

# *Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church*

## *The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

**A BIBLICAL, CONFESSIONAL AND TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION IN THE  
CHICAGO REGION COMMITTED TO MINISTERING TO SINNERS  
WITH THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

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## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

### ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting 3



**A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME** to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"the soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31–32).

### ***Prayer before Worship***

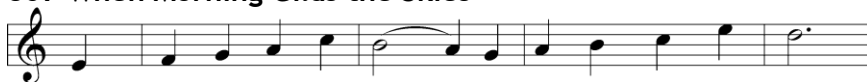
Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. By Your almighty power and unsearchable wisdom break and hinder all the counsels of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching, would destroy it. Enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory that they may know the riches of Your heavenly grace and, in peace and righteousness, serve You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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| <b>P</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor                      |
| <b>C</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the congregation                |
| <b>✠</b> | designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made              |
| <b>△</b> | designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza |

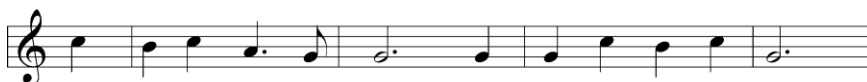
## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

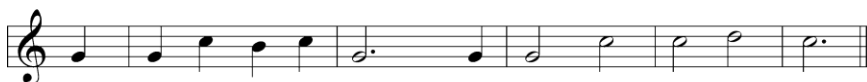
#### 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies,	My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs,	This is my song of songs:
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon	In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind,	In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space,	Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”	When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”	God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!”	There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”	Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!”	God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call:	“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com-pare	With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard:	“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound:	“May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more	Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*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.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**P** 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.**

**P** 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,

**C** **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.**

## HOLY ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

**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

**C** **Amen.**



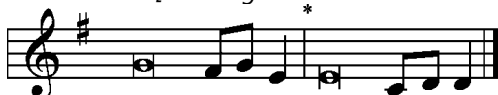
## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 147:6*

*The 147<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks for various kindnesses and mighty works of God—first, toward Israel and Jerusalem, then to all who thirst. He gives rain and water to all creatures and does not let the least little bird go hungry, even the most useless raven. How much more then shall He care for us, especially those who trust in His goodness and not in human strength or horses?*

*[Reading the Psalms with Luther, pp. 348-349]*



**A** The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**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.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

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..

**A** The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.



**KYRIE** — *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*

- C** (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** — *Glory to God in the Highest* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** (sung) **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (sung) **Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

- A** He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!



## Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–18*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me..

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

- C** (sung) **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–32*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-First chapter.

**G** (sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"



Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell

you by what authority I do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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

**G** (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## 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.**

Sit

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Sermon

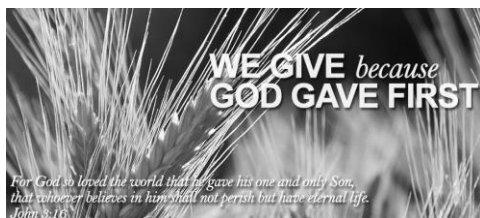
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## OFFERTORY

*Psalms 51:10-12*

**C** (sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**OFFERING (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES IN THE  
BACK OF THE NAVE AS YOU ARE LEAVING.)**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

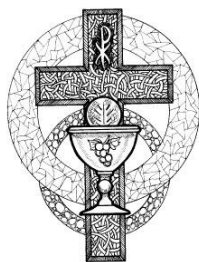
*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

... one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠



## PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C** (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore  
praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS — *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is ✠ He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** 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.
- C** (sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

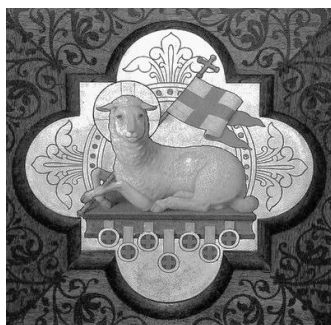
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** (sung) **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI — *Lamb of God*

*John 1:29*

- C** (sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.**

*Sit*



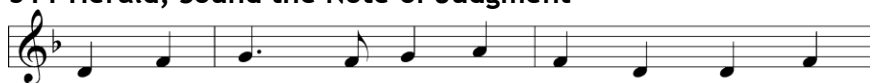
**Dear Visitors and Friends:** As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." **If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for your understanding.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*hymns are sung as needed*

### 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment



1 Her - ald,	sound	the note	of	judg - ment,	Warn - ing
2 Her - ald,	sound	the note	of	glad - ness;	Tell the
3 Her - ald,	sound	the note	of	par - don—	Those re -
4 Her - ald,	sound	the note	of	tri - umph;	Christ has



us	of right	and wrong,	Turn - ing	us	from sin	and
news	that Christ	is here;	Make a	path -	way through	the
pent - ing	are for -	giv'n;	God re -	ceives	His way -	ward
come	to share	our life,	Bring - ing	God's	own love	and



sad - ness	Till once	more	we sing	the	song.
des - ert	For the	one	who brings	God	near.
chil - dren,	And to	them	new life	is	giv'n.
pow - er,	Grant - ing	vic -	t'ry in	our	strife.

*Refrain*

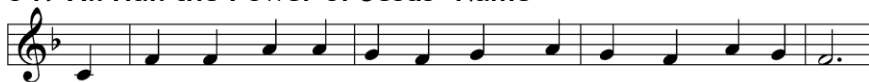


Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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## 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tys of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

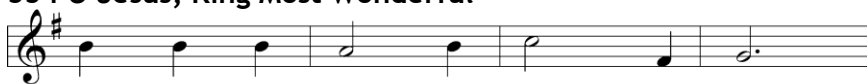
On this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
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 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

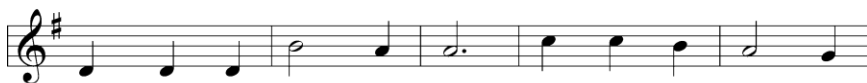
We at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

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## 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
 2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
 3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
 5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
 ty - de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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*Stand*

### DISMISSAL

**P** The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### NUNC DIMITTIS — *Song of Simeon*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** (sung) **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
 according to Thy Word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
 a Light to lighten the Gentiles  
 and the Glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.**



## THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 107:1*

- P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,  
**C** (sung) **and His mercy endureth forever.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** (sung) **Amen.**



## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** (sung) **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** (sung) **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** (sung) **Amen, amen, amen.**



## CLOSING HYMN

### 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear

hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,

Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and

wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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The Lutheran Church has always retained ceremonies that support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (✠).

And take note: The more a hypocrite has accustomed himself to his own righteousness, the more he is driven to despair; and the more a man falls outwardly and is wounded in his conscience, the more he lets go of himself and is driven to Christ. Therefore, it is true that many more people go to heaven from the gallows than from the church cemetery. And Christ says (Matt. 21:31): "The tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you." Therefore all hypocrites, trusting in their own resources, are unprepared, since they do not look for God, and for that reason they are very easily and very quickly deprived of all hope

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