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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....The Body of Christ
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"Because He Lives (Amen)" ***Preservice #1***

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Amen Amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen Amen
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Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives
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"The Lion And The Lamb" ***Preservice #2***

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

(Continued)

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

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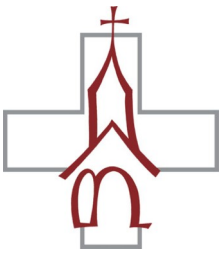
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DIVINE SERVICE THREE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #762 **There Is a Time for Everything**

Confession and Absolution

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 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,

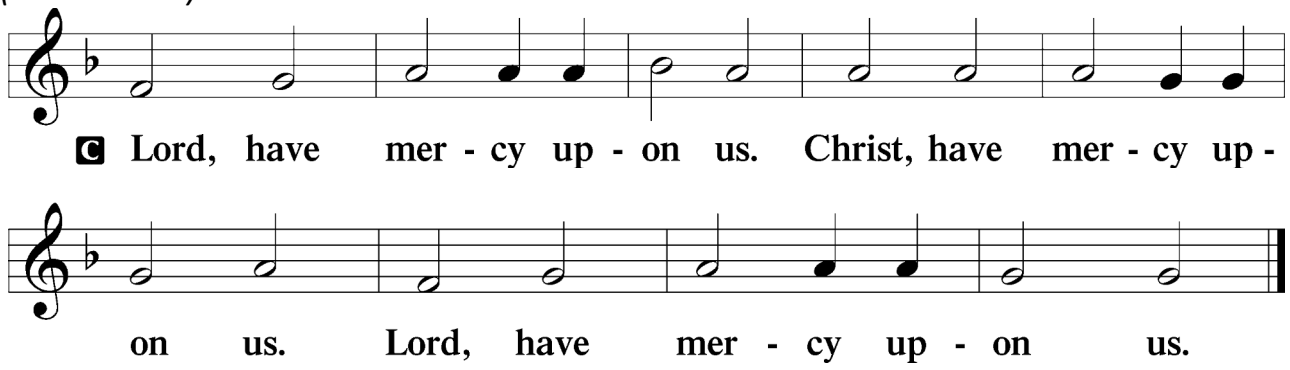
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

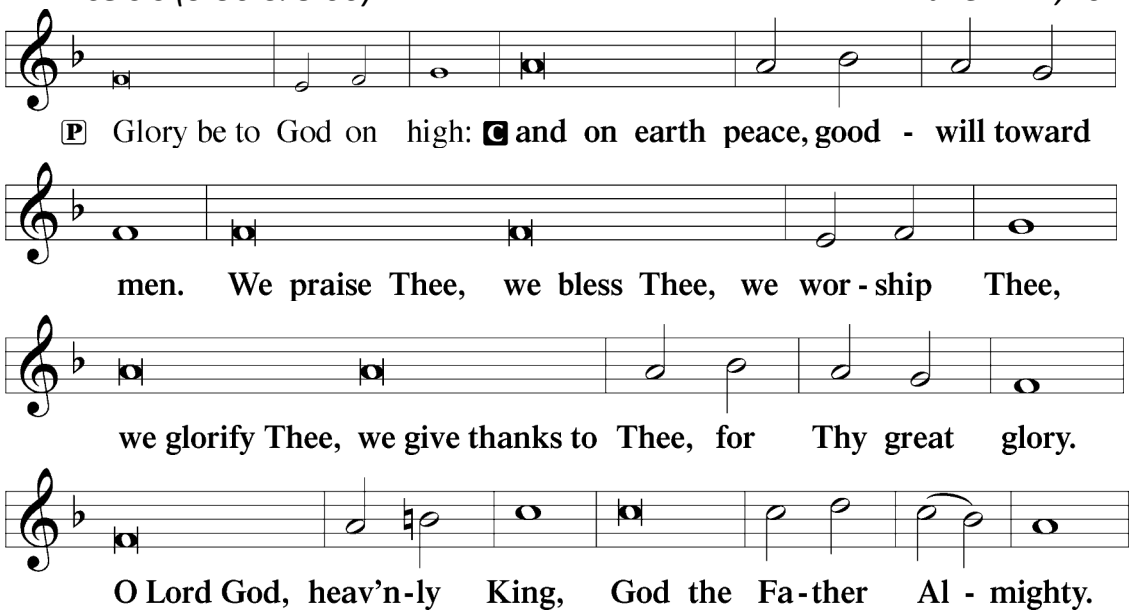
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Mark 10:47 LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187*





"Song of Blessing" *(10:30)* ***Opening Song***

Come dear Lord, be our guest, as we gather together.
May our hearts glow with love, keep us close to you ever.
Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever,
Bless our homes, bless our friends, Bless our common endeavors.

May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir **"Come Ye Thankful People Come"**

Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12*

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

[3]You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

[4]For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

[5]You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

[6]in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

[7]For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

[8]You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

[9]For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[10]The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

[11]Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

[12]So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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.

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

Alleluia *(5:30 & 8:00)* *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, 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. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five
talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he
who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent
went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 Now after a long time the
master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And 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.’ 21 His 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.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came
forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents
more.’ 23 His 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.’ 24 He 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, 25 so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’
26 But 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? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was
my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten
talents. 29 For 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. 30 And 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Hymn #508	**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

"It Is Well With My Soul" *(10:30)* ***Sermon Song***

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

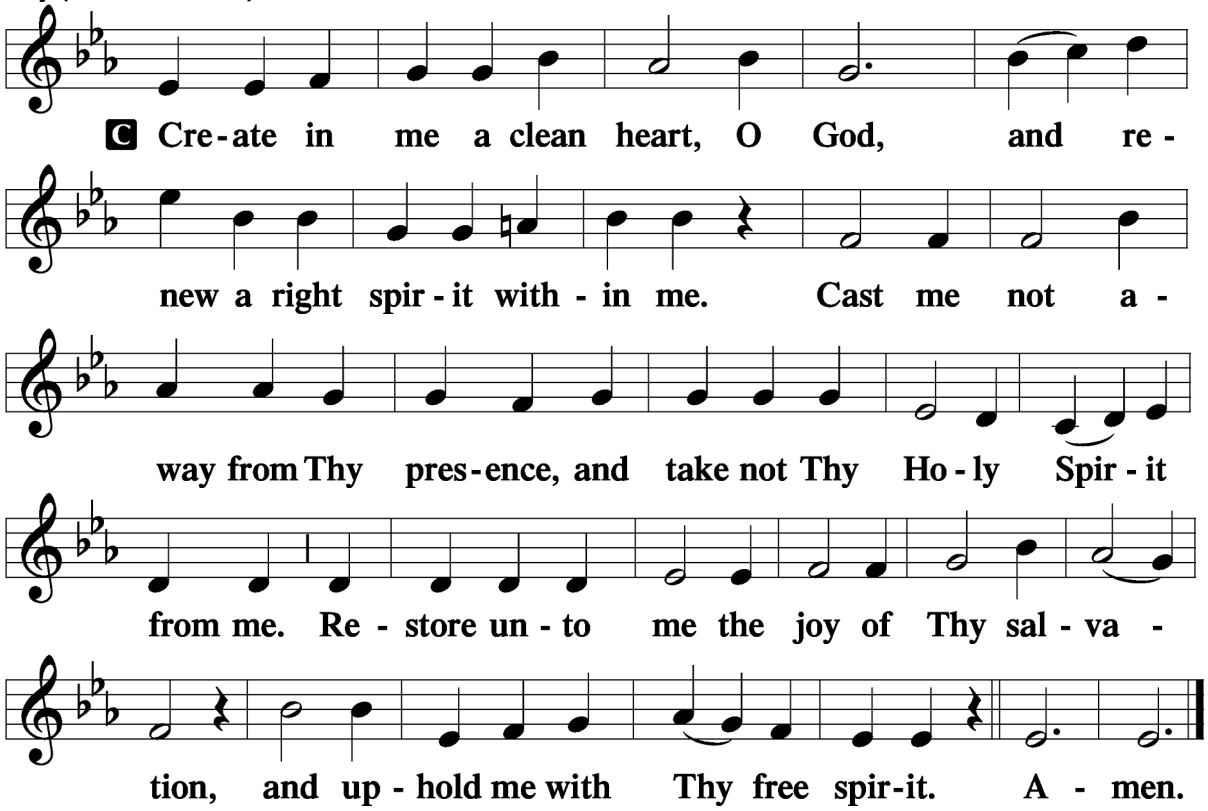
He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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Sermon **"The Joy of the Master"**
Matthew 25:14-30

Offertory *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192*



Prayer of the Church

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 194*

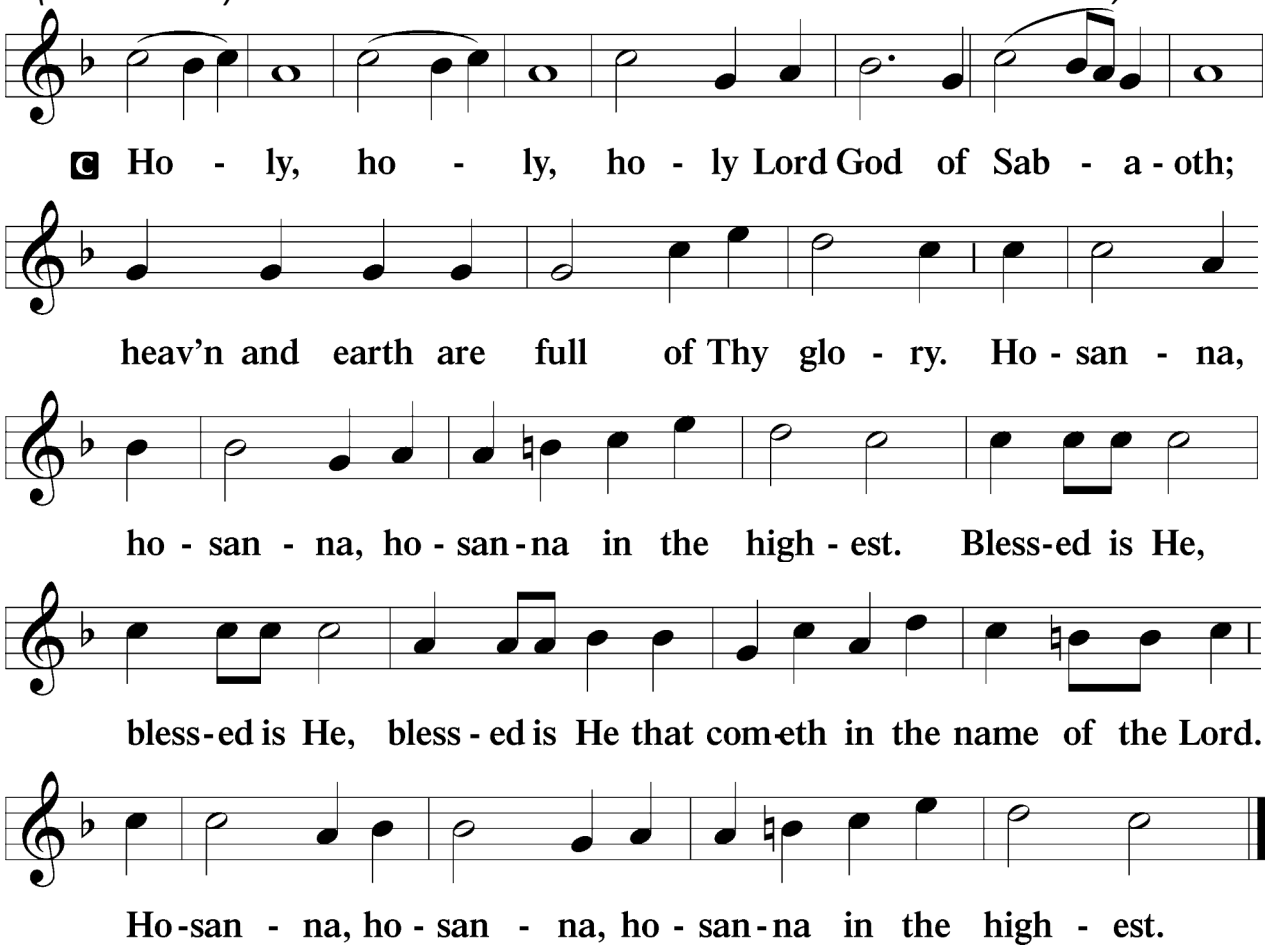
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

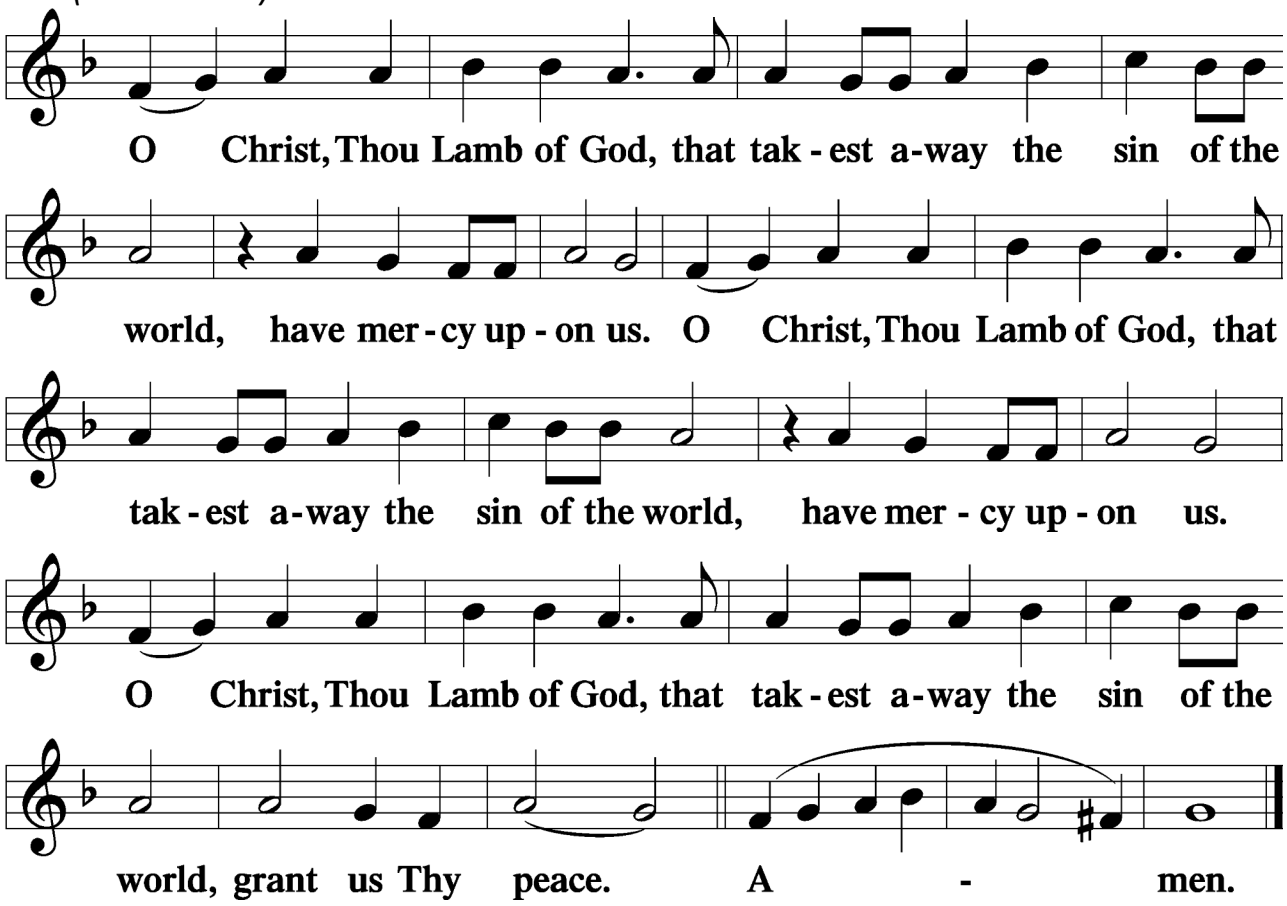
The Words of Our Lord *Mt 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(5:30 & 8:00)* *John 1:29 LSB 198*



Distribution

Hymn #613	**To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All**
Hymn #411	**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *(10:30)* **Communion Song**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending
From the realms of endless day
Comes the powers of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia Alleluia
Alleluia Lord Most High
Alleluia Lord Most High

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Blessing

Prayer

P 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.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*

Hymn #660 **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

"Today Is The Day" *(10:30)* ***Closing Song***

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day. *(continued)*

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day.
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