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**MISSION:** *Living God's Word through Caring, Sharing and Teaching*

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## Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near, through the blood of Christ! For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

**People:** **Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people, and members of God's household!**

**Pastor:** "Dear brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body."

**People:** **Then let us draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:19, 20, 22)**

## Invocation

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn LSB 507 Holy, Holy, Holy (verses 1, 2,4)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## CONFESSION

Pastor: People of God! Sometimes we hide the joy of our faith under a bundle of excuses. More often than we wish, the whole point of Christianity is lost—that God loves us with a love that can change our day-to-day existence into a wonderful experience of joy, peace, and unity with others. We get so involved in the crude pettiness of life, that the big picture of God’s being in control, working to make all things for our good for those who love Him, is over shadowed. Let us confess all our sins, and all Him to bring us His joy again.

**All: Lord God, I confess that I’m not always open to You. So often I’m miserable in life because I try to live without You. I confess that I have failed to take your word seriously. Forgive me for all my sins of thought, word, and deed. Strengthen my faith in Your promises. Help me to release my doubts and to trust You complexly. I can’t do that without the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Hear this prayer for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God’s inspired Word assures us: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.” (2 Cor. 5:17-18) This is His Good News for you. Through repentance and faith in Christ Jesus, your sins have been forgiven. This is God’s solemn

promise, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, heavenly Father: You are merciful, and through Christ promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You would establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all, and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Old Testament:**

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

**1**“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. **2** Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. **3** Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. **4** See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. **5** Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

**Epistle:**

**Romans 9:1-5**

**9** I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— **2** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, **4** the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the

covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5  
Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of  
the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 1:19-24**

**19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[a] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. **20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[b] because he will save his people from their sins.” **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). **24** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

**Message:    **Courage, the Story of Joseph****

**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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.

## OFFERING

## GENERAL PRAYER

### Communion Hymn    LSB 687 Thine Forever, God of Love (verses 1, 2, 3)



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav' n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.

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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**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.**

### PROPER

**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.

**C: Amen!**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke

22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: Sanctified and kept in the one true faith, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

## LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

# WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Distribution

## Distribution Hymns (as time permits)

### LSB 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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### LSB 618 Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 )

## CLOSING HYMN LSB 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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