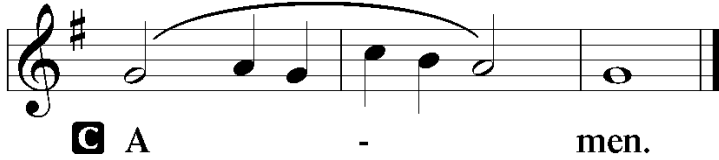
Gracious Lord, You have come to us as surely as the dawn and as gently as the spring rains. In this Holy Supper, You have revived us with the forgiveness won by Christ, who was handed over for our trespasses and raised for our justification. As You have fed us with His crucified and risen body, bind us up by Your mercy, strengthen us in faith, and lead us to live before You in righteousness and joy. Preserve us in steadfast love, that we may walk in Your ways and serve our neighbor with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 183

- 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.



## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

# 922 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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