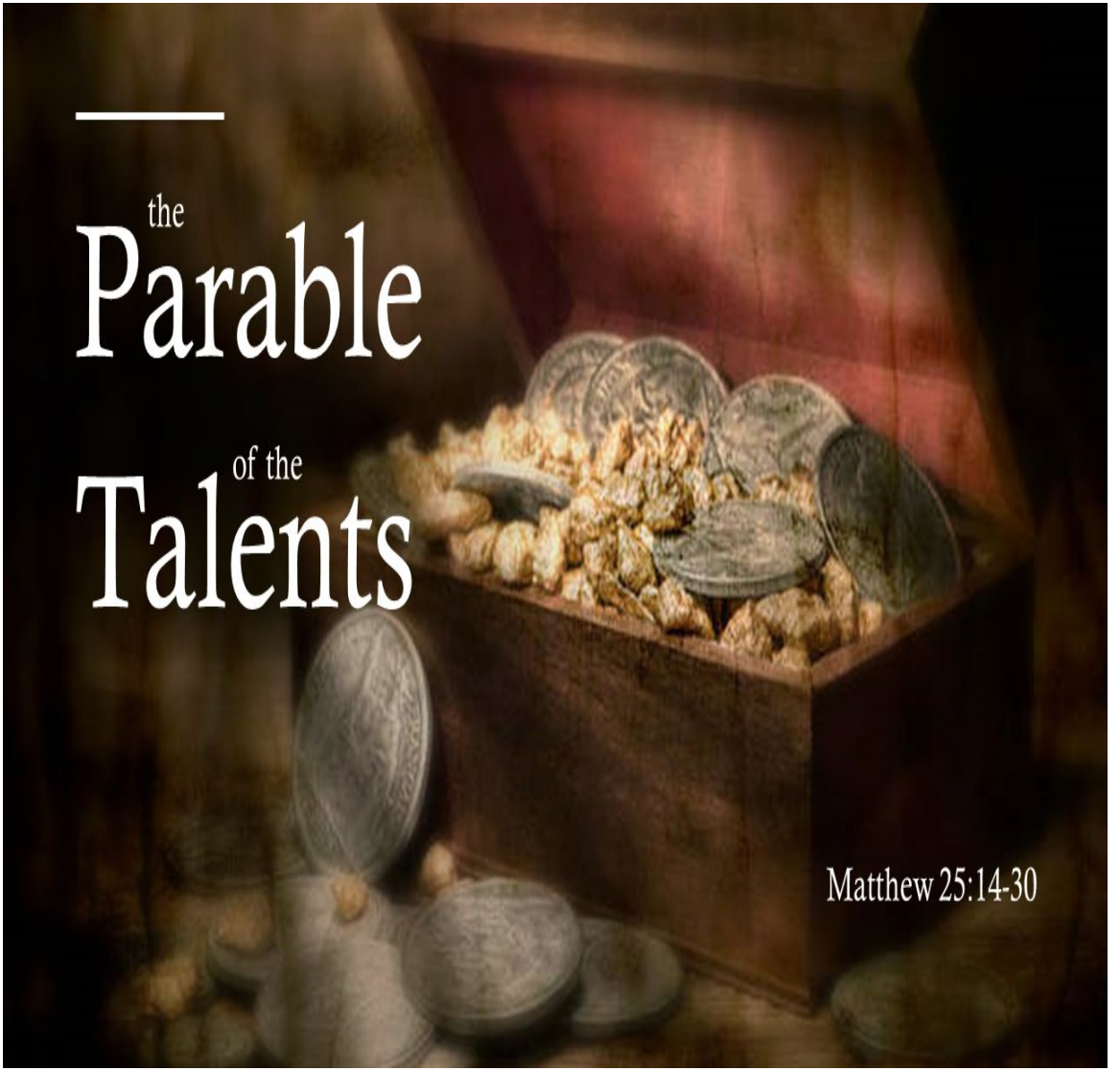
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Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People

The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

The prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.

Prelude

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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession and Absolution

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.**

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.**



Processional Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660 *sts. 1–2, 4*





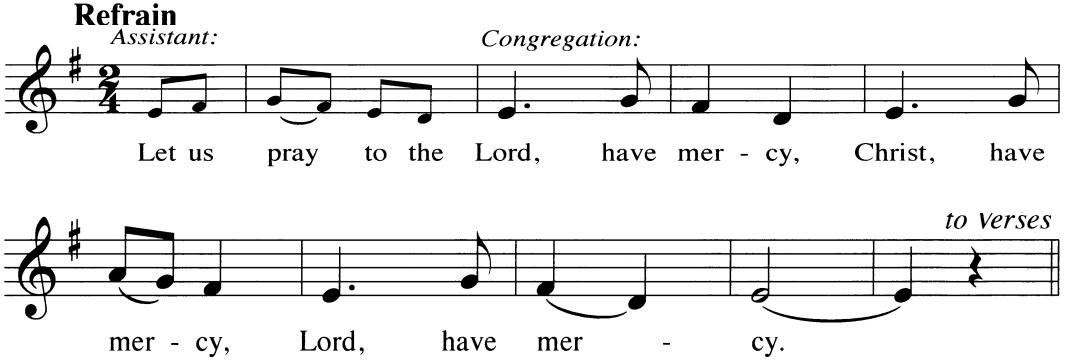
Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

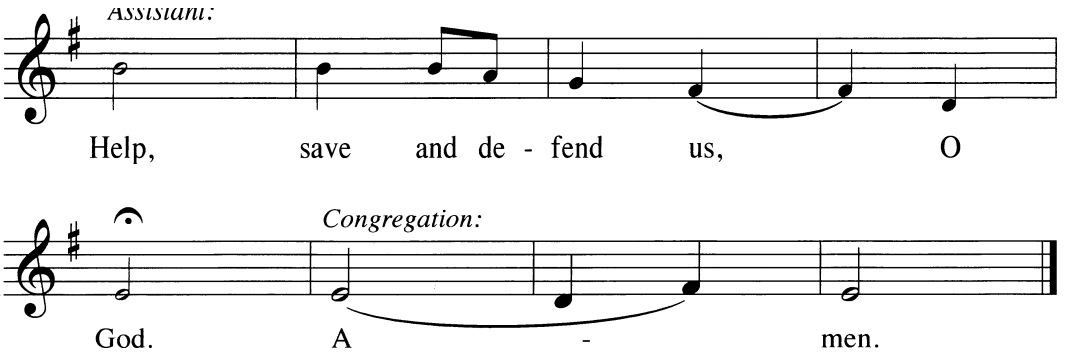
Kyrie

A *In peace, in peace...*



A *For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain*

A *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain*



Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast"





Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have destined us to obtain salvation through Your Son, delivering us from the darkness of sin and claiming us as children of light. Ready our hearts for Your return, that we may be defended from complacency; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading **Zephaniah 1:7–16**

[7]Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.[8]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.[9]On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.[10]"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.[11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.[12]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.'[13]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."[14]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.[15]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, [16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.



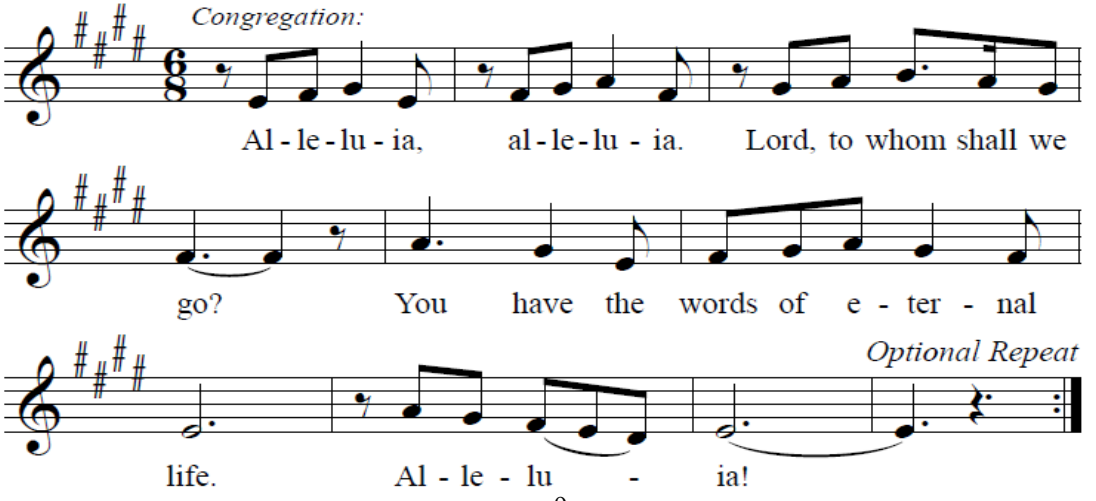
Epistle **1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]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. [4]But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not
sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]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. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to
obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether
we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one
another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional



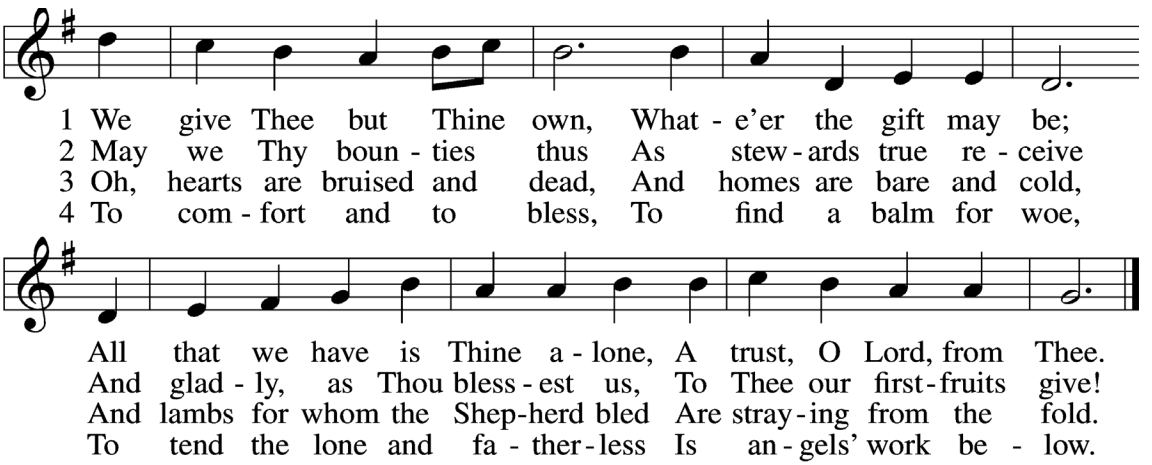
Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14–30**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and
he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two
talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master of those
servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And 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.' 21His 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.' 22And he also who had
the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents;
here I have made two talents more.' 23His 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, 25so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But 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? 27Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have
received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it
to him who has the ten talents. 29For 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. 30And 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.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781 *sts. 1–4*



Sermon "Excuse Me" Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy…" Congregation responds, ***"Hear our prayer"***

Offering "As the Deer" Adult Choir, 11:00 a.m.

(Bring your commitment cards to the Altar)

Offertory Prayer

P God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

A word about Holy Communion We *are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

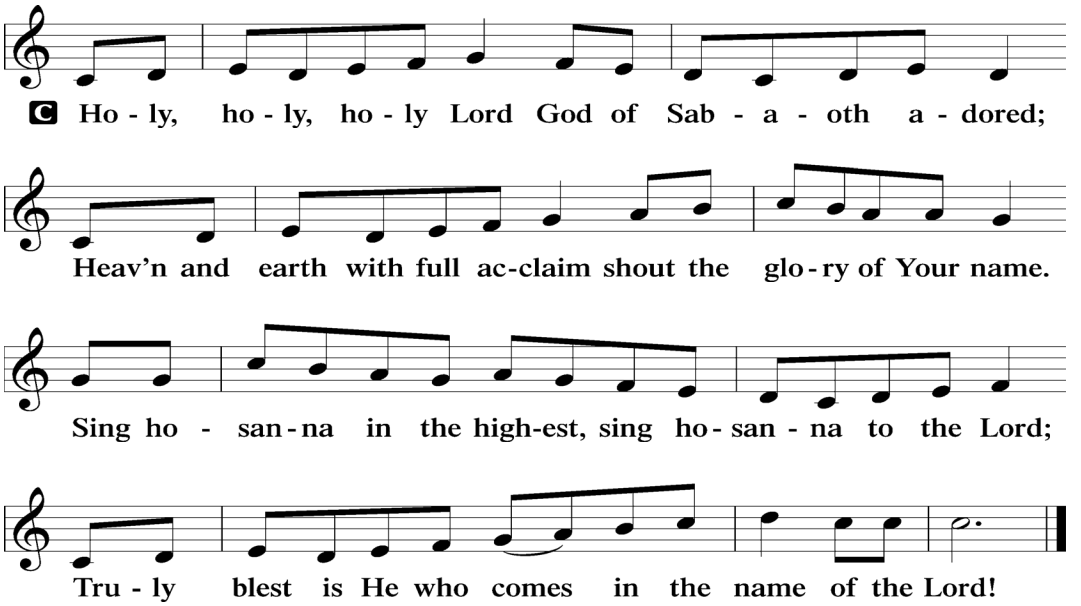
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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

Sanctus **LSB 208**



The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

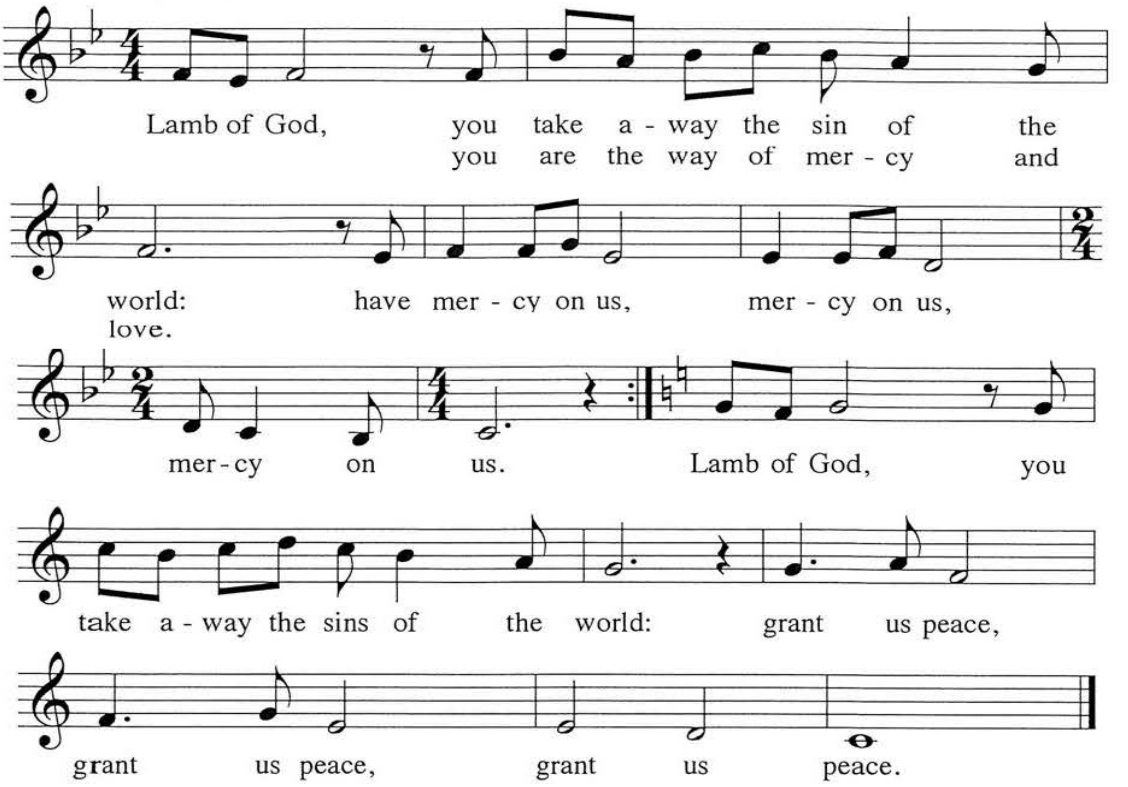
The Peace of the Lord

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ And also with you.

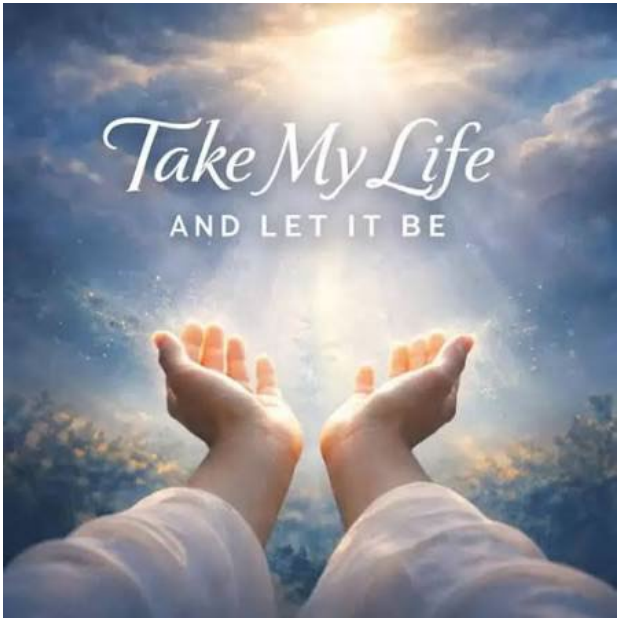
(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei

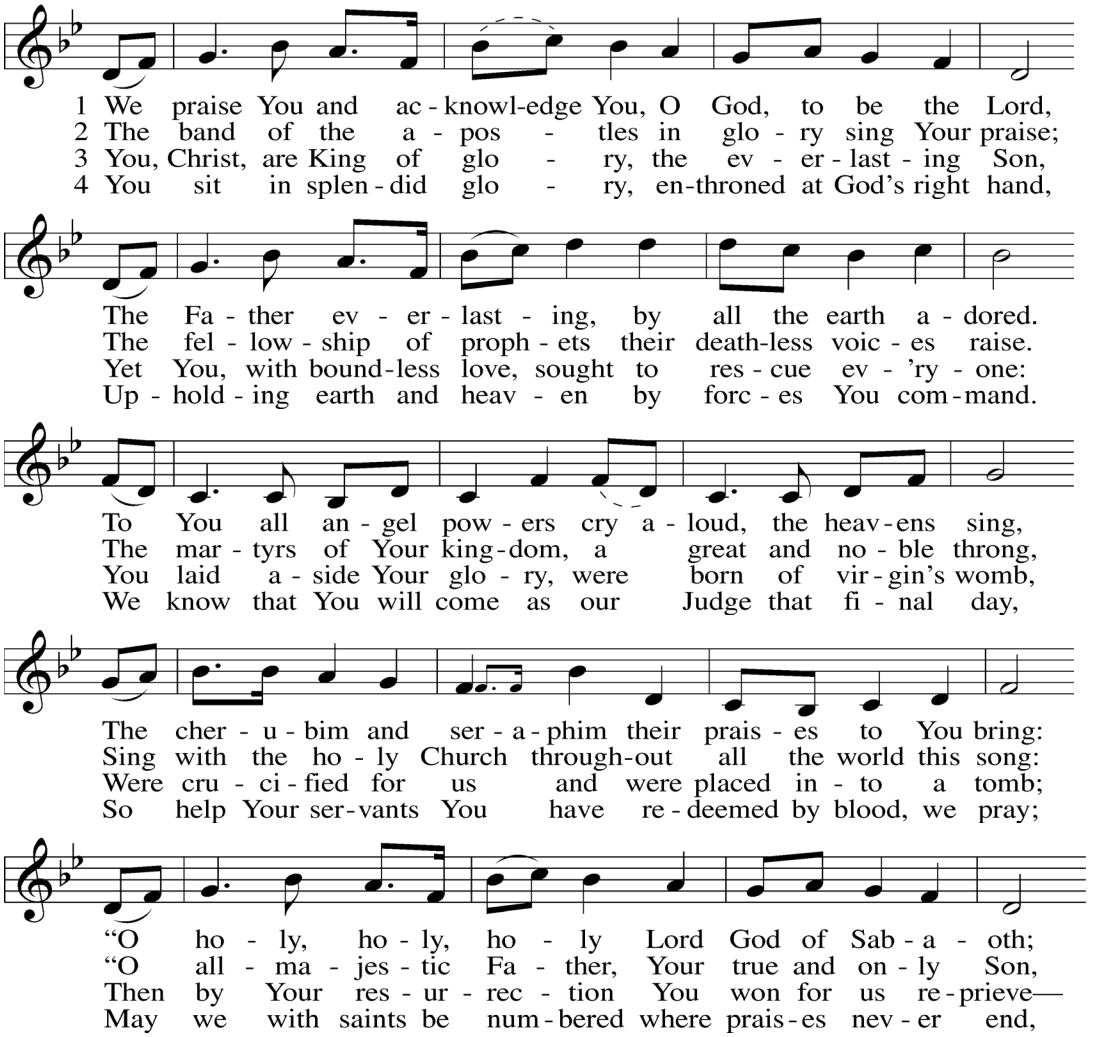


Hymns of Distribution "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783 sts. 1–4





“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” LSB 941



Closing of the Table

Post-communion canticle



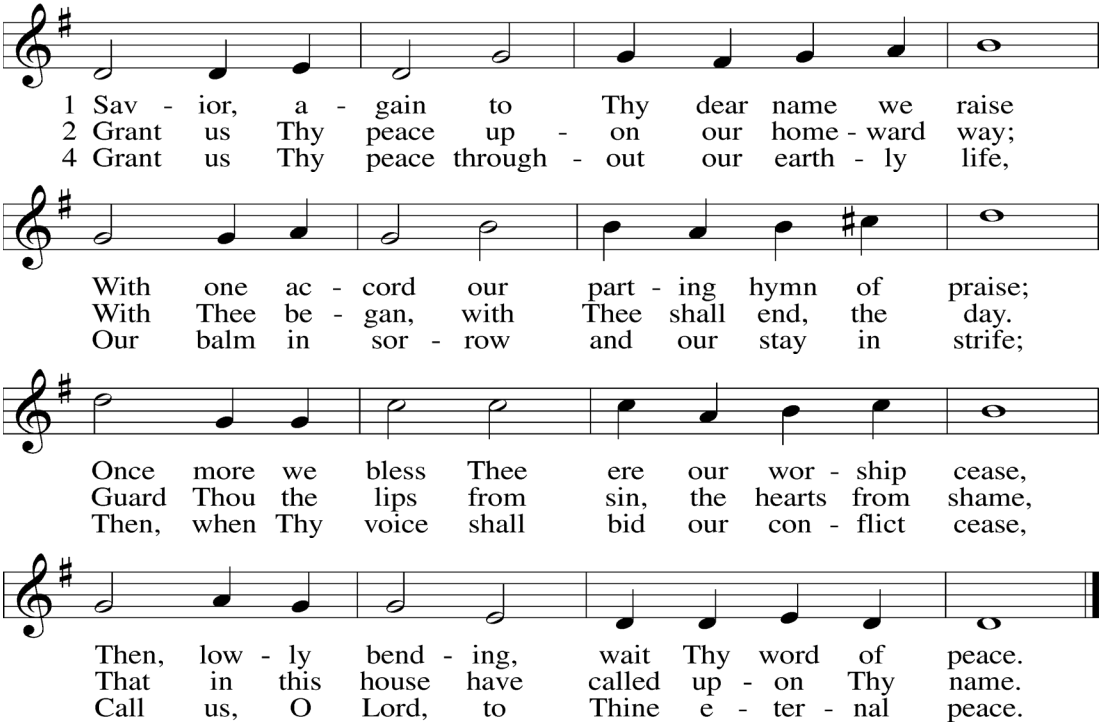
Post-Communion Prayer

℗ 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. Amen

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Hymn
"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" **LSB 917 *sts. 1–2, 4***



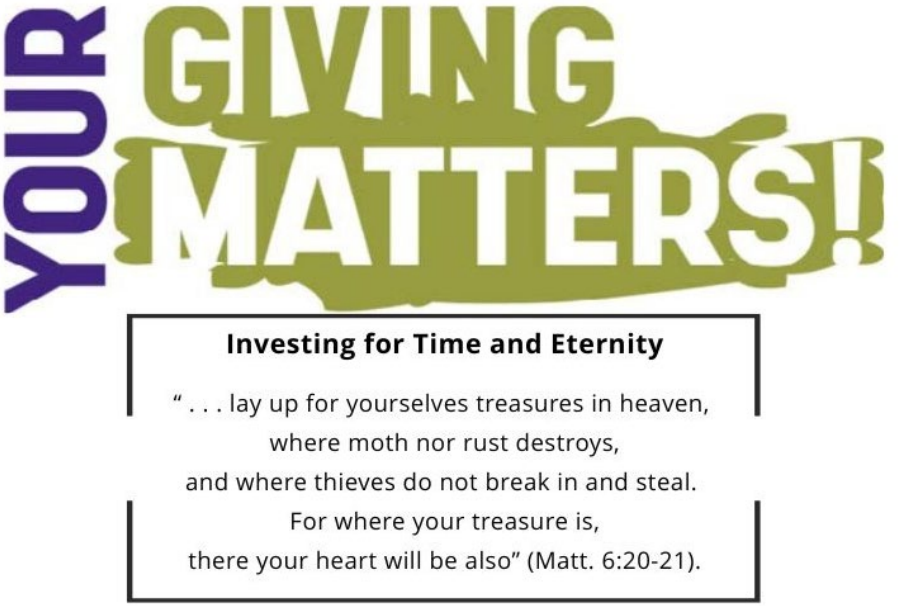
Prayer Support

If you want to be lifted up in prayer, our prayer team is here to pray for you after the worship service. You can meet with them at the Communion Rail.

Dismissal

P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as….
C **Disciples making disciples.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**





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