

**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 13, 2024 - 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

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**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**St. John Lutheran Preschool & Childcare**  
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## Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained-glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### HYMN: "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

LSB 694



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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Stand

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

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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.**

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 151

- 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.

*Remain Standing*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Introit



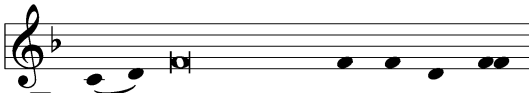
- P** Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,\*  
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!
- C** **Wealth and riches are | in his house,\***  
**and his righteousness endures for- | ever.**
- P** Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;\*  
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.
- C** **It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends,\***  
**who conducts his affairs with | justice.**
- P** For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;\*  
he will be remembered for- | ever.

**ALL** **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**

- P** Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,\*  
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

## Kyrie

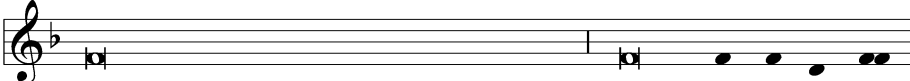
LSB 152



**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.



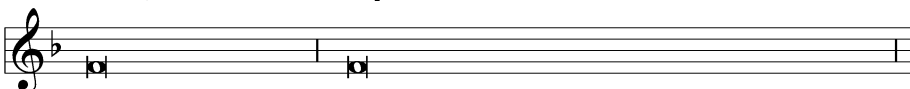
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



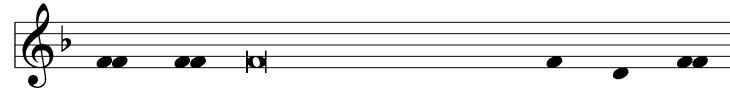
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

# 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,

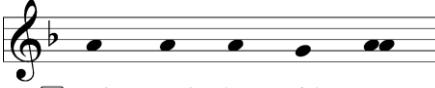


You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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 al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,  
<sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood  
and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .  
<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.  
<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and you exact taxes of grain from him,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not dwell in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and turn aside the needy in the gate.



<sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir Anthem: "One Bread, One Body"** by John B. Foley, S.J., and arranged by  
Lloyd Larson.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 3:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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

Mark 10:17–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, “**Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.** <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “**You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.**” <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

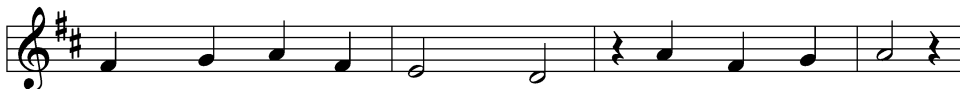
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# HYMN: "Seek Where You may to Find a Way"

LSB 557



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,  
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws  
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied  
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart  
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.  
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.  
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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## **Sermon**

*The Rev. Austin Meier*

*Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Final Petition:*

**P** ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Our Offerings to God**

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

Text: Pastor Frisque

*(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)*

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 159



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.

## Our Communion Statement

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.

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

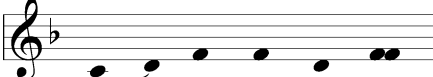
and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Frisque. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

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

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface


LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



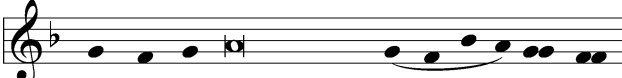
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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



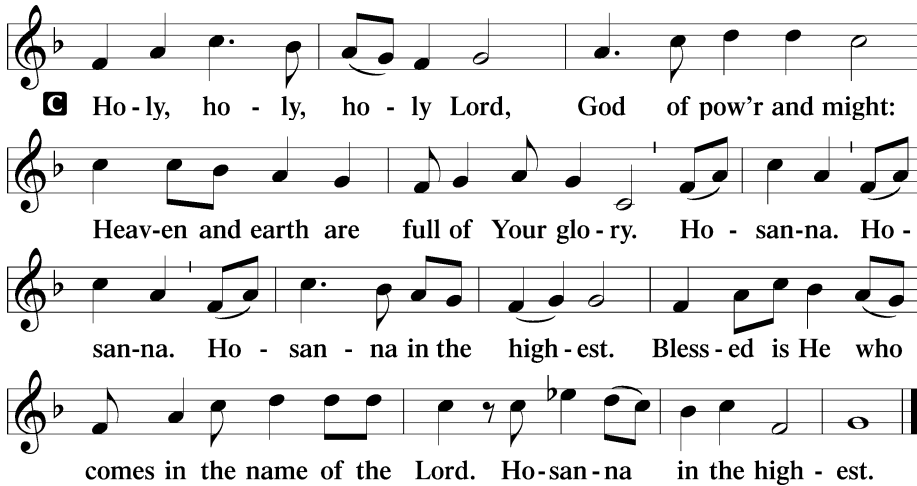
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

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. 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.

## 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

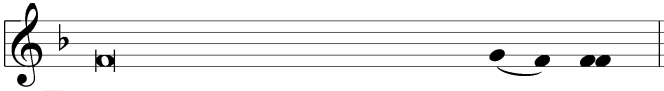
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



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  $\dagger$  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**

# HYMN: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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## HYMN: "Consider How the Birds Above"

LSB 736



1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove      Feed day by  
2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil;      How fair is  
3 Set not your heart on food or drink,      Nor be weighed  
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,      For life is



day with care - free ease—      Does God not keep them  
their fra - gil - i - ty—      If God clothes these, which  
down by world - ly care;      A - bout such things the  
more than what we own.      Our Fa - ther knows our



in His love?      Are we not worth much more than these?  
quick - ly spoil,      Will He not clothe both you and me?  
god - less think,      Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.  
ev - 'ry need      Be - fore our needs to us are known.

- 5 Be not afraid to suffer loss  
Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross  
Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

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# HYMN: "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

LSB 559



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,  
 2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from  
 3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your  
 4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your  
 5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race  
 sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.  
 truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.  
 God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy  
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His  
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the  
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion  
 In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!  
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.  
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.  
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.  
 so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

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## HYMN: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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 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** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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