

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

November 24, 2019



Last Sunday of the  
Church Year

The messenger of the covenant  
in whom you delight—indeed,

**he is coming.**

says the  
LORD  
of hosts.

MALACHI 3:1, NRSV

### *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)*

2 *Also Gluten Free wafers available.*

## **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

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

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**WORSHIP**  
10:00 AM

Divine Service, Setting Three

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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*

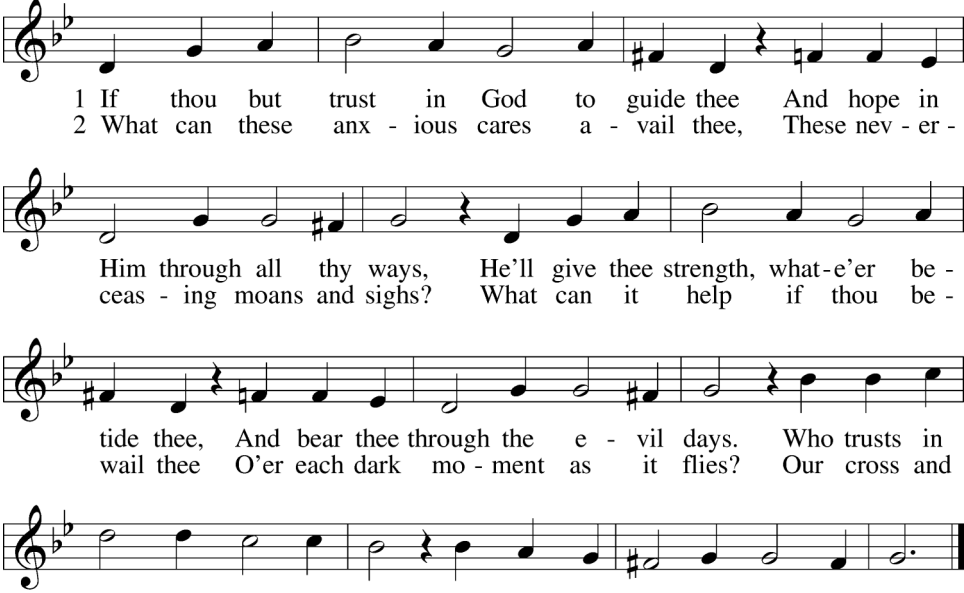
☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



**And also with you.**

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

*Opening Hymn + LSB 750 vs 1 & 2*  
**If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -

Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -

tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and

God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.

*Please stand, as able.*

*Confession & Declaration of Grace + LSB 184*

☐ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

~ **Amen.**

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

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
      **who made heaven and earth.**
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
      **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- O almighty God, merciful Father,  
      **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my  
   sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended  
   You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal  
   punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and  
   sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
   boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, inno-  
   cent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved  
   Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to  
   me, a poor, sinful being.**
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a  
   called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace  
   of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command  
   of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the  
   name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.**

*Introit + Ps. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8*

- Let all the earth fear the LORD;
- let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of  
   him!**
- Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
      **who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**
- Lift up your hands to the holy place  
      **and bless the LORD!**
- May the LORD bless you from Zion,



## he who made heaven and earth!

- Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### *Gloria Patri + LSB 186*

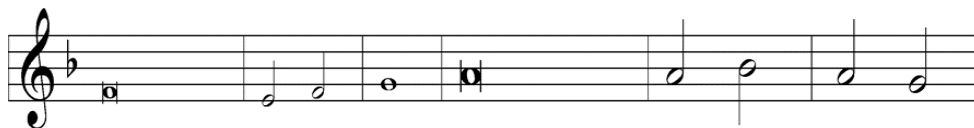


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

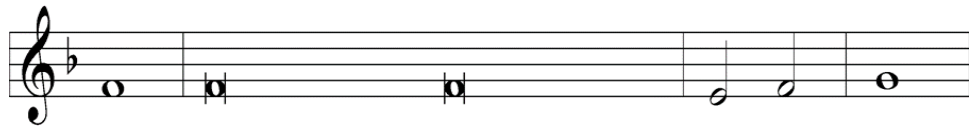


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### *Kyrie + LSB 186*



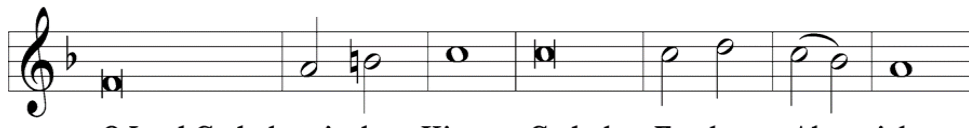
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



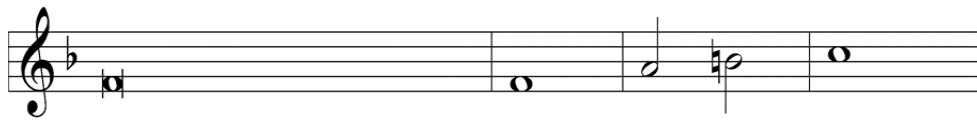
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



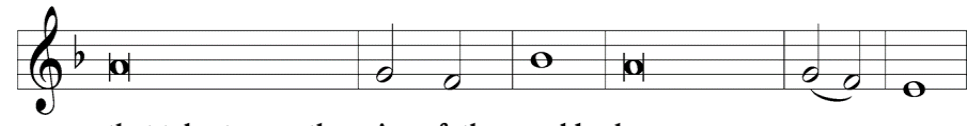
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

*Gloria in Excelsis + LSB 187*

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.





☐ The Lord be with you.

     **And with thy spirit.**

☐ Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

     **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### *Old Testament Reading + Malachi 3:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering

of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup>Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup>I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed

his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

*Epistle + Colossians 1:13-20*

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood



■ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
of his cross.

- ☐ This is the Word of the Lord.



*Please stand, as able.*

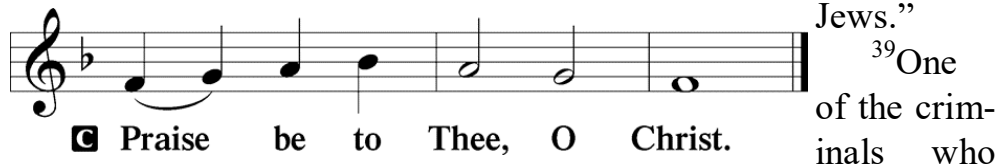
*Alleluia + LSB 190*  
*Holy Gospel + Luke 23:27-43*

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>27</sup>There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the

rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”



were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

□ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### *Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

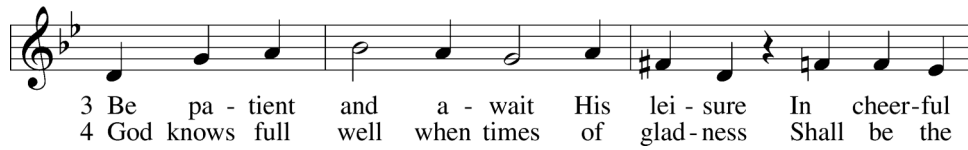
**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn of the Day + LSB 750 vs 3-5*

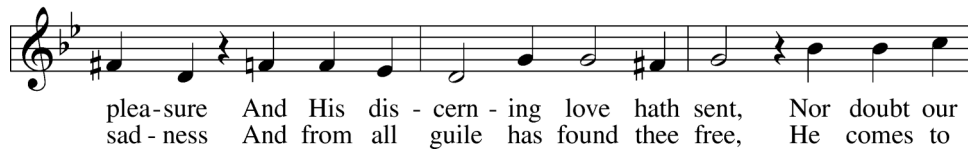
**If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**



3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer-ful  
4 God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the



hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



plea-sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
 That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
 That he whose hopes meet no denial  
 Must surely be of God preferred.  
 Time passes and much change doth  
 bring  
 And sets a bound to ev'rything.

*Sermon + Malachi 3:13-18*  
*"It's Not Fair...For Now"*

*We Receive Our Tithes & Offerings*

*Offering Verse + Malachi 3:18*

<sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the right-



eous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

*Offertory Hymn + LSB 192*

*The Prayers of the Church*

□ Let us pray to the Lord:

Ω **Lord, have mercy**

□ That we may never forget the mighty works by which the Lord has saved us, that we may respond to His acts of deliverance with the song of praise and thanksgiving, and that we may give to these prayers the “Amen” of faith, confident of the Lord’s mercy and wisdom, let us pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Ω **Amen.**



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



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



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



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



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

*Please stand, as able.*

### *Holy Communion*

*Preface + LSB 194*

☐ The Lord be with you.

     **And with thy spirit<sup>i</sup>**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### *Proper Preface + Pastor*

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

*Sanctus + LSB 195*

*Lord's Prayer +*



**A** - men.

*LSB 196*

☐ Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises we are bold to pray.



**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on**



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the**



**world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that**



**tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.**



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the**



**world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.**

**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**

*Words of Institution*

*The Pax Domini + LSB 197*


- The peace of the Lord be with you always.

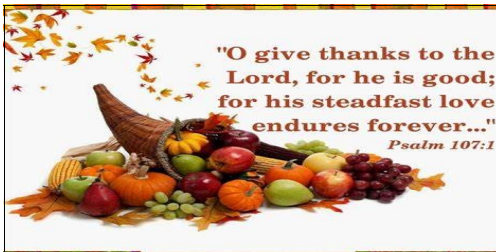
*Agnus Dei + LSB 198*  
*Please be seated.*  
*+ Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +*

*Note: Diluted wine in center cups for those concerned about alcohol. Gluten Free wafers available on Altar-let the Elder serving communion know.*

*Distribution Hymn + LSB 435*

## **Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

  
1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -





by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

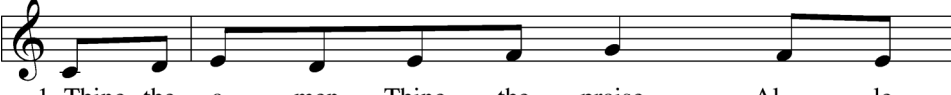
Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

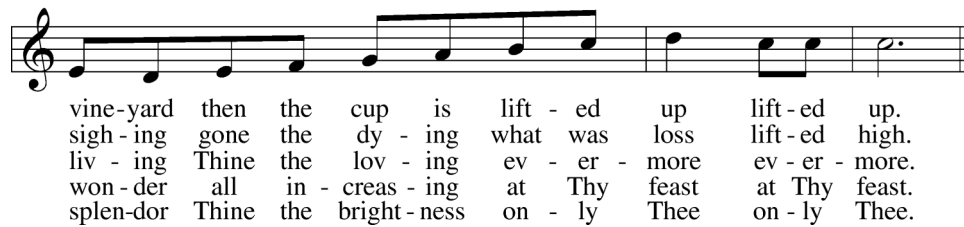
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### *Distribution Hymn + LSB 680*

## **Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



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## *Distribution Hymn + LSB 971* **There Is a Redeemer**

1 There is a Re - deem - er — Je - sus God's own Son;  
 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord-ing to Thy word. for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.  
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
*Please stand, as able.*  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
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 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

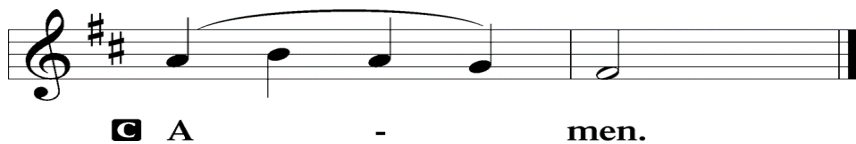


*Thanksgiving + LSB 200*

- ☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Collect + LSB 201*

- ☐ Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,  
who in lovingkindness 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,



**C** And with thy spir - it.

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



**C** Thanks be to God.

### *Salutation and Benedicamus*

☐ The Lord be with you.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

☐ Bless

we the Lord.

*Benediction + LSB 202*

- 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.

*Closing Hymn + LSB 750 vs 6-7*


**If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**

- 6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.



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- ☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord  
 **Thanks be to God.**

