

## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**JANUARY 11, 2026 | 10:30 AM**

## Holy Communion will be continuous today.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available upon request.

### Holy Communion is...

- † The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*
- † Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”  
Preparation might involve three questions:  
Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?  
Am I ready to lead a new life?
- † God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”  
*Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32*



Welcome to worship at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please scan the QR Code to register as our guest. You can also sign the Guest Registry located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.

**Please** turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

**Nursery:** The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

**The Baptism of our Lord** is celebrated the first Sunday after the Epiphany (Jan. 6). Historically, Jesus' Baptism was one of the events commemorated in the celebration of Epiphany, along with the visit of the magi and the wedding at Cana. In each of these early events in the life and ministry of Jesus, his divine identity is revealed. At his Baptism, Jesus is declared the Son of God and anointed with the Holy Spirit. This event inaugurates Jesus' public ministry. It also anticipates our baptismal identity as children of God who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Weekly Memory Verse (Jan. 11-17):** "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

Welcome

Prelude

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

*LSB 151*

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

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

Confession of Sins

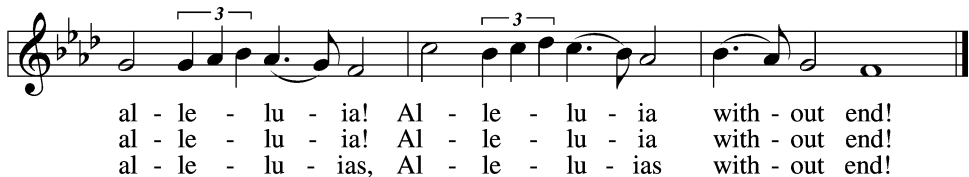
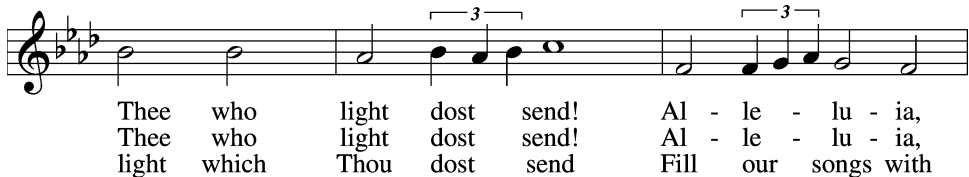
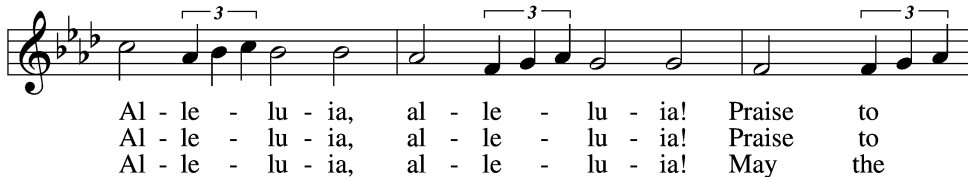
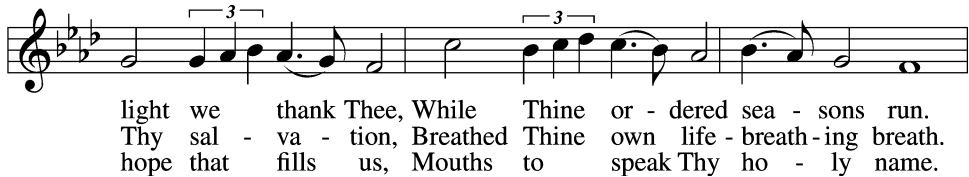
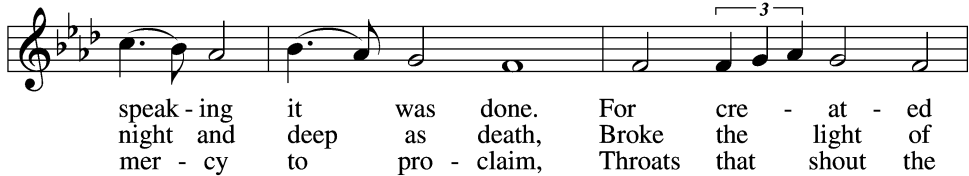
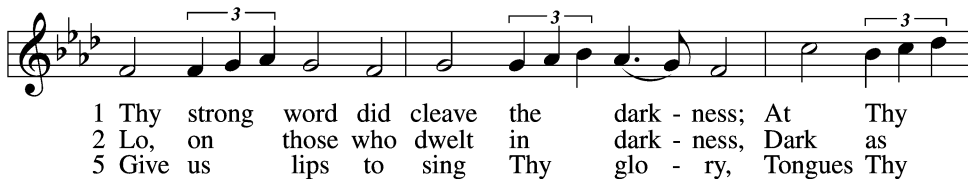
*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C 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.**

Absolution

*LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 Word

Introit

*Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie

**[P]** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**[C]** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 170*



**[A]** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**[C]** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
 I have put my Spirit upon him;  
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
 or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
 till he has established justice in the earth;  
 and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
 who gives breath to the people on it  
 and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
 my glory I give to no other,  
 nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
 and new things I now declare;  
 before they spring forth  
 I tell you of them.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
 worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**



<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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

Epistle

*Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*



Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

Children's Message

407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."

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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.**

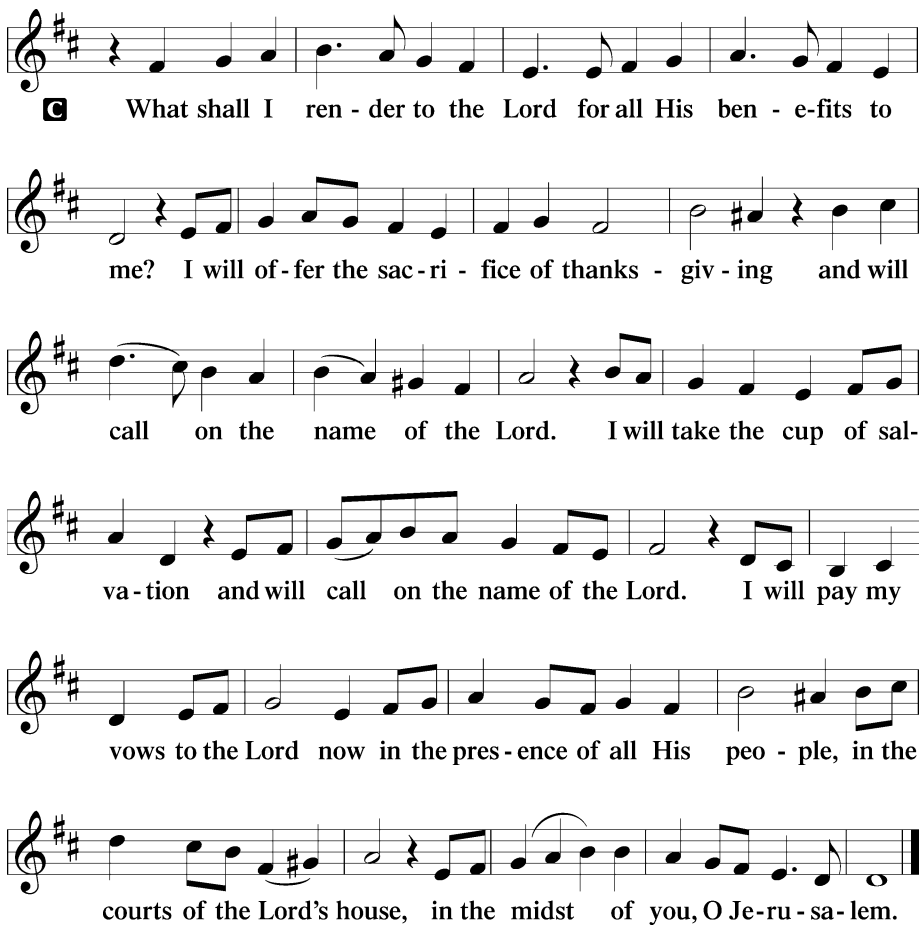
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

Anthem: I Bind Unto Myself Today/Christ Be With Me

- 1 I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.
- 2 I bind this day to me forever,  
By pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
His Baptism in the Jordan River,  
His cross of death for my salvation,  
His bursting from the spicèd tomb,  
His riding up the heav'nly way,  
His coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.
- 3 I bind unto myself today  
The pow'r of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need,  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,  
The Word of God to give me speech,  
His heav'nly host to be my guard.
- 4 Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all who love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
- △ 5 I bind unto myself the name,  
The strong name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three,  
Of whom all nature has creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

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**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

**Service of the Sacrament**

Preface

LSB 160

- 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 Preface (Full)

- P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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."

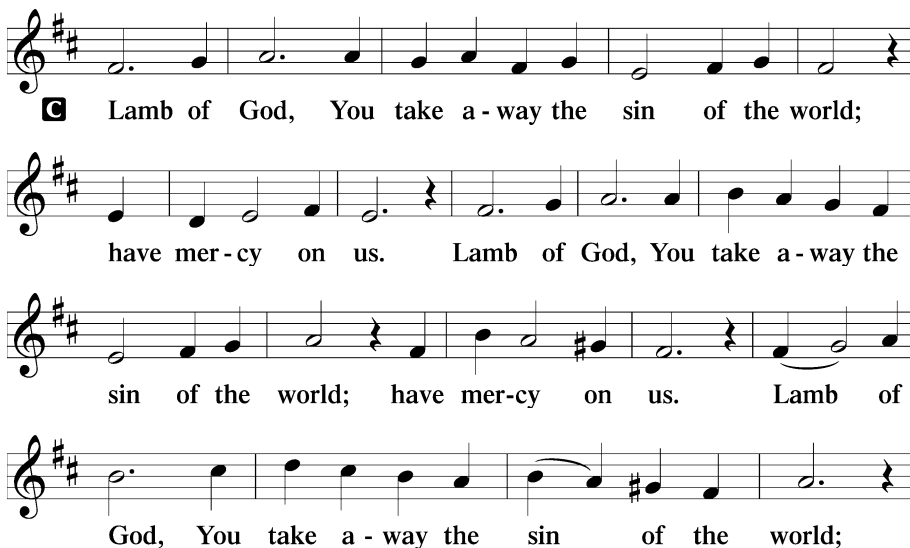
## Pax Domini

LSB 163

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of





*Sit*

Distribution

LSB 164

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.**

537 Beautiful Savior

LSB 537

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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*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.**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** 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.

**C Amen.**

# 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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