

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM Sunday, November 19, 2023 – 8:30 AM

Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Series A)

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## **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, 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**

This Sunday and next we will consider how we should live between now and the Last Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

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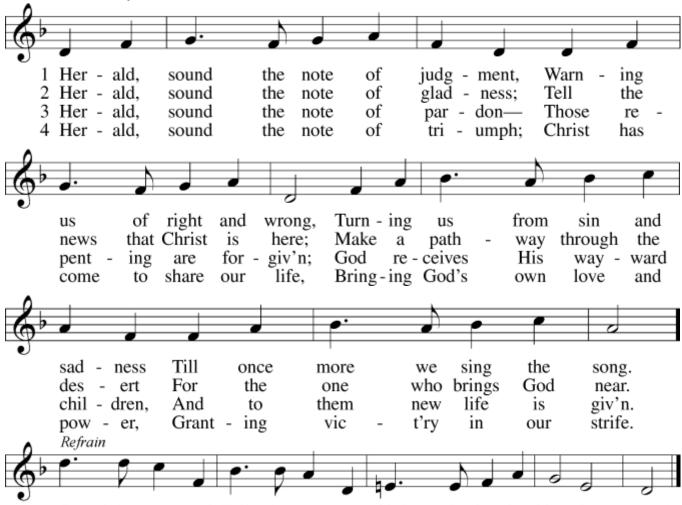
Day of wrath, O day of mourning! See fulfilled the prophet's warning, Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.

To the rest Thou didst prepare me On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me! Spare, O God, in mercy spare me! *TLH* 607:1, 19

# **WELCOME**

# **₩PREPARATION** ₩





Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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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 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut 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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 203

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

ABSOLUTION LSB 203

- 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 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1

- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
- for no one living is righteous before you.
- P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
- **C** I ponder the work of your hands.
- **P** I stretch out my hands to you;
- my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
- **C** Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
- In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- 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 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE LSB 204

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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

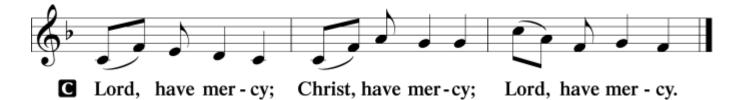
P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; 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; Christ, have mer-cy; 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.



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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 205

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son died for the sins of the whole world.

- Embolden us to share His love with everyone we meet until the day we hear His gracious blessing, "Well done, good and faithful servant";
- through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Zephaniah 1:7-16

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(A day of wrath is coming.)

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more: all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

# **GRADUAL**

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- **L** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- L Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(Encourage one another to live in God's light.)

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:14-30* 

(God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.)

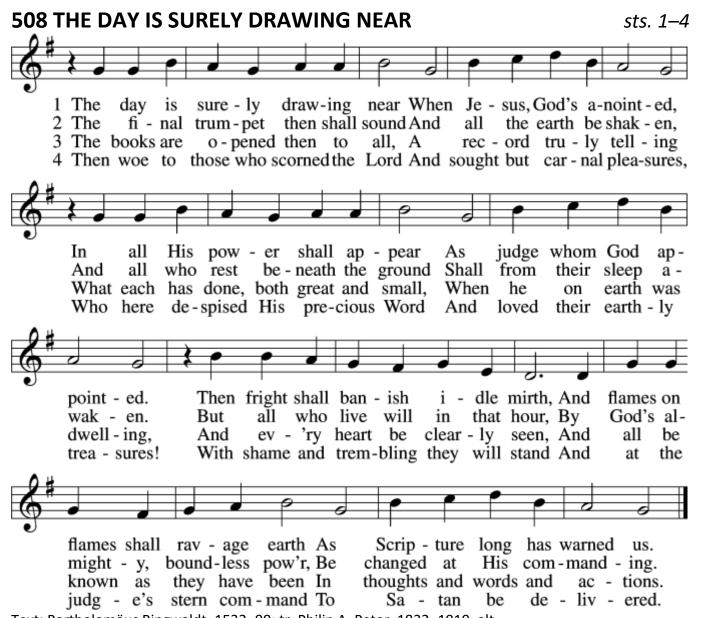
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## LAMB'S MESSAGE



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#### **SERMON**

### **VOTUM**

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

There are several ways to give.

- 1. A basket is available in the narthex as you exit.
- 2. Please **send** your offerings to

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3. Give through our website:

https://stlukesmanhattan.org
/about-us/financial-support/

4. Electronic Funds Transfer - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**: Matthew 25:30 – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

**SPECIAL MUSIC -** A Joyful Sound "Gentle Voice"

Stand

### **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 

of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Pather in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [including \_\_\_\_\_\_]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

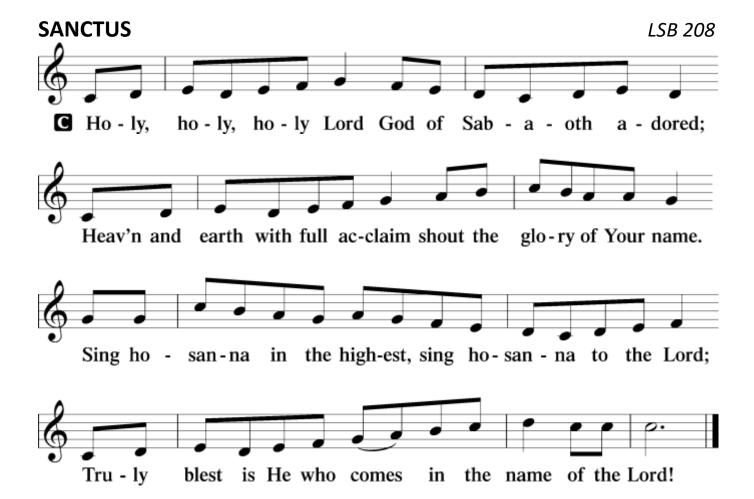
# **₩SACRAMENT**

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# **PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose obedient death and glorious resurrection have opened eternal life to us and who is with us that we may share His love until His second coming. 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

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior.

Gathered in His name we ask 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 in these last days. Gather us together, we pray, with all who have heard the Gospel and have come to faith, who with us shall receive Your "well done" commendation. 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.
- P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

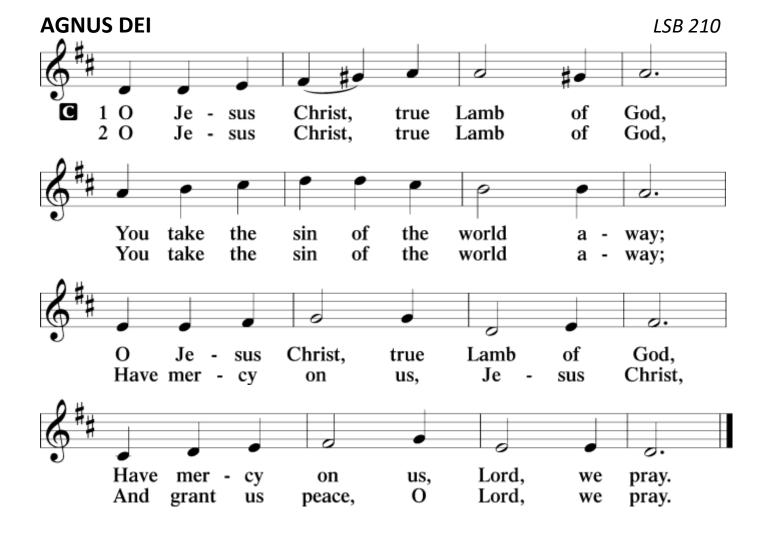
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ 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."

#### **PAX DOMINI**

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



# 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.

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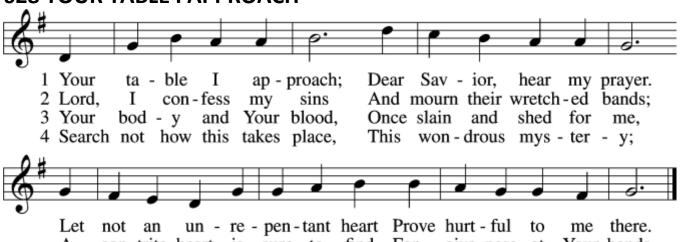
# **DISTRIBUTION**

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**

## **628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH**



A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.

Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.

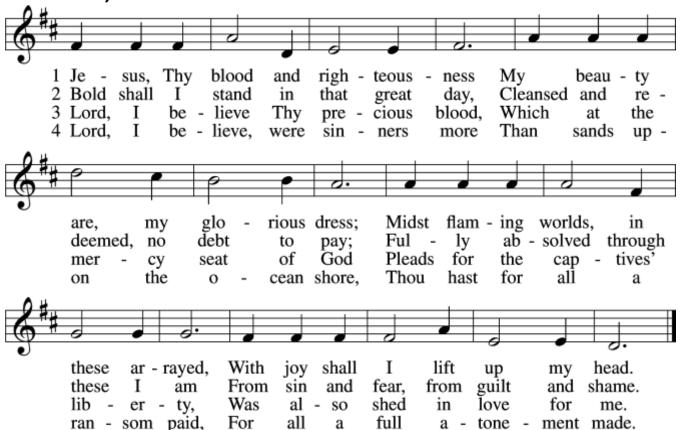
God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- Oh, may I never fail
   To thank You day and night
   For Your true body and true blood,
   O God, my peace and light.

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# **563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

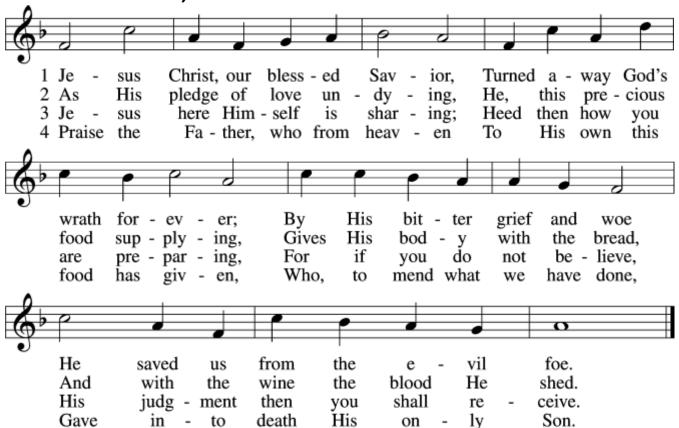


- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea:
  Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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# **627 JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR**



- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshakenThat this food is to be takenBy the sick who are distressed,By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 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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Stand



# POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven,

- so that with joy we may share Your love each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal presence;
- 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**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **BENEDICTION**

- C Amen.

# **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".

## **CLOSING SONG**

## **829 CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD**



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name; Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page; And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth; Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way; Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank-ful-ness and praise Trans-form our thought and mind, In - spire our hearts, we pray, That light of truth You give When mor-tal life is past We stand be - fore Your throne, En - light - en all who read, To tell Your love a - broad, To ser - vants as to friends, Your voice from heav-en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known. With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed. That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord. Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends. Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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