# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +



(Stand)

# (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **EXHORTATION**

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- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# (Kneel/Stand)

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

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

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- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE

I SB 151

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

(Stand)

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 149

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<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;*
let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with | dancing,*
making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in | glory;*
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

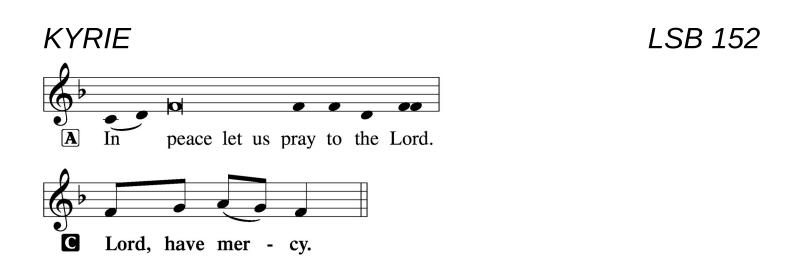
<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be | in their throats*
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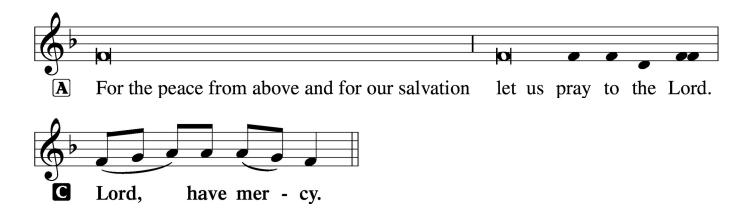
and two-edged swords | in their hands,

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the | nations\*
and punishments on the | peoples,

<sup>8</sup>to bind their | kings with chains\*
and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

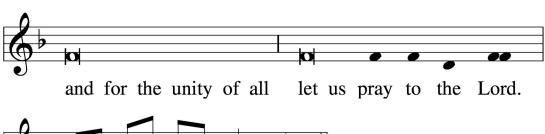
<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment | written!\*
This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!



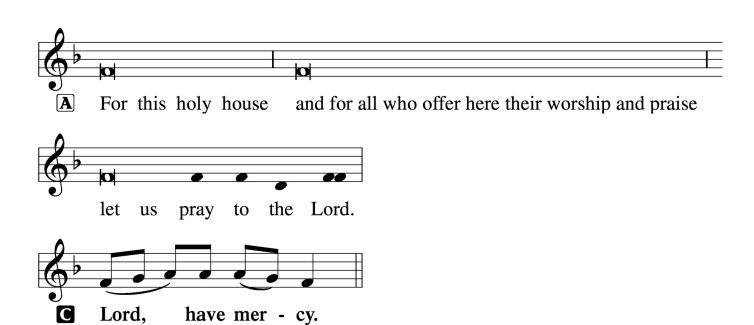


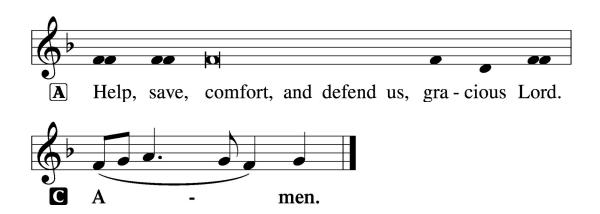


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,









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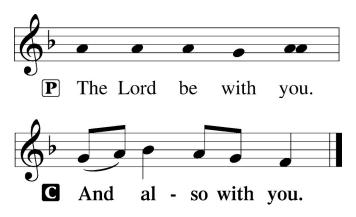


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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



#### P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# (Sit)

#### FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2–17

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we

have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones

coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- <sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## (Stand)

#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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#### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:1–12* 

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



- <sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
  - <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
  - <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
  - <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
  - 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

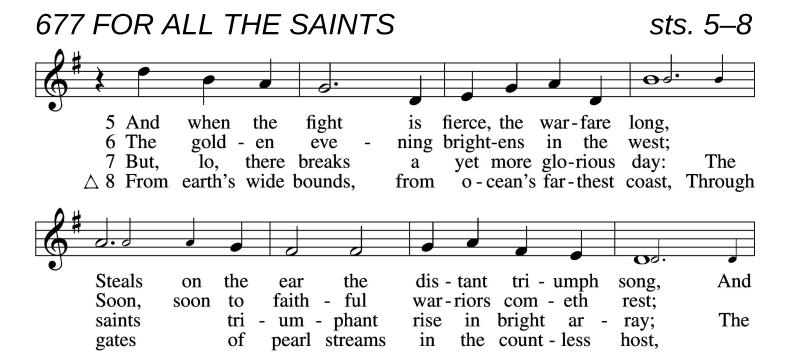
<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

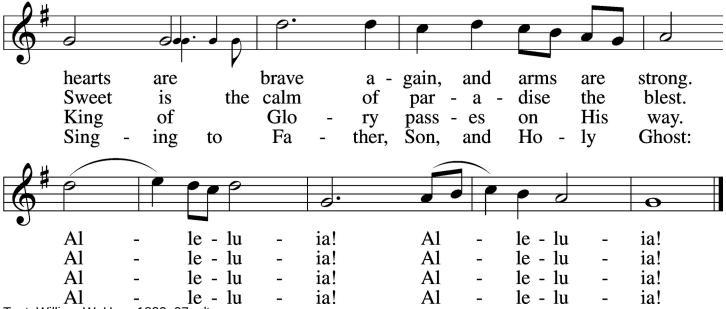
<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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



# (Sit)





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#### SERMON

## (Stand)

#### 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 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After Each Petition:

- **P** Lord in your mercy:
- **C** Hear our prayer.

#### After the Final petiton:

#### **C** Amen

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

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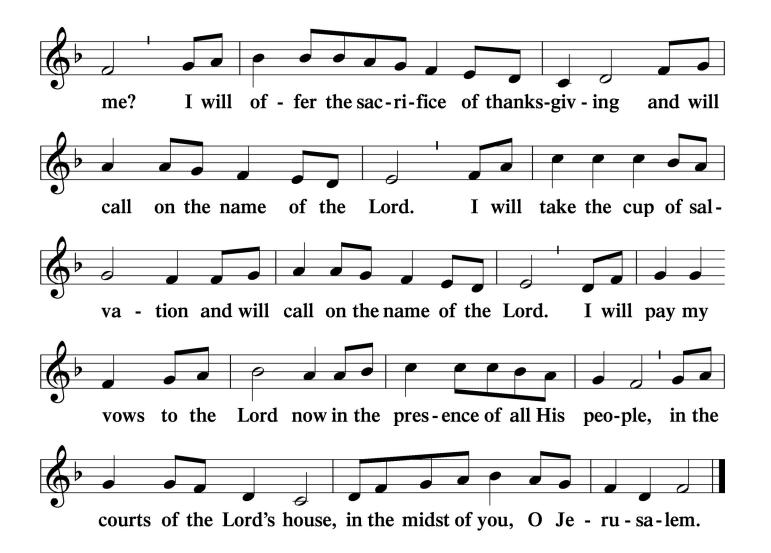
**OFFERING** 

#### A NOTE TO GUESTS

Offerings are a way our membership supports this congregation and other missions. As our guest, we consider your presence gift enough, so please do not feel obligated to put anything in the offering plate. However, should you choose to do so, we thank you and appreciate your support.

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# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

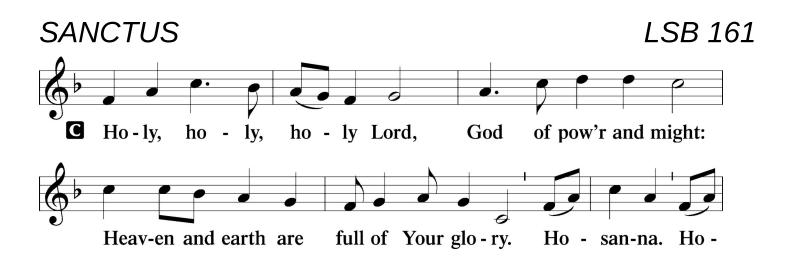


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



## PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 ⅓ 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 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI I SB 163



# (Sit)

#### A NOTE ON COMMUNION

Members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or any church in alter and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are encouraged to participate in Holy Communion. Those from any church other than those previously listed: We request that you speak to the Pastor before communing. You may go up to the rail to receive a blessing if you so choose.

#### DISTRIBUTION

# (The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:)

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Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

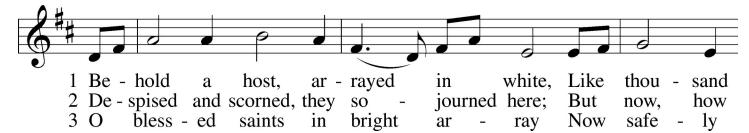
Amen.

# (In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

#### THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.

#### 676 BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE

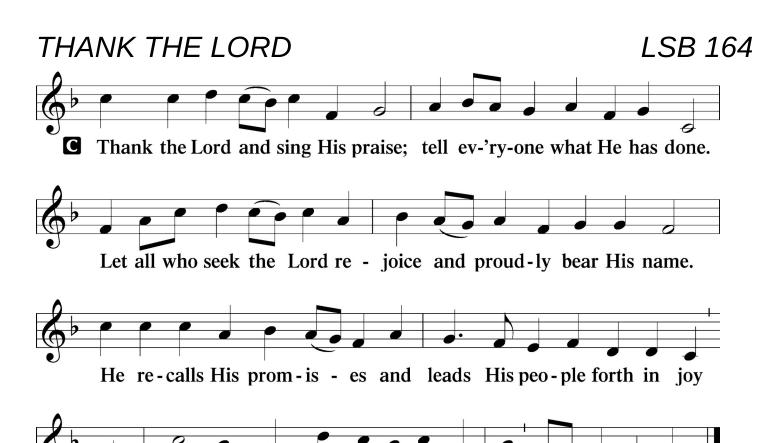




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# (Stand)



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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.

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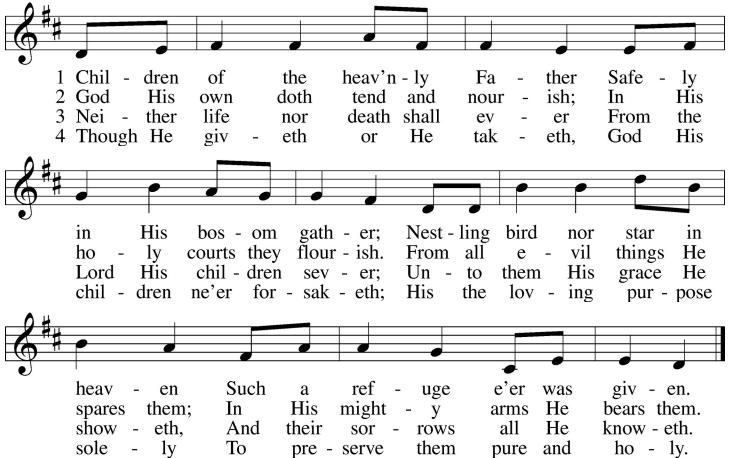
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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.



#### 725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



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