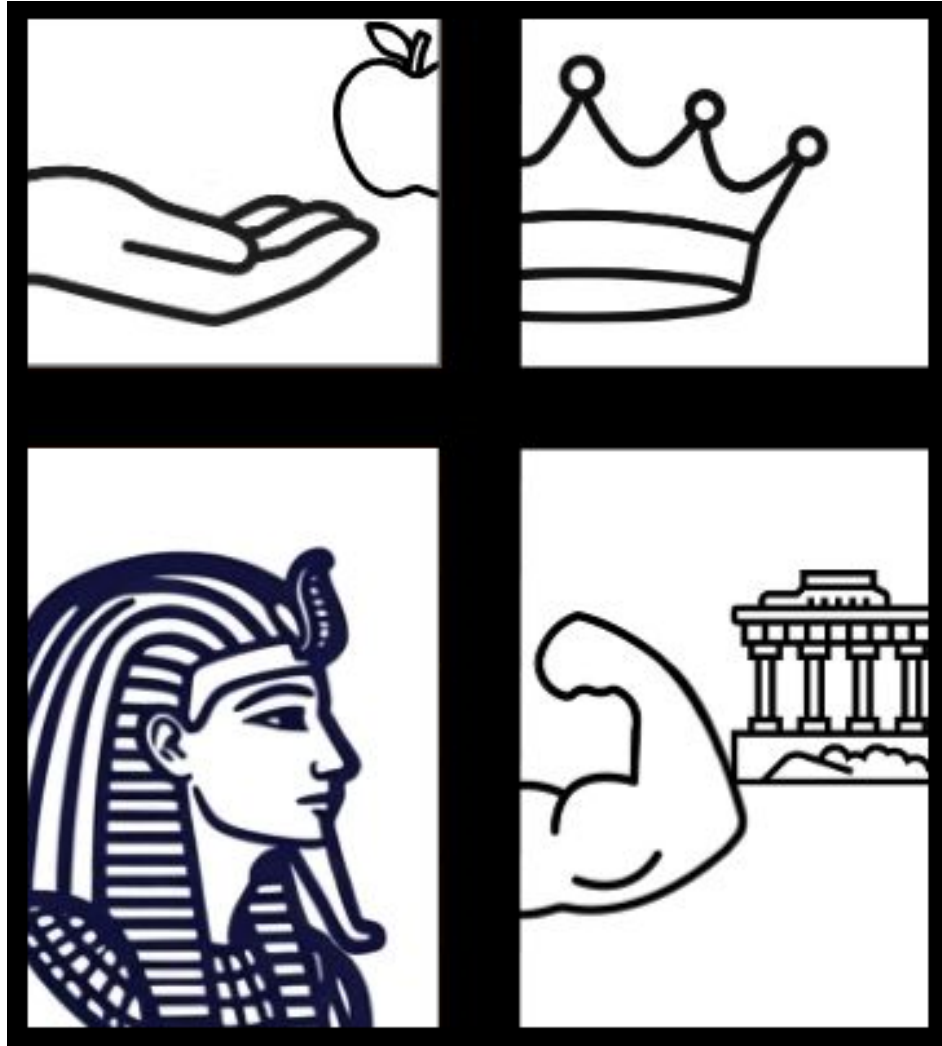


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THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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 - 49, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

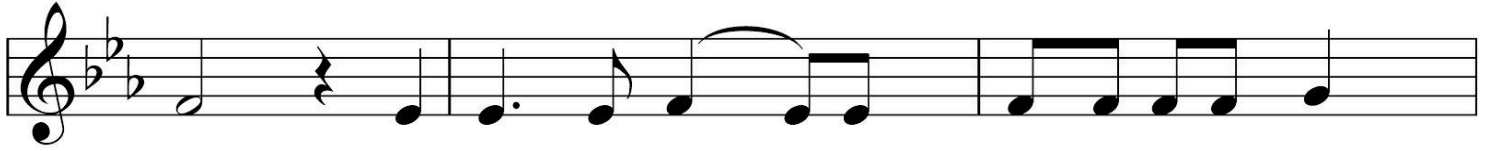
CONFESSION OF SIN

(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.



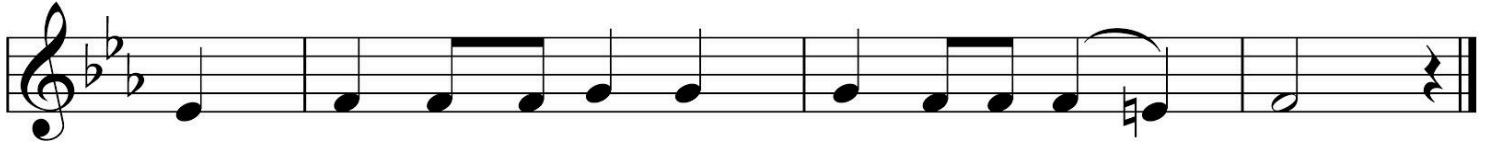
O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mercy up - on



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.

HYMN - 359, "This is the Feast"

SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

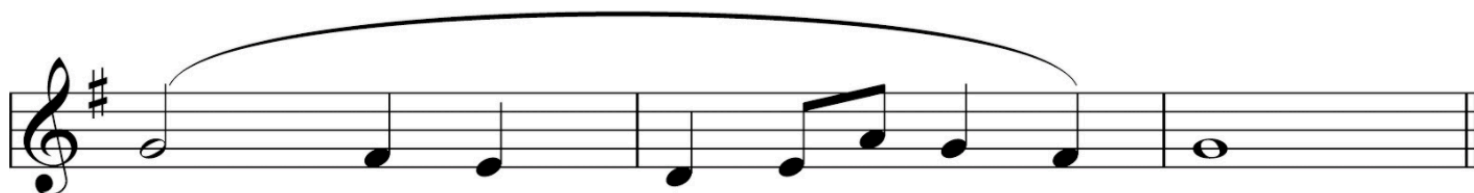
The Lord be with you.



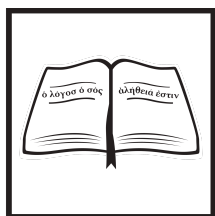
And with your Spi - rit.

Let us pray:

O Lord God, You never fail to help and govern those whom You bring up in Your steadfast fear and love: Make us ever revere and adore Your holy name; through 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.

FIRST READING - Genesis 50:15-20

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you

meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.^(ESV)

SECOND READING - Judges 15:9-15

The Philistines came up and encamped in Judah and made a raid on Lehi. And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They said, “We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he did to us.” Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so have I done to them.” And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not attack me yourselves.” They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands. We will surely not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men.^(ESV)

THIRD READING - 2 Samuel 15:13-16, 23

A messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.” Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.” And the king's servants said to the king, “Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides.” So the king went out, and all his household after him.

And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.^(ESV)

FOURTH READING - Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned, for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.^(ESV)

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.

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.



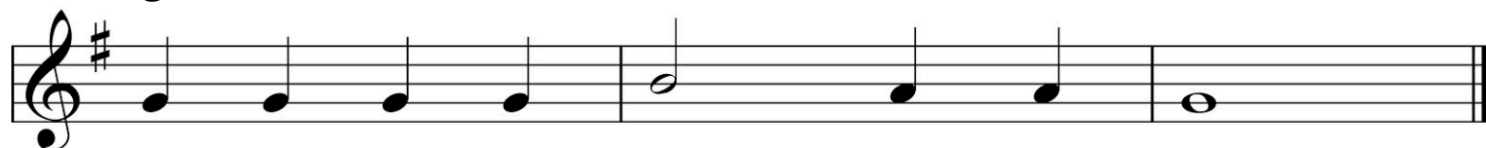
And with your Spi - rit.

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

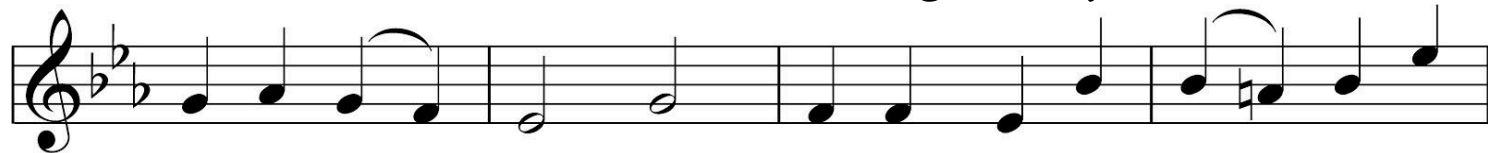
SANCTUS



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.

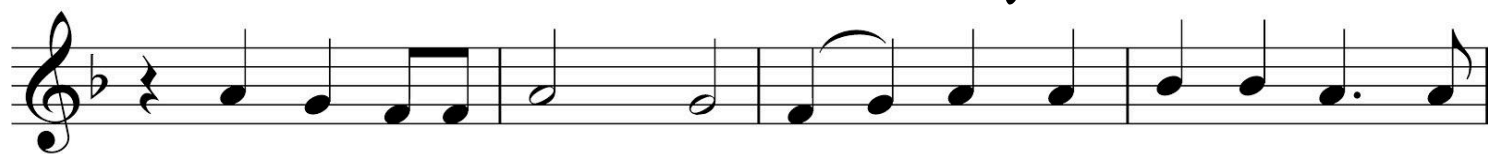
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

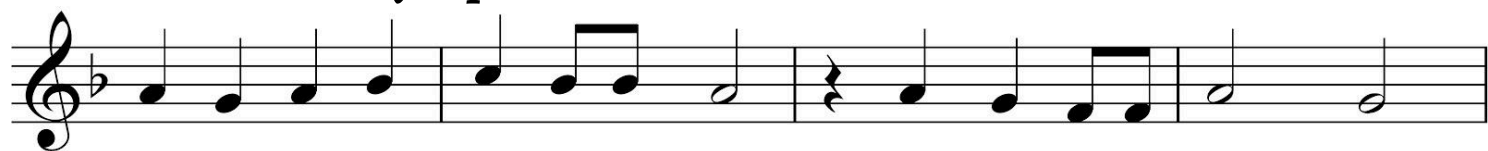
AGNUS DEI



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



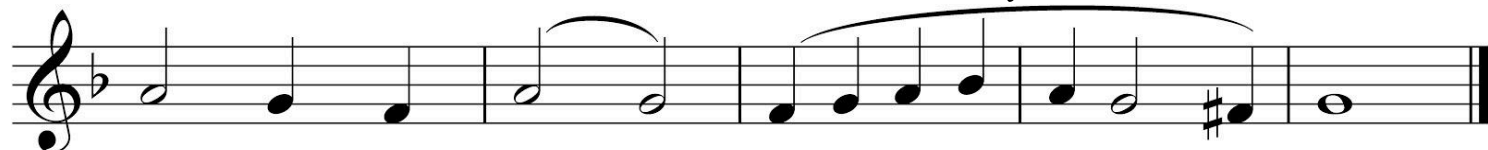
have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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 HYMNS - 175, "God Loves Me Dearly"

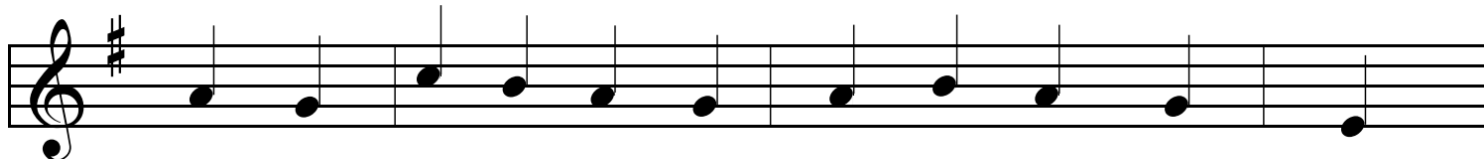
235, "Behold the Lamb of God"

240, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" *If needed*

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

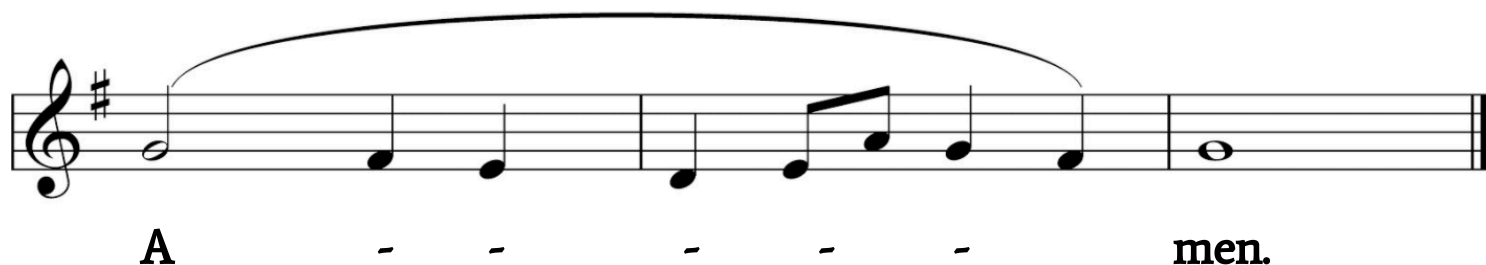


bestowed on me Thy bo - dy and Thy blood.
me now: how blest am I! How good art Thou!

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 - 178, "I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus"

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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