

## + Receiving Communion +

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 to first speak with the pastor or an Elder.

For further study, see Matthew 4:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth a - ges sealed, Whose for 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong des - o - late And the 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To 5 O Christ, the a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: sak - ing old, words and works a wak-ened faith, The ways of God re-vealed: broke bread life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate: as of suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of God: serve. to cru ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long: Grant to hear Your call То risk se - cu - ri - ty And. us By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True In struct us now, we pray, Where hope has near - ly died Lead us a - long the ways And Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where trib - ute still we bring, Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our Our bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty. teach - er. Their light, their life, their Lord. be for all who seek help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru-ci - fied. love in - forms and hope sus-tains Both life and min-is - try. hymns sac - ri fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing. а Tune: Public domain

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## + Confession and Absolution +

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

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

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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 +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# + Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 100

- I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- **C** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

## Kyrie

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P 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 mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

• And also with you.

## P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

## Sit

## **First Reading**

Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and

"'Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

A <sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! Psalm 68:1–10

- <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!
- But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!
- If a song to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!
- Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- G <sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- A <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;
- <sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

## Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-5:11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

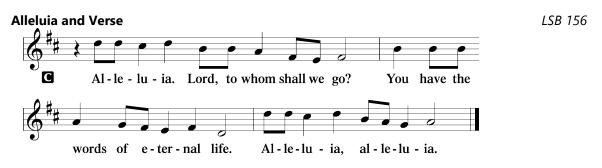
<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



## **Holy Gospel**

John 17:1–11

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

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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

Praise to You, O Christ.

What Is the World to Me



#### Sermon

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#### Nicene Creed

 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,

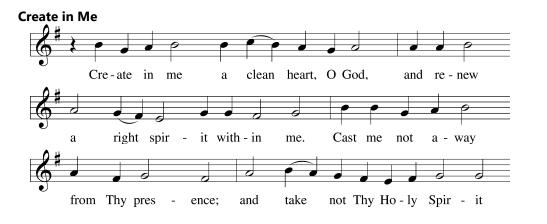
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered 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

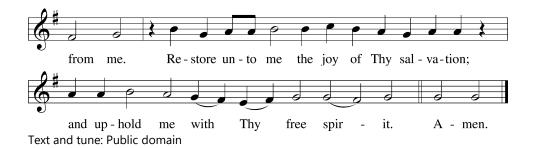
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Prayer Response**

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.





## + Service of the Sacrament +

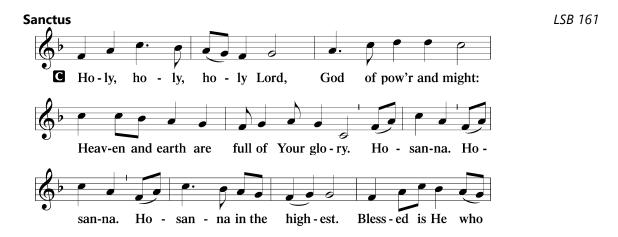
#### Preface

The Lord be with you.

- The Lord be with youAnd also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

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

- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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:





#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 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.

## 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 + → 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 +I+ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

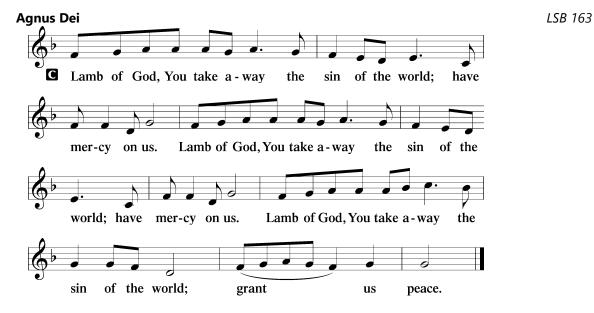
## Lord's Prayer

 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.

## Pax Domini

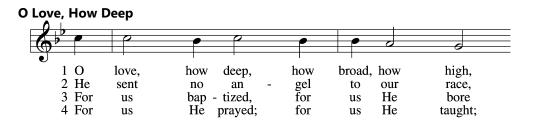
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



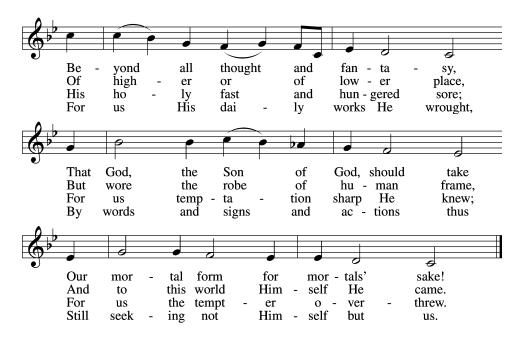
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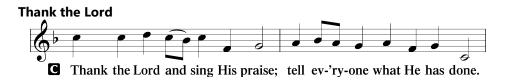


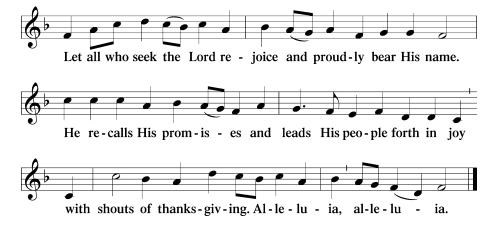
- For us by wickedness betrayed,For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,He bore the shameful cross and death;For us He gave His dying breath.
- For us He rose from death again;
   For us He went on high to reign;
   For us He sent His Spirit here
   To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

 △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.
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#### Dismissal





#### 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.

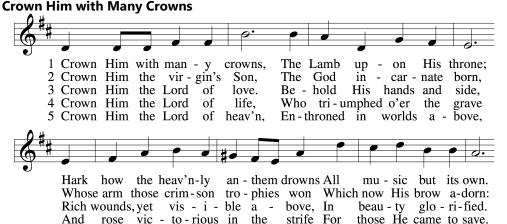
С Amen.

#### Benediction

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.

Crown Him the king to whom is

Amen. С

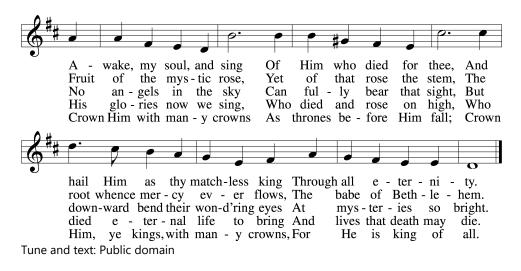


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#### **Commissioning of the Saints**

- P You are free in in Christ. Go in peace, and serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

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