Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

15th Sunday @ Pentecost: Proper 17

Sunday, Sept. 1st, 2024

Divine Service V

Communion Statement

<u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

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.*

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C **and also with you**

P Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers.

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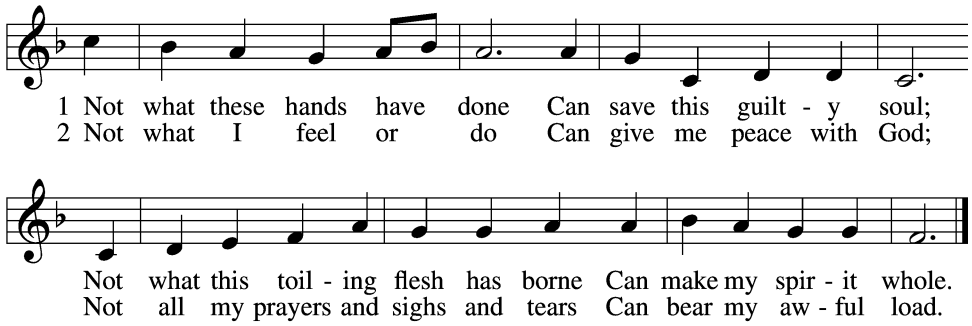
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Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

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.**

Introit

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from your presence,

C and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C and cleanse me from my sin!

Exhortation *LSB 213*

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 213*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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,**
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution *LSB 213*

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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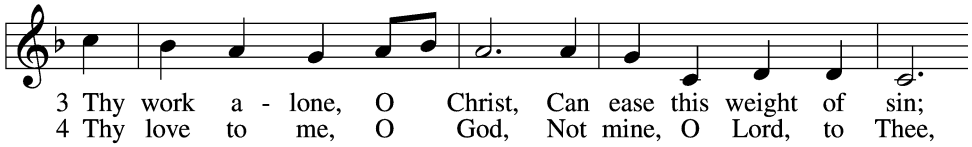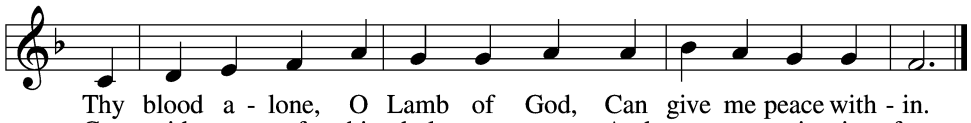
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-9

[1]"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. [2]You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. [3]Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. [4]But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. [5]See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God

commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. [6]Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' [7]For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?
[8]And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
[9]"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

[10]Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11]Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12]For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13]Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14]Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15]and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16]In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17]and take the helmet of salvation, and

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18]praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19]and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20]for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

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

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

[14][Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: [15]There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." [17]And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. [18]And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, [19]since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) [20]And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. [21]For

from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts,
sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, [22]coveting,
wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. [23]All these evil things come from within, and they
defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Children's Message

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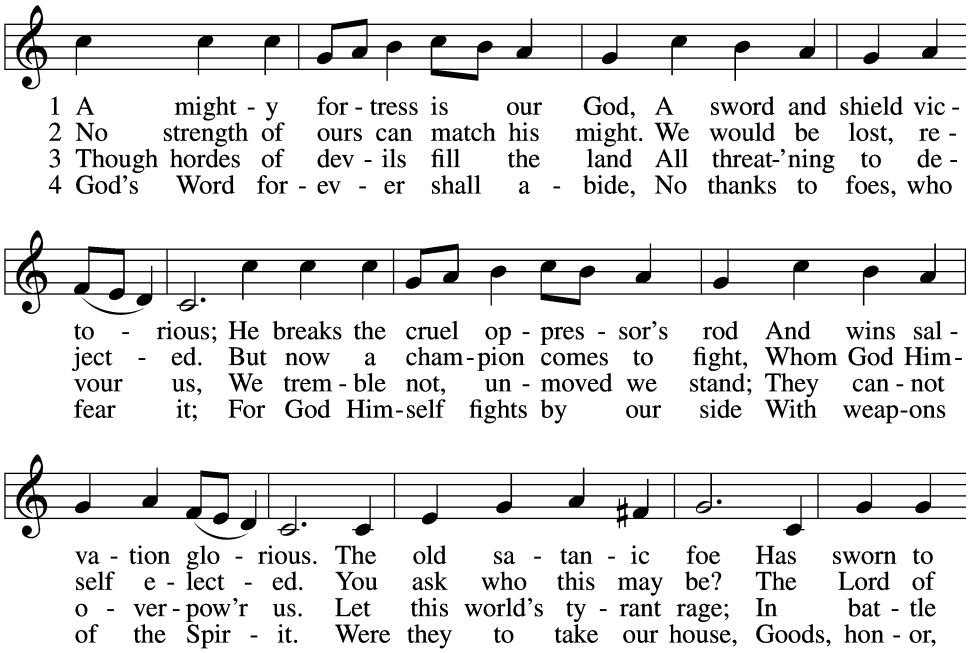

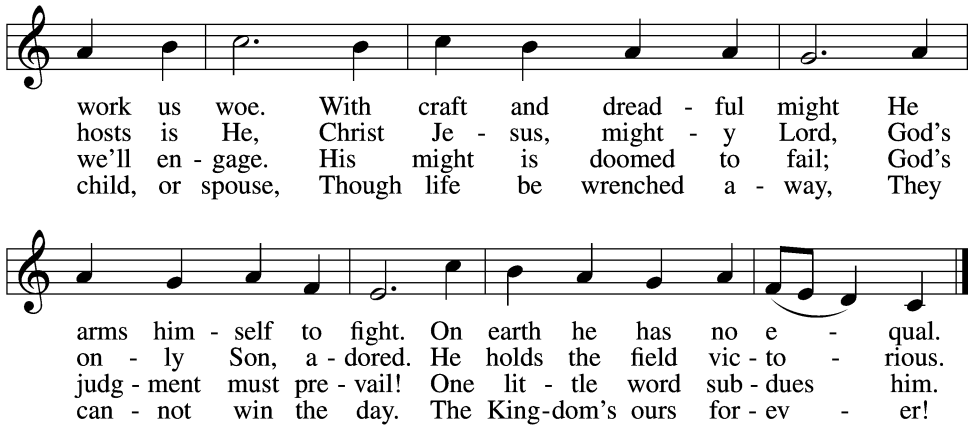

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Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

Please stand as you are able

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 apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

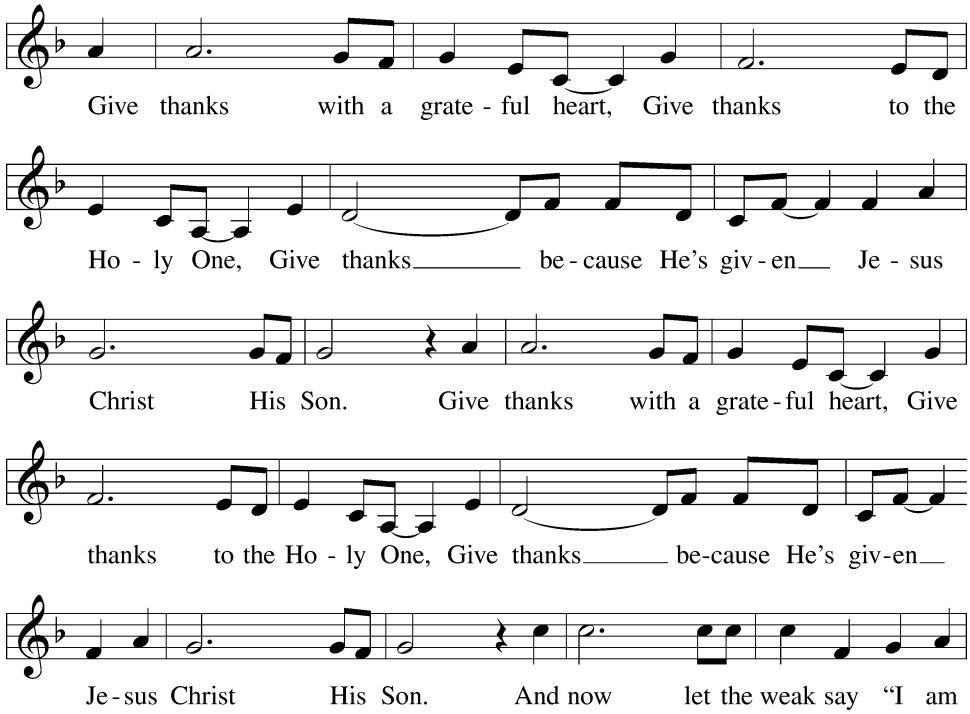
P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across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

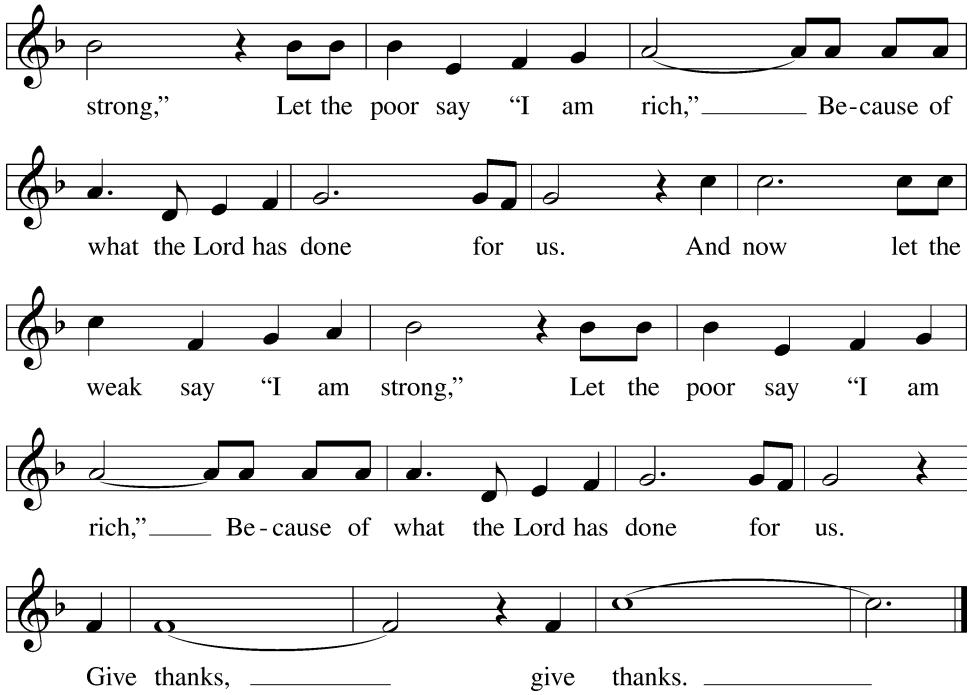
Offering Verses: Ephesians 6:18b-20

[18b] Keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

A Lamb of God Favorite





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Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit at work in the Word of truth, that by His direction we would not stray from the way of God's commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings He has given to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P …….let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to the unspeakable joys of Your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

Preface

LSB 216

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.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

℗ 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.

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

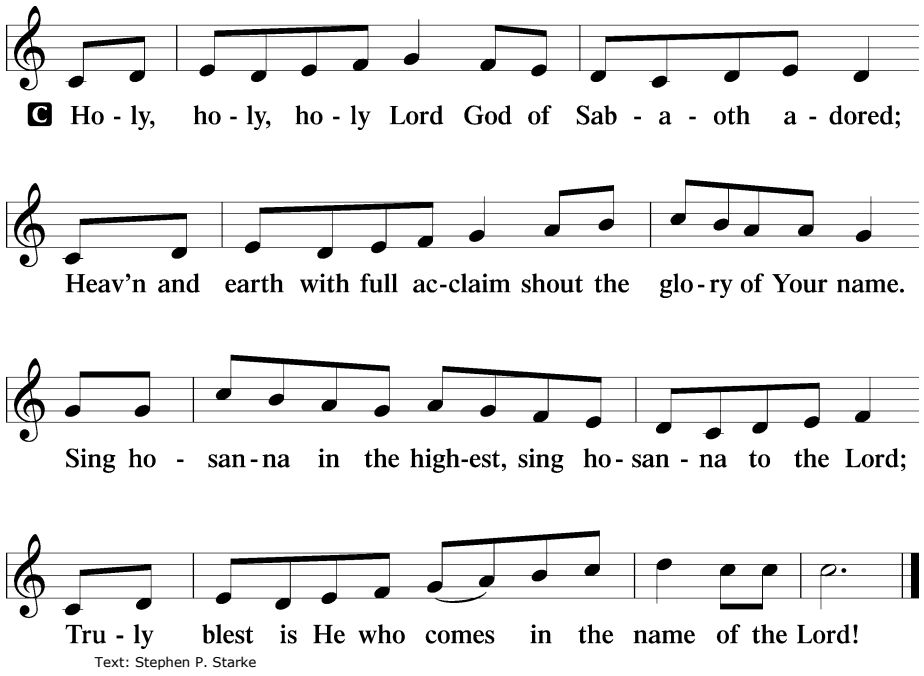
℗ In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 217*

℗ 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."

Sanctus *LSB 208*



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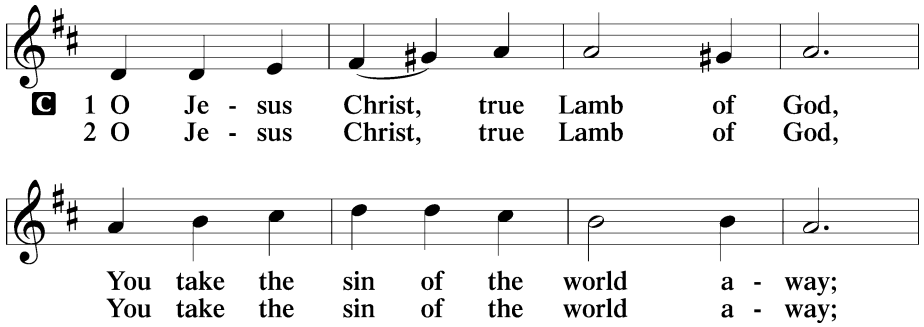
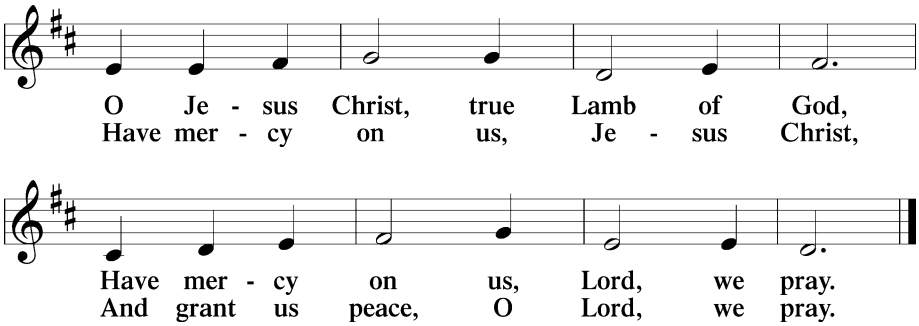
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*





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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.

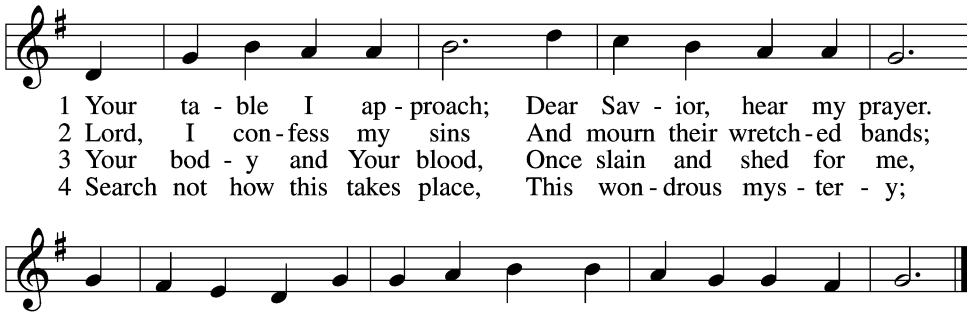
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

Table Dismissal

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

628 Your Table I Approach

A Lamb of God Favorite



5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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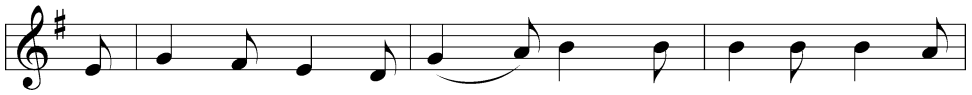
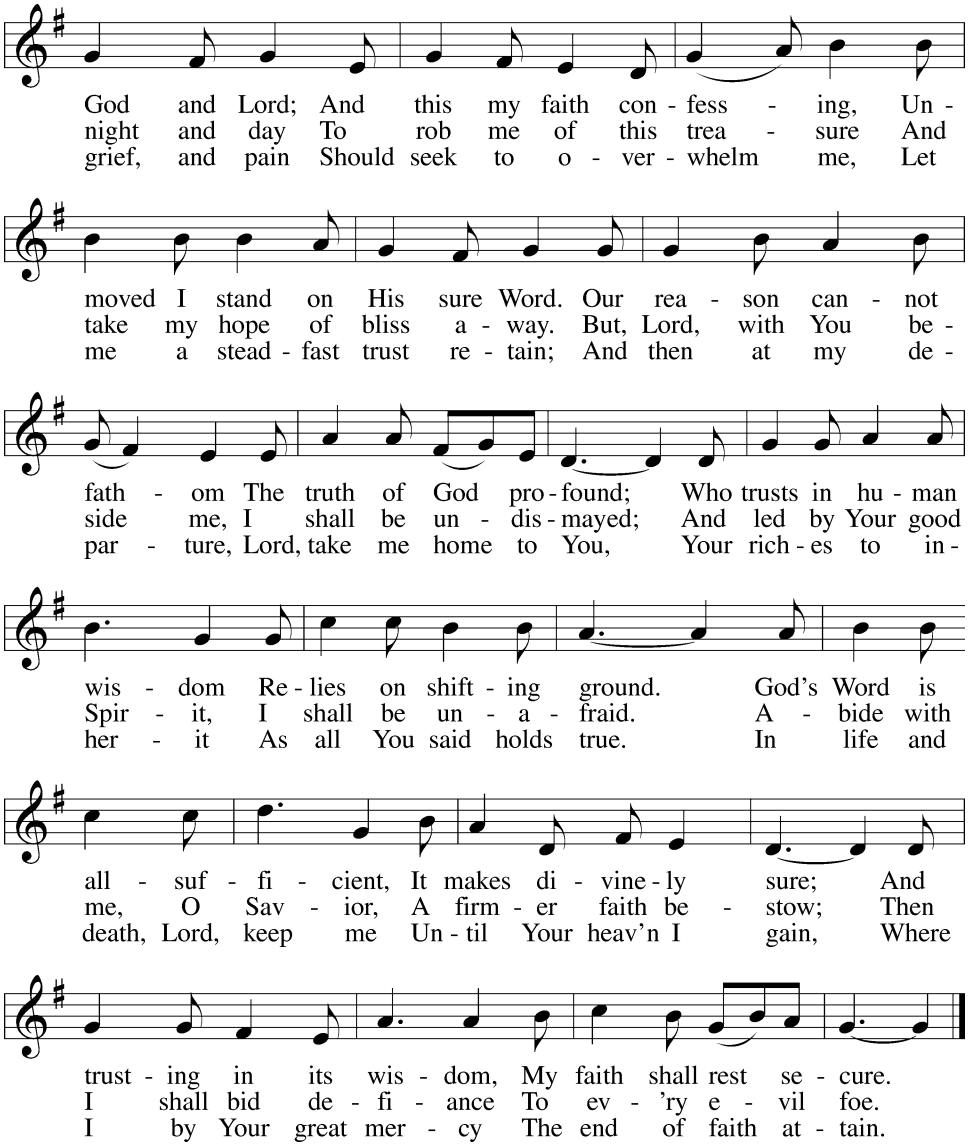
587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

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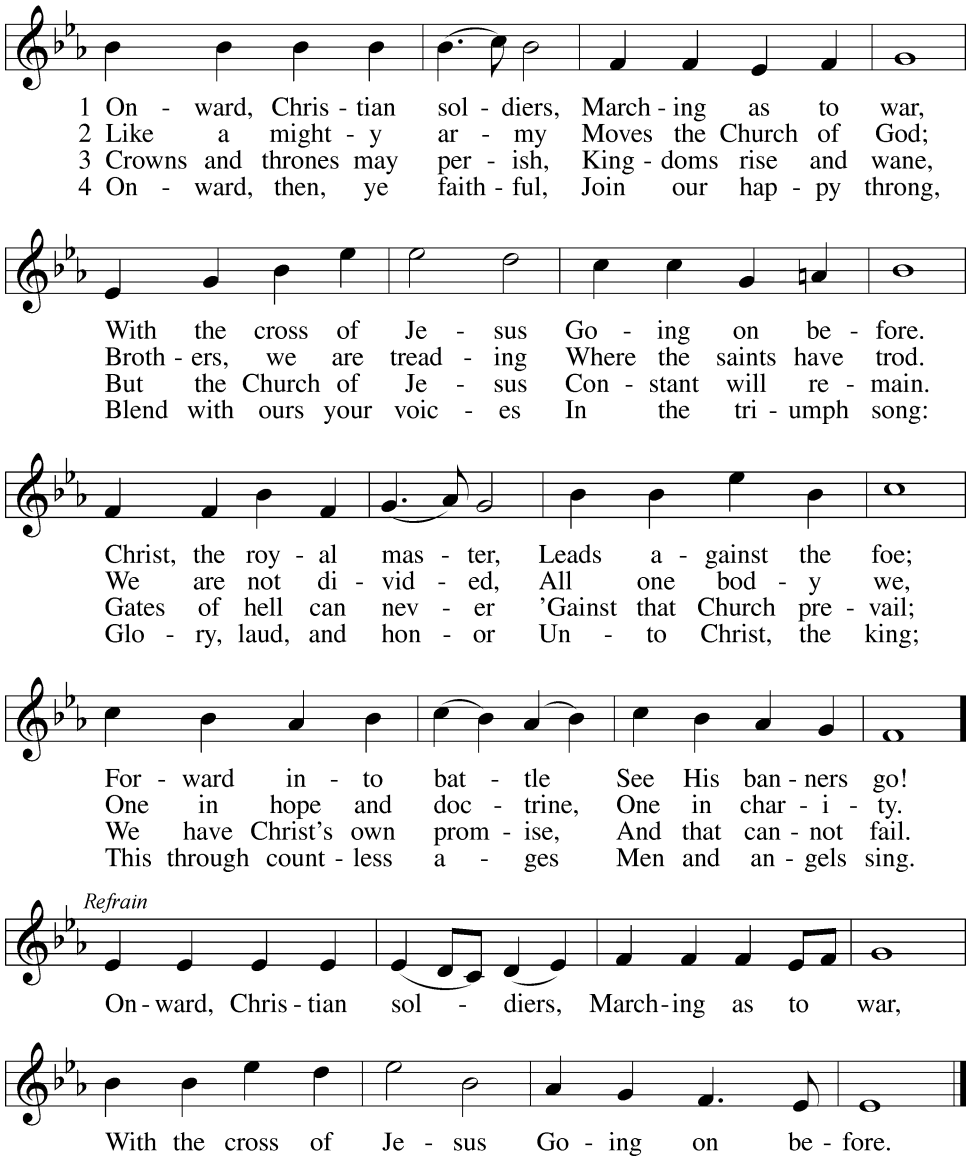
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The Dismissal *LSB 217*

℗ 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.

Close of the Service

Benedicamus

LSB 218

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.

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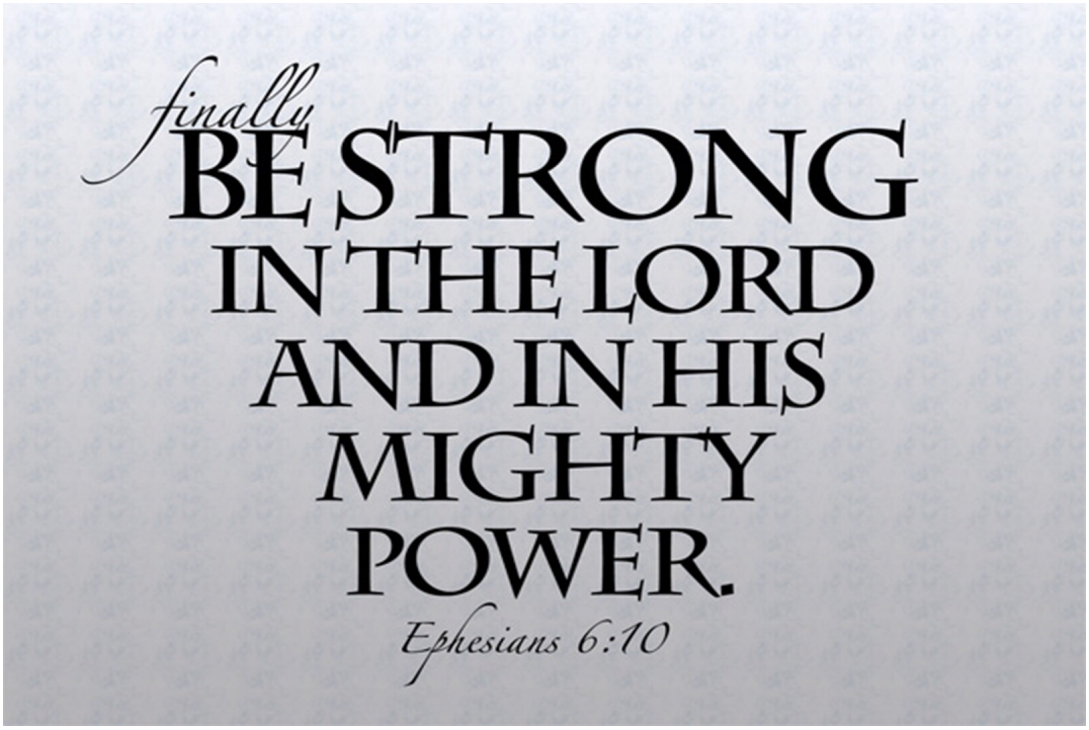
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