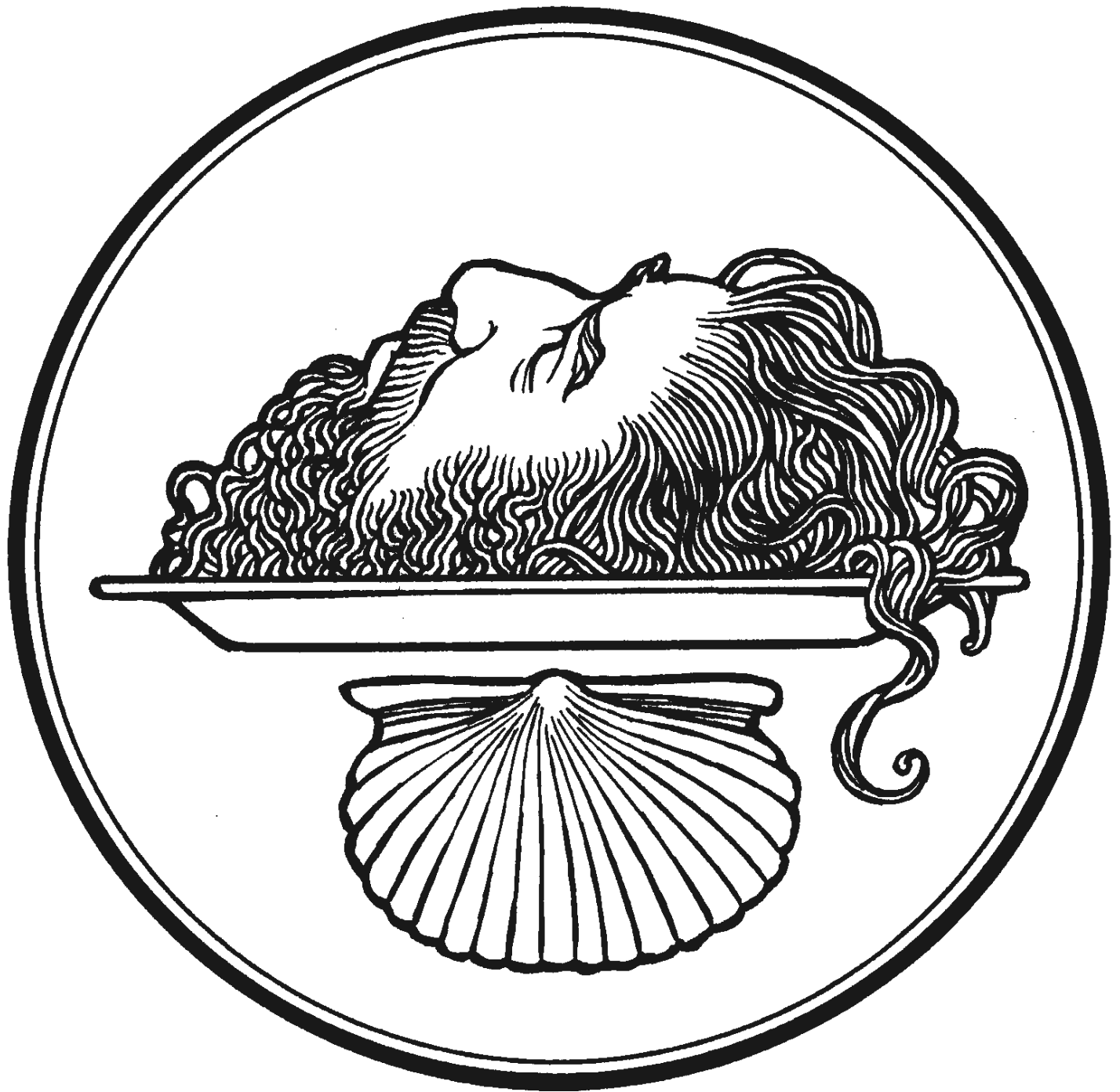


# Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 14, 2024**



The Death of John the Baptist

**Mark 6:14-29**

# 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare

sts. 1, 24, 3



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 2 Our thanks for John the Bap - tist Who,  
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 till his dy - ing day, Made straight paths for the  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 Sav - ior And her - ald - ed His way! In  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 wit - ness - ing to Je - sus Through times of threat or  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 shame May we with faith and cour - age  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 The Lamb of God pro - claim.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
  
- 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**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.**

**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.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

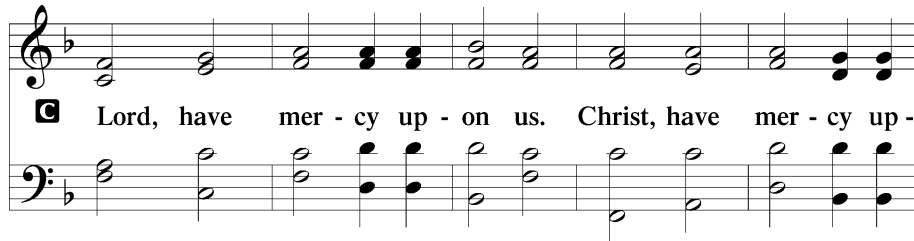
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life! \*  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!  
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! \*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with your | servant, \*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.  
Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love, \*  
for in | you I trust.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

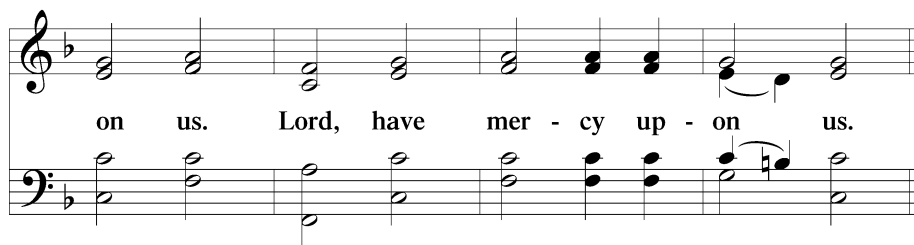
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life! \*  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

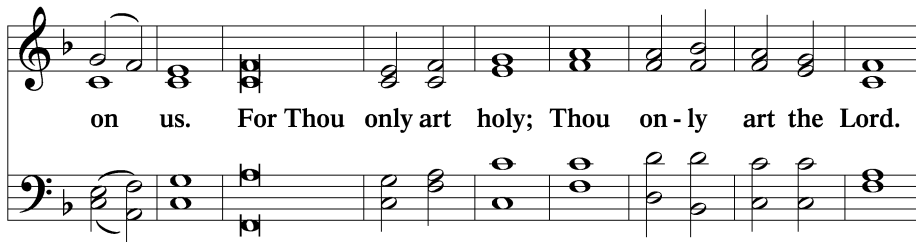
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



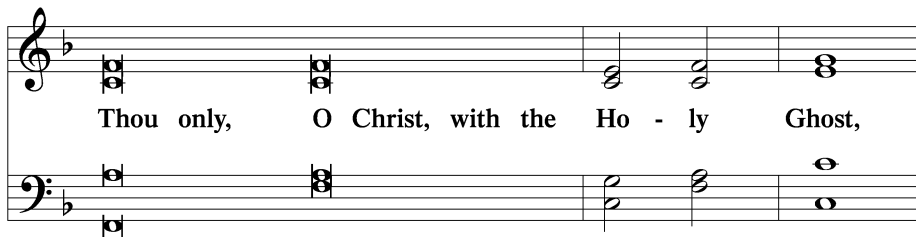
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

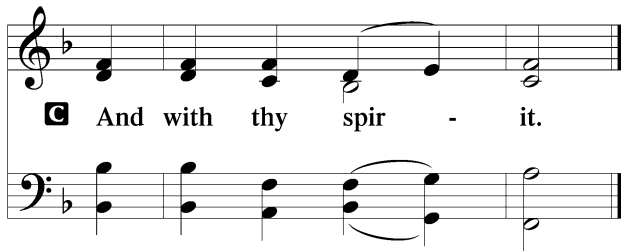


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.

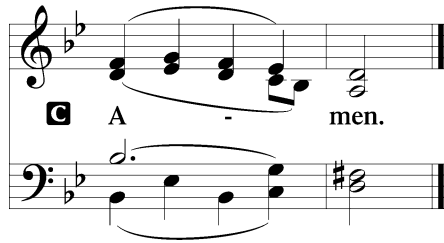


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

““Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.””

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

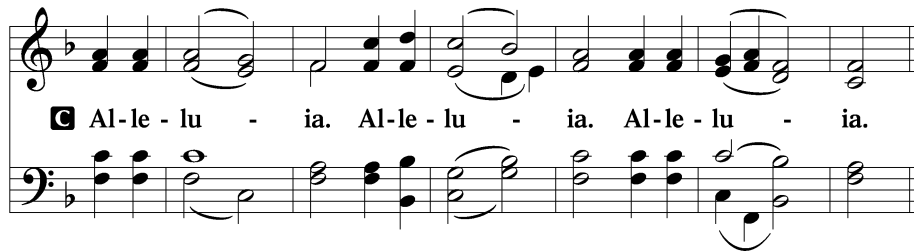
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

LSB 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

### 618 I 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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## 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -

leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When

plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,

May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do

watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay  
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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### 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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### 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?  
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.  
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it  
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation  
 And in His gifts rejoice.  
 Each day finds its vocation  
 Responding to His voice.  
 Soon years on earth are past;  
 But time we spend expressing  
 The love of God brings blessing  
 That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer  
 The world's unpleasantness,  
 And though the days grow rougher  
 And bring me great distress,  
 That day of bliss divine,  
 Which knows no end or measure,  
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
 Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,  
 Who fashioned us from clay;  
 And His own Son fulfilled it  
 And brought eternal day.  
 The Spirit now has come,  
 To us true faith has given;  
 He leads us home to heaven.  
 O praise the Three in One!

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Stand

**Nunc Dimittis**

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**B** and His mercy endureth for- ev-er.

**A** 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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**

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**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

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