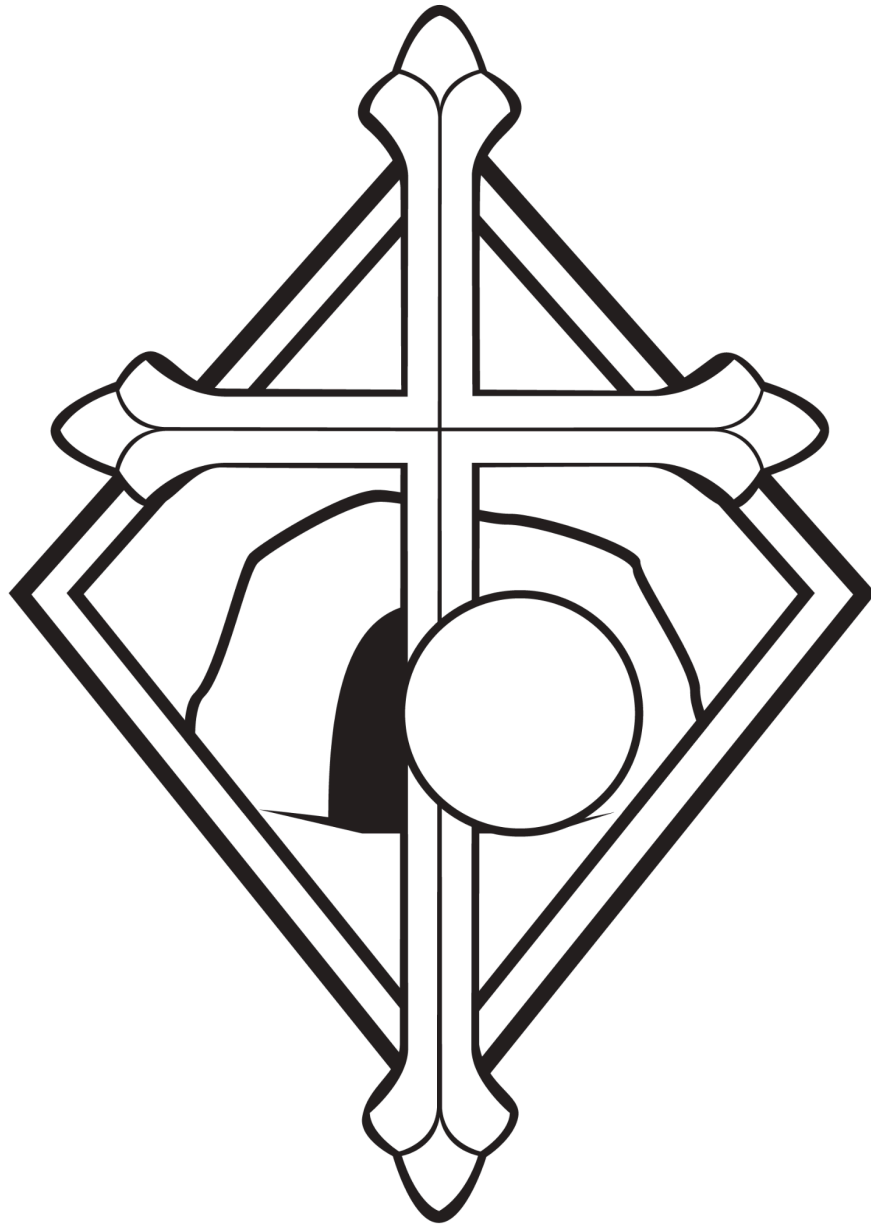


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THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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 - 72, "Thy Strong Word" *Please stand for final verse*

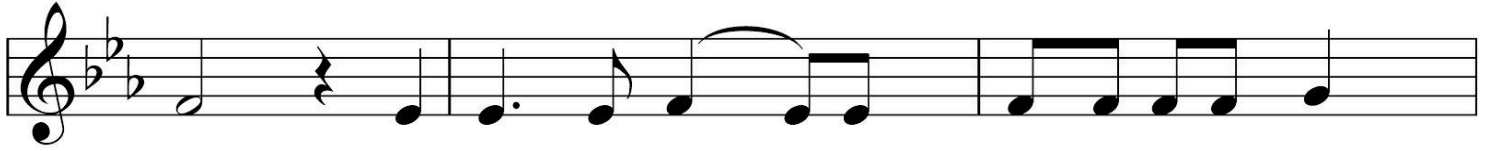
CONFESSION OF SIN

(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.

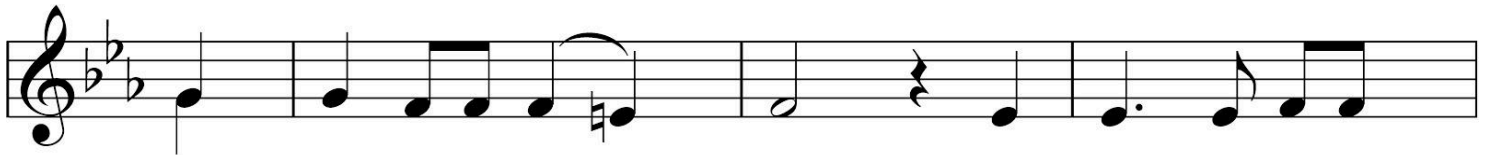
(All) O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may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

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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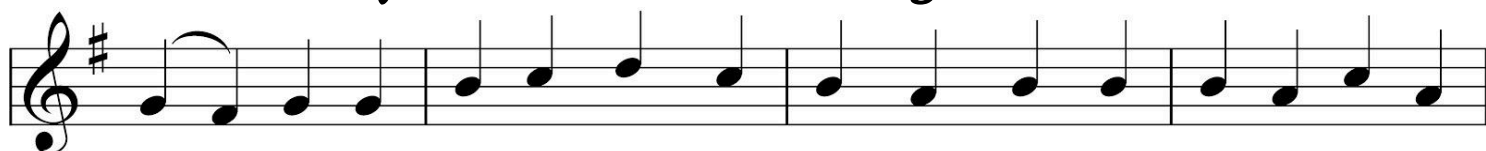
Glory be to God in the highest.



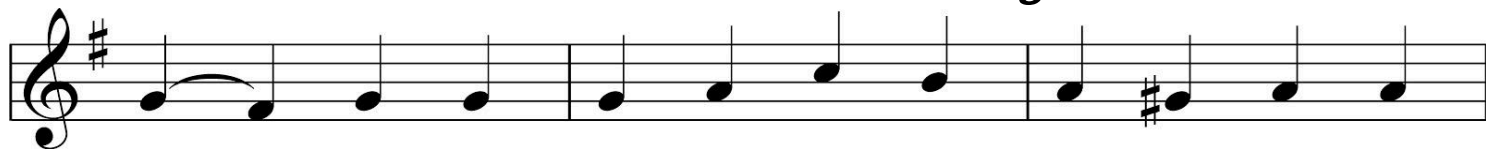
And on earth, peace, good will toward men.



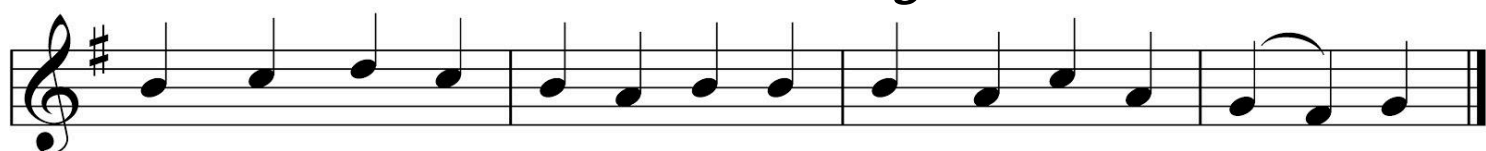
All Glo - ry be to God on high Who hath our race be -



- friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is



en - ded. God showeth His good will to men, and



peace shall reign on earth a-gain; O thank Him for His good - ness!

SALUTATION

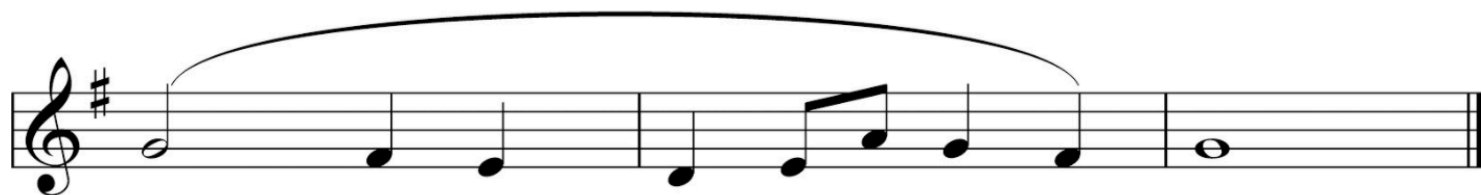
The Lord be with you.



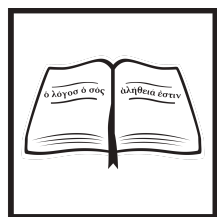
And with your Spi - rit.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod here on earth, that we might be like Your only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory: We beseech You, comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we may trust in Your Son's promise, that our trials will endure but a little while, and will then be followed by eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - - - - - men.



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 - Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not cast off forever, for, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.^(ESV)

PSALM - 30, selected verses



Sing praises to the Lord, 'O you his saints,/ and give thanks to 'his holy name.

For his anger lasts 'for a moment,/ but his favor lasts 'for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger 'during the night,/ but with the 'morning comes joy!

As for me, I said in my 'prosperity,/ "I shall 'never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you made the 'mountain stand strong;/ you hid your face; 'I was dismayed.

To you, 'O Lord, I cry,/ and to the Lord I 'plead for mercy:

"What profit is 'there in my death,/ if I go 'down to the pit?

Will 'the dust praise you?/ Will it tell of 'your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be mer'ciful to me!/ O Lord, 'be my helper!"

You have turned for me my mourning 'into dancing;/ you have loosed my sackcloth, and clothed 'me with gladness.

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 Peter 2:11-20

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when,

mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.^(ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL - John 16:16-22

[Jesus said] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”^(ESV)



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

APOSTLES' CREED

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the Communion of Saints,

the Forgiveness of sins,

the Resurrection of the body,

and the Life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

HYMN - 372, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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.



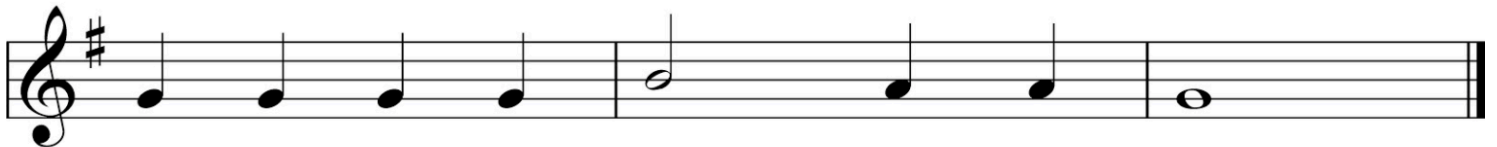
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Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.



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

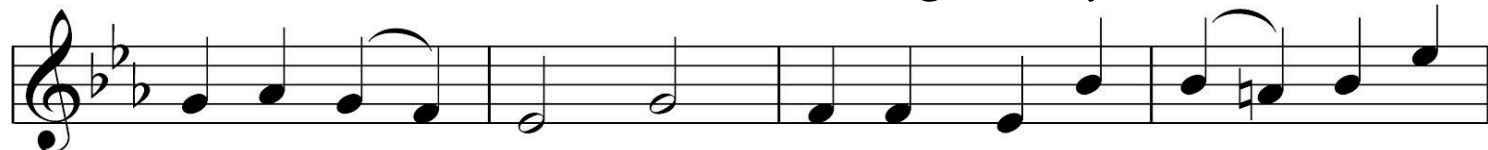
SANCTUS



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.

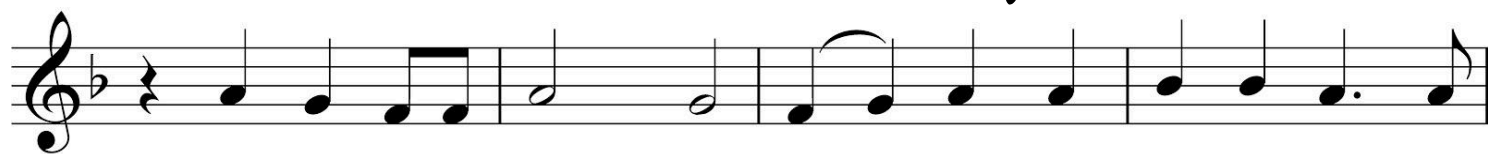
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

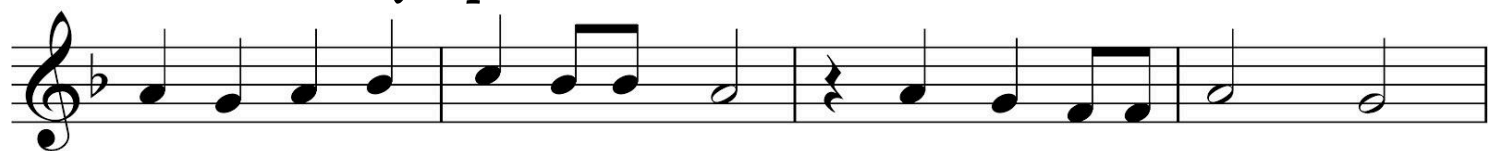
AGNUS DEI



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



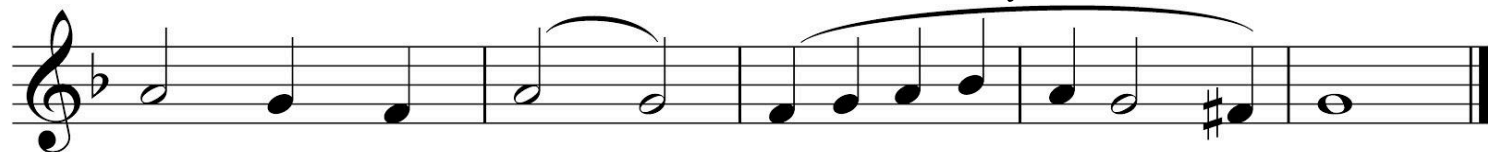
have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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.

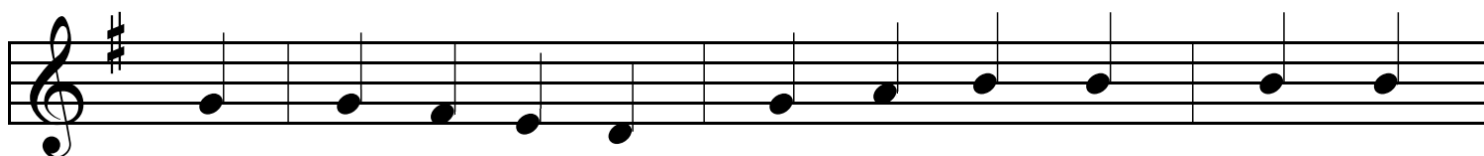
DISTRIBUTION

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 - 377, "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

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

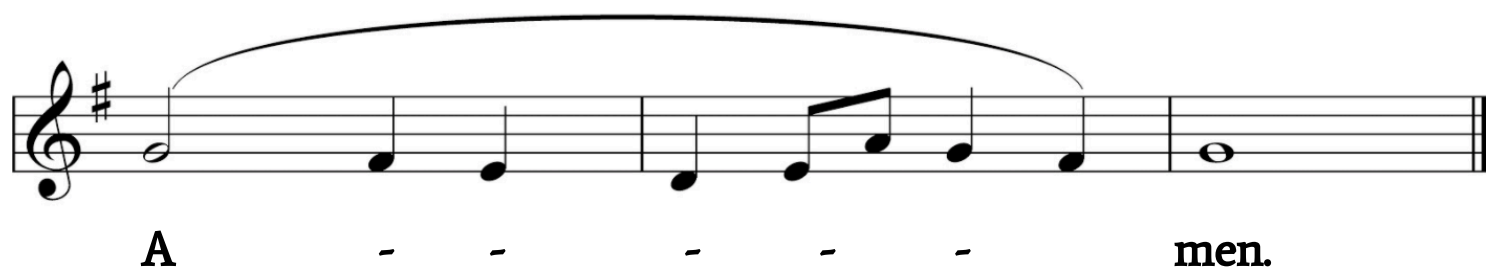


bestowed on me Thy bo - dy and Thy blood.
me now: how blest am I! How good art Thou!

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 - 357, "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

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** ☩ ☩ ☩

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and please join us again.

Lessons for next week:

Old Testament - Isaiah 6:1-7

Epistle - Ephesians 5:15-21

Holy Gospel – John 16:5-15