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HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Order of the Holy Communion

Prelude

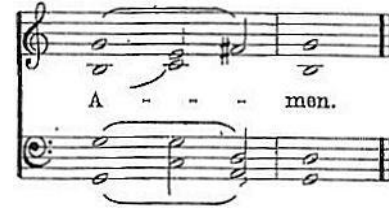
Hymn – #55

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

Stand

Invocation:

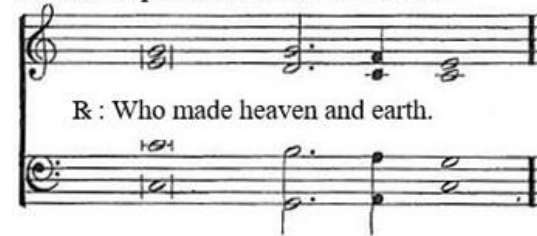
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



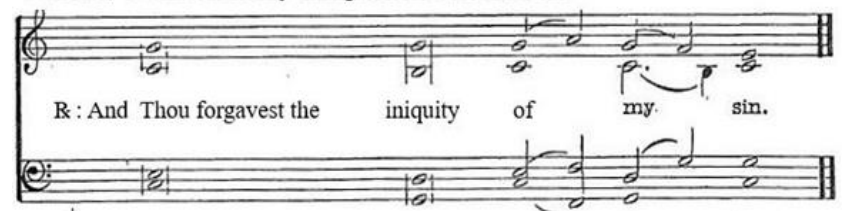
The Confession of Sins:

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.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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 Ghost.

R: A - - - men.

Introit: Ps. 25:1-3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

**To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

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

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

The Gloria in Excelsis

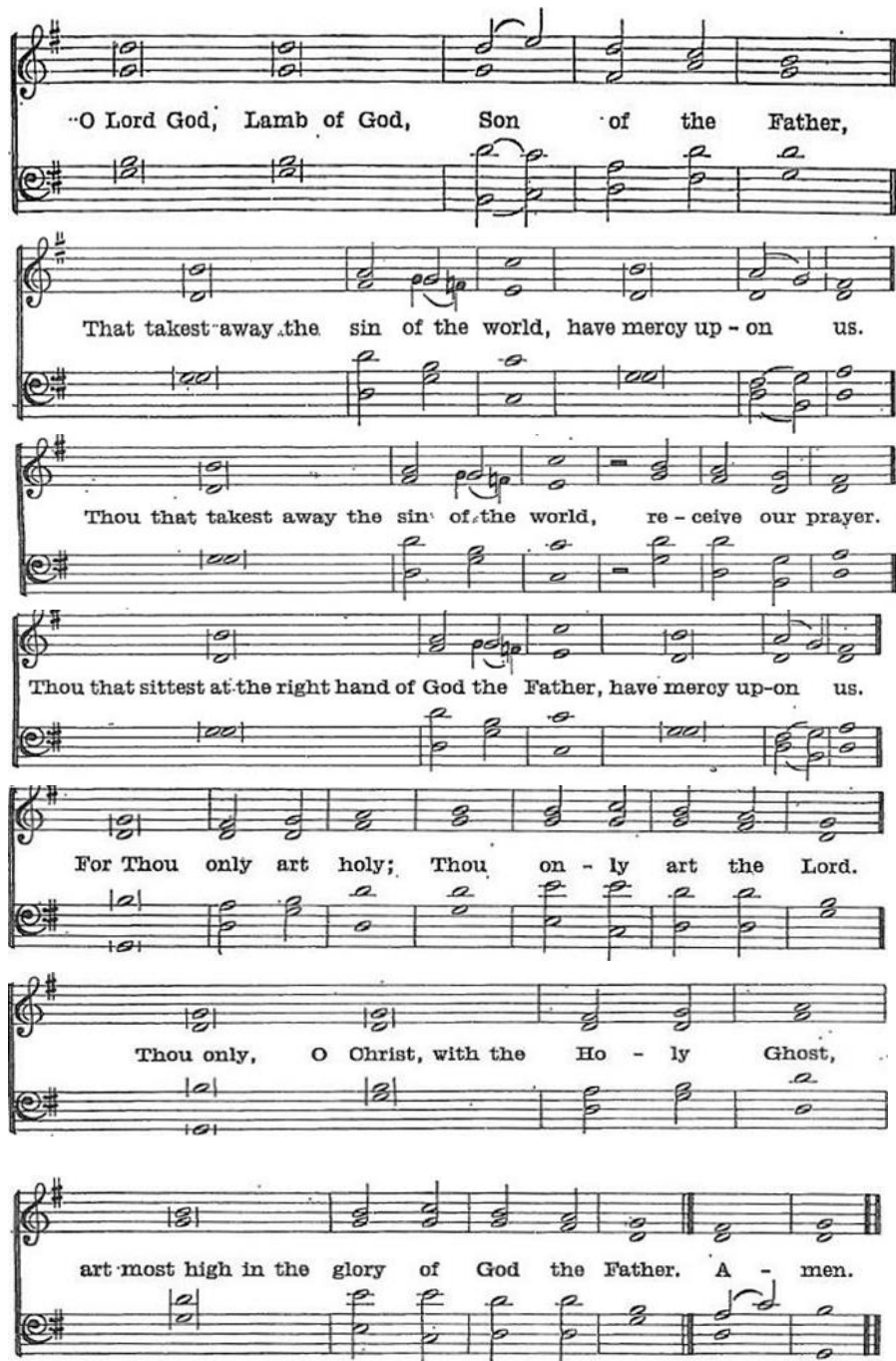
V: Glory be to God on high: R: And on earth peace; good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

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

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

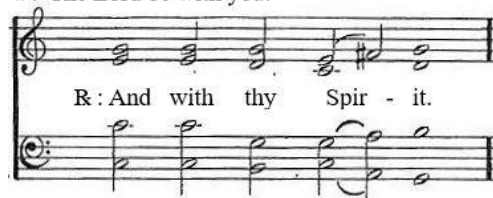
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



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.

The Salutation:

V: The Lord be with you.

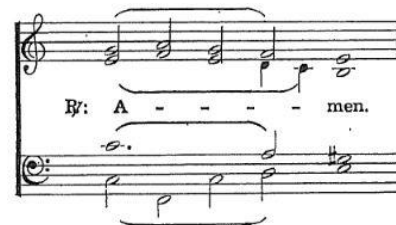


R: And with thy Spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Collect for The Day:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Br: A - - - - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

- 1 Oh that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
that the mountains might quake at
your presence—
- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at
your presence!
- 3 When you did awesome things that we
did not look for,
you came down, the mountains
quaked at your presence.
- 4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.
 5 You meet him who joyfully works
 righteousness,
 those who remember you in your
 ways.
 Behold, you were angry, and we
 sinned;
 in our sins we have been a long time,
 and shall we be saved?
 6 We have all become like one who is
 unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a
 polluted garment.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind,
 take us away.
 7 There is no one who calls upon your
 name,
 who rouses himself to take hold of
 you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have made us melt in the hand
 of our iniquities.
 8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our
 potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
 9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
 and remember not iniquity forever.
 Behold, please look, we are all your
 people.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

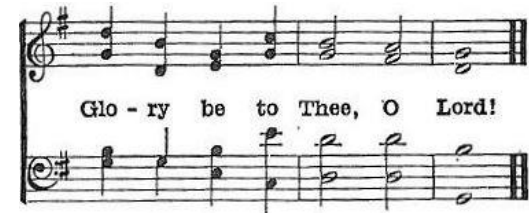
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
 was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him
 in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was
 confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as
 you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to
 the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by
 whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stand



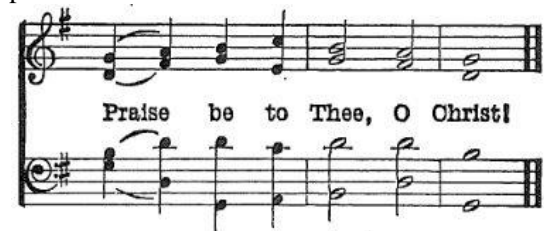
Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

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



¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
 Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into
 the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a
 colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says
 to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will
 send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied
 at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those
 standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And
 they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought
 the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many
 spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they
 had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed
 were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the
 highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: 427, v. 1-3, 7

“How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord”

Sermon – “Christ will Strengthen You to the End”

1 Corinthians 1:6-9

- I. We are people who need Christ’s strengthening.
- II. Christ has strengthened us, and will do so to the end.

Stand

The Offertory

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

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer

The Preface

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus



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.

The 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;



R: For Thine is the king - dom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!



R: A - - - - - men.

The Agnus Dei

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

Communion Distribution

Hymn #56 -- "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

Hymn #394 -- "My Faith Looks to Thee"

Hymn #54 -- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis

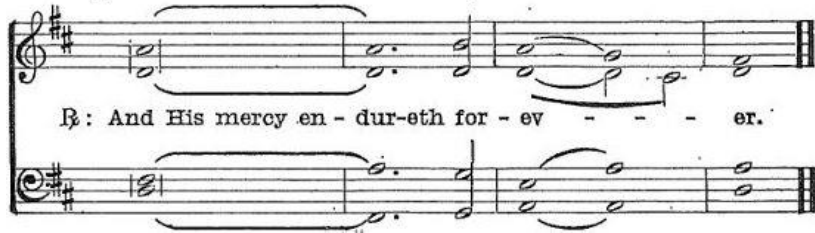
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-



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

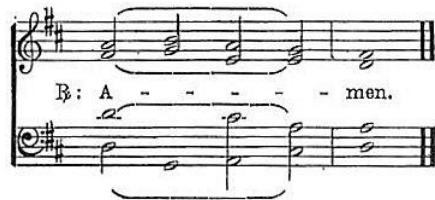
The Thanksgiving

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



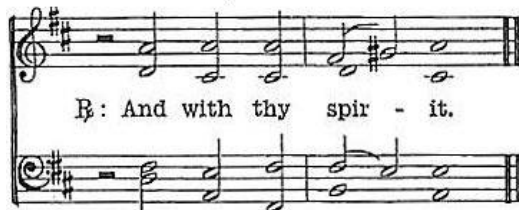
R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



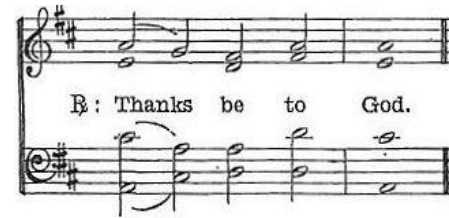
R: A - - - - - men.

V: The Lord be with you.



R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Bless we the Lord.



R: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



R: A - men, A - men, A - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn - #54 (7:00 p.m.)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

DAILY READINGS: December 3: Is. 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14; 4: Is. 10:12–27a, 33–34; 2 Peter 1:1–21; 5: Is. 11:1–12:6; 2 Peter 2:1–22; 6: Is. 14:1–23; 2 Peter 3:1–18; 7: Is. 24:1–13; 1 John 1:1–2:14; 8: Is. 24:14–25:12; 1 John 2:15–29; 9: Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24.

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