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## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion at Grace**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body. . . This is my blood."

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with Pastor Matthews.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

### **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Matthew 25:31–46

### ***By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father***

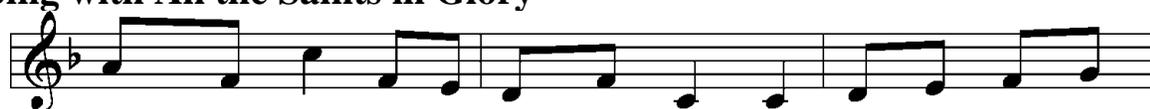
When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*" (Matt. 25:32). "*To those on his right,*" who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "*those on his left,*" who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "*the fat and the strong,*" but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "*the lean sheep*" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "*in Christ shall all be made alive*" by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

# Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Absolution

### 671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has  
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing  
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall  
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come  
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,  
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,  
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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*Stand*

*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** If we say 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*  
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*  
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!\*

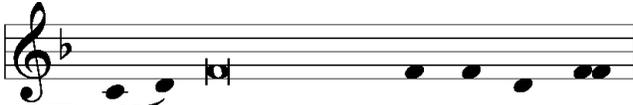
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

**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.**

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.

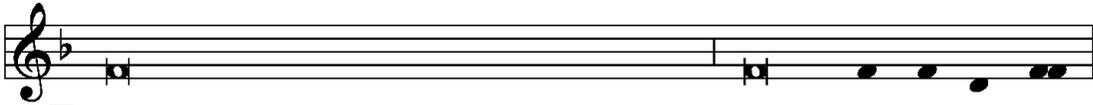
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



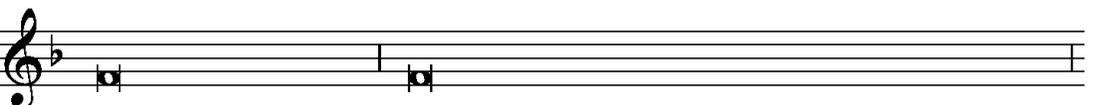
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



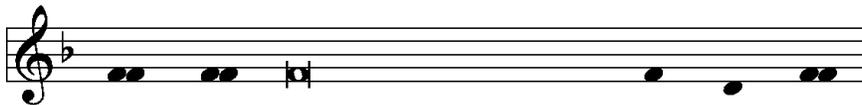
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise -- Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

<sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: Psalm 95:1–7a (antiphon: v. 7a)

*Psalm 95:1–7*



<sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*  
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a | great God,\*  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths | of the earth,\*  
the heights of the mountains are his | also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he | made it,\*  
and his hands formed the | dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

<sup>7</sup>For he | is our God,\*  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep | of his hand.  
Today, if you | hear his voice,\*

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

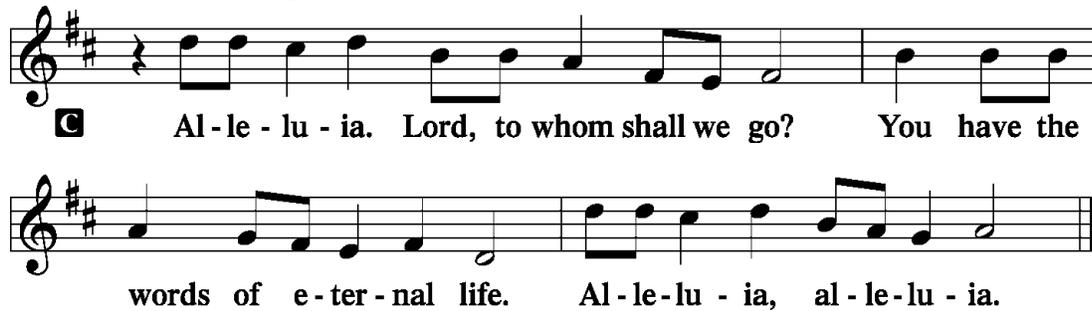
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse -- Common Alleluia and Verse

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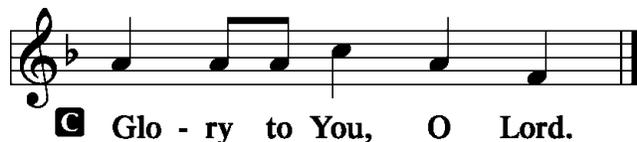


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

Matthew 25:31–46

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, 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.

*Sit*

### 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

LSB 532



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,  
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The Joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;



A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know.  
Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P.** . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C.** . . Lord, have mercy.

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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.

# Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



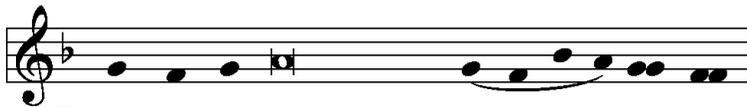
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

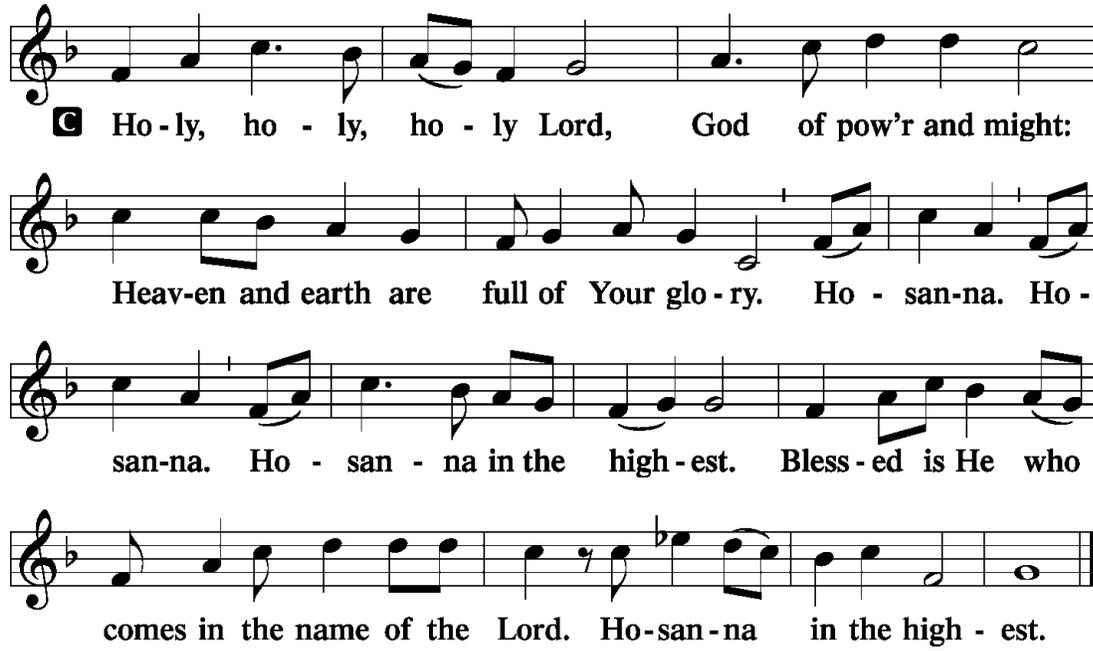


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



**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 -  
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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**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

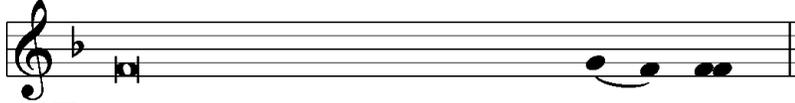
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

# 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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Stand

## Post-Communion Canticle

### Thank the Lord

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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

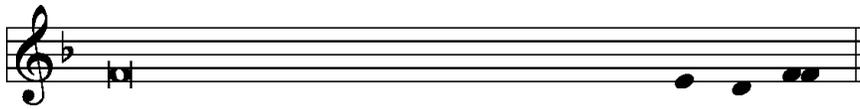
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

### Benediction

LSB 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** A - - men.

## 547 The Lamb

LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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### Sending

- P** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

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## **Life Quote for the week of November 22, 2020**

“This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet ‘[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy’ (Psalm 126:3).” *Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## **Weekly Worship in-person and via Facebook Live!**

We give thanks to God for sustaining us through these trying times. For all who are ill, do not feel comfortable in larger groups, or cannot get to our services, we will continue to stream our worship services using Facebook Live! At our regular Sunday morning worship time (10:45 a.m.) we broadcast the worship service. You can watch the live worship service, or you can view the service later by going to the Grace Lutheran Tacoma Facebook page or Grace’s website ([www.GraceLutheranTacoma.org](http://www.GraceLutheranTacoma.org)) under the about us tab, click on worship. There you will find links to the video of the service, a copy of the bulletin, and a copy of the sermon.

Bulletins for the service are mailed out on Thursday or Friday each week. If you have not received a bulletin by Saturday afternoon, please message Pastor Matthews through the Facebook page (Messenger) and a copy of the service folder will be sent to you in reply.

Your feedback on these services is greatly appreciated. If you are having difficulties accessing the services, or if other difficulties arise, please contact us through the Facebook page or by sending an email to [Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org](mailto:Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org).

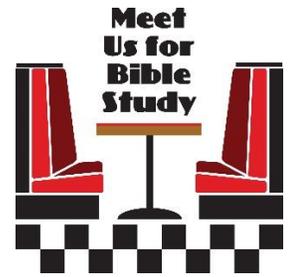
## **Reading and studying the Lutheran Confessions**

Our Lutheran Confessions reading/study/discussion group is rolling along. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately one and a half hours. The meeting will be in the library at Prince of Peace. **We are reviewing options for returning to our study of the Lutheran Confessions. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

This morning we resumed to Adult Bible Classes. In association with Prince of Peace we started a joint study using the book, "The Fire and the Staff" written by Klemet I. Preus. Pastors Zeigler and Matthews are teaching the class together. Copies of the book are available through Concordia Publishing House CPH.org or Amazon (Amazon.com). Cost is \$33.99. If you would like to participate and cannot afford the book, please let Pastor Matthews know and we will obtain a copy for you. We are looking forward to returning to Sunday Morning Bible Study. Please plan to attend and strengthen your faith.



**Midweek Bible Study** meets Thursday mornings. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. The meeting location has changed to Prince of Peace until the South Tacoma Library lifts its meeting room closure (to avoid the spread of Corona Virus). Our sessions begin at 10:30 and conclude around 11:30.

## Updated Website for Grace

During the time of our exile to our homes by order of Governor Inslee, Pastor Matthews has been working on updating our website. The old Grace Lutheran website was not significantly updated since we sold our old building. The new website presents to the world our Lutheran identity as a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as well as our confessional position embracing the Sacraments for the precious gift that they are.

The site is still undergoing updating, but current information is now available for the public to see regarding our Grace Family. Part of our new presence is a page linking people to our Facebook Live! Services. Bulletins and sermons are available on the site as well. The website address is [www.gracelutherantacoma.org](http://www.gracelutherantacoma.org). When you have a chance, take a look at our digital face to the world. Your comments and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and greatly appreciated. Please let Pastor know what your thoughts are about this new look.

## **Shop on Amazon.com? Support our congregation**

Amazon.com has a program that contributes 0.5% of purchases to a charity of your choosing. AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)) is the website through which purchases are made and donations to Grace Lutheran Church accrue.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Grace every time you shop, at no cost to you.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. Grace Lutheran Church has registered as a charitable organization, so you will find us there.

**We have received \$83.63 so far. Thanks to all for supporting us.**

### **Prayer Requests**

This week we remember in our prayers, members and friends for whom prayers are requested, including:

#### **Healing**

Alda S  
Judy G  
Dan B  
Joan D  
Jeremiah R  
Alethea B  
Jim L  
Chris R  
Dori M  
Kirk D

#### **Healing/Other**

Eric S  
Randy H  
Hank B  
Grant O  
Jennifer Z  
Ray C  
Eric H  
Rick L  
Charles S

#### **Cancer**

James M  
Gabe T  
Edith L  
Jason  
Jerry M  
Bobby M

#### **Homebound**

Doug B  
Karen J



*Prayer*  
Requests

## Prepare for next week

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

Isaiah 64:1–9

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

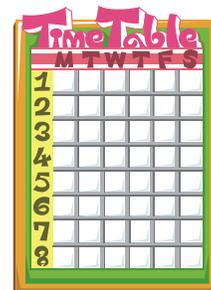
Mark 11:1–10 *or* Mark 13:24–37



*Scripture Readings*  
for next week

## This Week (and next) at Grace

Today	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff”
	10:45 a.m.	First Sunday in Advent Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Betty Ann Psalm Study
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	<b>NO</b> Mid-Week Bible Study
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – ‘The Fire and the Staff’
	10:45 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Betty Ann Psalm Study
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Mid-Week Bible Study
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff”
	10:45 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
	12:15 p.m.	Semi-Annual Voters’ Meeting



## LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

### CONFESSION

#### HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS

##### WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

##### WHAT SINS SHOULD WE CONFESS?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

##### WHICH ARE THESE?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?