

**OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN  
CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity



*Sunday, July 8, 2018*

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Large-Print Service Folder** is also available if you are in need of it. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1–17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ’s death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1–11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea “out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, “consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11).

## TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF TODAY’S SERVICE

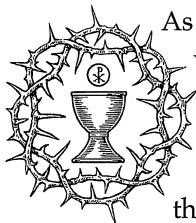
If you look closely today, you’ll notice that all six chief parts of the Catechism are displayed quite prominently on this Sunday during Trinity season:

1. The *Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20) is the Old Testament reading. [N.B. God’s Law should also be preached in the Sermon.]
2. The *Creed* is confessed.

3. The *Lord's Prayer* is prayed.
4. The Second Lesson (Romans 6:1-11) is baptismal in nature. We are also brought back to our *Baptism* when Divine Service begins: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
5. We *confess our sins* and receive *Holy Absolution* when the pastor, a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgives sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (one might note the connection to Baptism in Absolution, too).
6. The *Sacrament of the Altar* is celebrated.

What does this mean? It means that the Catechism is more than a textbook used to disseminate information for confirmation-aged students. Rather, it's starting point for every-day life: worship, prayer, vocation, etc. And it's a wonderful reminder of God's grace to us through Christ.

## HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

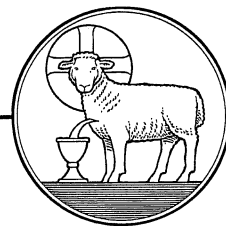
As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

<b>Presiding &amp; Preaching Minister</b> .....	Pr. Nathanael Seelow
<b>Keyboardist</b> .....	Michelle Reinsch
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Trevor Adelung & Jim Cantrell
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Vivian Alexander

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

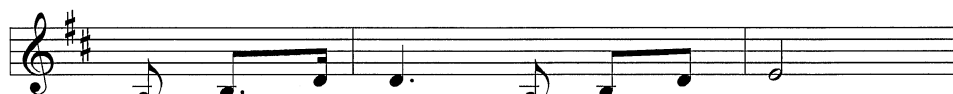
*In Christ Alone* | CWS 752



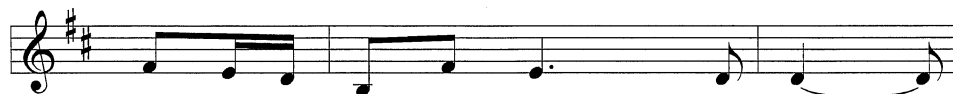
1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;  
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

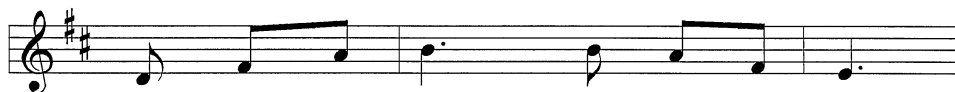


This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

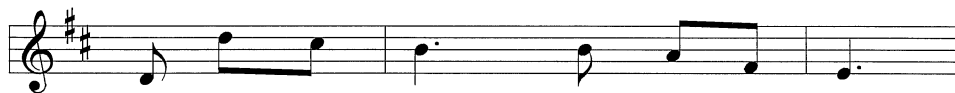


Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

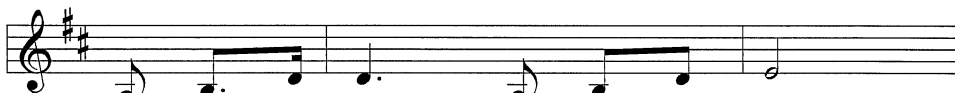
*This Christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



## INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

*Please stand.*

**[M]** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

*We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure of his presence and his blessing.*

*Beginning each day yourself with the invocation and the sign of the cross is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by Holy Baptism.*

*We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**[M]** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**[M]** 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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for meditation as you examine your thoughts, words, and actions according to God's Word.*

**[M]** We confess: **[C]** Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

## ABSOLUTION

**[M]** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**[M]** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**[C]** Lord, have mercy.

**[M]** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

*God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.*

*Kyrie eleison [kir-ē-a ə-lā-ə-sān] is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." We have already received the mercy of God for forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Now we ask his mercy for all other things we need for a God-pleasing spiritual life.*

**C** Christ, have mercy.

**M** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**M** Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C** Amen.

## GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM [CW 196]

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

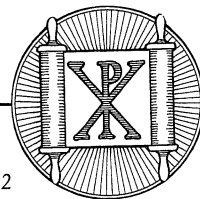
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

*Having just petitioned the Lord for blessings beyond the forgiveness just granted in absolution, we now praise him as the One who can deliver those blessings, because he is the all-powerful God. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Lamb worthy of our praise, just as the angels praised him at his birth.*

*The salutation is found all through the Scriptures. The pastor stands before the congregation as Christ's servant. As the Lord's servant, he speaks God's peace to the congregation. As the congregation responds with "and also with you," they affirm his Call and Vocation with respect and Christian love.*

# The Service of the Word



## SALUTATION

*Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22*

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

**M** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and in your great mercy keep us in your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 20:1-17*

**T**HEN GOD SPOKE ALL THESE WORDS:  
<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

<sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods beside me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. <sup>6</sup> But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

*The Collect serves to prepare the congregation for the reception of the special Word of the Day, now about to be read. In it pastor and people pray for the particular grace which that Word offers and conveys.*

*God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments. Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ. He has brought you through the baptismal sea "out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves."*



<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, <sup>11</sup> for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not commit murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

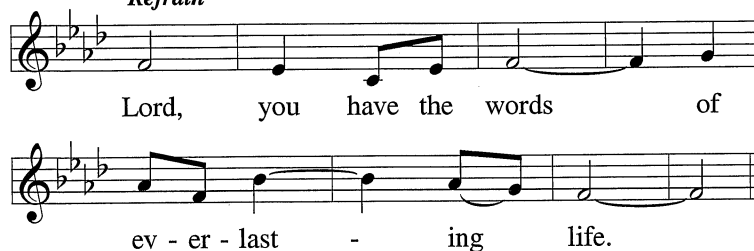
<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

**M** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Refrain**Psalm tone**Refrain*

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God;  
the skies proclaim the work | of his hands.

Their voice goes out into | all the earth,  
their words to the ends | of the world.

*Refrain*

The law of the LORD is | perfect,  
giving joy | to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are | radiant,  
giving light | to the eyes.

They are more pre- | cious than gold;  
they are sweeter than | honey.

By them is your | servant taught;  
in keeping them there is | great reward.

*Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation | of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re- | deemer.

*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.*

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 6:3-11*

**O**R DON'T YOU KNOW that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin.

<sup>7</sup> For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. <sup>8</sup> And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

<sup>9</sup> We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*You are baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature is crucified. He who has died has been freed from sin. You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

**M** The Word of the Lord.

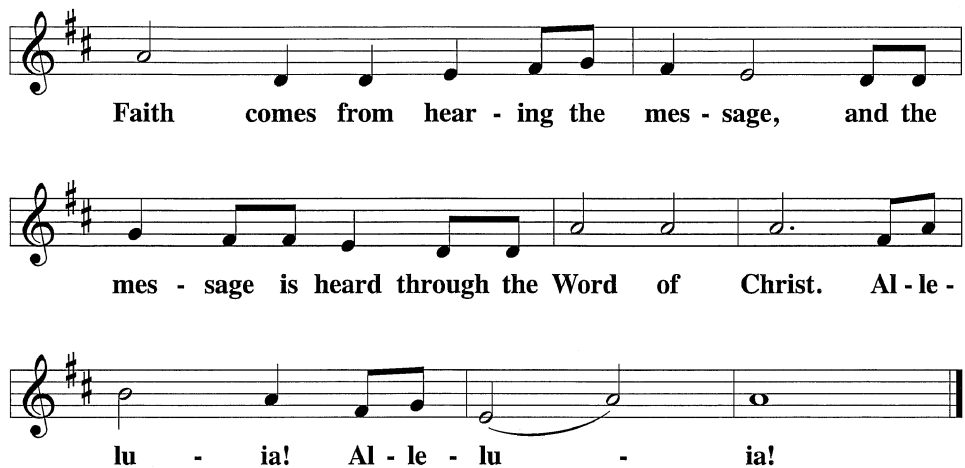
**C** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Romans 10:17*

*Please stand.*





## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:20-26

**[M]** The Holy Gospel for the sixth Sunday after Trinity, according to St. Matthew, chapter five.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Lord.

*"Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Christ did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified [cf. Second Lesson].*

**I**NDEED I TELL YOU that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of hell fire.

<sup>23</sup> "So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup> "If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may

bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Amen I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**[M]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*In Adam We Have All Been One* | **CW 396**

SERMON

*Romans 6:3-11* | **Who are you?**

APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand.*

**[C]** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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,

2 Cor. 6:18  
Is. 51:13

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18  
Lk. 1:35  
Lk. 1:34; 2:7  
Lk. 23:16

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47;  
Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

1 Pet. 3:19  
1 Cor. 15:4b  
Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13  
Mt. 25:31  
2 Tim. 4:1

Mt. 3:16-17  
Eph. 5:23  
Eph. 4:3-6  
Rom. 4:6-8

*Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.*

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

*Moved by God's love  
in Christ, by our  
Offering we offer him  
our first and best  
gifts, purely out of  
thanks to him. If you  
are visiting with us  
today, please do not  
feel obligated to give  
an offering.*

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Please stand.*

**[M]** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence.*

**[M]** Heavenly Father, hear the voice of our pleas for mercy. Your Law is good and wise, but we confess that we have not kept it. Forgive us our sins, help us to do better and keep us united to Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, that we might remain clothed in His righteousness, which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

**[M]** Gracious Father, send forth laborers into Your harvest, and sustain those whom You have sent, that the Word of reconciliation may be proclaimed to all people and the Gospel preached in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

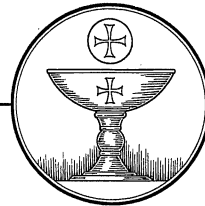
**[M]** Loving Father, it is out of Your love and wisdom that You provide us vocations in which to work and serve. Give us joy in our vocations, whatever they may be, and fill us with Your Spirit, that we would strive to be faithful and diligent in our work and service, for the benefit and blessing of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

**[M]** Almighty Father, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son, that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

**[M]** Merciful Father, hear those who cry out to You for help in their time of suffering [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. According to Your gracious will, heal their infirmities or give them strength to bear all their crosses in Christian patience. Above all, sustain them in the faith, that they would be comforted in the forgiveness, life and salvation they have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** **hear our prayer.**

**[M]** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **[C]** **Amen.**

## *The Service of the Sacrament*



### PREFACE

**[M]** The Lord be with you.

*Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22*

**[C]** And also with you.

**[M]** Lift up your hearts.

*Lamentations 3:41*

**[C]** We lift them up to the Lord.

**[M]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalms 136*

**[C]** It is good and right so to do.

**[M]** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*First recorded in A.D. 220, this dialogue and prayer begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Each season has its own unique text (italics).*

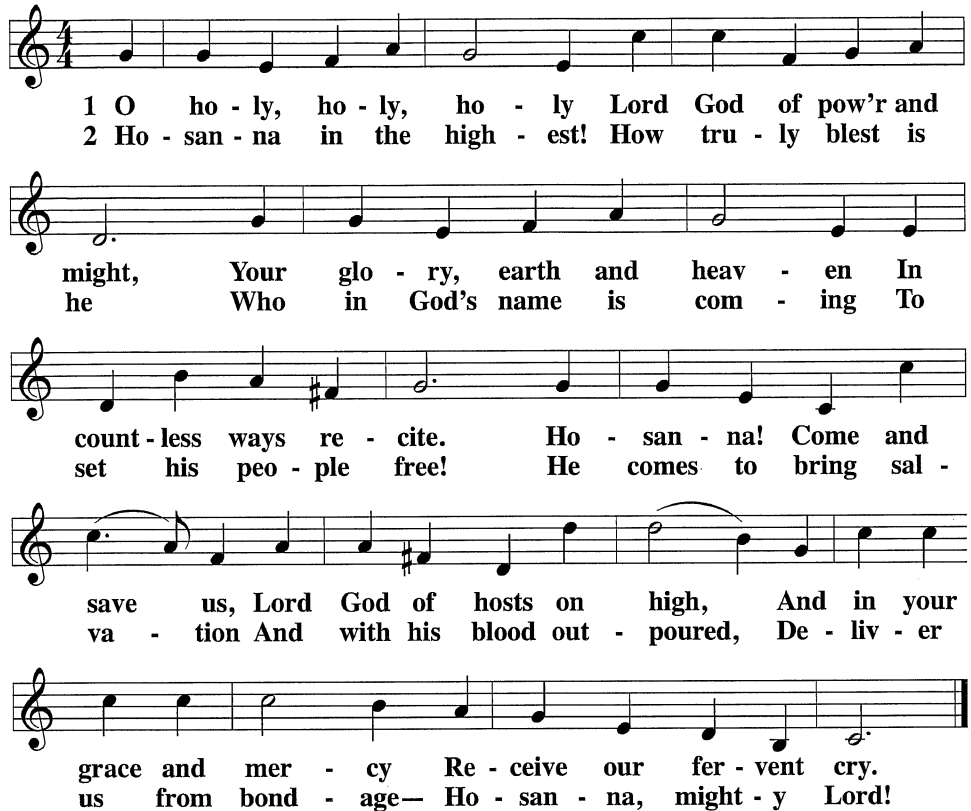
# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: LANCASHIRE [CW 166]

“Sanctus” means “holy.” The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal.

Take note of the intense reverence of God’s holiness in this canticle. May we pray that we daily show such reverence.



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M** All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. Bless our reception of your Son’s body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ’s forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**C** Amen.

As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church’s table prayer.



## LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**M** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver ✙ us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION — *Verba*

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PEACE OF THE LORD — *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer, given us by Christ himself, is wonderfully and appropriately spoken here as we approach his Supper.*

*Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.*

*The words of our Lord bestow exactly what they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers his body and blood for our forgiveness.*

*Though we are blessed with many good foods, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners. For this reason, we cherish and crave this meal each time it is offered.*

*The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of the disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks peace to us on his behalf.*

*During stressful times, remember the peace of Christ that you received in his Supper today.*

# LAMB OF GOD — *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

“Agnus Dei” [ä-g-nûs-dä-ē] means “Lamb of God,” and reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our forgiveness.

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 your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

**Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord’s Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord’s Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

# SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY [CW 368]

*Please stand.*



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
 the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
 ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
 gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
 name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON & COLLECT

*Psalms 107:1*

**M** O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will

*Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.*

receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

*Numbers 6:22-27*

**M** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | CW 382*



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*In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put his name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.*

*Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.*