For All the Saints



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Welcome to Immanuel!

"Leading our neighbors to the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ and building up one another in faith through Word and Sacrament."

A Note to Visitors

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to register your attendance using the cards located in the pews and to place them in the offering plate as it is passed. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome table in the lobby.

Immanuel Lutheran Church serves the greater Bell County area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are celebrating 100 years of faithful commitment to Christian worship, education, mission, and service.

We hope you join us for worship again soon!

Connect with Us!

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About All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day takes place on November 1st of each year, and it is commemorated on the first Sunday of November. It is a day for us to remember those who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. White, the color of purity and completeness, adorns the altar, bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day gives us cause to rejoice, knowing His purity before the Father becomes our purity.

A Note to Parents

We believe children are God's children too, which means they are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

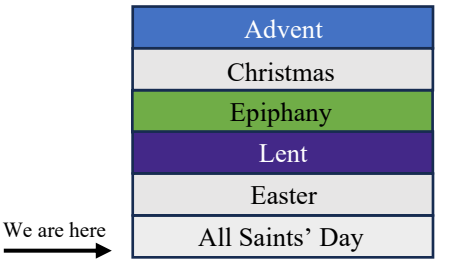
However, we completely understand that kids can get restless during the service, and we understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time. We want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. We offer these opportunities for children to participate in service, and for them to take breaks when needed:

Children's Message | Children are invited to come forward for a brief message of teaching and prayer. Parents are welcome to accompany small children as needed. *(Offered every other Sunday)*

Nursery | When parents need a place for their children during worship, a children's room is available down the main hallway on the left.

Nursing Mom's Corner | Available inside the nursery.

The Church Year



All Saint's Day
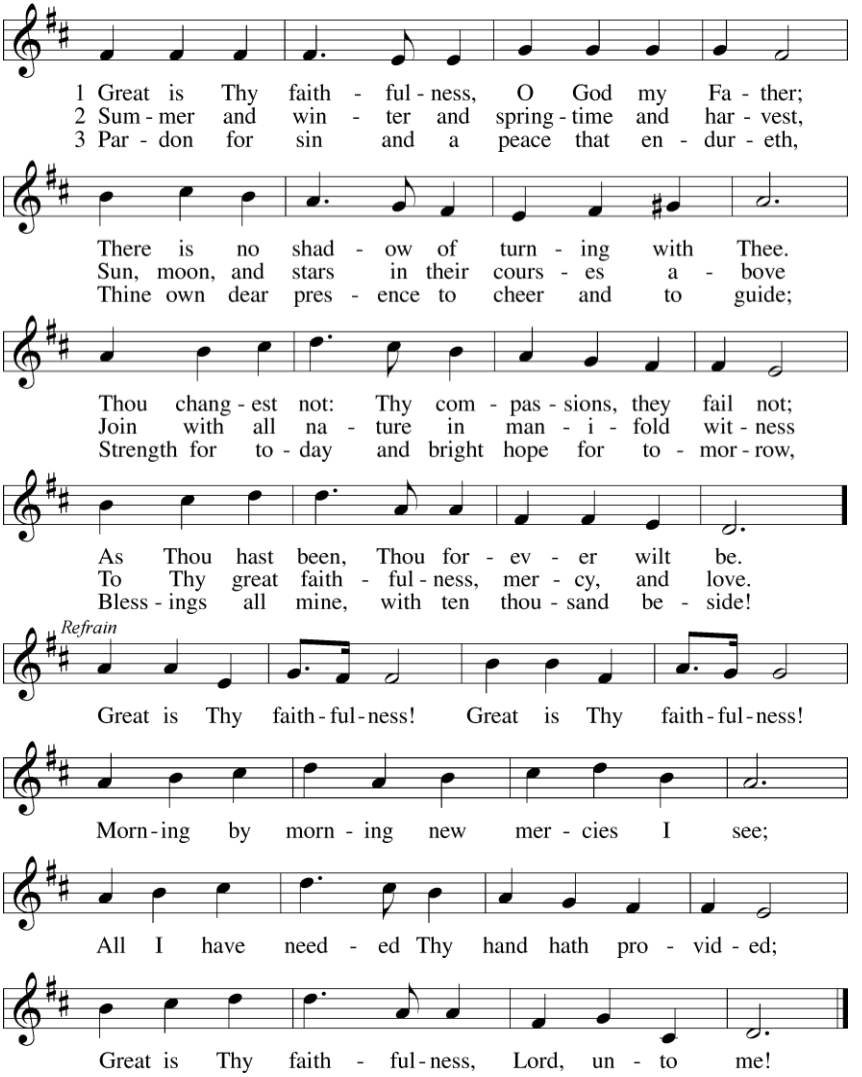
November 1, 2026 | 8:00am

*During the service, congregation reads the **bold** font.*

Service of the Word

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Text: 1923 | Tune: 1923

Please share your attendance with us by filling out the attendance card and placing it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests or feedback may be written on the back.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.)

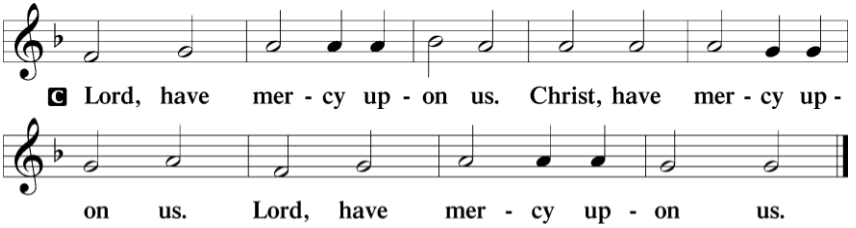
Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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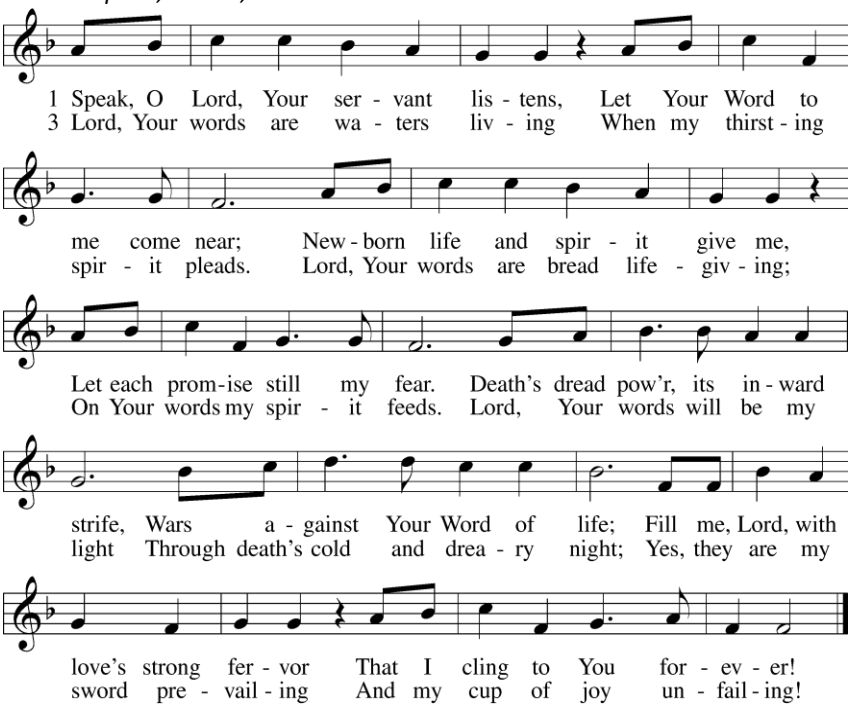


The Prayers of the Day are ancient, some more than 1500 years old. In these carefully crafted prayers, we lift up our voices together, making our appeal to our heavenly Father, carrying our most basic needs before the heavenly throne.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

LSB 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens



Text: 17th Cent. | Tune: 1642

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

[9]After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10]and

crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” [11]And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” [14]I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16]They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand out of reverence for the Gospel of our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

1Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

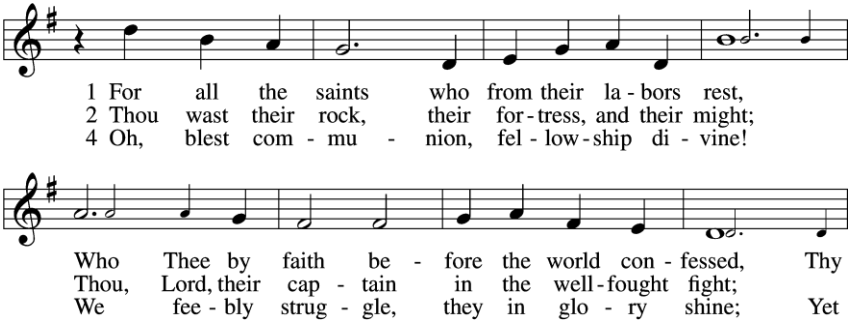
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
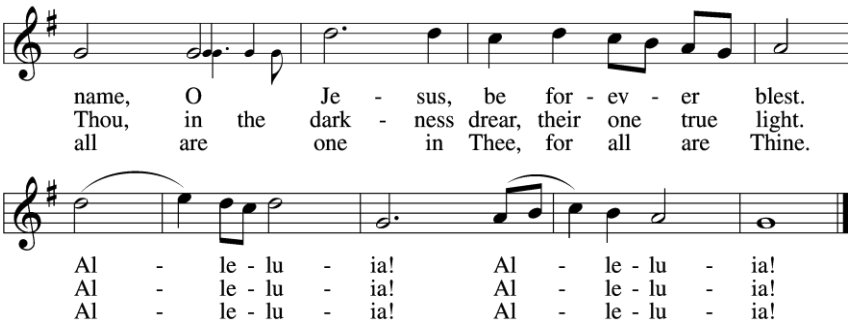
11"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 677 For All the Saints





Text: 1864 | Tune: 1868

See the back of the bulletin for space for sermon notes

When we speak the creed, we declare together the basics of our faith, as a summary of Biblical teaching about the Triune God, the Church, our resurrection, and life eternal.

Sermon – For All the Saints

Apostle's Creed

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.

Remembrance of the Saints Video

Following the video, the bell will toll three times.

Prayers of the Church

After each petition:

…Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in the faith. Thank You for the ways You worked

through their lives to share Your love and point us to Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the same faith, trusting in Your promises until we join them in Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, You have defeated sin and death and given us the promise of everlasting life. When we face sorrow and loss, remind us that those who die in Christ rest in Your care. Comfort us with the hope of the resurrection and the day when You will make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, through Holy Baptism You have made us Your children and joined us to the body of Christ. Forgive us when we lose sight of who we are in You. Strengthen us through Your Word and Sacraments, that we may live as Your saints, loving and serving our neighbors in the places You have put us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send Your Spirit to the leaders of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through their leadership and the Gospel message to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe, and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love for us and for calling us Your children. Bless our homes and families and give parents, grandparents, teachers, and all who care for children wisdom and patience as they share the faith. Help us encourage one another and pass on the good news of your faithfulness from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all nations, guide our president, our governor, and all who serve in government. Give them wisdom to lead with integrity and a desire to serve their neighbors. Bring peace where there is conflict, protect those in danger, and help seek the good of the

communities in which You have placed us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering *[especially _____]*. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom and bless those who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the day when we will stand with all Your saints before Your throne, praising You together. Until that day, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is our resurrection and our life. You have made us worthy of Your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, with the Father and the Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Everything we have is a gift from God. In thanksgiving for His grace in Christ Jesus, we joyfully give from what He has entrusted to us. Together, our offerings support the ministry of Immanuel, share the Gospel with our neighbors, and care for those in need. Thank you for your faithful giving in support of this ministry.

Offering

Offertory

Instrumental selections

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Preface means "introduction." The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as to how to celebrate the meal.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate
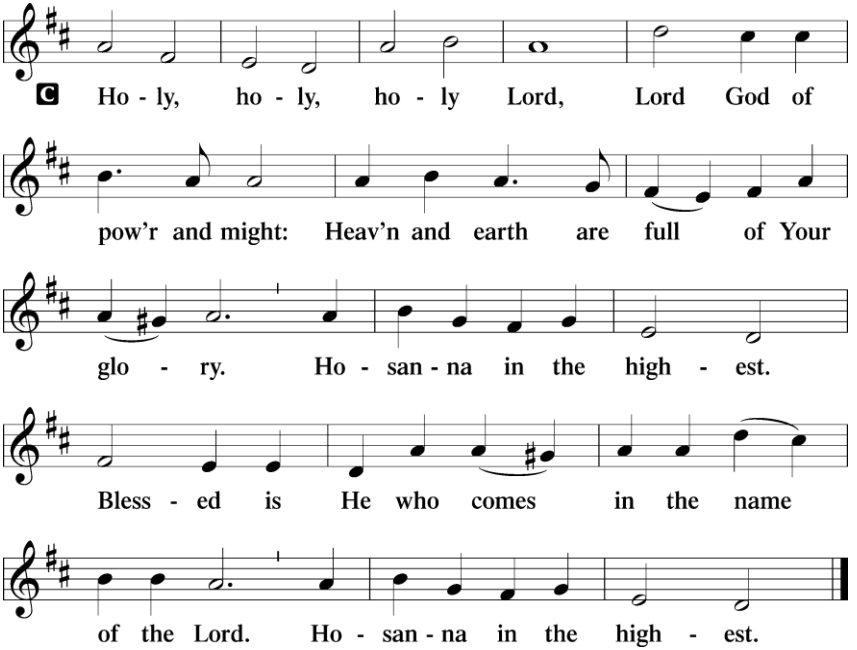
the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy." As a triumphant welcome hymn of the crucified, risen and reigning Christ, the Sanctus is sung with strength. Hosanna!

tution" tell us what the gift is and what its benefits are: His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The pastor speaks, but the Words are Christ's.

Sanctus

LSB 178



The Words of Our Lord

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."

Confessional Affirmation

I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, satan, and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, cheerful giving, thankful living, and sharing the Gospel with others. Amen.

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
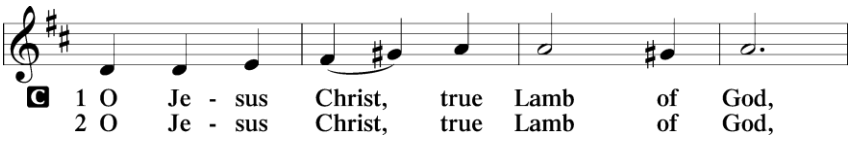
Lord's Prayer

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

Distribution

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



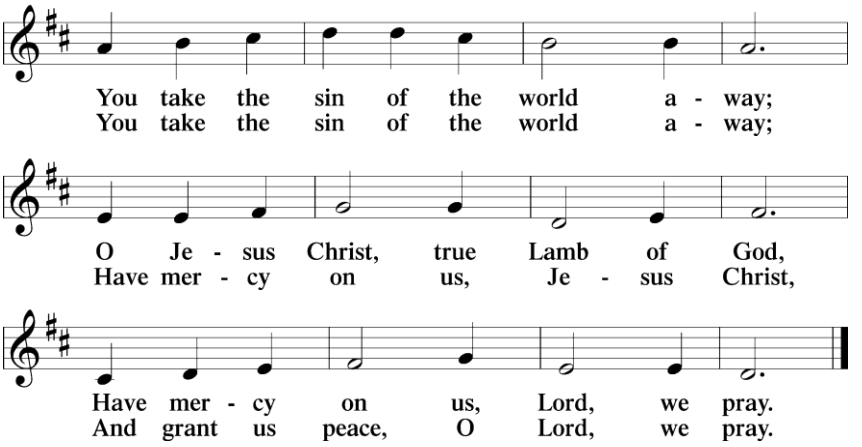
Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God." As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize Him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death. (John 1:29, Is. 53:7)

As you prepare to receive the Holy Supper, please read Notes about Holy Communion on page 17.

The pastor, and those who assist him, distribute to those who come to receive, saying:
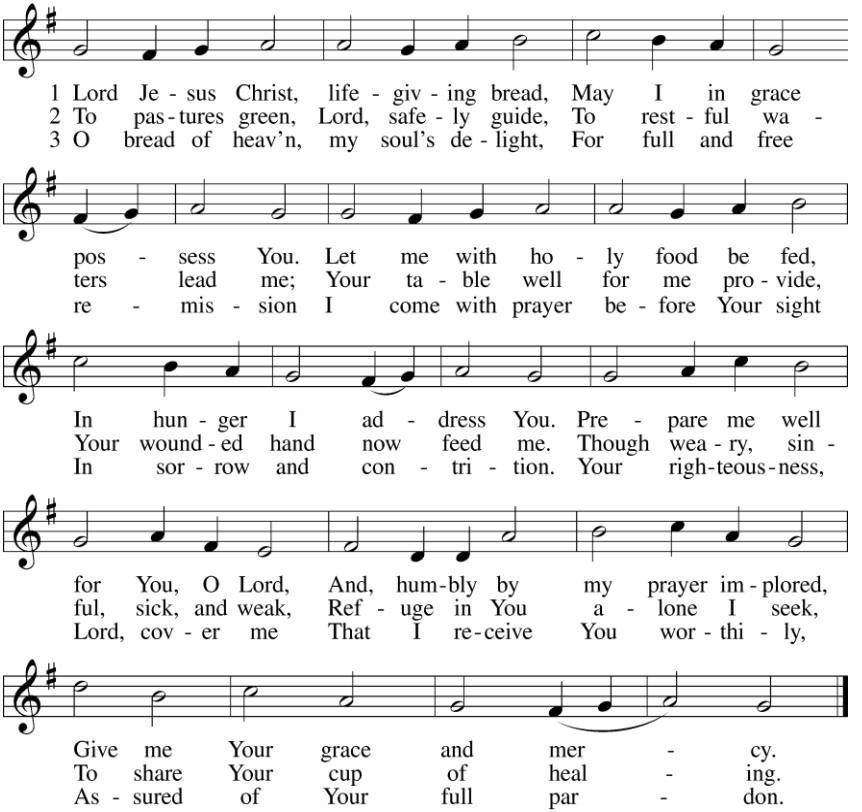
"Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. ***Amen****."*

"Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. ***Amen****."*



Distribution Hymn

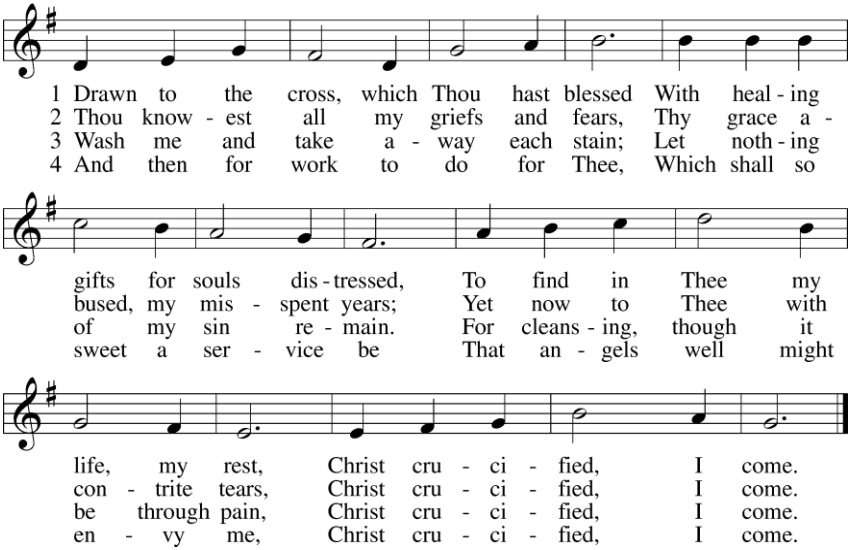
LSB 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



Text: 17th Cent. | Tune: 1524

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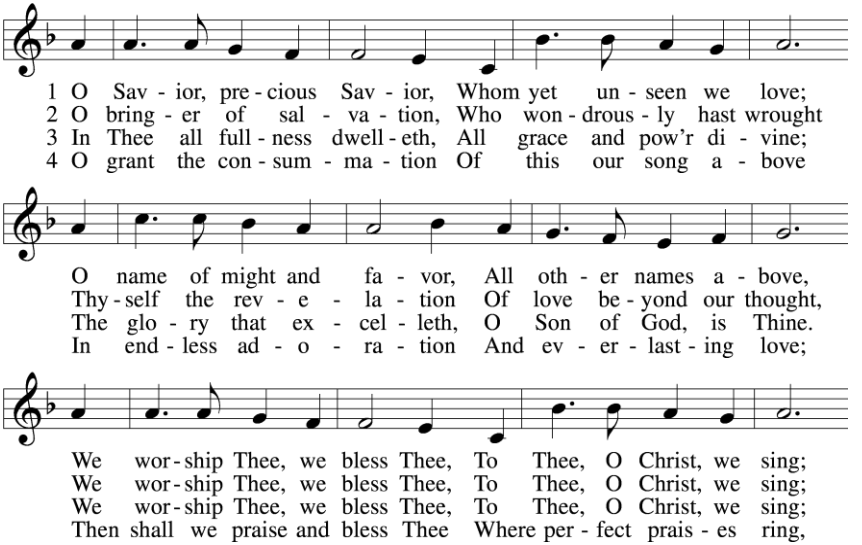
LSB 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed
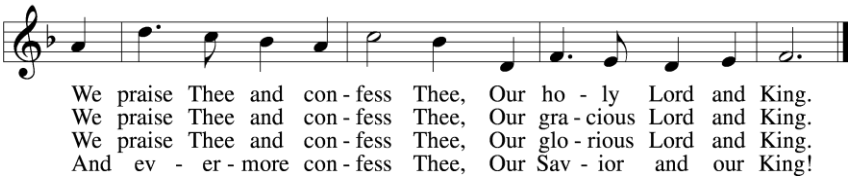


Text: 1880 | Tune: 1883

Distribution Hymn

LSB 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

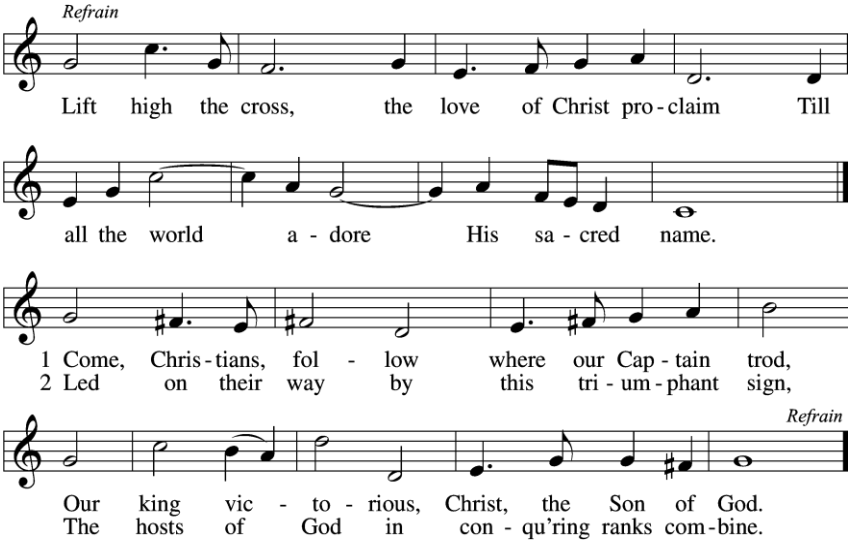




Text: 1870 | Tune: 1881

Distribution Hymn

LSB 837 Lift High the Cross



Text: 1974 | Tune: 1974

In the Post Communion Prayer, we give thanks for the Sacrament, the gift that brings salvation. We are reminded from receiving the Sacrament of such favor and grace that our faith and love are stimulated, renewed, and strengthened.

Post-Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Psalm 39 – Read Responsively
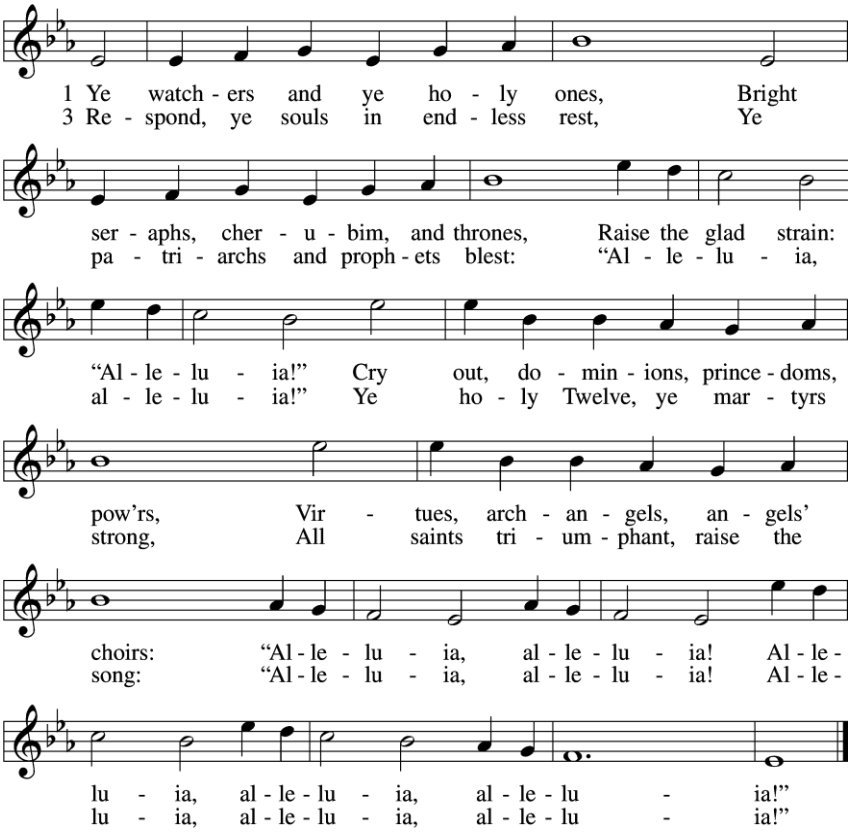
I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
so long as the wicked are in my presence."
I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail,
and my distress grew worse.
My heart became hot within me.
As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:
"O Lord, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!
"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
I am mute; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.
Remove your stroke from me;
I am spent by the hostility of your hand.
When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath!
"Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
Look away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more!"

Benediction

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Text: 1906 | Tune: 1623

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Notes About Holy Communion

What is Communion?

As Christians, we confess that we receive the true body and blood of Christ--in, with, and under the bread and wine--in our hands and in our mouths. This is a profound wonder and unexplainable mystery.

We take the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood" at face value because God's Word clearly teaches that in the sacrament, the bread and wine are a communion, or participation, in the body and blood of Christ.

In the Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How Do I Receive Communion?

Receiving the body and blood of Christ is a sacred moment. You will be directed by the ushers to the communion rail. As a sign of reverence, you may bow and then, if able, kneel. Receive the wafer in an open hand, one on top of the other. Individual cups and a common cup are offered. Take an individual cup as the tray passes. If you take the common cup, it is acceptable to touch the base of the cup to control the tilt so that you receive an appropriate amount. When all are served, the pastor or elder will speak a dismissal. Then rise and, if you wish, bow as you depart the rail. Take empty cups with you and place in the receptacles on your way down the steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. The center ring of the communion trays contains low-alcohol wine.

For those who cannot approach the rail, we are happy to provide distribution in the pews. You may inform the elder in advance of the service that you will need communion in the pews, or, raise your hand when the elder comes by.

Who May Commune?

The Lord's Supper is a testimony to our unity in the faith. This Sacrament is given for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to follow Him. We ask that those who are baptized, who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, and who have confirmed their faith, come forward to receive the Sacrament. Those who hold a different confession of faith are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

Scripture calls us to receive this sacred meal with reverence and self-examination. As written in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29: *"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

It is our desire that you join us at the Lord's Table. Please speak with a pastor or elder if you would like more information.

Children of all ages are welcome to accompany you at the rail or the walk with you through the line for continuous flow. In doing so, they learn the importance of Holy Communion even as they receive a prayer of blessing.

Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Preparation for Communion

For more resources, see Luther's Small Catechism on pages 326-327 in the hymnal.

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