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We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. Gathering around His Word and Table, we meet those promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.

Divine Service 4 LSB pgs. 203-218

# To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

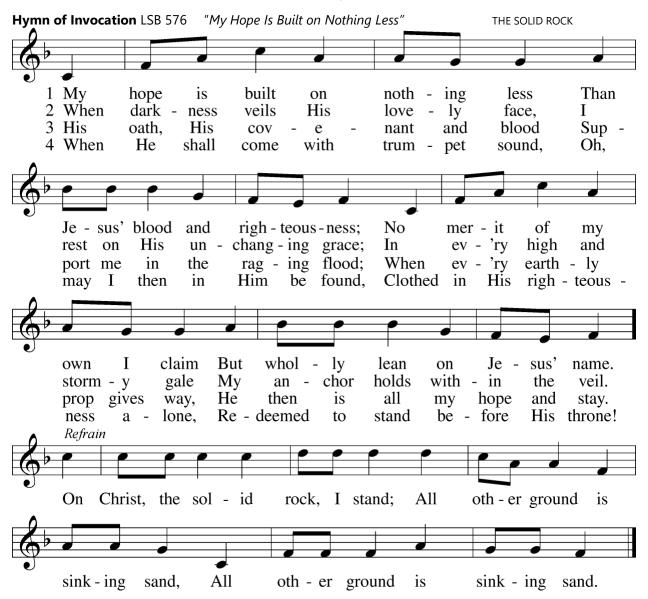
Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

# ★ Service of Preparation ★



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Invocation LSB 203

L In the name of the Father and the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

- L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- L 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.

  Luke 18:13

### **Confession and Absolution**

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

- 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  $\mathscript{\circ}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. John 20:19-23

## ▼ Service of the Word ▼



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



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**

LSB pg. 205

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

L Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that,

- C ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Old Testament** Isaiah 44:6–8

Please be seated.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel

and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

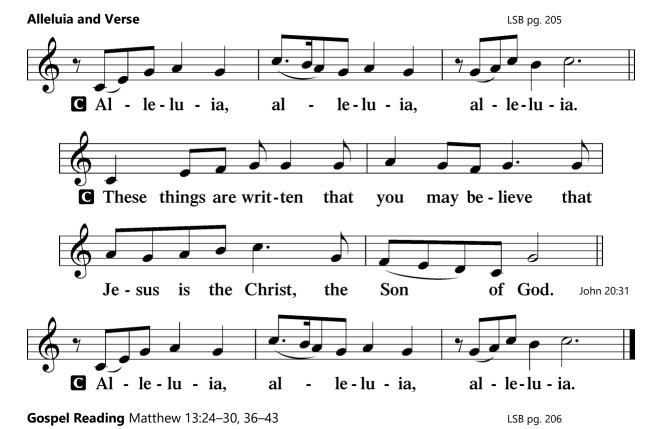
- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle Reading** Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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



- R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 206

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- C I believe in one 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.



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### Sermon

"The God Who Hears" based on Isaiah 44:6–8 Vicar Caleb Worral

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 207

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation.
- C Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth.
- C Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life.
- C Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament.
- C Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [names,] and all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith.
- C Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith.
- C Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence to await the resurrection on the Last Day.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.

# ▼ Service of the Sacrament ▼

Preface LSB pq. 208

P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

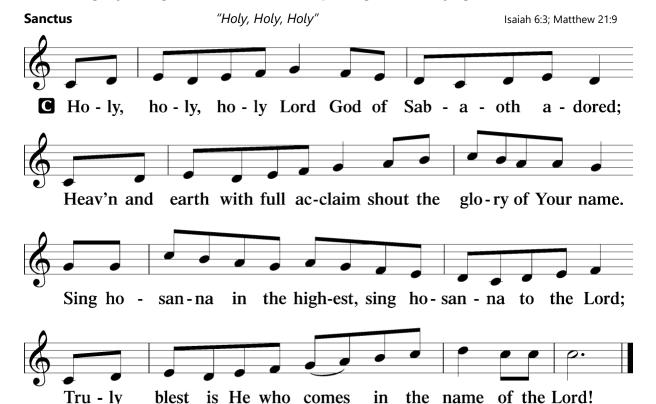
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Proper Preface LSB pg. 208

P 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.

C 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**

LSB pg. 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord, 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** 

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB pg. 209

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.

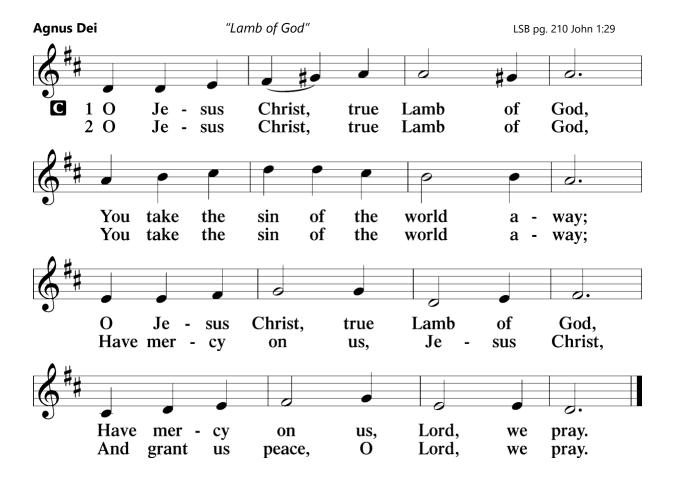
### **Words of Our Lord**

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 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."



### **Distribution**



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, When mine eye lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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# **Distribution Song**

"Crown Him (Majesty)"

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

#### Refrain

Majesty Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die Refrain

All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity

All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity Refrain

Praise God who reigns forevermore You're the God who reigns forevermore

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB pg. 212

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

- C Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;
- P 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 & Benediction**

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1, LSB pg. 212

- C Thanks be to God.
- 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.

  Numbers 6:24-26
- C Amen.

# **Closing Song**

"O Worship The King"

Verse 1

O worship the King all glorious above O gratefully sing His wonderful love Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

Verse 2

O tell of His might O sing of His grace Whose robe is the light and canopy space His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Chorus

You alone are the matchless King To You alone be all majesty Your glories and wonders What tongue can recite You breathe in the air You shine in the light

Verse 3

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

# Shine in the light You shine in the light

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## **Dismissal**

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**



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