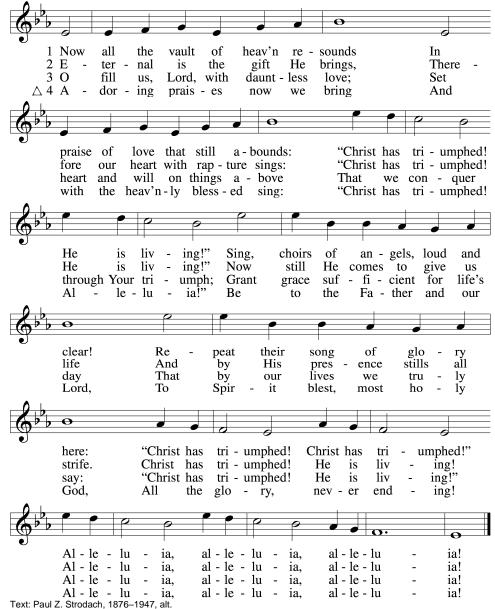
465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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# **Confession and Absolution**

Please stand as you are able. 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

- 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.

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

# **Confession of Sins**

- **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.

# Absolution

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- 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.

# Sharing the Peace

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

# Service of the Word

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

# Kyrie

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#### O 1 From all that dwell be - low skies Let the Cre - a - tor's the 2 E ter - nal are Thy mer-cies, Lord; Ε ter - nal truth at -- $\triangle$ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal O rise; Al - le - lu ia, al - le lu ia! praise а -tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu -ia, al - le lu ia! \_ Thee. Al - le - lu al-le - lu Son, to ia. ia! $\mathbf{O}$ the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by Let praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and Thy Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For ev - er and for-0 ev-'ry tongue. Al - le - lu \_ ia, al - le - lu \_ ia! set no more. Al - le - lu al - le - lu ia, ia! Al - le - lu al - le - lu ev - er - more: \_ ia, ia! o lu - ia, ia! Al - le al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu Al - le Al - le le lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia! lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia! Text (sts. 1-2): Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; (st. 3): William W. How, 1823-97 Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln Text and tune: Public domain

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Verse of the Month

- P Our service continues as we speak our Verse of the Month from First Peter,, chapter two, verses twenty-four.
- **C** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. (1 Peter 4:13)

#### **First Reading**

#### Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalmody

- Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- **G** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- **C** When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- **C** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
- P who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- P The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! 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.

#### Second Reading

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Psalm 146:1-10

1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able out of respect for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

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

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

# **Apostles' Creed**

- **C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
  - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

John 14:1-14

645 Built on the Rock Built the Rock the Church shall stand E when 1 on ven 2 Sure - ly in tem ples made with hands God, the Most \_ 3 We are God's house of liv ing stones, Built for His -4 Here stands the font be fore Tell - ing how our eyes, 5 Grant, then, will done, That, when 0 God, Your be the 0 fall ples Crum - bled in stee are ing. have spires ing; High, is not dwell High bove earth His а hab through bap mal own i ta tion. He - tis has ceived Christ's God re us. The al - tar re calls church bells are ring ing, Man - y in sav \_ ing \_ chim - ing 'ry land; Bells still are and call ev tem ple stands, All earth ly tem - ples cel ex of His grace us owns Heirs won - drous sal va ri fice And what His Sup - per sac -here gives mes - sage Where Christ faith may come His is bring 10 6 Call and old ing, ing the young rest, to ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n а bove tion. Were we but two His name to tell, Here us. sound the Scrip \_ tures that pro claim -۴I My My Me. ing: know own; own know all But bove the souls dis tressed. а \_ Choos live with in \_ es to us love, Yet He would deign with us to dwell Christ yes \_ ter day, to day, the same. You, world, My face shall not the see. ð for last ing. Long ing rest ev er ing Mak our bod ies His tem ple. With all His His fa vor. grace and And Re deem ev er more, our er. men." My peace Ι leave with you. А Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

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Please stand as you are able.

#### Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- **P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Please be seated.

# Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able.

# 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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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

 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. LSB 216

# The Words of Our Lord

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."

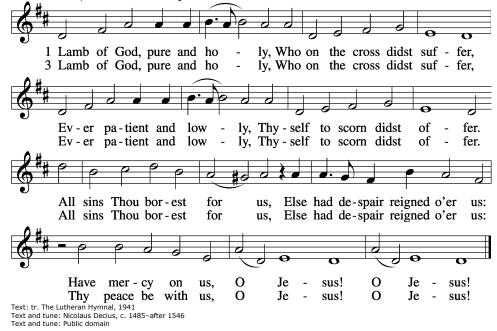
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#### Pax Domini

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

# 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



Please be seated.

# 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:

#### Distribution

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.

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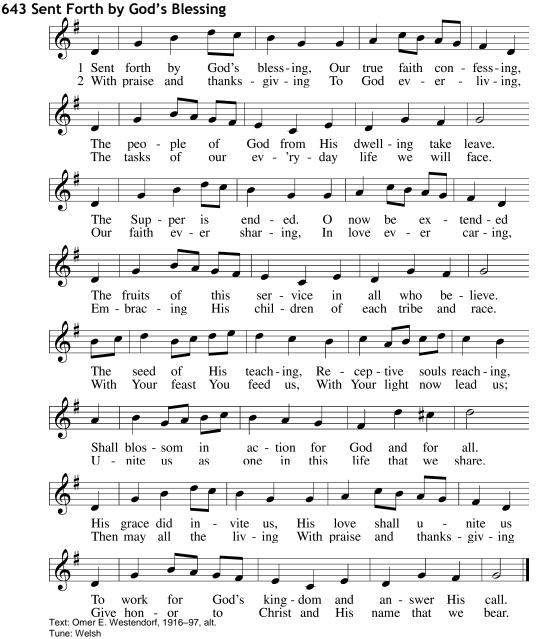


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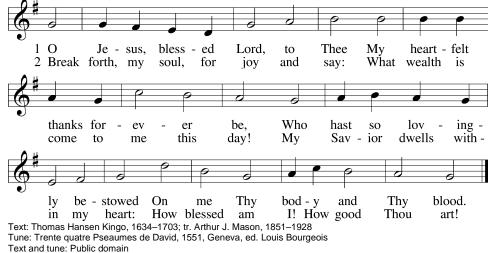
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### 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



#### **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.

# Benedicamus

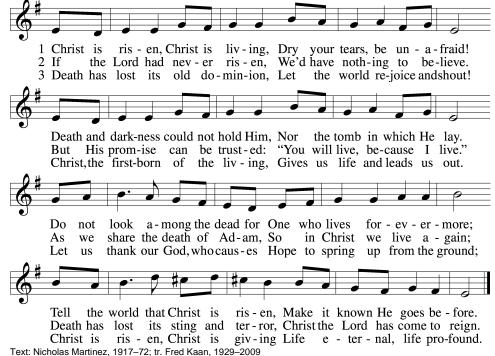
- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# 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.

# Please be seated.

# 479 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living



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