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The focus at this time of year is on the harvest. October 12 is Thanksgiving Day in Canada; the US will celebrate on November 26. For the people of God, the entire year is a time of harvest. God has showered His gifts on His people and has made them ready for His eternal harvest. With hymnwriter Henry Alford we pray: "Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin" (LSB 892:4). As we worship may we joyfully "Raise the song of harvest home" (LSB 892:1).

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

## 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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5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead, Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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# Tonfession and Absolution

- L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b
- L If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8-9

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

- L 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 \$\Psi\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. John 20:19-23

#### $\mathbf{X}$ ¥ Service of the Word

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 152-153

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB pg. 156

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.

- C Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation;
- 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 Reading** Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved

my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

and he looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem

and men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard,

that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste:

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briers and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice,

but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness,

but behold, an outcry!

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

# **Epistle Reading** Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

LSB pg. 157

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

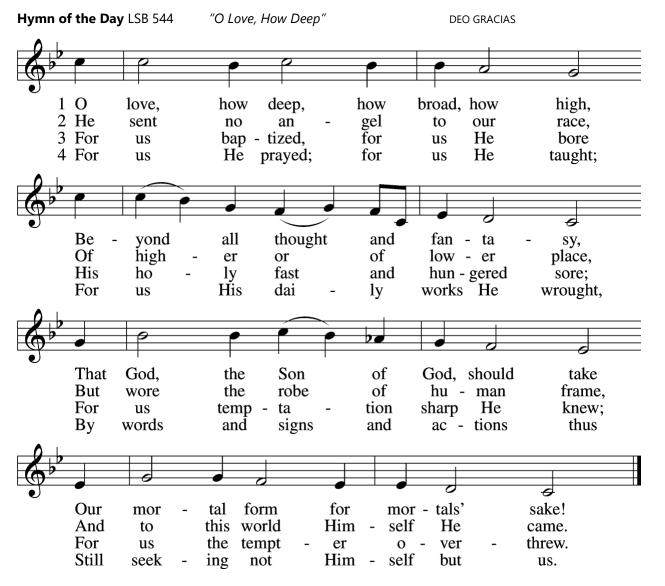
this was the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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



- For us by wickedness betrayed,
   For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
   He bore the shameful cross and death;
   For us He gave His dying breath.
- For us He rose from death again;
   For us He went on high to reign;
   For us He sent His Spirit here
   To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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#### Sermon

Nicene Creed LSB pg. 158

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- C 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.

# **Prayer of the Church**

1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 159

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.
  - For the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith,
- C we are emboldened to witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all nations of the earth, that there be times of peace;
- C for our own nation that it would seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing; and for our own communities and neighborhoods,
- L let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For faithfulness to carry out our callings with faithfulness, living each day with hope and confidence as we await the time of the great and glorious final harvest, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the needs that are specially known to us at this time, including health and family concerns, situations of disability or bereavement, and the changes that are part of human life, [especially . . .]. With assurance that our petitions are heard, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L With thanks to You for all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who serve to inspire us in our times, we bless You, abiding Lord.
- C Confident that our prayers and petitions are heard and that all which is best for us is done according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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

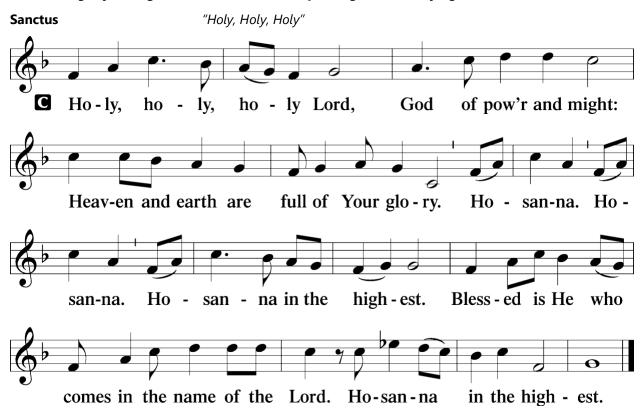


# ¥ Service of the Sacrament ₹

**Preface** LSB pgs. 160-161 L The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22 C And also with you. L Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1 C We lift them to the Lord. L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136 C It is right to give Him thanks and praise **Preface** LSB pgs. 160-161 L The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22 And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1 We lift them to the Lord. L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136 **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Proper Preface**

- L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.
- 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**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of our Lord LSB pg. 162

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."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LSB pg. 162

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

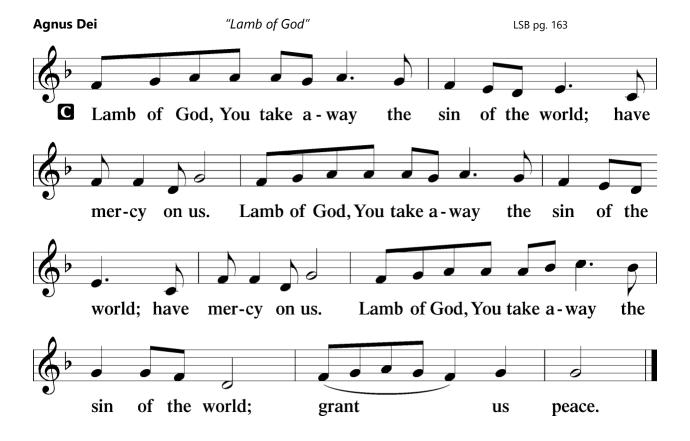
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Pax Domini** 

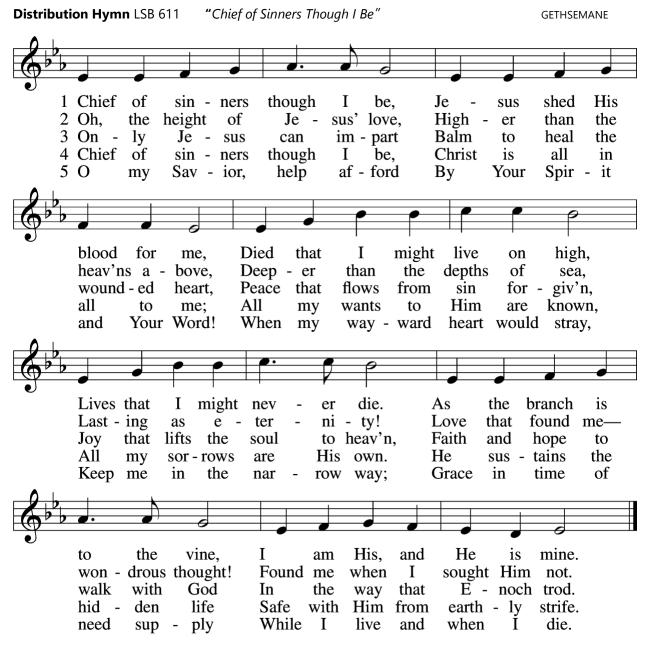
"The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19

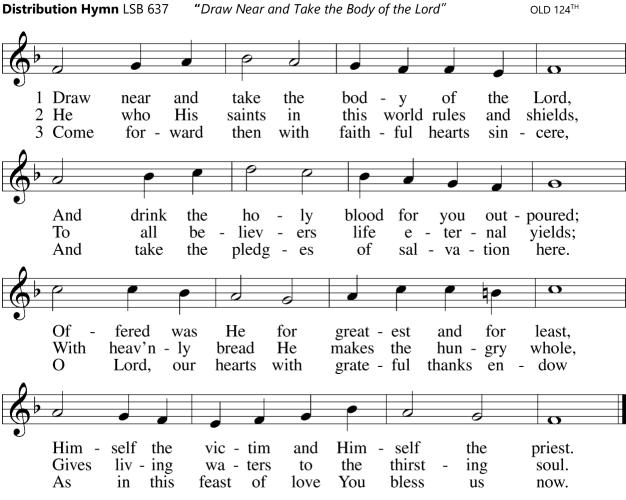
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



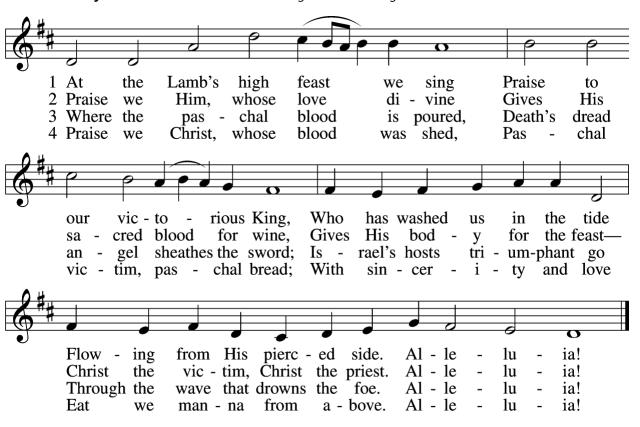
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- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
  Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
  You have conquered in the fight,
  You have brought us life and light.
  Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- △8 Father, who the crown shall give,
  Savior, by whose death we live,
  Spirit, guide through all our days:
  Three in One, Your name we praise.
  Alleluia!

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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

## **Post-Communion Canticle** "Thank the Lord"

Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10 | LSB. 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



# **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB pg. 166

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

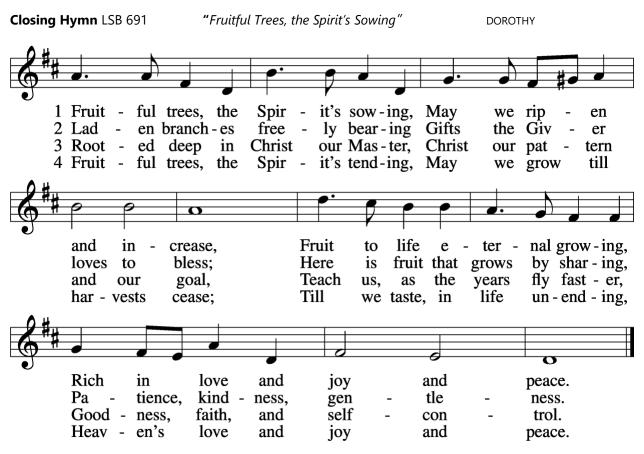
- C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another:
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB pg. 166

- 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.
- C Amen.



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#### Dismissal

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

### **Postlude**



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