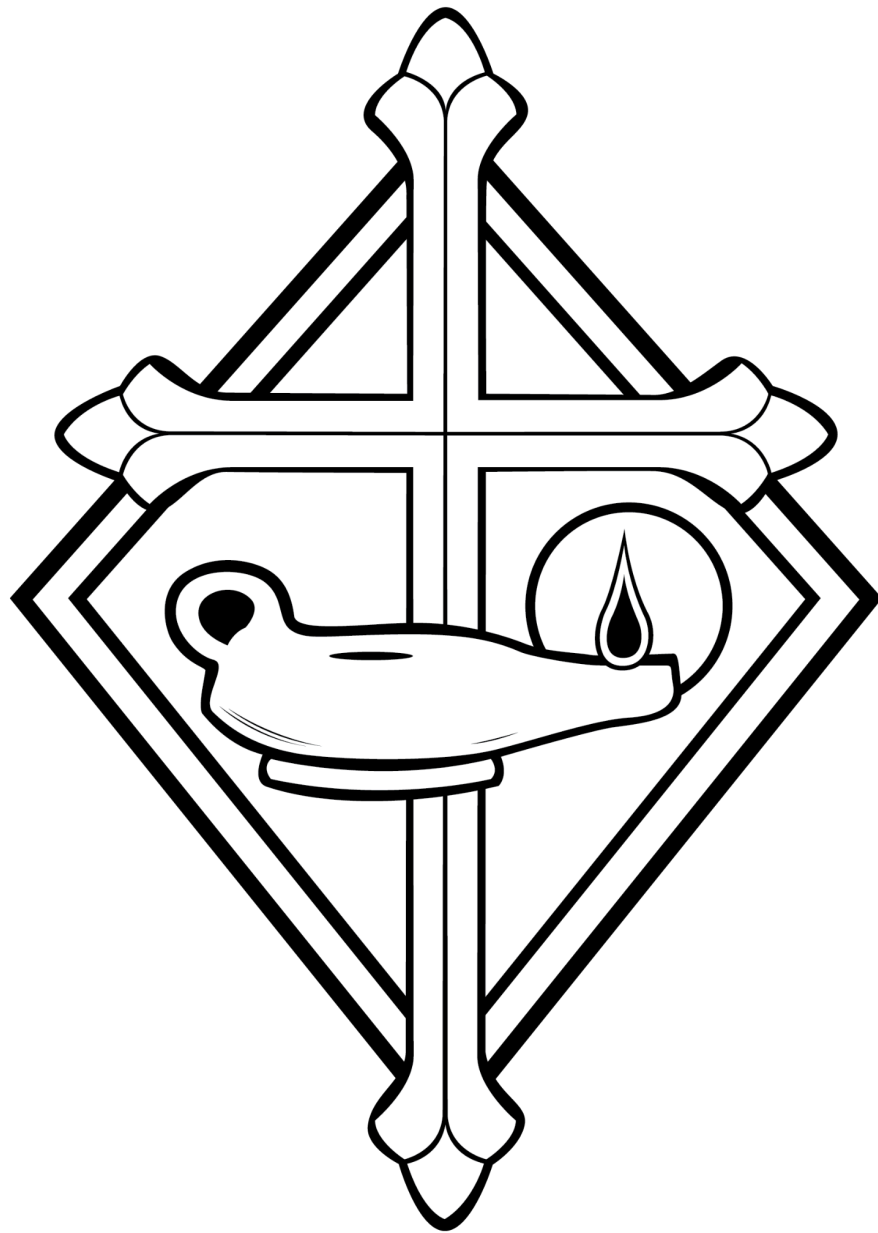


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The Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 23, 2025



THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

God prepares us to come into his presence by calling us to repent of our sins and giving us his absolution; so that we can come before him in humble confidence.

OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor) O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN - 543, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

CONFESSION OF SIN

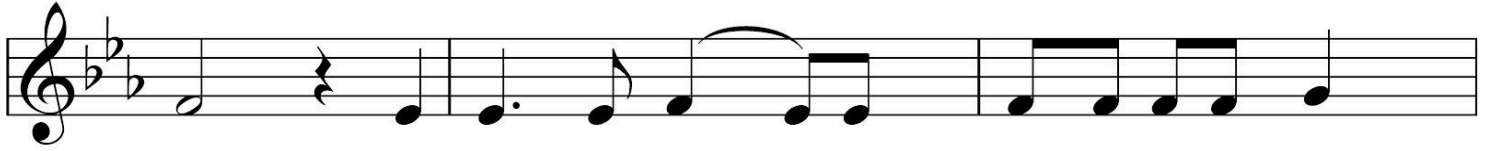
(Pastor) Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(All) O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mercy up - on



us. O God the Son, Re - deemer of the world,



have mercy up - on us. O God the Holy



Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy up - on us.

ABSOLUTION

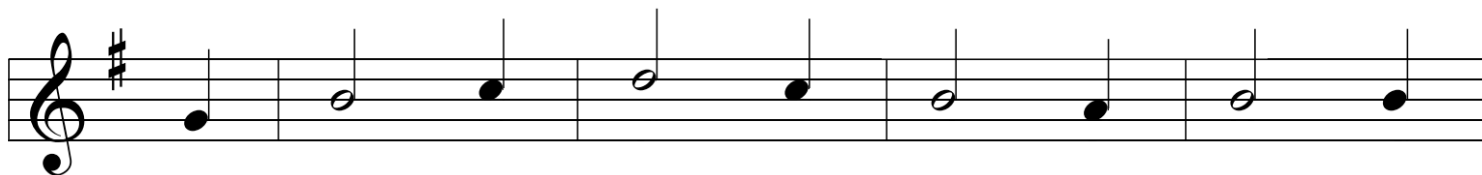
Upon this your confession, by the authority of God and of my holy office I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

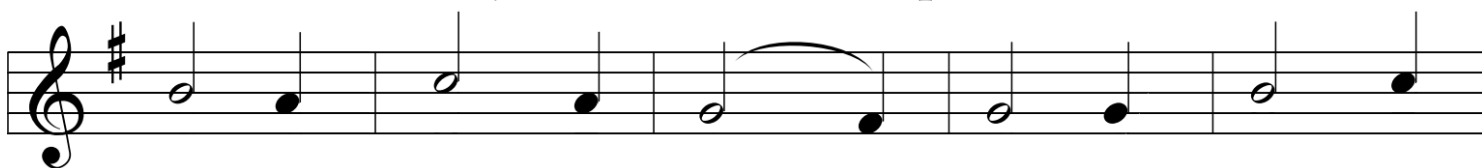
Glory be to God in the highest.



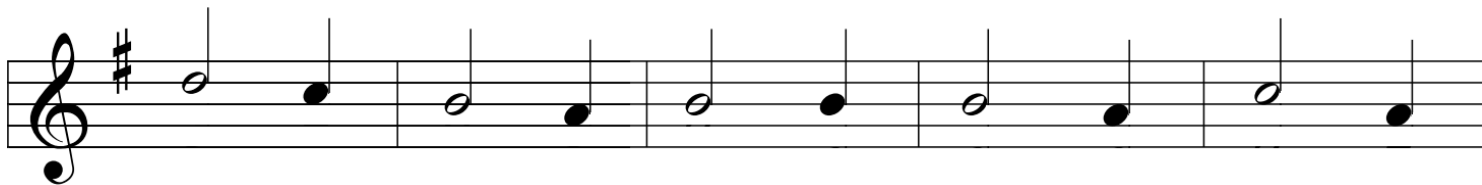
And on earth, peace, good will toward men.



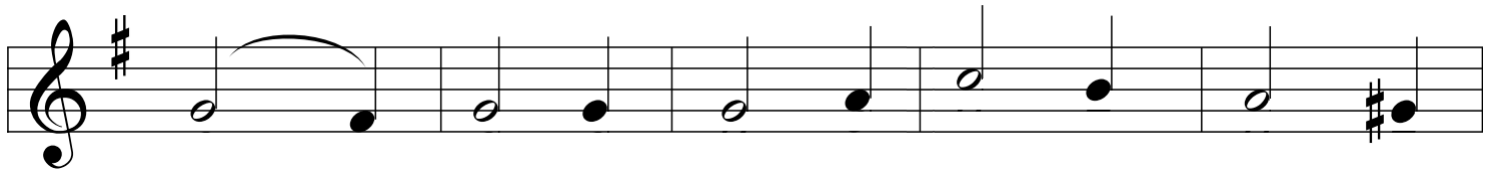
1. All Glo - ry be to God on high Who
2. We praise, we wor - ship Thee, we trust, and
3. O Je - sus Christ, Thou on - ly Son of
4. O Ho - ly Ghost, Thou pre - cious Gift, Thou



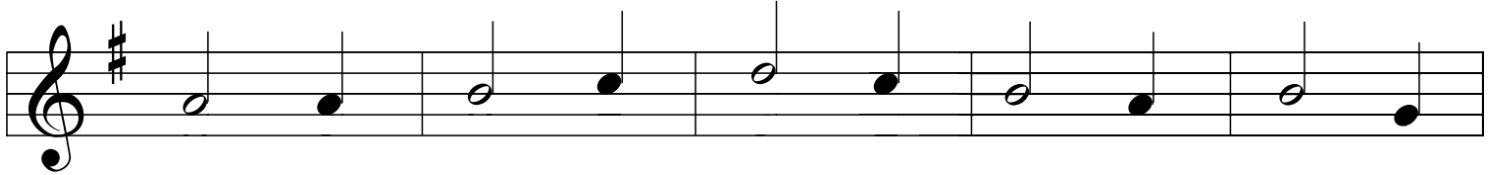
hath our race be - friend - ed! To us no
give Thee thanks for - e - ver, O Fa - ther,
God, Thy heav'n - ly Fa - ther, Who didst for
Com - for - ter un - fail - ing, o'er Sa - tan's



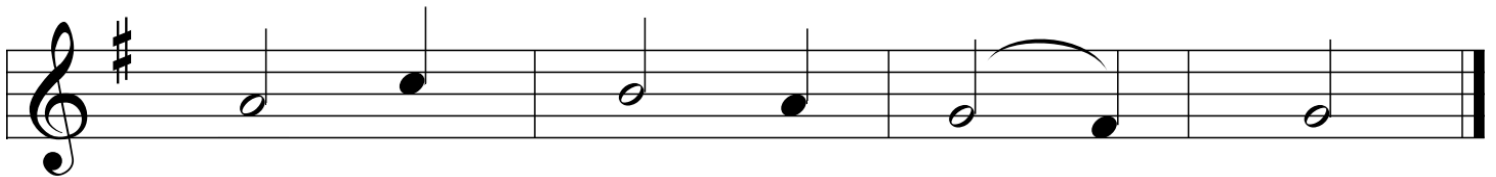
harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is
that Thy rule is just and wise, and chang - es
all our sins a - tone and Thy lost sheep dost
snares our souls up - lift and let thy pow'r a -



end - ded. God show-eth His good will to
ne - ver. Thy boundless pow'r o'er all things
ga - ther. Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on
vail - ing a - vert our woes and calm our



men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; O
reigns, done is what - e'er Thy will or - dains: well
high from out our depths we sin - ners cry, have
dread. For us the Sav - iour's blood was shed; we



thank Him for His good - ness!
for us that Thou rul - est.
mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
trust in Thee to save us.

SALUTATION PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

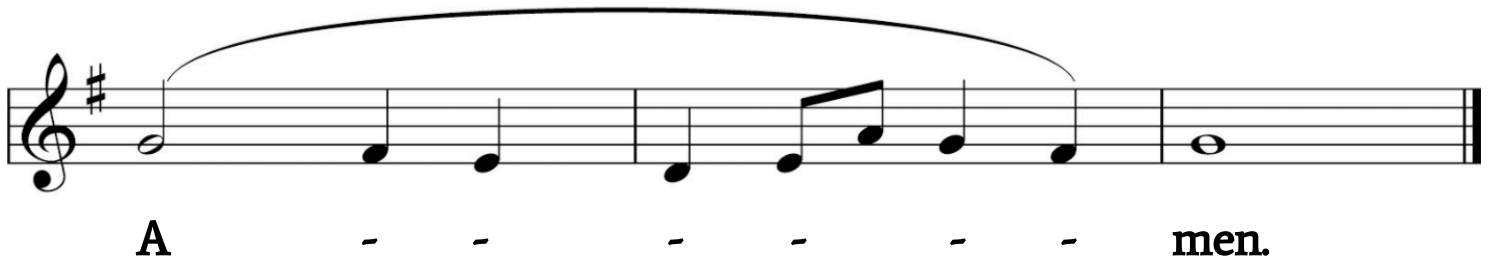


And with your Spi - rit.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son we pray, that He may lead home His Bride, the Church, that we with all Your saints may enter into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of his Word. Hearing God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and evangelists, we confess our faith in creed and in song.

OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 65:17-25

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.^(ESV)

PSALM - 45, selected verses



You are the most handsome of `the sons of men;/ grace is poured upon
your lips; therefore God has blessed you `forever.

Gird your sword on your thigh, 'O mighty one,/ in your splendor 'and
majesty!

In your majesty ride out 'victoriously / for the cause of truth and
meekness 'and righteousness;

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter `of uprightness;/ you have loved righteousness and ha`ted wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the 'oil of gladness /
beyond all your 'companions;

All glorious is the princess `in her chamber,/ with robes inter`woven with gold.

In many-colored robes she is 'led to the king,/ with her virgin companions 'following her.

With joy and gladness they 'are led along / as they enter the palace 'of
the king.

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son / and to `the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.

EPISTLE - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will

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not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.^(ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said] Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, “Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise answered, saying, “Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.” And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he answered, “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.^(ESV)



God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall 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.

HYMN - 544, "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying"

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition of the prayer concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

If you are visiting today, please do not feel obligated to give. If you prefer, you can give through our website, concordiaeauclaire.com/online-giving



THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We now partake of the meal which God has given to his people, in which we are united with Christ our savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.

PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



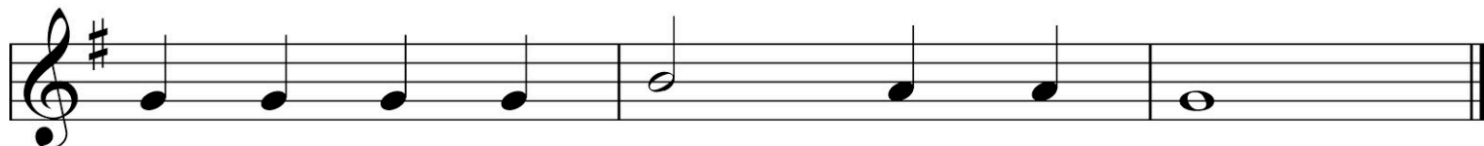
And with your Spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.



We lift up our hearts un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is good and right so to do.

The pastor chants the proper preface

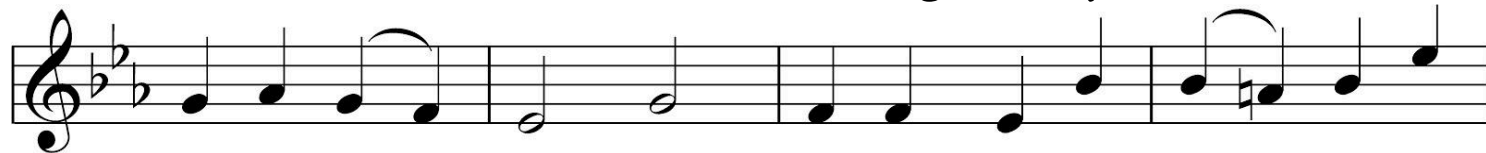
SANCTUS



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



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - sanna



in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

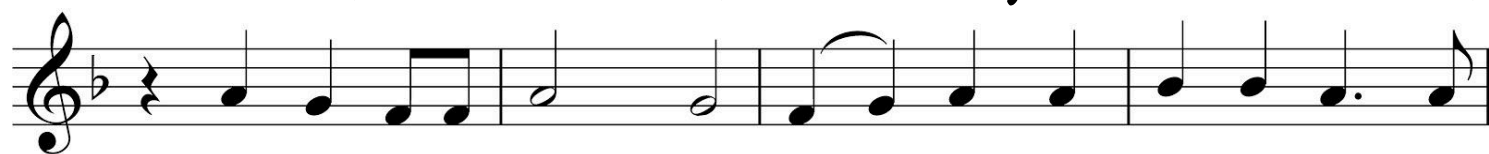
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and 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 and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



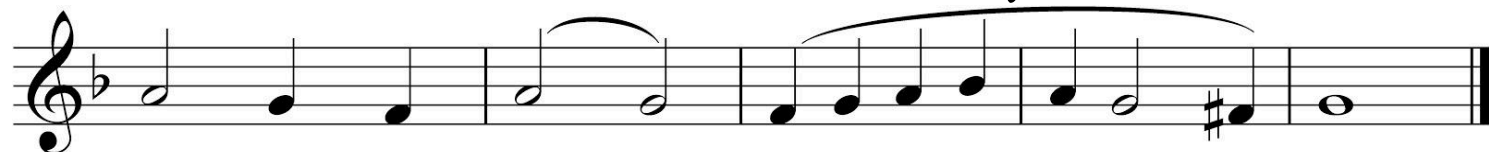
have mercy up- on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



grant us Your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion. If you are not a member of our congregation, or are not part of our greater fellowship (ELS/WELS), please refrain from communing.

Non-communicants are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating so by crossing their arms across their chest.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - 100, "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



1. O Je - sus, blessed Lord, to Thee my heart-felt

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: what wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

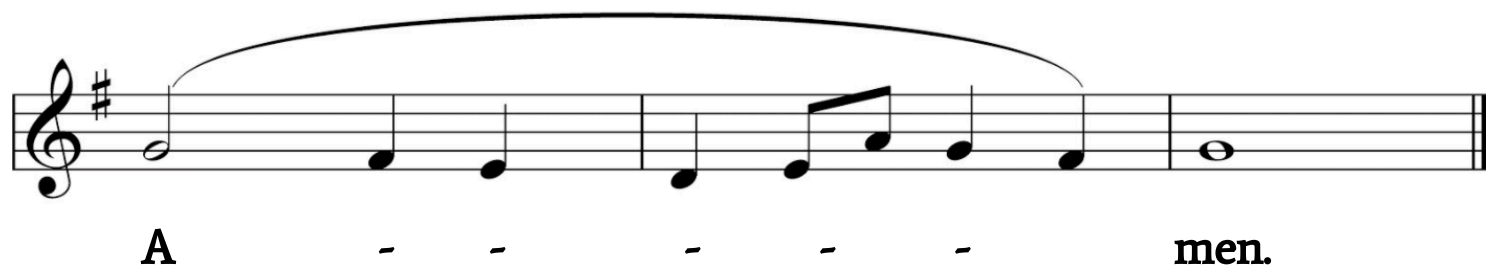


bestowed on me Thy bo - dy and Thy blood.
me now: how blest am I! How good art Thou!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through them in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.



HYMN - 542, "In Heaven Above"

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

☩ ☩ ☩ **Depart in Peace** ☩ ☩ ☩

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