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THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

*Learning as we worship: (watch for the *** for explanations of the reasons we practice certain parts of the Divine Service):*

+ God Removes our Sin and Guilt +

**** The reason for public confession and absolution is not to drag us down reminding us of sin, but in order that when we gather in the presence of Almighty God we may be honest about our lives and not justify our sins before the face of God who sees all things, including our hearts. When we confess sins, it is not simply for the purpose of confession, although we do receive great blessings in confessing sins. It is ultimately for the purpose of leading us to the perfection and righteousness of Jesus Christ. We stand before God and come boldly to His throne of grace, not because we are able to live perfect lives, but rather, because of our Lord's perfection, given us in our baptism. Therefore, confession and absolution reminds us that our righteousness is not our own, but is the righteousness of another, namely Jesus of Nazareth crucified and risen for the forgiveness of all our sins. His forgiveness inspires us to forgive others in Christ.*

***Our service begins with chanting from the altar. Once the prelude music has concluded, the chanting will begin.*

19Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.

20This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.

21I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

22The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

23This is the LORD’s | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

24This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

25Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*

O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

26Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

27The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

28You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*


you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

29Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*

for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

***Please stand if you're able on the last verse of the hymn*

Hymn of Invocation
645 Built on the Rock



The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 11 measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half), and C4 (half). The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

1	Built	on	the	Rock	the	Church	shall	stand	E -	ven	when	
2	Sure	-	ly	in	tem -	ples	made	with	hands	God,	the	Most
3	We	are	God's	house	of	liv -	ing	stones,	Built	for	His	
4	Here	stands	the	font	be -	fore	our	eyes,	Tell -	ing	how	
5	Grant,	then,	O	God,	Your	will	be	done,	That,	when	the	



stee - ples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing
 ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -
 ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.
 But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87 Text and tune: Public domain

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ God Come To Us Through His Word +

Kyrie

LSB 186



This Is the Feast

LSB 171



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Please be seated*

First Reading

Acts 4:8–13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The children are invited up to the altar

Epistle

2 Peter 1:1–15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with
ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Please stand if you're able*

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–35

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.

***Please be seated*

Sermon Hymn

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Sermon

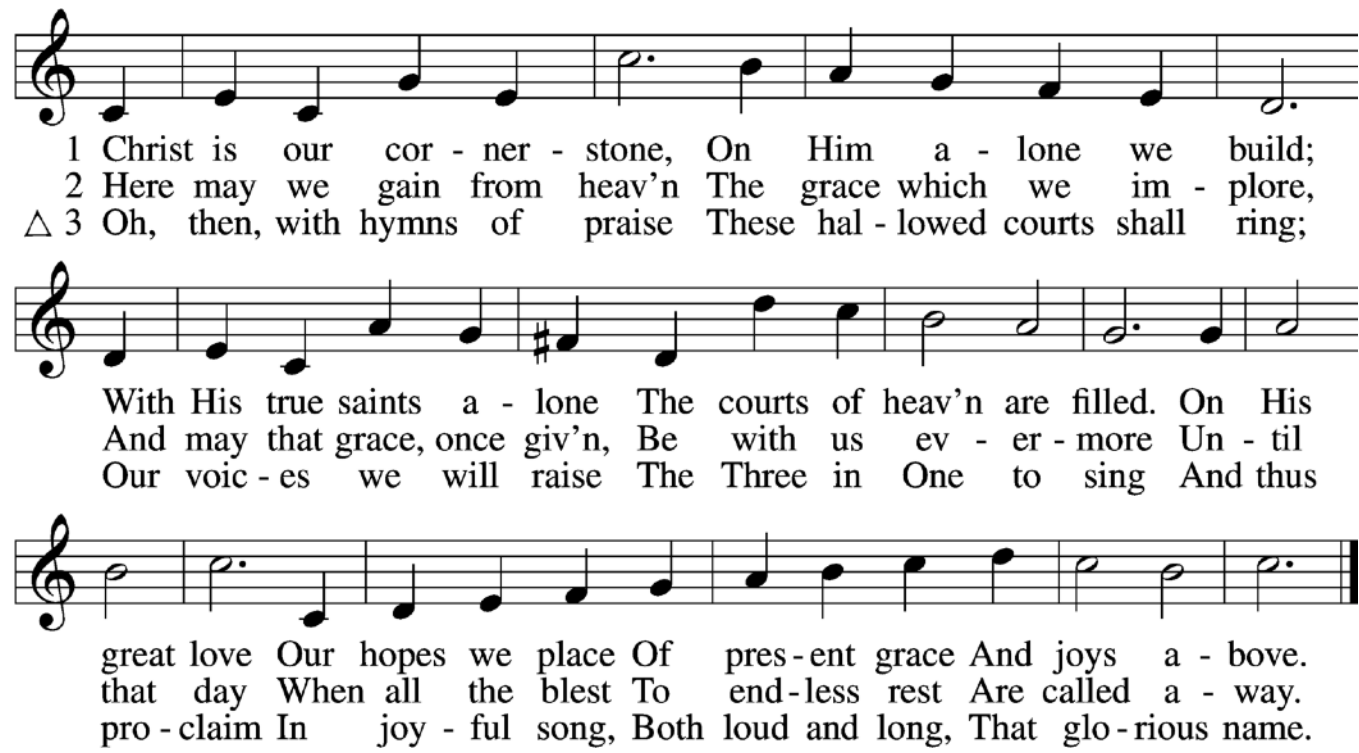
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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offering

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;

With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus

great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Prayer of the Church

From the altar

+ God Comes to us in His Holy Sacrament +

****FROM THE PASTOR: Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Jesus Himself won the right for you to take the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. However, Holy Scripture gives us very specific teachings about when it is proper for a person to commune, and when it is not. If you are not already a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or have not spoken with me, please kindly refrain from communing with us today. If you are not communing this morning, you are welcome to remain comfortably in your pew and use the time for personal prayer. If you would like to come forward to the altar and not commune, please cross your arms across your chest, as a sign that you are not communing, and I will gladly pray with you at the altar. Thanks for being here! Remember Jesus won us the right to commune, but since it was His hard work, let’s respect His teaching on when we should and when we should not commune.*

***Please stand if you're able*

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Peter, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

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

LSB 197

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

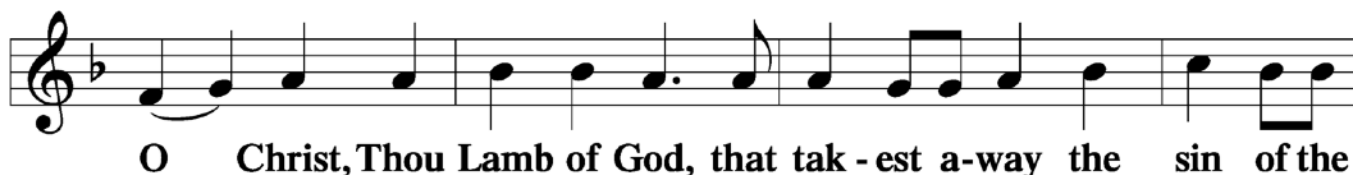
LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

***Please be seated*

Distribution Hymns

970 Jesus, Name above All Names

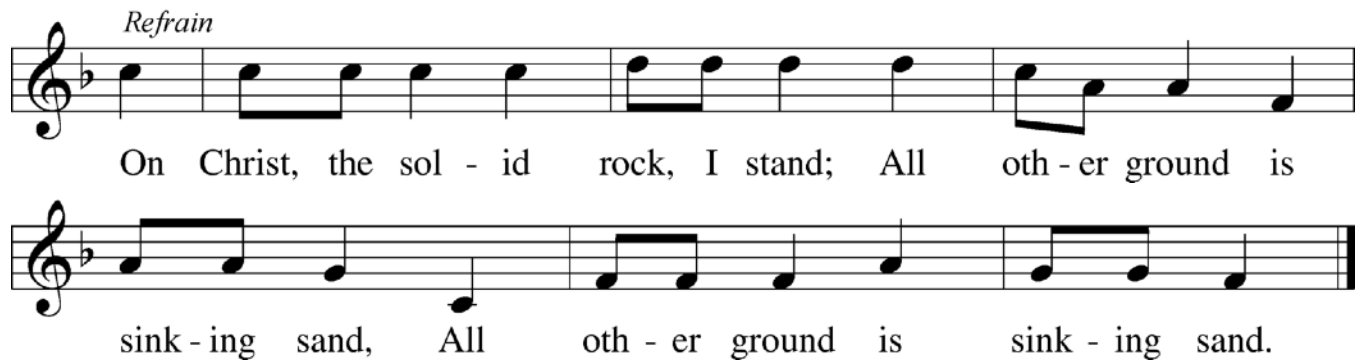
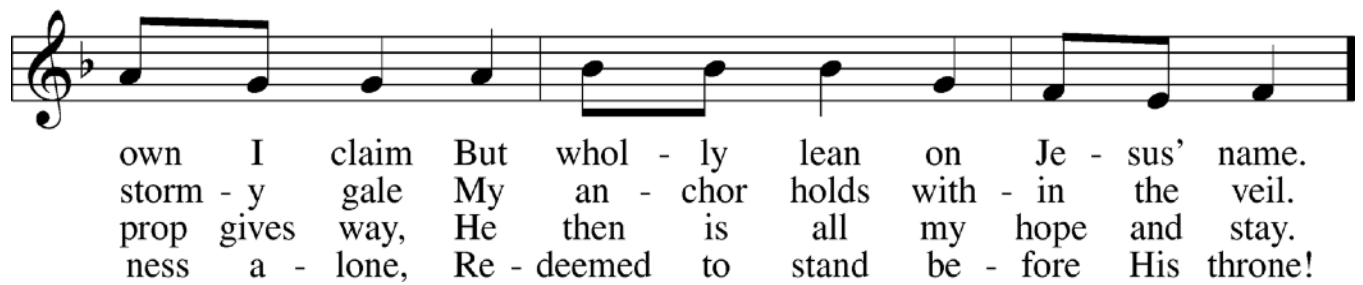
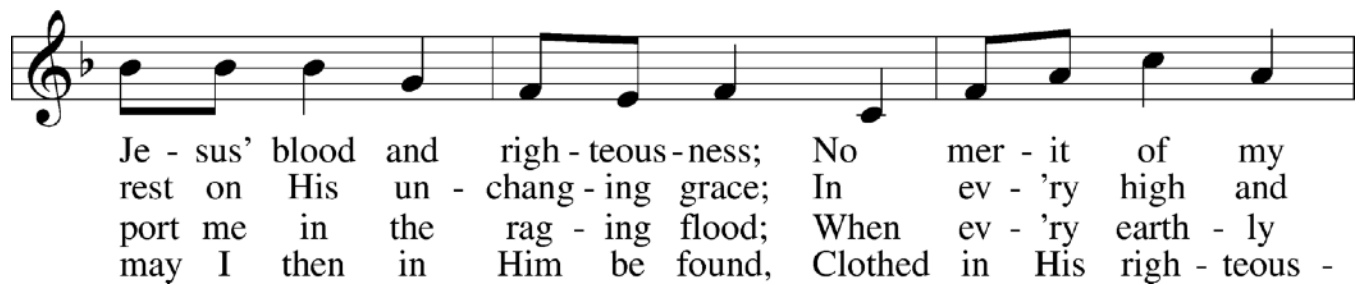
Je-sus, name a-bove all names, Beau-ti-ful
 Sav-ior, glo-ri-ous Lord. Em-
 man-u-el, God is with us, Bless-ed Re-
 deem-er, liv-ing Word.

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576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less Than
 2 When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I
 3 His oath, His cov-e-nant and blood Sup-
 4 When He shall come with trum-pet sound, Oh,



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68
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***Please stand if you're able*

Responsive Singing

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

sts. 1, 5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

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 **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**


Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.






 A-men, a-men, a - men.

***Please be seated*

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

sts. 1, 3, 5, 7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



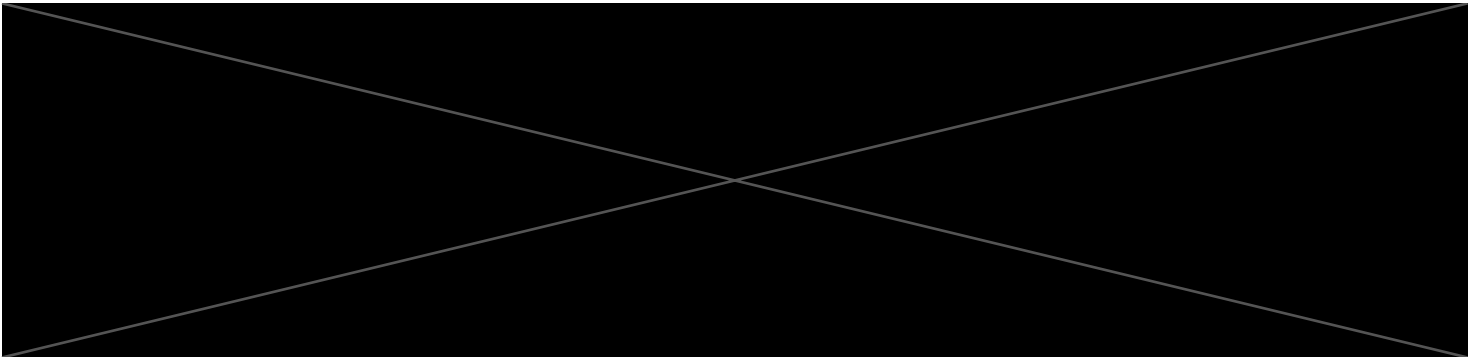
Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
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Special prayer for St. John’s, Canon City and Pastor Dan Kletke.

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