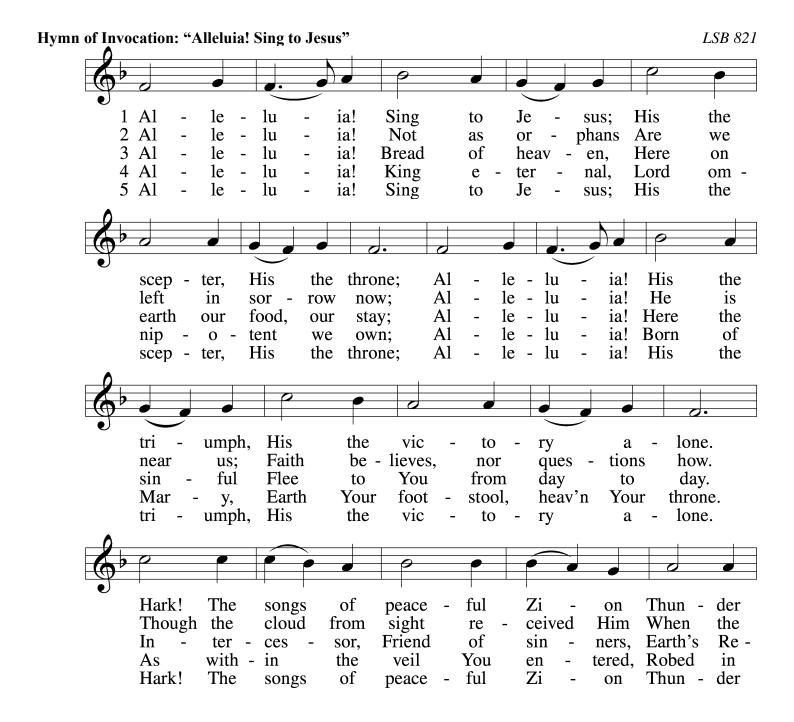
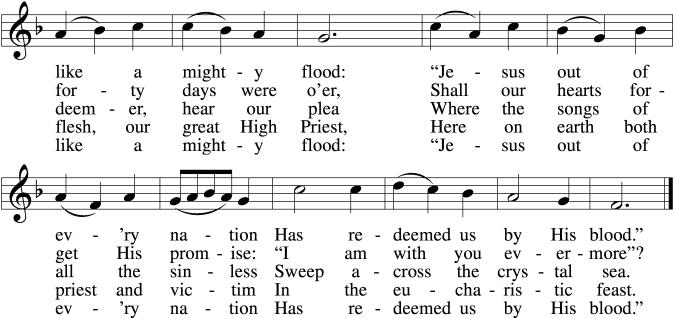
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Thaxted" -Gustav Holst (LSB 941)

Confession and Absolution





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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

People: He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.

Pastor: Man ate of the bread of the angels;

People: he sent them food in abundance.

All: 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.

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

Pew Edition





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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



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



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



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



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Proper 13 (Year B)

- Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

First Reading Exodus 16:2–15

The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 145:10–21

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

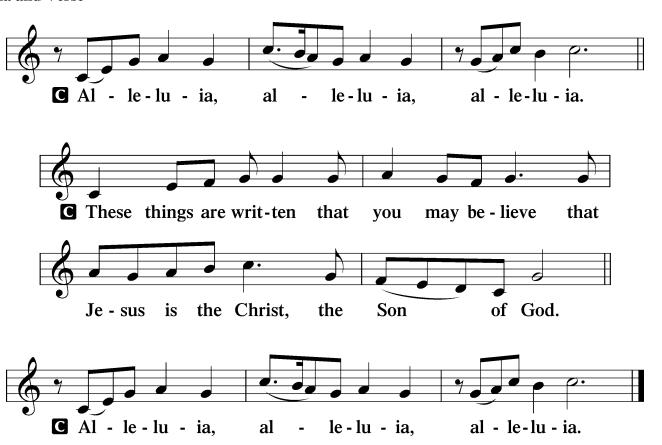
Epistle Ephesians 4:1–16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and

Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 6:22–35

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you,

you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

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

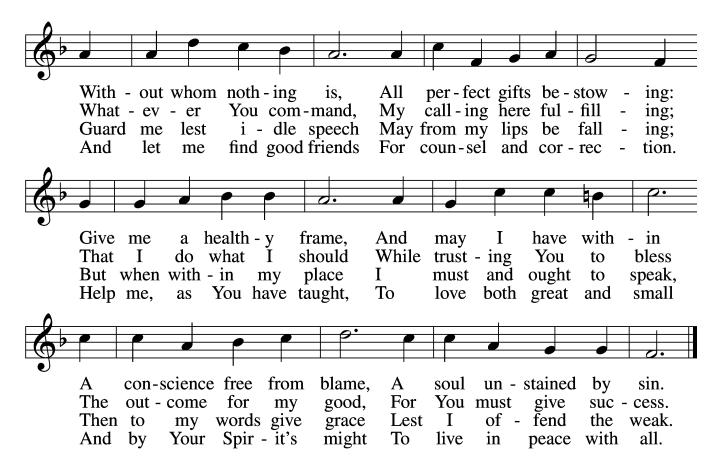
Apostles' Creed

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.





- 5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.
- And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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Sermon

The summer months are common for traveling. Whether you have traveled recently, or did so pre-Covid, there are some phrase we *never* want to hear when traveling. The first is this: "Are we there yet?" This usually comes from the *back of the car*, and it is the cry of boredom and anticipation. And the usual answer to this question? "Not yet!" The second phrase you never want to hear? "Are you lost?", or its country cousin, "Do you know where you are going?" These are the questions of doubt and uncertainty, are they not? Who knows what will happen next, or when you will get there? The last, and perhaps, the most dangerous one, are these two words: "I'm hungry." When these words are said, a person is close to their breaking point.

Immediate relief is usually not in sight. People can get testy when they are hungry, and can become quite irritable. Fear can strike our hearts when we hear these words uttered by certain people in our lives, or family. As Moses and Aaron lead the children of Israel in the desert to the Promised Land, they hear a cry come up behind them. What is it? "Are we there yet?" No, but that will come. Is it, "are you guys lost?" No, but it might seem like that. It is the words "I'm hungry" said by two million people. That is what the children of Israel tell Moses and Aaron in the desert, and it is the theme for our texts and sermon today: "I'm hungry."

It is has been one month since the people left Egypt. They just saw the ten plagues that God had done through Aaron and Moses. They saw the frogs, gnats, and flies. They witnessed the death of fish and livestock. They saw the land covered with boils, locusts, hail, and darkness. They saw the death of the Egyptian firstborns. They saw the water piled high as they crossed the Red Sea, and they saw the death of their former captors. They sang in Exodus 15: "The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation...You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode....The LORD will reign forever and ever." Their thirst was just miraculously satisfied at Marah, and now the people are hungry. What do they do having said and seen these things?

They grumble! They say, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt...." They actually wish that they would have been killed during the last plague when the Angel of the Lord passed through the land. Sadly, what they say gets worse. "...when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full...." They are romanticizing their slavery! They would rather go back and be slaves under Pharoah than be free people under God. They continue, "...for you have brought us out into the wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." They attribute a false and terrible motive to Moses and Aaron. They claim they brought them out here to die. They show their lack of confidence in Moses and Aaron, and ultimately, in God. The people respond in ungratefulness and unbelief. "I'm hungry", they shout.

How does God respond? What should God say to that after all that He has done? He should say, "Well, I can send my angel back through if you want...." He should say, "I can have Moses lead you back to Egypt if you want to be slaves again, since you miss it so much...." He should say, "I can let you starve out here since you think I'm going to do it anyways." It wasn't a sin to be hungry. It was a sin to respond the way that they did. Fortunately, for them, God doesn't respond that way. He responds to their faithless complaint with grace.

God tells Moses that He will rain bread from heaven for the people. He will even provide enough for them to have on the Sabbath Day. He helps them to fulfill it! What's more is that God doesn't give them an empty word, or a hollow promise. He actually delivers on what He says.

Moses and Aaron gather the people together, and they see the Glory Cloud! They see the sign of God's presence and dwelling with His people. He hasn't abandoned them, or left them, even though they claimed He did. God remains faithful to them, even when the people aren't! God delivers for them, and He delivers abundantly.

God gives them quail. Quail is a bird, and it was considered as a delicacy to the Egyptians! God gives them something they could never have had in Egypt. He shows them His generosity and care with this meat. He gives them manna for bread, which is a fine, flake-like thing, that tastes like wafers made with honey. He will provide this for them over the next 40 years, and He even will keep their shoes from wearing out and their clothes from tearing. God abundantly, and graciously provides, despite their grumbling, "I'm hungry."

God abundantly and graciously provides today, too. We are hungry as well. God promises to supply our needs. In Matthew 6:25-26, Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" In Matthew 7:9-11, Jesus proclaims, "Of which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" God also sends the sun to shine, and the rain to fall on the just, and unjust (Matthew 5:45). God provides.

God gives us clothing, food, family, and friends. He provides us with jobs, retirement accounts, doctors, nurses, and medicine. He blesses us with hobbies, vacations, books, TV, music, and internet. He provides abundantly for us. Recent studies have shown that the bottom 10% of income earners in the US live better than

the top 10% in Russia, Portugal, and Mexico. Studies also say that the bottom 5% of Americans live better than 68% of the world's population. God satisfies our hunger abundantly, and graciously. "I'm hungry."

But, if we are honest, we are still hungry, aren't we? We always want more. If we are honest, we know these things don't satisfy forever, and they won't. With food, we will always be hungry again tomorrow. With sports, teams will eventually disappoint. Money will never be enough, and it will never bring true happiness, peace, or security. People, sadly, change, grow-up, grow old, move, or get busy. Vacations and pleasant experiences eventually come to an end. As the Rolling Stones famously sang, "I can't get no satisfaction!" If you want something more recent, Angelica sings "I will never be satisfied" from the recent play Hamilton. These things can satisfy a need and want for a *brief time*, but they will wear off, go out of style, get lost, get stale, break, or get old. We need something more, but what is it? "I'm hungry."

We have an insatiable hunger, and thirst. We have a deep, innate longing. How can we be satisfied, even though God gives us our daily bread? What is missing? St. Augustine puts his finger on it when he famously says, "You have created us for yourself, O God; our heart knows no rest except that it finds rest in You." Our ultimate longing and desire is for God, whether we know it or not. He is our ultimate longing, even if we might try to have different things fill that void, or cover that hole. Whatever we put there will disappoint. It will not, and cannot fill that void. We were created for Him. God provides our earthly bread, the things we need, and He graciously gives us the bread our lives and hearts truly desire, they one they need.

Jesus knew all about this bread. He says, "For the bread of God is He Who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Jesus is the bread that we need. He alone satisfies our soul and makes us whole. He alone is true life, and gives the only life worth living. He gives it fullness, meaning, and purpose. He is the only source of life, and the one He gives will last forever. But to quench this hunger and thirst for us, He had to endure it. At the cross, where He bore our sin and satisfied God's wrath, He cried out, "I thirst." The result? Peace with God. The death of death. A release from guilt. A freedom from shame. Forgiveness for every sin. A wholeness the things of this world cannot give. A life with God. A life for God. A life that will never end. In Jesus, we are given true life, and have true bread. We have a bread that satisfies and quenches hunger. Whose hungry?

Prayer of the Church

Offering "O God, My Faithful God" -Johann Walther

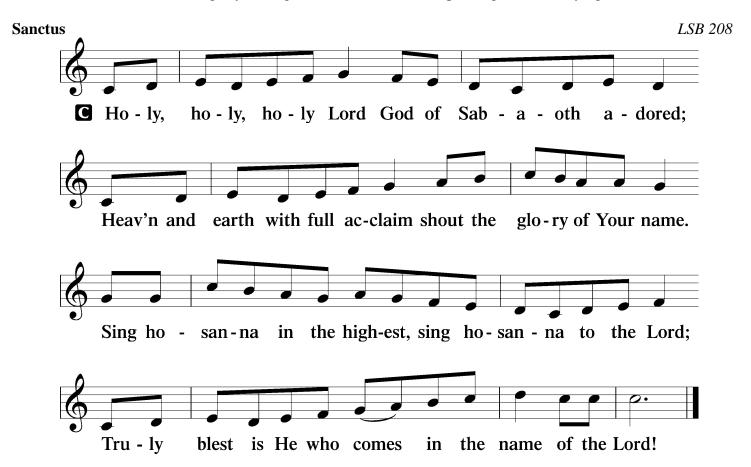
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

- **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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will

rise again to new 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

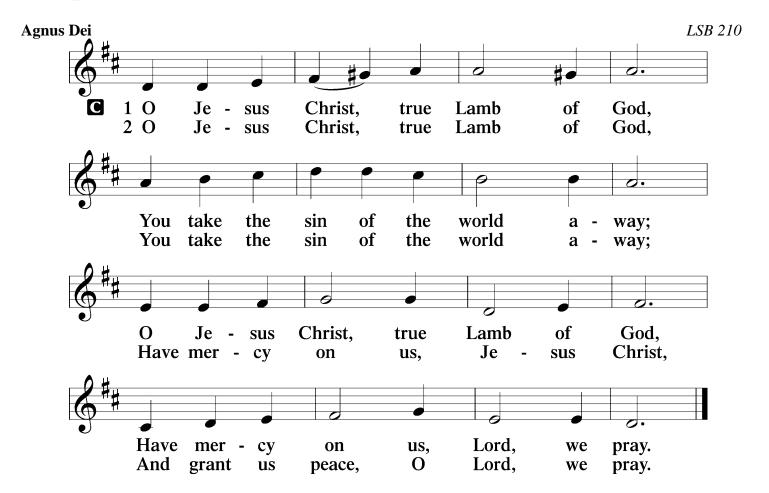
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for

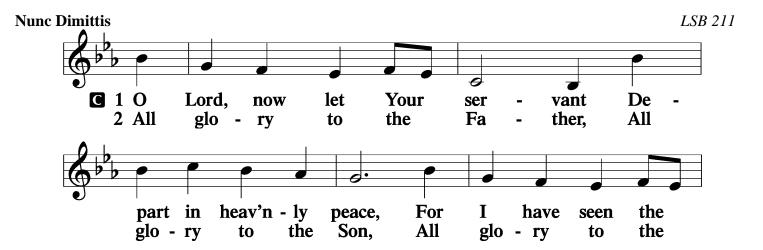
those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.

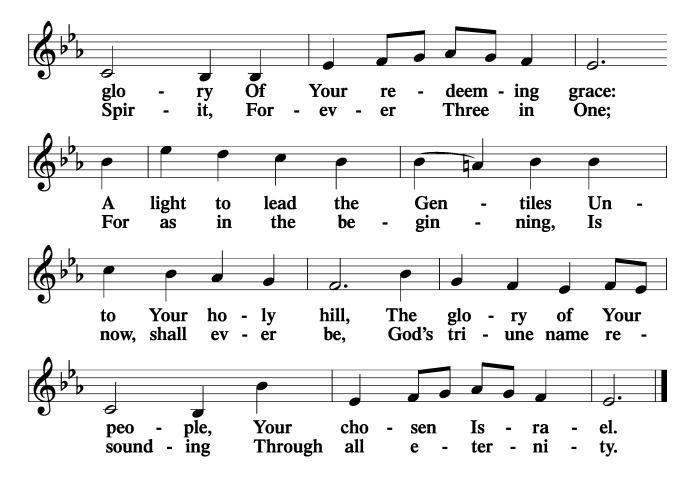


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Post-Communion Collect

A 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 Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 212

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 Amen.



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Postlude "Cwm Rhonda" -David Christiansen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Ephesians 4:1 – "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you were called." The callings we have from the Lord are our "vocations." Here Paul talks about our vocation as Christian. We are called to be His people and to reflect His love, generosity, and peace within the Church.

VBS: We will be having a Vacation Bible School this August. Families, please mark your calendars for August 11, 12 & 13 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. We will be learning about some amazing women of the Bible. If you think you will be attending, please let Nicole P know. If you would like to help in some way please also reach out to Nicole. We could use people in helping tell the stories, crafts, playing games, decorating, etc.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Seeing the Savior Sore" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer "Archives August." Jesus got upset when religious people got in the way of those He wanted to reach. (Ephesians 4:26)

CONCORDIA ACADEMY GOLF TOURNAMENT! Concordia Academy's 18th Annual Beacon Cup is scheduled for Friday, August 20 at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater. This year, there are two golfing options: the 18-hole championship course, and a 9-hole executive course. Early pricing is available through August 1. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/golf to get details and register to support CA athletic programs!

CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR: The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 13, and registration is now open for crafters and vendors, with an early registration discount through the end of August. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details!