

THE GOSPEL CALL GOES OUT TO ALL

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24). For "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13–18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day! *Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✤ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✤ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ♥ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);

believe the words of Jesus, "*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins*" (Mt 26:28); If this is *not* your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, *cross your arms over your chest*, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew. *Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "<u>Christian</u> <u>Questions with Their Answers</u>" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



+ THE DIVINE SERVICE +

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

 \triangle *Please stand and face the cross as it enters.*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **G** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +F Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

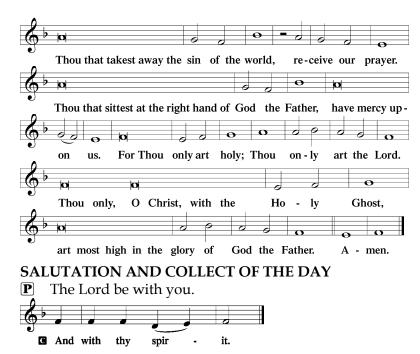
Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 30a, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:18b-19



- The Lord was | my support* in the day of my ca- | lamity.
- C He brought me out into a | broad place;* He rescued me, because He delight- | ed in me.
- I love you, O | LORD, my strength.* The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.
- C For You save a humble | people,* but the haughty eyes | You bring down.

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This God – His way is | perfect;* P the word of the | LORD proves true. For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the | nations,* С and sing | to Your name. С *Glory be to the Father and* | *to the Son** and to the Holy | Spirit; *You may bow your head at this point in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. The Lord was | my support* P in the day of my ca- | lamity. He brought me out into a | broad place;* С He rescued me, because He delight- | ed in me. **KYRIE** ~ Lord, Have Mercy Mark 10:47 C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. us. on **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ Glory to God in the Highest *Lk* 2:14; *Jn* 1:29 O P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward ο O O men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, O O we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 10 0 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 ļρ 0 σ O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; Ø O \mathbf{o} O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, 0 O O 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up on us.



P O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 9:1-10

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

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GRADUAL

A In my distress I called | to the LORD,* and He | answered me.

C Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!* In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

EPISTLE READING

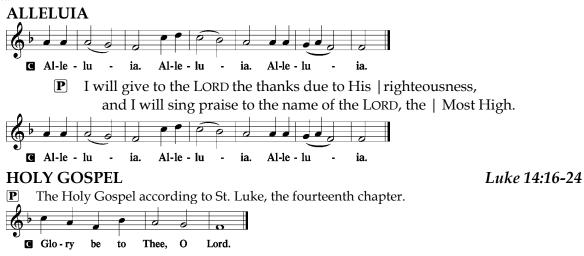
¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



¹⁶But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²²And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded

1 John 3:13-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord. P C Praise Thee, 0 Christ. be to NICENE CREED С 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 *You may genuflect and was made man; in reverence of the incarnation 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.

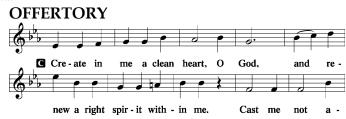
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HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

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Psalm 51:10-12



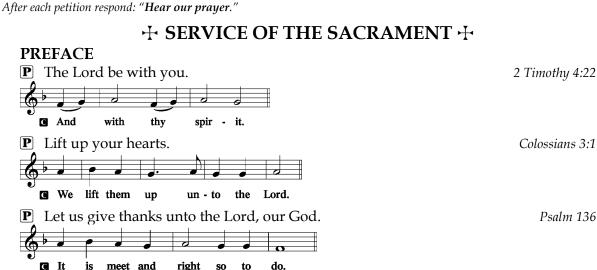
OFFERING

Please consider donating on-line to Trinity.

Or, if you prefer, please mail your offering for the strength of the Church.

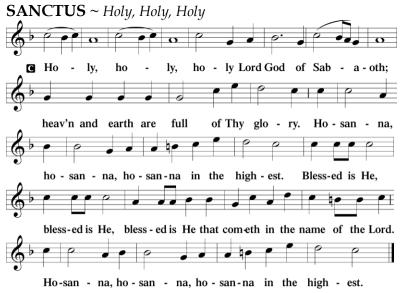
The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God. The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]



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.

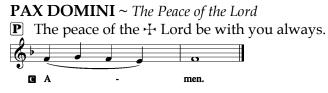
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; *Mk* 14:22-24; *Lk* 22:19-20; 1 *Cor* 11:23-25 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."

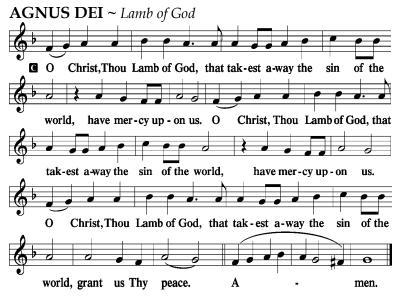
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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Matthew 6:9-13

John 20:19



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DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

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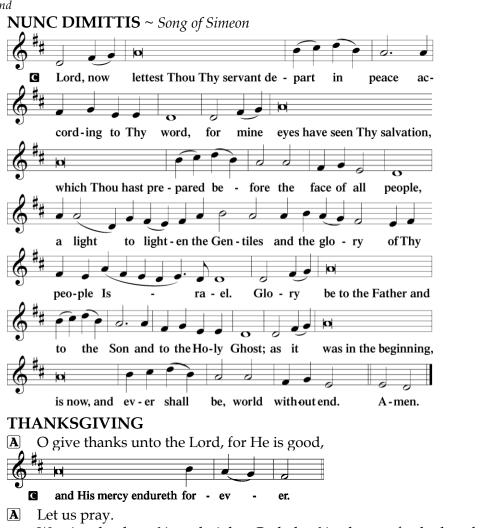
John 1:29

Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

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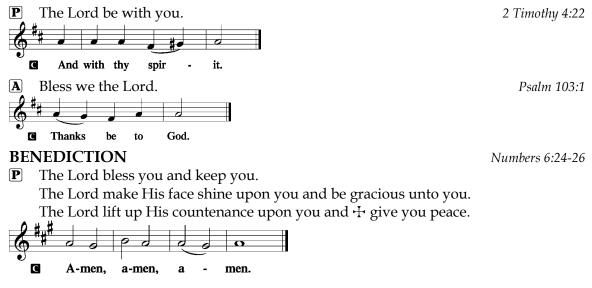
Luke 2:29-32

Psalm 107:1

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 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.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS



 \triangle *Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.*

CLOSING HYMN ~ Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

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