

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

January 5, 2020



*Second Sunday
after
Christmas*



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.

*** 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) There are gluten free wafers .*

*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

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020

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)

Opening Hymn + LSB 696 vs 1-3
O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;

Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,

A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc-cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.

Please stand, as able.

Confession and Absolution



lution

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**

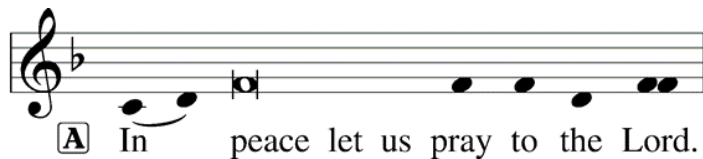
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to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

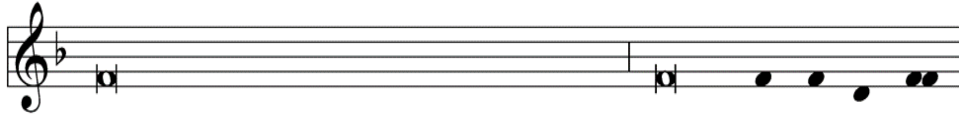
C **Amen.**

Introit + Psalm 119:97-104 (antiphon: v. 99)

- P** Oh how I love your law!
- C** **It is my meditation all the day.**
- P** Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
- C** **for it is ever with me.**
- P** I have more understanding than all my teachers,
- C** **for your testimonies are my meditation.**
- P** I understand more than the aged,
- C** **for I keep your precepts.**
- P** I hold back my feet from every evil way,
- C** **in order to keep your word.**
- P** I do not turn aside from your just decrees,
- C** **for you have taught me.**
- P** How sweet are your words to my taste,
- C** **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**
- P** Through your precepts I get understanding;
- C** **therefore I hate every false way.**
- 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.**
- P** I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

Kyrie + LSB 152

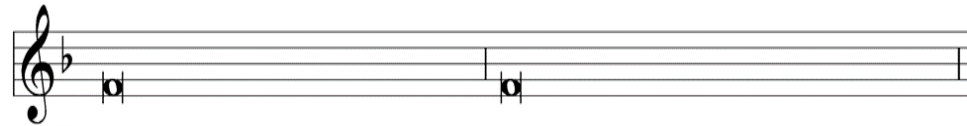




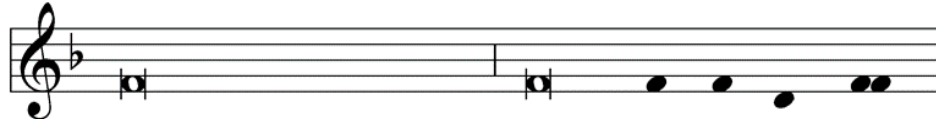
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



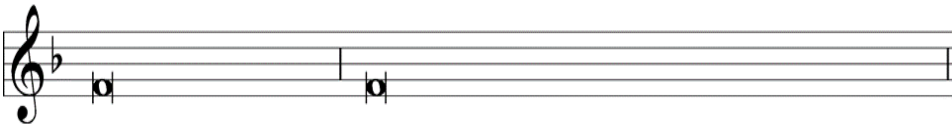
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

Salutation and Collect of



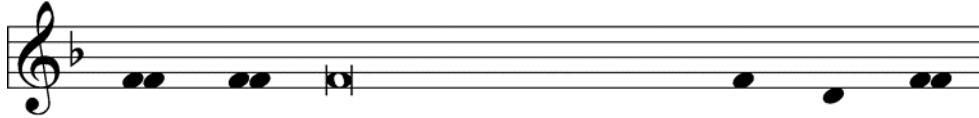
C Lord, have mer - cy.

the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you,

P



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



C A - men.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be

seated.



Old Testament Reading + 1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.

⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of ⁸David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your peo-

ple whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

- P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
C **and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**
P And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
P Sing to the Lord a new song,
C **for he has done marvelous things!**

Epistle + Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire

possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel + Luke 2:40-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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


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.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of

the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 ascend-

ed 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.

Hymn of the Day + LSB 523

Sung to tune 858

O Word of God Incarnate



- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.
- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

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Sermon + 1 Kings 3:9-14

We receive our Tithes and Offerings.

*Offering Verse
Ephesians 1:13-14*

¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

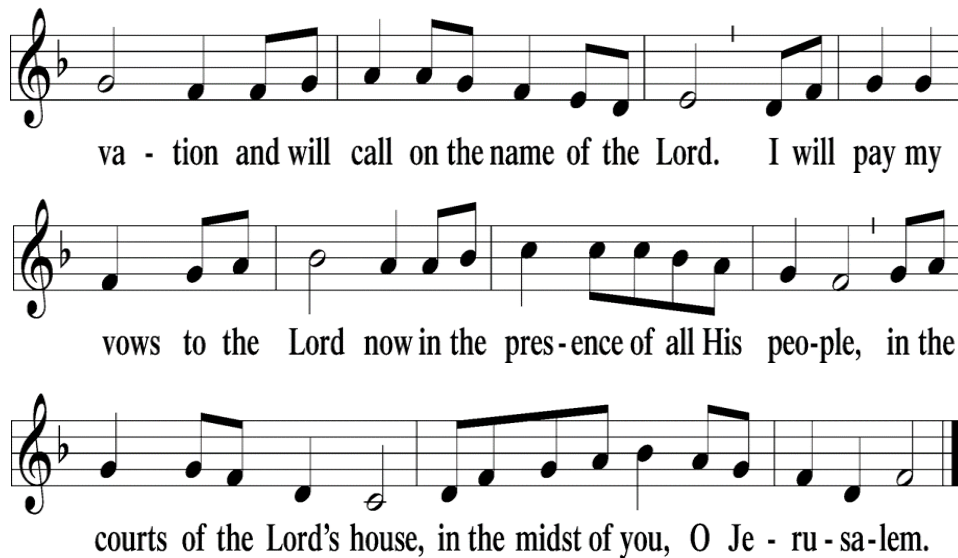
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Offertory + LSB 159



G 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-

Please be seated.



Recognition of Servants of the Congregation

The Installation of Congregational Officers

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

- P** Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church, our nation, the causes of peace and justice, the needs of the sick, and all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy, trusting that You will grant to us all things needful and prevent all things harmful to our faith, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface + Pastor

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

Sanctus + LSB 161

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom And teach us to pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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

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

Pax Domini + LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Agnus Dei + LSB 163

Please be seated.

+ Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +

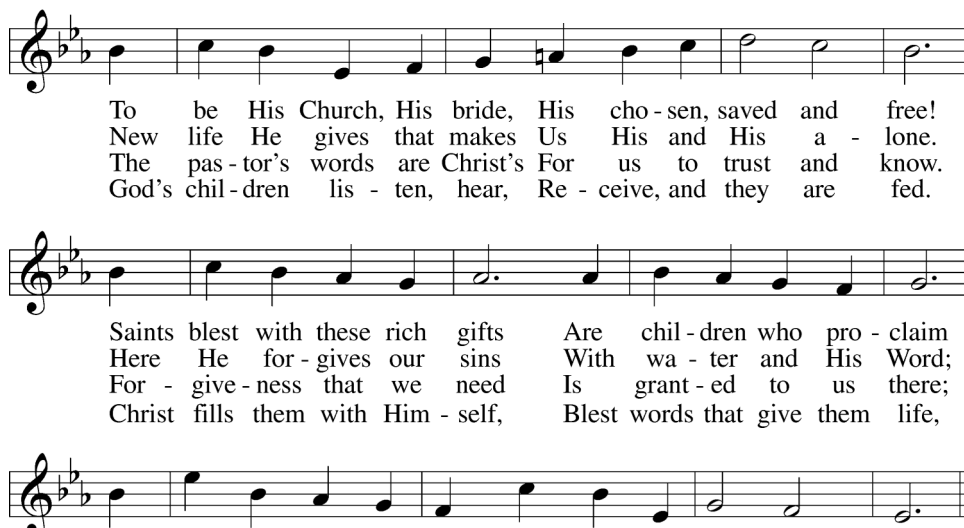


Distribution Hymn + LSB 602

**The Gifts Christ
Freely Gives**



- 1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
- 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
- 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.

Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,

That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

- 5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

- 6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

Distribution Hymn + LSB 686
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy

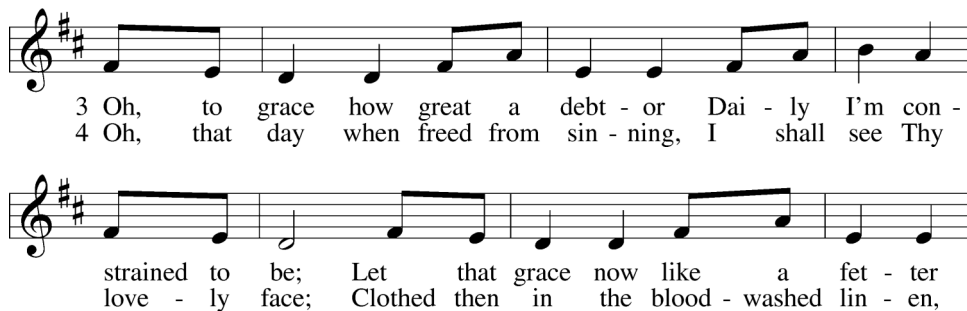
sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.

The hymn continues on next page.
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 366

It Came upon the Midnight Clear





1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 All you, be-neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - ‘ring wing,
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an - cient prom - ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o’er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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Table Blessing

Please stand, as able.

Post Communion Canticle + LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

P 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



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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

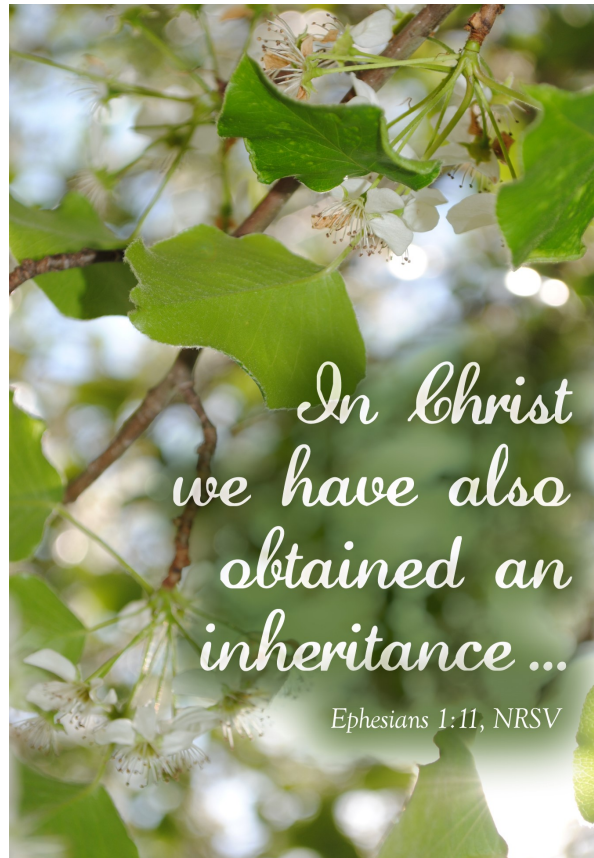
C **Amen.**

Benediction

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

C **Amen**

Closing Hymn
vs 4-6
**O God,
Faithful**



+ *LSB 696*

**My
God**

4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,
 And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor - rec - tion.
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

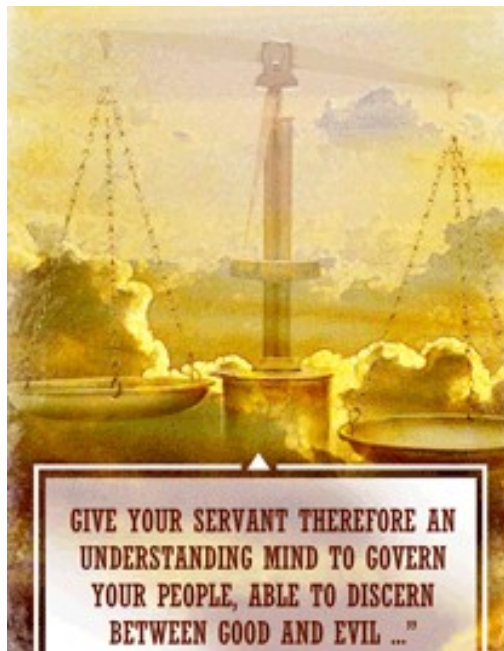
5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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





GIVE YOUR SERVANT THEREFORE AN
UNDERSTANDING MIND TO GOVERN
YOUR PEOPLE, ABLE TO DISCERN
BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL ..."