

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

August 25, 2019



Eleventh Sunday  
After Pentecost



### *Communion Statement*

#### **We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service**

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion. There are gluten free wafers available.

*\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

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*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in  
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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**10:00 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Divine Service I

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
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*Fellowship Register*

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

*Pre-Service Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Sharing of the Peace*

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

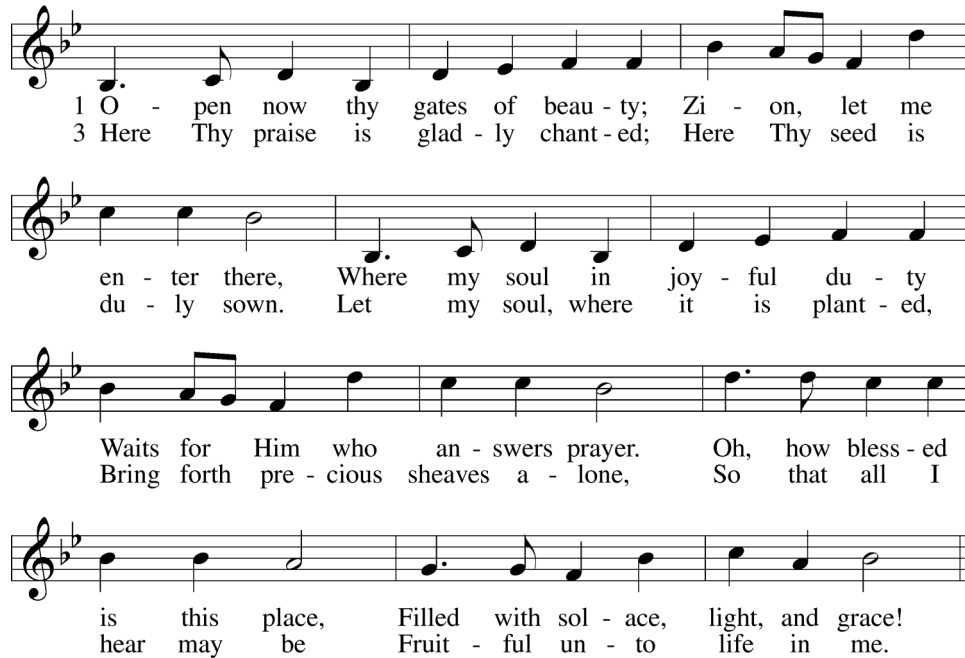
**C** **And also with you.**

*(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)*

*Congregation may be seated after the Sharing of the Peace.*

*Opening Hymn + LSB 901 vs 1, 3, 5*  
(A Lamb of God Favorite)

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.

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*Please stand, as able.*

*Confession and Absolution*

**P** 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.

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

**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**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Introit + Psalm 50:1-15*

**P** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

**C** from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
**C** **God shines forth.**  
**P** Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
**C** **before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.**  
**P** He calls to the heavens above  
**C** **and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**  
**P** “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
**C** **who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**  
**P** The heavens declare his righteousness,  
**C** **for God himself is judge!**  
**P** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
**C** **I am God, your God.**  
**P** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
**C** **your burnt offerings are continually before me.**  
**P** I will not accept a bull from your house  
**C** **or goats from your folds.**  
**P** For every beast of the forest is mine,  
**C** **the cattle on a thousand hills.**  
**P** I know all the birds of the hills,  
**C** **and all that moves in the field is mine.**  
**P** “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
**C** **for the world and its fullness are mine.**  
**P** Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
**C** **or drink the blood of goats?**  
**P** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**C** **and perform your vows to the Most High,**  
**P** and call upon me in the day of trouble;

**C** I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”  
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.

*Kyrie + LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray



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

to the Lord.



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

**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 mer - cy.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Hymn of Praise + LSB 901vs 2, & 4*  
(A Lamb of God Favorite)

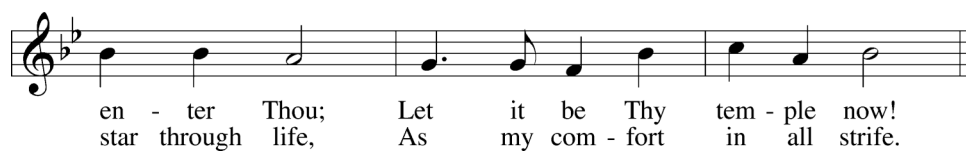
## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy

un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;

There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing





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### *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you,**  
**P** O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus



Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Old Testament Reading + Isaiah 66:18-23*

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the LORD,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Epistle + Hebrews 12:3-29*

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of

shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order

that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

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

**C** 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.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music ends with a repeat sign, and the second line of music ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "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."

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.  
Alleluia and Verse*

**P** Alleluia. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

*Holy Gospel + Luke 13:22-30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

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

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn of the Day + LSB 508 vs 1-4*  
**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

*Sermon + Luke 13:22-30*  
*"Will He Answer, 'I Do Not Know You!'"*

*Please stand, as able.*

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

*We receive our Tithes and Offerings.*

*Offering Verse Psalm 50:14*

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,*

*Please stand, as able.*

*Offertory + LSB 159*

*Please be seated.*

*Prayer of the Church + (each petition will conclude:)*



**C** 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.

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.  
*Brief silence*



**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To You, O Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, worship and praise, now and even to the end.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*

*Preface + LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

**P** Let us give thanks to

the Lord our God.




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

*Proper Preface + Pastor*


It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus + LSB 161*

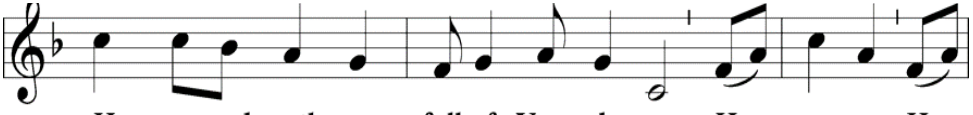


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.


### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*




**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



**P** comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

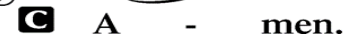
Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

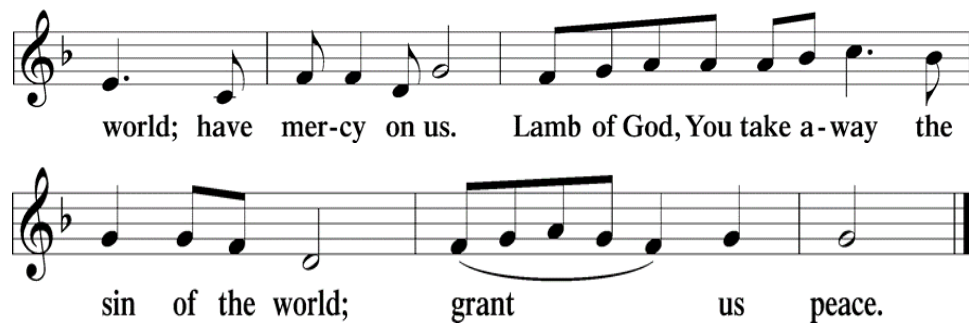
### *Lord's Prayer*

### *The Words of Our Lord*

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

*+ Distribution of the Blessed  
Sacrament +*





*Distribution Hymn*  
(A Lamb of God Fa-

**Jerusalem**



+ *LSB 672*  
vorite)

**the Golden**



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,  
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!

The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.  
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!

We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,  
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest

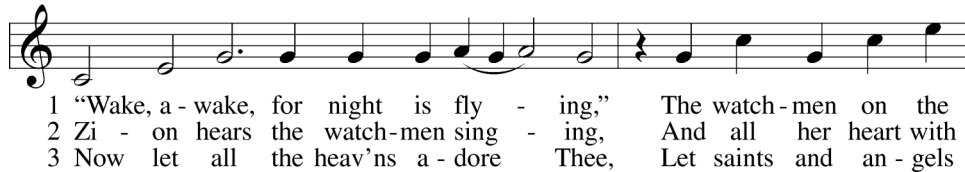
The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.  
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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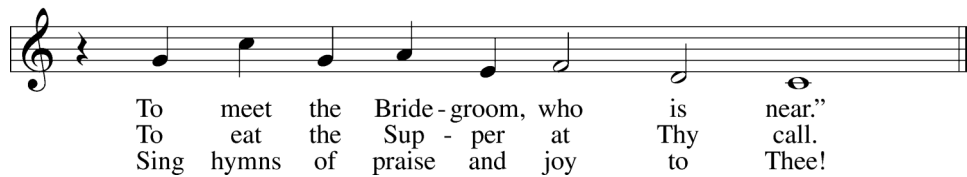
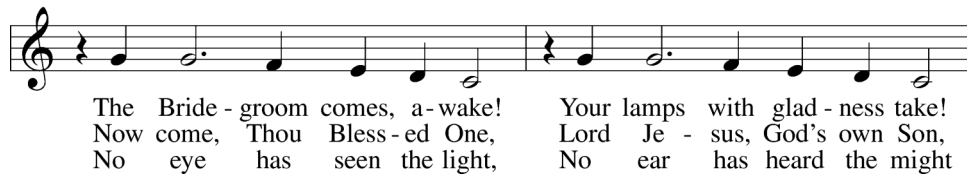
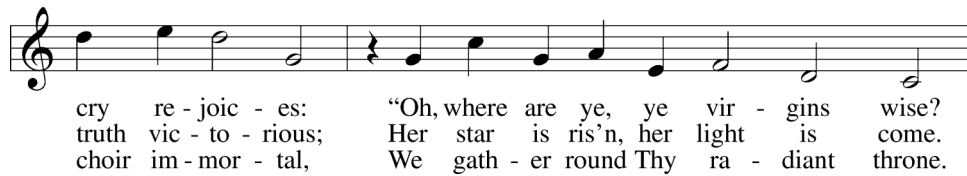
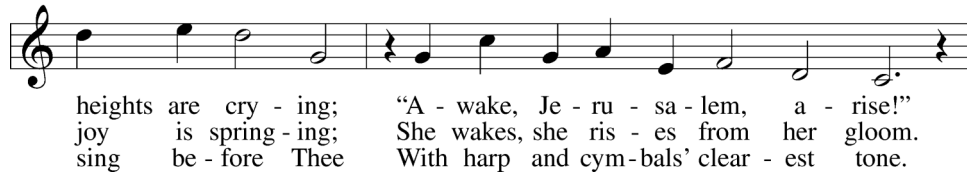
### *Distribution Hymn + LSB 516*

(A Lamb of God Favorite)

## **Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



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### *Distribution Hymn + LSB 620*

## **Jesus Comes Today with Healing**



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Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-





filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

*Benediction*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** **Amen**

*Closing Hymn + LSB 508 vs 5-7*  
**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

- 5     My Savior paid the debt I owe  
      And for my sin was smitten;  
      Within the Book of Life I know  
      My name has now been written.  
      I will not doubt, for I am free,  
      And Satan cannot threaten me;  
      There is no condemnation!
- 6     May Christ our intercessor be  
      And through His blood and merit  
      Read from His book that we are free  
      With all who life inherit.  
      Then we shall see Him face to face,  
      With all His saints in that blest place  
      Which He has purchased for us.
- 7     O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
      But hasten our salvation;  
      We often tremble on our way  
      In fear and tribulation.  
      O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
      Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
      From death and ev'ry evil.

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**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**



He will say  
to you ,  
'I do not  
know where  
you are from.

