

**Post-Communion Collect**

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 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.



**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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 T give you peace.



**Closing Hymn:**

*“Joy to the World”*

*LSB 387*

**SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

- Elder(s) on Duty: 9:15 AM – Roger Luedtke and George Cancellieri**
- Organist: 9:15 AM – Doris Dykhuizen
- Altar Guild: Linda Rogers & Jonti Lute
- Ushers: 9:15 PM – Steve & Lee Procuk, Lisa Vassallo, Harold Hale
- Choir Director: Doris Dykhuizen

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*LSB 379*

**Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8-9*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

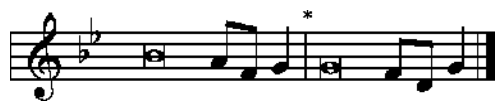
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

**Introit**

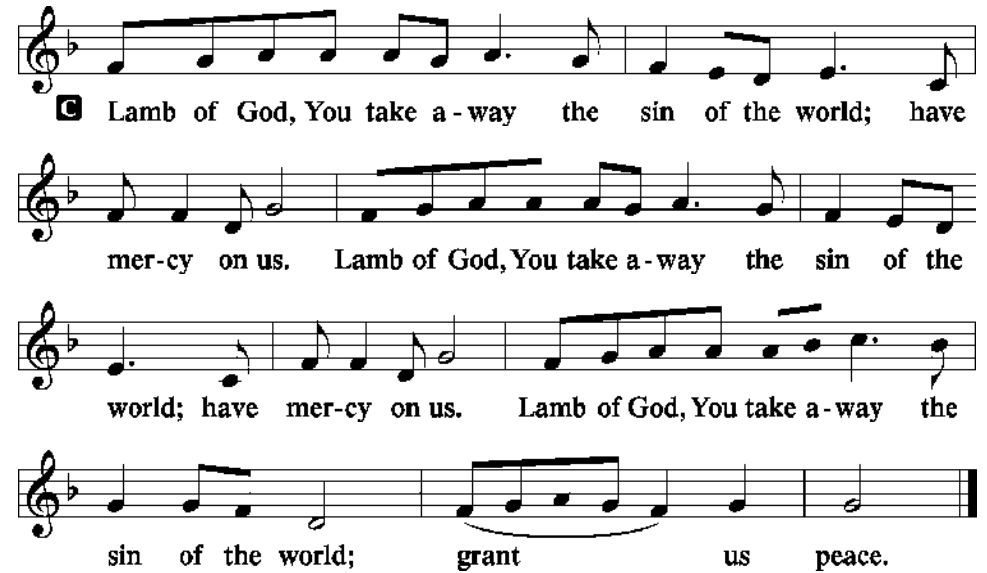
*Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*



For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



*Please Sit*

**Distribution Hymns**

*“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”*

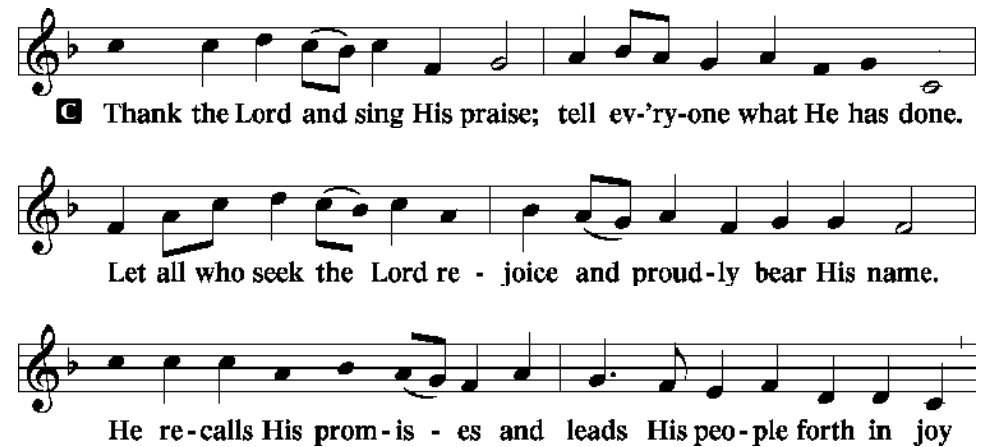
*LSB 624*

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

*LSB 621*

*Please Stand*

**Thank the Lord**



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**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**

*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 T 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 T 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**

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please sit*

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And al-so 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.**

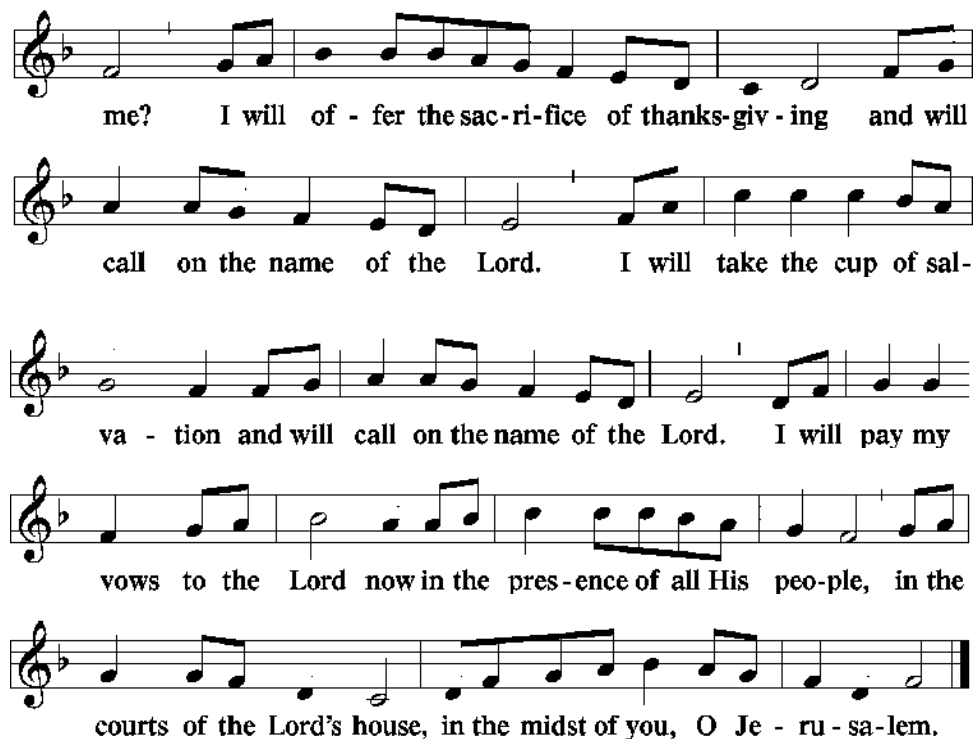
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

C **Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Please sit*

**Gathering of Tithes and Offerings:**

*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P As the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, so we lift our prayers to Jesus, our Brother—for ourselves and for all people.

*Response following each petition*

P ... Light of the world,

C **hear our prayer, and shine into our darkness.**

P Lord Jesus, after making purification for our sins, You sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. So receive our praise and hear our prayers; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
 and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Common Alleluia**

*John 6:68*



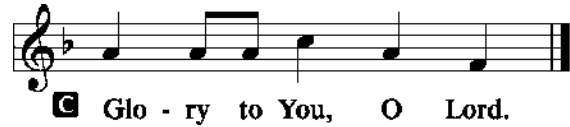
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



**Holy Gospel Reading**

*John 1:1-14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



**Nicene Creed**

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.**

*Please sit*

**Hymn of the Day:** "A Great and Mighty Wonder" **LSB 383**

**Sermon:** "It's Too Good to be True ... Or Is It?"

*Please stand*

**Offertory** *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

