

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

**July 9, 2023**



Thanks  
be to **God**  
through  
**Jesus Christ**  
our  
**LORD!**

— ♦ — **Romans 7:25** — ♦ —

## *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.

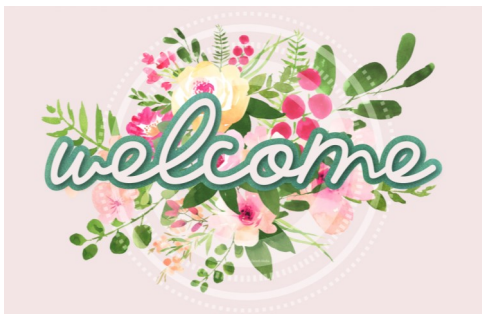
*\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.*

## **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

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

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6th Sunday after  
Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Divine Service IV

### **Fellowship Register**

Please sign the register that you will find in the pew 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 and Announcements**

#### **Salutation**

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

**G** And also with you.

*Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from where you sit.*

## 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

*sts. 1-2*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*Please stand as you are able*

## 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?

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

**☩** 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*

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

#### Absolution

*LSB 203*

**☩** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and has raised Him from death to everlasting life. For His sake He 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.

**☩ Amen.**

## Service of the Word

#### Psalm 145:1-14

**☩** <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**☩** <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

- [P]** <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- [C]** <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall commend your works to  
another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- [P]** <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- [C]** <sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your awesome  
deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**
- [P]** <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant  
goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- [C]** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**
- [P]** <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- [C]** <sup>10</sup>**All your works shall give thanks to you, O  
LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!**
- [P]** <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,
- [C]** <sup>12</sup>**to make known to the children of man your  
mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of  
your kingdom.**
- [P]** <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- [C]** **The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works.**

**P** <sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

### Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**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.

### Kyrie

LSB 204



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

### 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

sts. 3–4



3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through 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 Lesson:**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.



<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Lesson:**

**Romans 7:14-25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

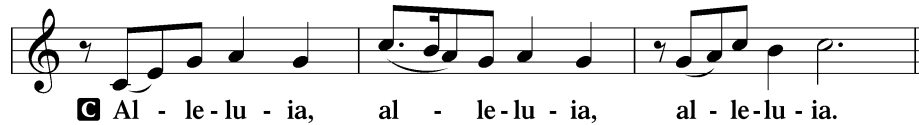
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia**  
205

*LSB*



**Verse**

*LSB 205*



**Alleluia**

*LSB 205*



**Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

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

### Nicene Creed

**[C]** 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  
apos-  
tolic**



**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*

**Children's  
Message**

## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
 And should I e'er for-get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-against my God.

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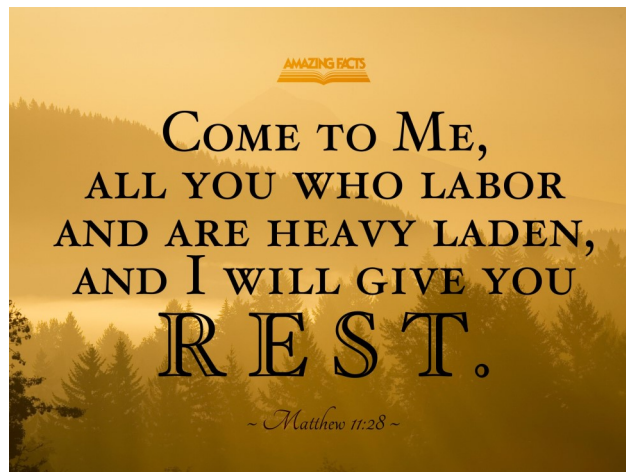
## Sermon: Romans 7:22-25a “War Has Been Declared”

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We  
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 here at  
 Lamb of  
 God. If

you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

**Offering Verse:**

**Matthew 11:28**

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**785 We Praise You, O God**

*A Lamb of God Favorite*



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.  
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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

Almighty God, You ensure that the birds are fed and the  
lilies clothed in splendor. Deliver us from worry with  
the consolation that You know what we need, and that,  
for Jesus' sake, we are of much more value than they.  
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:

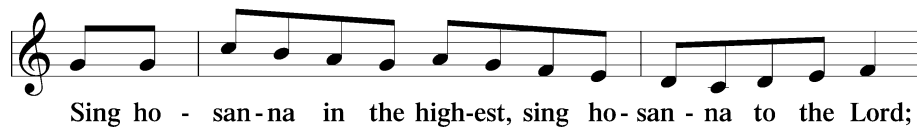
### Sanctus

*LSB 208*



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





Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 241*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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**  
**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

**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.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

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

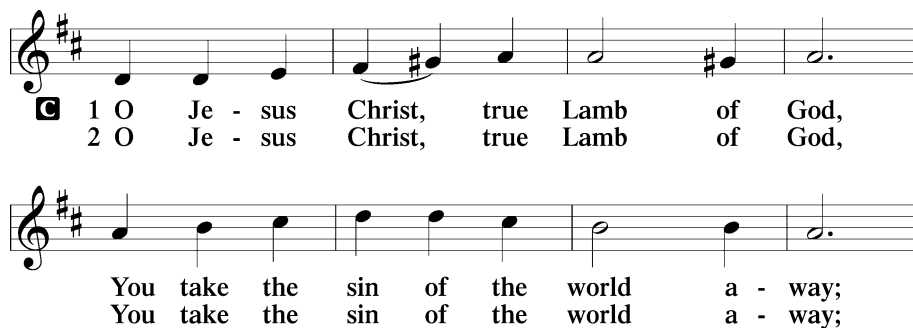
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

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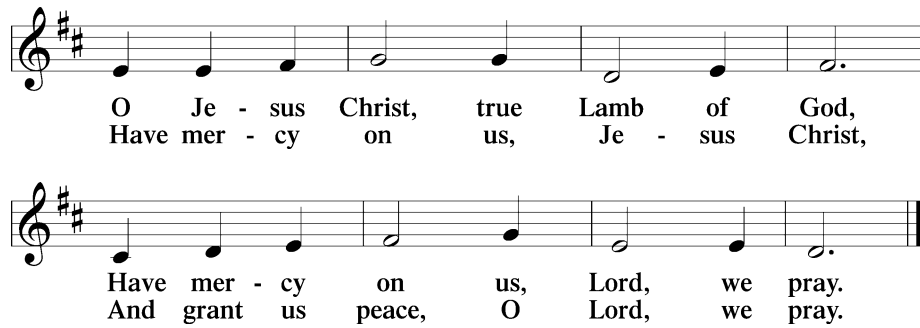
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**C**



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;





Text: Stephen P. Starke

*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  
joy and  
knowing  
your sins  
forgiven.



now in His  
peace,  
that all of  
have been

## 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*A video presentation: please sing along.*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest-ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

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## 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



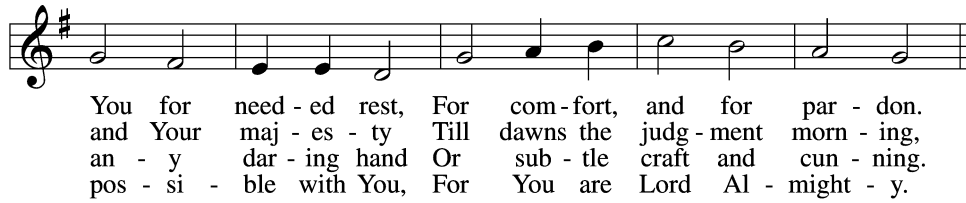
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
 Yet faith this truth embraces:  
 Your body, Lord, is even now  
 At once in many places.  
 I leave to You how this can be;  
 Your Word alone suffices me;  
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
 Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust,  
 And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears  
 Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive  
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
 And, truly grieving for our sins,  
 May prove by our behavior  
 That we are thankful for Your grace  
 And day by day may run our race,  
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
 Be praised throughout all ages!

Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.  
Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt.  
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## **606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

*Sung to the tune from #644 "The Church's One Foundation"*

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;



My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89  
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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*

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

sts. 5–6

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re-ceive, Wilt wel - come,  
6 Just as I am; Thy love un-known Has bro - ken  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -  
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -  
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Sharing of the Peace

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

**C** And also with you

**SCRIP ORDERS TAKEN  
TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
SEE LINDA WESTON OR FAITH MOSS**

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**Fellowship Time**

**FOR I DELIGHT IN THE  
LAW OF GOD, IN MY INNER  
BEING, BUT I SEE IN MY  
MEMBERS ANOTHER LAW  
WAGING WAR AGAINST  
THE LAW OF MY MIND AND  
MAKING ME CAPTIVE TO  
THE LAW OF SIN THAT  
DWELLS IN MY MEMBERS.**

**(ROMANS 7:22-23, ESV)**

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