

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

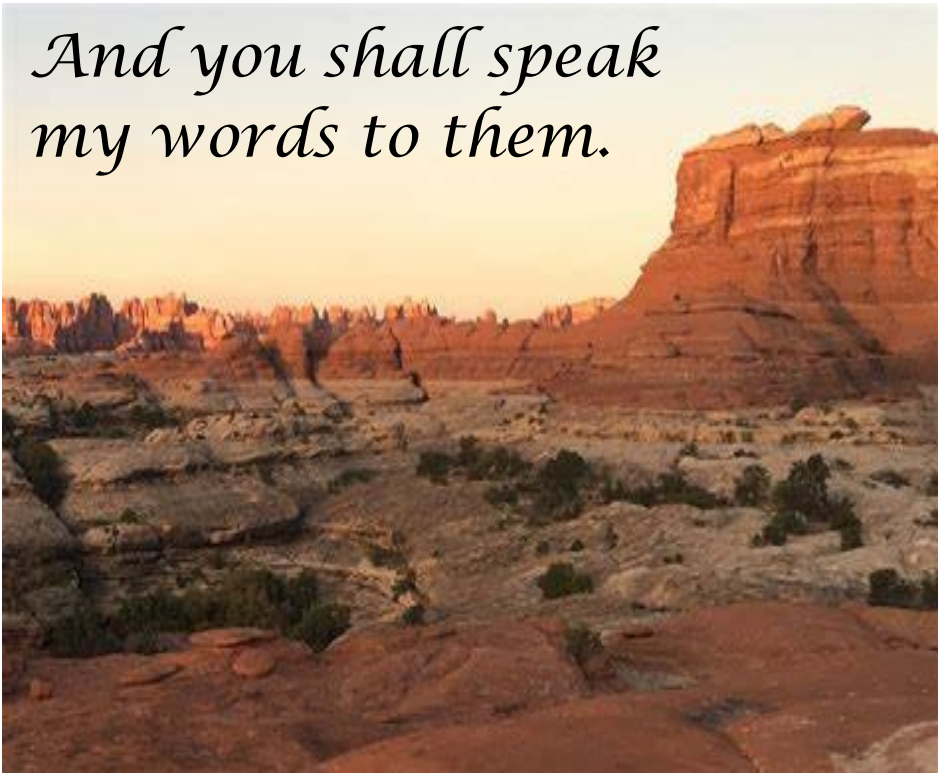
July 4, 2021

Independence Day



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost.

*And you shall speak  
my words to them.*



## *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 is gluten free wafers.*

# **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Divine Service IV**

*6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 4, 2021*

*Pre-Service Music*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Salutation**

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

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

*Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers*

## **Independence Day Video Presentation**

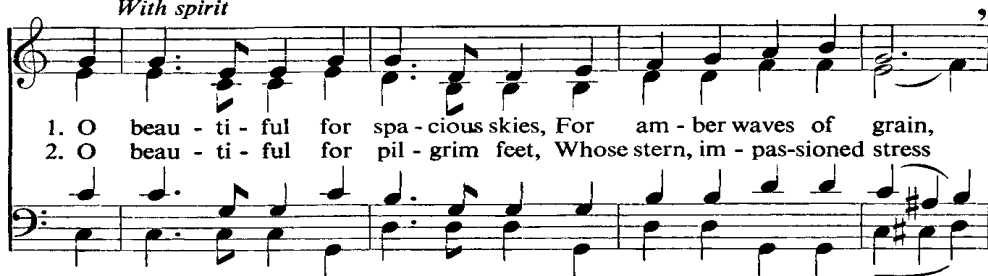
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# SBLCA 346 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

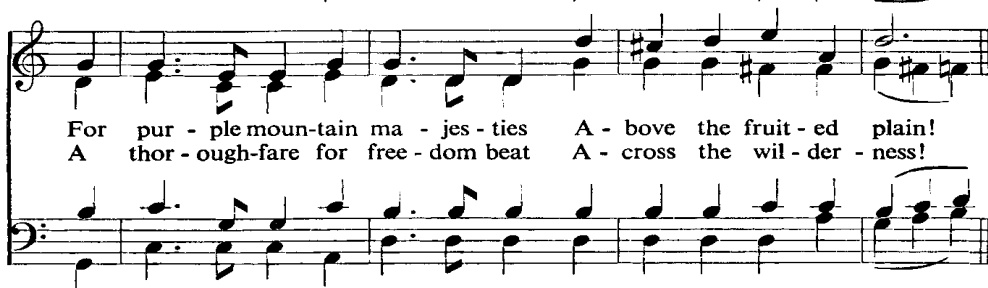
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SAMUEL A. WARD, 1848-1903

*With spirit*



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,  
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas-sioned stress



For pur - ple moun-tain ma - jes - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
A thor - ough-fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,



And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.  
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.

3 O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine.

4 O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees, beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

*Katherine Lee Bates, 1859-1929*

# Confession and Absolution

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

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C** **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;

**C** **he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

**P** “This is my resting place forever;

**C** **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

**P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**C** **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

**P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

**C** **and her saints will shout for joy.”**

**C** **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** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C** Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

## Kyrie

LSB 204



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament Lesson:**

## **Ezekiel 1:25-2:7**

<sup>25</sup>And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.

<sup>26</sup>And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.

<sup>27</sup>And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.

<sup>28</sup>Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.



<sup>1</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup>And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup>And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

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

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Lesson:

## 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too

elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

## Alleluia and Verse

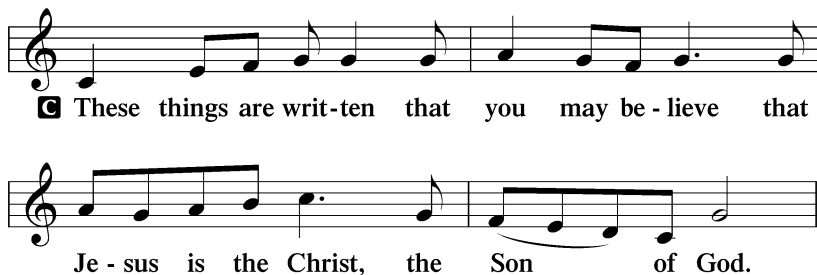
### Alleluia

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### Verse

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## Holy Gospel:

## Mark 6:1-13

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should

repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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

**[C]** Praise to You, 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 for-  
giveness of sins,  
the resurrec-  
tion of the body,**



**and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Children's Message**

### **836 O God of Light**

**[sung to the tune from LSB #400]**

- 1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,  
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,  
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
Though we rebelled, You gently sought again  
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;  
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,  
See Your compassion in the Savior's face.
- 4 To all the world Your summons You are sending,  
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

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## **Sermon: Ezekiel 2:5-7**

# **Offering and Prayers**

### **Offering Statement:**

- [P]** Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good

Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 AM-1 PM.

### Offering Verse:

**2 Corinthians 8:7**

<sup>7</sup>But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

*Please stand as you are able*

### 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - som and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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*Please be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son endured rejection in this world. You lead us likewise through a hostile world that shows no honor to Your Church or its wisdom. Do not let us lose heart. Steel us for opposition, and let us rest confidently on what You, Lord, have said. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

*Please stand as you are able*

**Preface**     *LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 208*



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

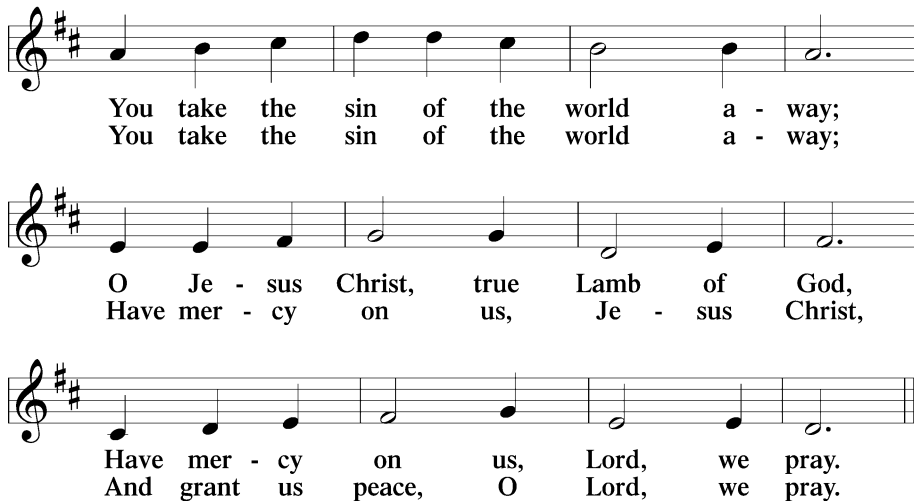
## Lord's Prayer

**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

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.”

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

### Right Column

The true body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### Table Dismissal

**P** Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

## 574 Before the Throne of God Above



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is  
 3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
 4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is  
 writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him  
 soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
 stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 there Who made an end of all my sin.  
 fied To look on Him and par - don me.

### 5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!

My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
 The great unchangeable I AM,  
 The King of glory and of grace!

### 6 At one with Him, I cannot die,

My soul is purchased by His blood;

My  
 hid  
 Christ  
 high,

Christ,  
 Savior  
 God.



life is  
 with  
 on

With  
 my  
 and my

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## 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good [Lamb of God Favorite]



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



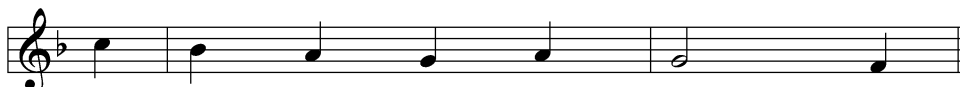
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

*The hymn continues on next page.*

- 5 What God ordains is always good:  
 Though I the cup am drinking  
 Which savors now of bitterness,  
 I take it without shrinking.  
 For after grief  
 God gives relief,  
 My heart with comfort filling  
 And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good:  
 This truth remains unshaken.  
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
 I shall not be forsaken.  
 I fear no harm,  
 For with His arm  
 He shall embrace and shield me;  
 So to my God I yield me.

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## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand as you are able*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is -  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you




peace.



**C** Amen.





## Battle Hymn of the Republic



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,


He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.

He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



*Refrain*



His truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on.      Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -  
 While God is march - ing on.

