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THANKSGIVING EVE



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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

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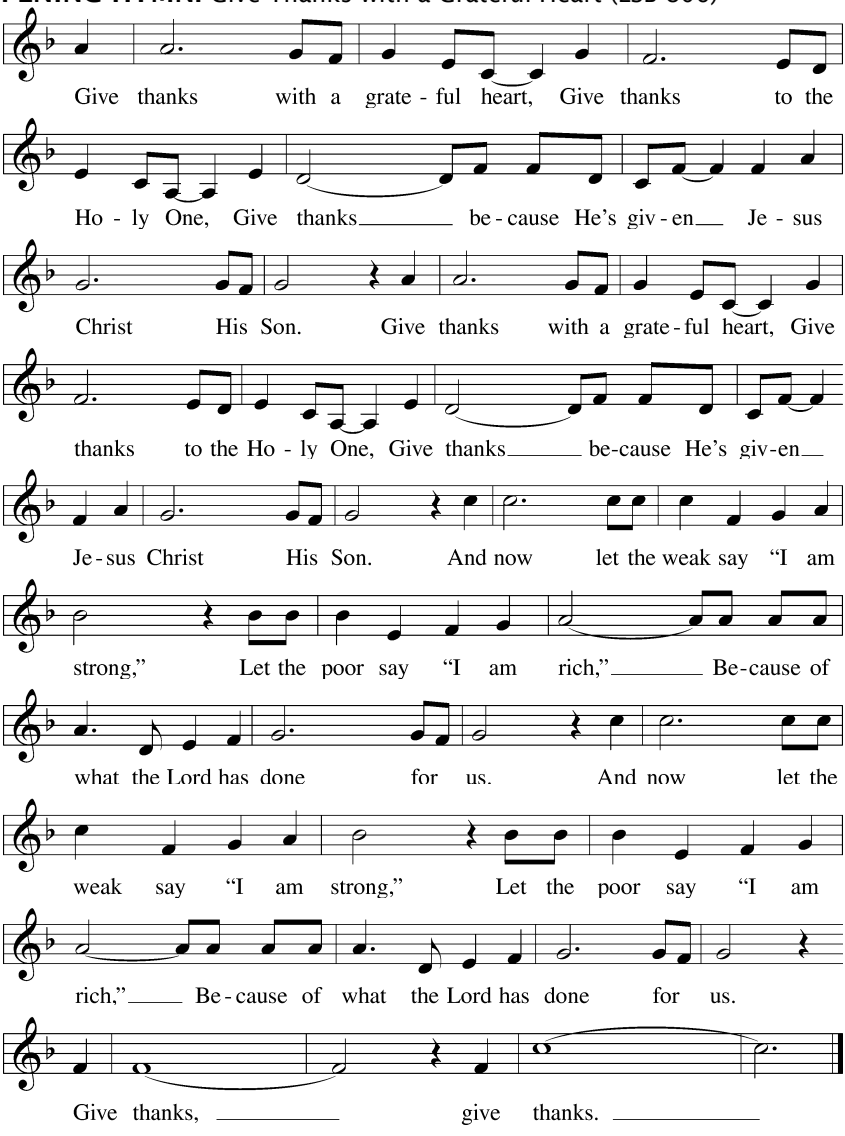
We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (LSB 806)



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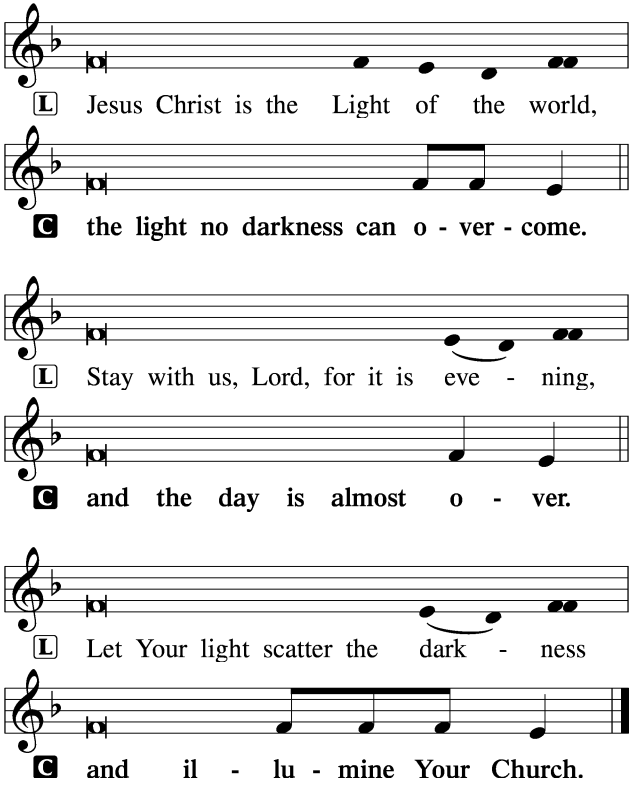
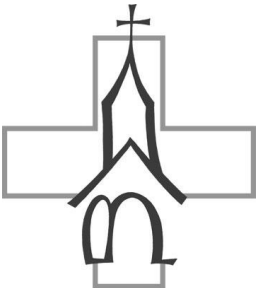
SERVICE OF LIGHT

OPENING VERSICLES





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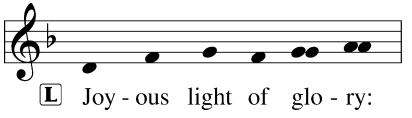
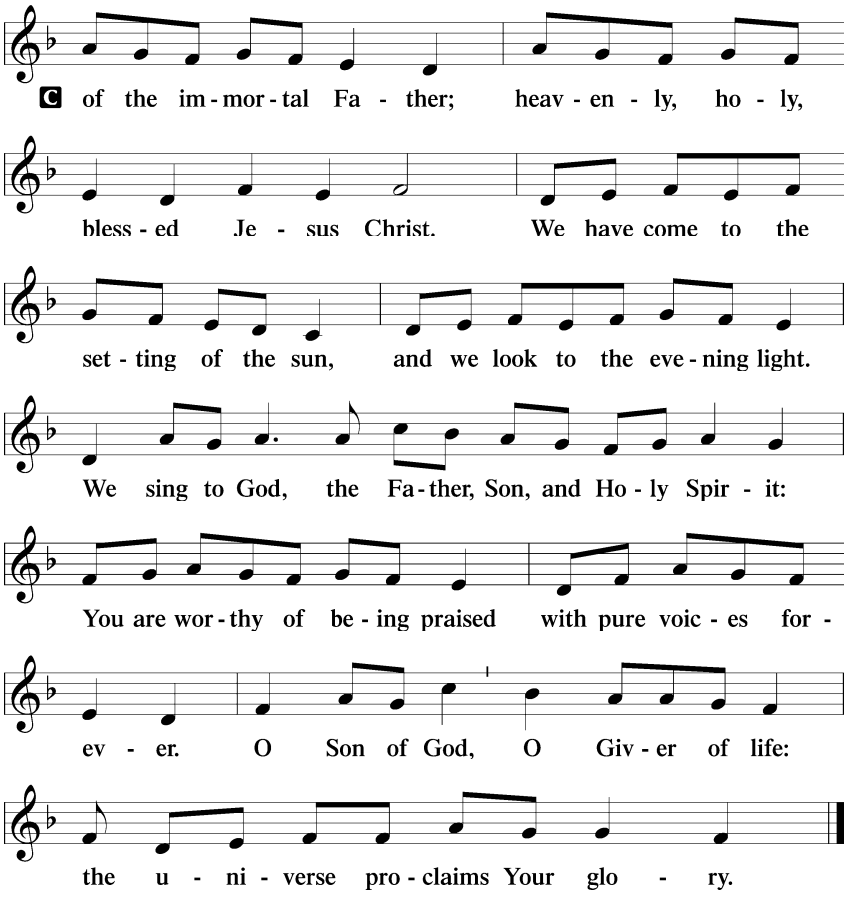
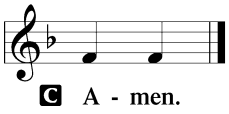




THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P: Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



PSALM 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
C: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
C: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

P: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
C: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:
C: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your

God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C: **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

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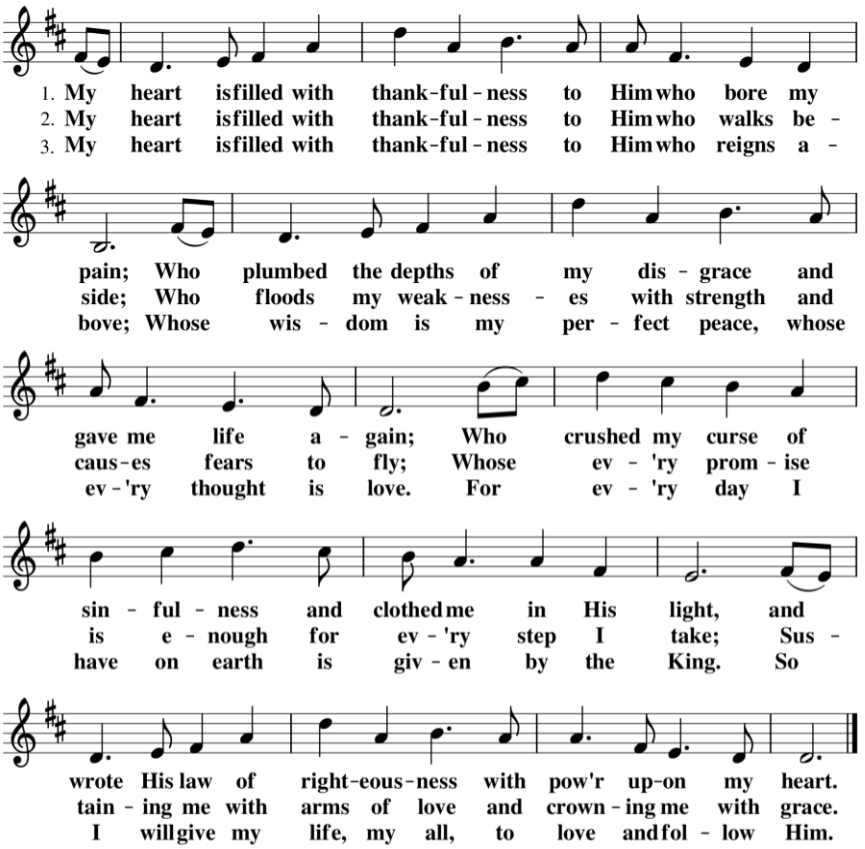
SERMON HYMN: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)



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SERMON: "From Those Who Least Deserve It" Luke 17:17-19

Pastor Dressler

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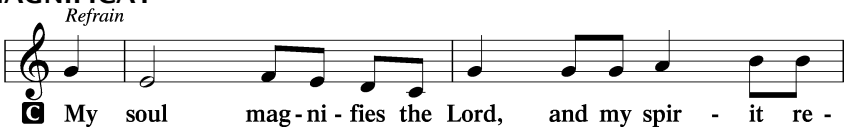

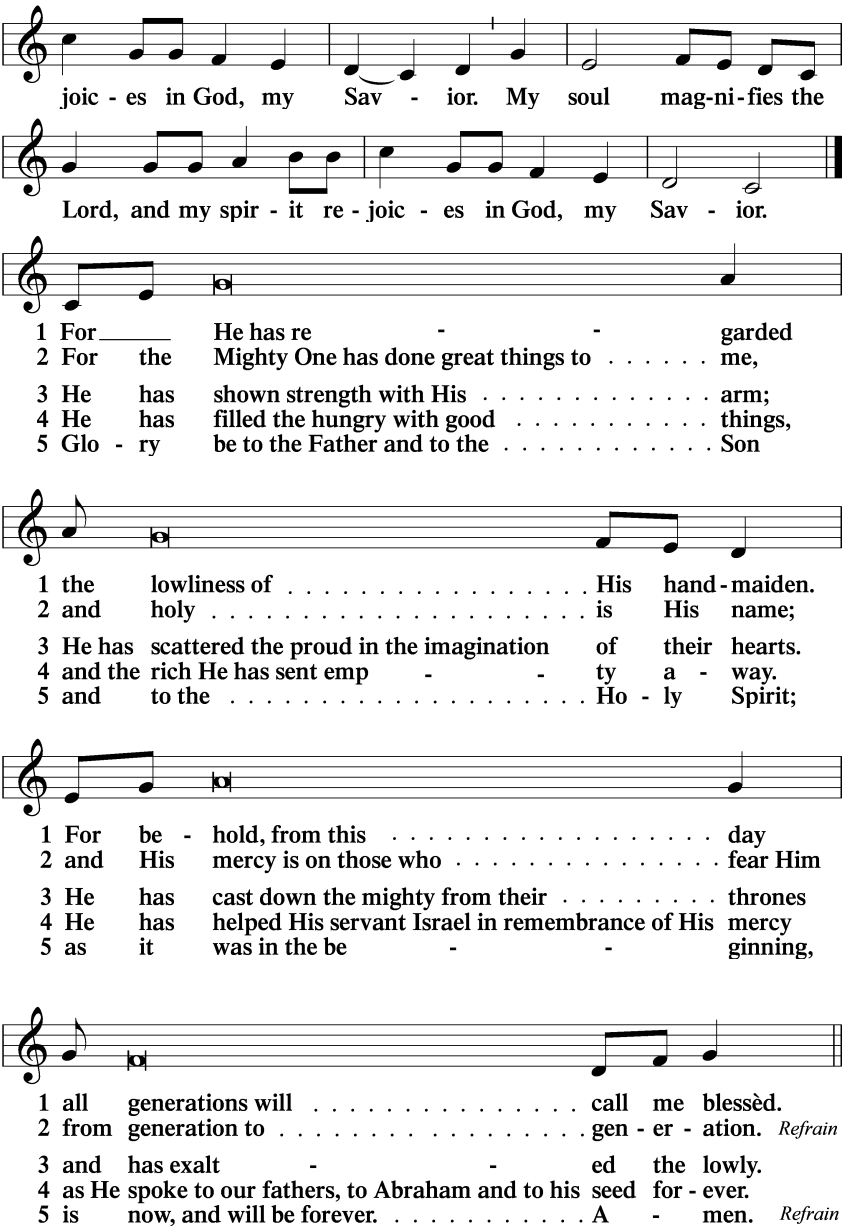

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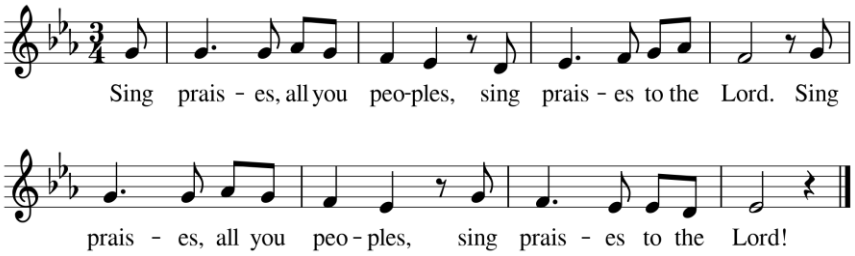
PRAYER

PRAYERS – *Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer." Congregation responds with verse below.*





CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *[adapted from Psalm 75]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: It is God who executes judgment,
C: putting down one and lifting up another.

P: We give thanks to You, O God;
C: we give thanks, for Your name is near.

P: We recount Your wondrous deeds.
C: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

P: Indeed, we praise God not only for who He is, but for what He does for us in His Son.
C: This day, His name is near with power to save.

P: Then let us go to Him, confessing our sin, and seeking His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Silence to reflect on our need for a Savior.

P: We confess together:
C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. 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.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin.
Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 ✢ 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.”

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION



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COLLECT FOR PEACE

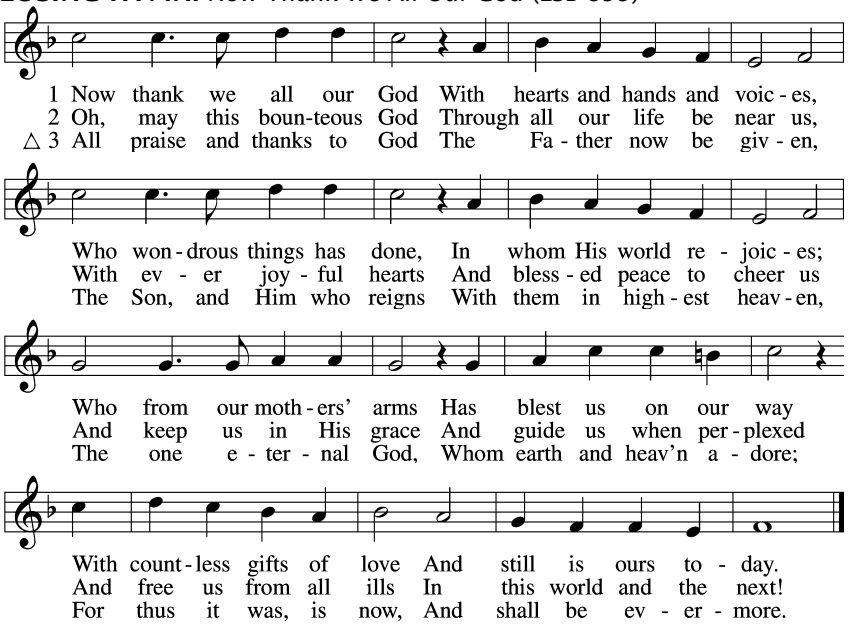
P: Let us pray.
O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance and ✢ give you peace.
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God (LSB 895)



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