



# **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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

**January 4, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

**January 5, 2025 – 8:30 AM**

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William Prann, Director of Christian Education  
Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Divine Service, Setting 1**

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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](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**

What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? If you knew what you were looking for, did you find it? Of course, Christmas is all about the arrival of the Savior of the world, our Savior from sin and death. In His human birth, Jesus took on our flesh to provide the only sufficient atoning sacrifice for sin. By His holiness, His sacrifice was sufficient for the whole world of sin of all time, including your own. Did you find this forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs? Or are you still searching? That's okay, because for one more of the twelve days, it is still Christmas. It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's anxiety over their three-day search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds or among their relatives and friends. It was only as they returned to the temple, the place of God the Father's promised earthly presence, that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here, where His Word is faithfully preached, His Sacraments rightly administered, and His grace, love, and forgiveness are given and applied to you. So do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking the answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His righteousness given to you this day in His mighty, saving Word.

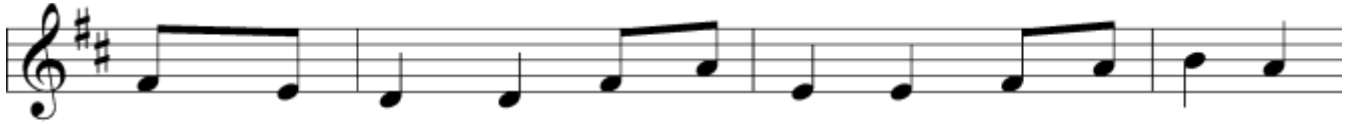
## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"  
*Luke 2:48–49*

# WELCOME

## ✂ PREPARATION ✂

### 686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

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

## **INVOCATION**

*LSB 151*

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

## **EXHORTATION**

*LSB 151*

- 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 151*

- 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**

*LSB 151*

- 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 ✠

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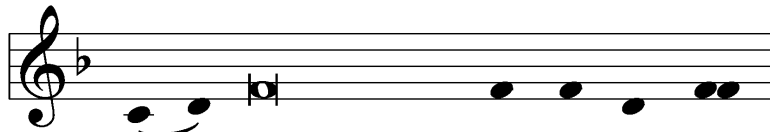
*Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14*



- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his  
| glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.
- C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\***  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**
- P** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.
- C** **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\***  
**in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**
- P** Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!\*  
Praise your God, O | Zion!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his  
| glory,\*  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

# KYRIE

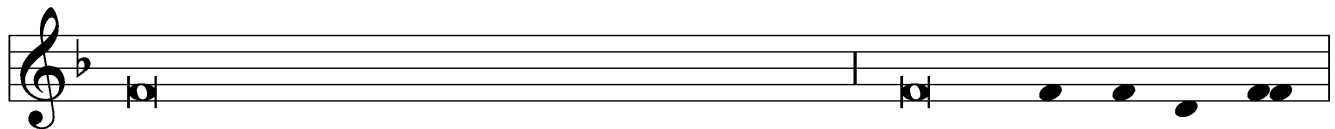
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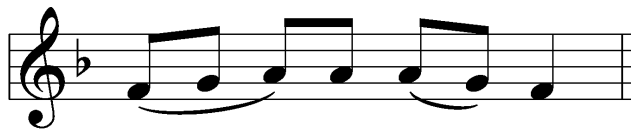
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



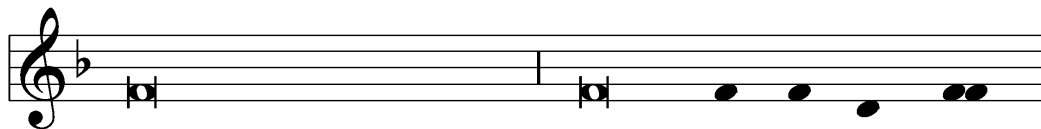
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



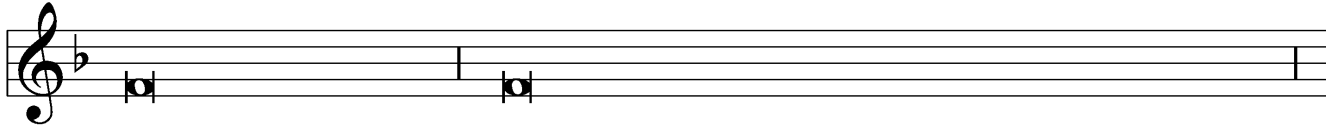
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



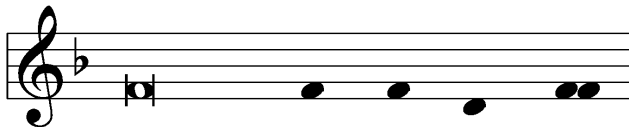
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



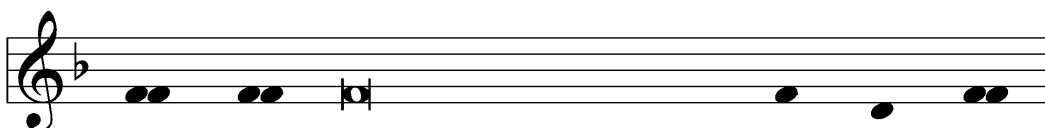
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE – “THIS IS THE FEAST”

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**☐** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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

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



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, as from His youthful beginning, Your Son attended to Your Word in Your holy temple, so is He Your Word come to seek and save the lost. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; through the same 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 READING

*1 Kings 3:4-15*

*(King Solomon's prayer for wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.

<sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:97-104; antiphon: v. 99*

**L** <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,

**C** for your testimonies are my meditation.

**L** <sup>97</sup>Oh how I love your law!

**C** It is my meditation all the day.

**L** <sup>98</sup>Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

**C** for it is ever with me.

**L** <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,

**C** for your testimonies are my meditation.

**L** <sup>100</sup>I understand more than the aged,  
**C** **for I keep your precepts.**

**L** <sup>101</sup>I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
**C** **in order to keep your word.**

**L** <sup>102</sup>I do not turn aside from your just decrees,  
**C** **for you have taught me.**

**L** <sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**C** **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**L** <sup>104</sup>Through your precepts I get understanding;  
**C** **therefore I hate every false way.**

**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.**

**L** <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
**C** **for your testimonies are my meditation.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*(Spiritual blessings in Christ.)*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

<sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

*Tune: Sussex Carol (LSB377)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. For Christ was born to  
save man-kind. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. The  
an - gels sang of His glor - ious birth. "Peace on the  
earth and good will to men." Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Text by: Michael Schmidt

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

(The boy Jesus at Passover in the Jerusalem temple.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

<sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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



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

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

### 410 WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE



1 With-in the Fa-ther's house The Son has found His home,  
2 The doc-tors of the Law Gaze on the won-drous child  
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might-y truth to know,  
4 The se-cret of the Lord Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem-ple sud-den-ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar-vel at His gra-cious words Of wis-dom un-de-filed.  
To lift the earth-ly veil that hides In-car-nate God be-low.  
And faith-ful pon-d'ring hearts a-wait The full e-piph-a-ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

△6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

Text: James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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*Please Be Seated*

## SERMON

## VOTUM

- P** 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. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

*Stand*

### 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

st. 3

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98

Tune: English, 16th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain



## **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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for hearing our prayers and praises during this blessed Christmas season, and especially for Your Holy Word and Sacraments that we may have confidence in Your mercy and gracious will, enlightening us with the wisdom of Your salvation in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to always remain steadfast in Your Word, spirit, and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Guide and bless Your whole church, making Your people perfect in love and in all good works. Grant Your wisdom to all pastors and servants in Your church, that many may come to the knowledge of Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Guide our nation in the ways of justice, honor, and peace. Grant that all in public service lead their people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Defend all who suffer persecution for the faith, and have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** As we remember those who have loved and served You in this life, who now rest from their labors, keep us in that larger fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**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.

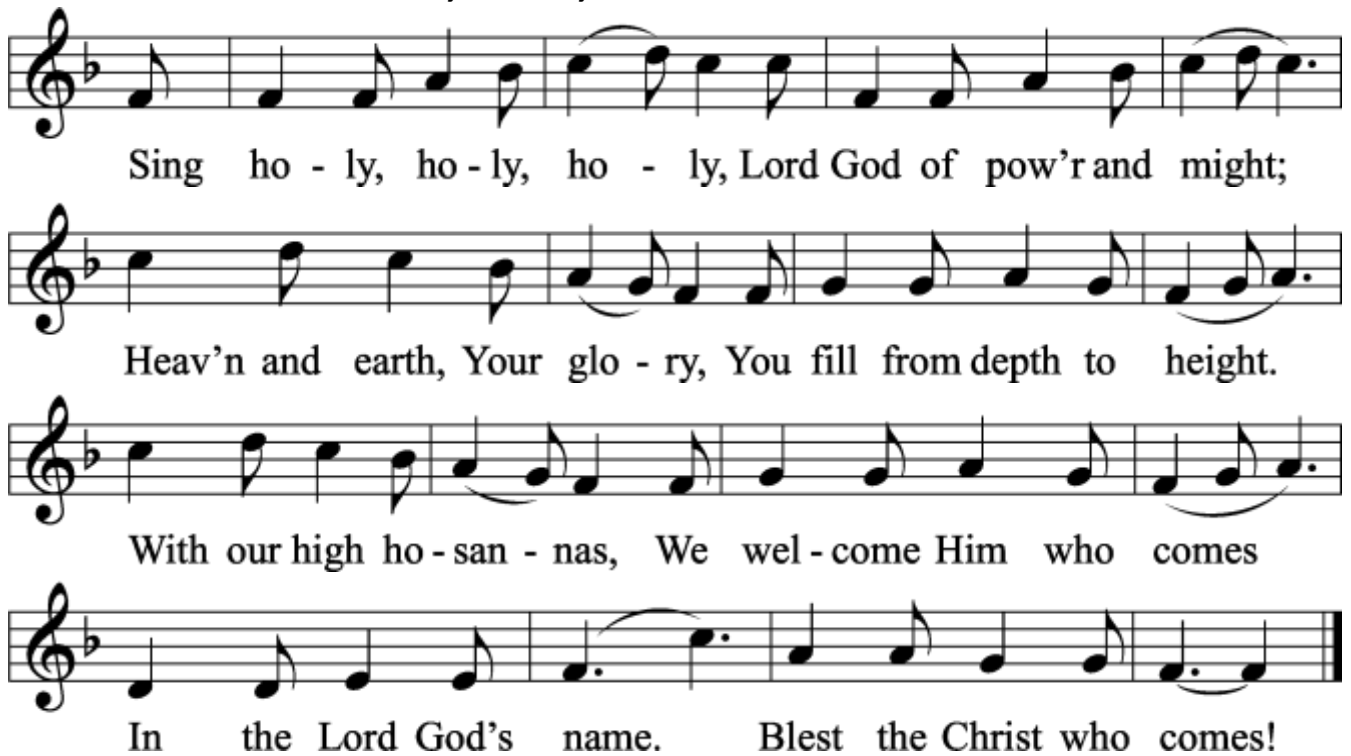


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly meet, 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, for He is Your Word incarnate, the light and life of Your mercy and grace, present now at Your altar where He may be found as He promised. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS - SING HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might;  
Heav'n and earth, Your glo - ry, You fill from depth to height.  
With our high ho - san - nas, We wel - come Him who comes  
In the Lord God's name. Blest the Christ who comes!

Text: Larry A. Peters

Tune: German, 14th cent.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**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

**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*

**G** 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 163*

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



**G** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI

Tune: LSB 366

## O CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take The  
world's sins all a - way. O Lamb of God be  
mer - ci - ful, Up - on us all we pray. O  
Lamb of God be mer - ci - ful, And take our sins a -  
way, And grant us peace, O  
grant us peace, Your per - fect peace, we pray.

Text: Larry A. Peters

Tune: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

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*Sit*

## **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.

## **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.*



## **“What Feast of Love”**

*Tune: GREENSLEEVES (LSB 370)*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What feast of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given.

### 374 GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933

Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald

Text and tune: Public domain

# 399 THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE

sts. 1-2, 5



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

Text and tune: Public domain

*Please Be Seated*

# 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

sts. 1, 5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

Text and tune: Public domain

## 628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
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.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true  
blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

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

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*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Tune: Angels from the Realm of Glory (LSB 367)*

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing For His promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing Tell His love, His name confess  
For He leads us, with thanksgiving in the paths of righteousness.

At Your Word, Lord, let Your servant Go in peace, for with my eyes  
I have seen Your bright salvation, Israel's Light, begin to rise  
As the Glory of the nations, Leading us to Paradise.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## 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.



**C** A - men.

## 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”.*

## THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went,  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew near to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full rev'rently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

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