



Disciples: Look to Jesus!



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### WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Picnic TODAY:** All are welcome to join us after Sunday School/Bible Study for our annual picnic!


**Sunday School/Youth Group/Youth Music Ministry:** Today starts our Sunday School year! Sunday School, Youth Group, & Youth Music Ministry all take place after the service, during the Adult Bible Study hour:

- ◇ Children 4th grade and older who are interested in playing **tone chimes** should meet in the balcony immediately after the service
- ◇ All other **Sunday School** children ages preK to 6th grade should meet in the Fellowship Hall by 3:20. Their teachers will meet them there and take them to their opening **Youth Music Ministry** music lesson.
- ◇ **Youth Group** (grades 7th to 12th) should meet in the conference room by 3:20.
- ◇ Classes will end at **4:30 pm** each Sunday. Children in 3rd grade to Youth Group will be dismissed by their teachers. PreK-1st grade children will be picked up from their classrooms.

**Thank you** to our Sunday School director, Zach Richie, and all our teachers and music leaders for their work to make this another great year!

**Youth Confirmation Class:** Our new year of Youth Confirmation Class will begin next **Sunday, September 14th**. This class is for kids in grades 6th - 8th grade. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from **4:30-6:00pm**. Please have students bring their Bibles, Catechisms, and a pen/pencil. *New students will be given a Catechism at class.* Please speak with Pastor Warskow or Ryan Bogart if you have any questions.

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life  
 let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
 that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your

through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er  
 Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who  
 light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my  
 praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est

be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

Stand

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION

CW 154

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
 C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.  
 P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## ABSOLUTION

CW 154

**P:** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P:** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. <sup>16</sup>This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan.

<sup>19</sup>I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live <sup>20</sup>by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

*Philemon 1,7–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker,

<sup>7</sup>For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

<sup>8</sup>For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, <sup>9</sup>I am appealing to you instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 6:68*



### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



## GOSPEL

*Luke 14:25–35*

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. <sup>33</sup>So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.*



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on  
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
 winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

### ✱ THE MESSAGE ✱

Disciples: Look to Jesus!  
 Luke 14:25-35

*Stand*

### CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for  
our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and  
became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated*

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: [www.duluthlutheran.org](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**C:** **Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.**

**P:** You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

**C:** **Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**P:** Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

**C:** **Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

**P:** Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

**C:** **Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.**

P: Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

C: **We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.**

P: Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

C: **Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.**

P: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

C: **Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.**

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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*Sunday School Teachers, Youth Group Leaders, and Music Ministry Leaders are recognized and installed for their service at Shepherd of the Hills:*

Hannah Black (Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade)

Lisa Dunsmoor (5th & 6th grade)

Kely Dunsmoor (Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade)

Jesse Dunsmoor (Youth Group)

Kim Kirkland (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade)

Alison Moeri (Youth Group)

Brandon Benzer (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade)

Lisa Sanders (Music Ministry)

Dave Schlossin (5th & 6th Grade)

Miriam Hokanson (Music Ministry)

Diane Schlossin (5th & 6th grade)

Laura Metcalf (Music Ministry)

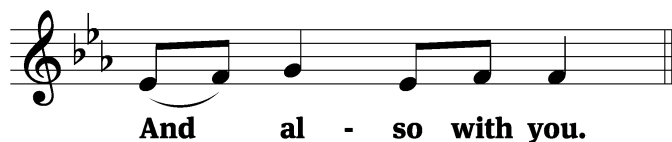
## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

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### PREFACE

CW 165

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



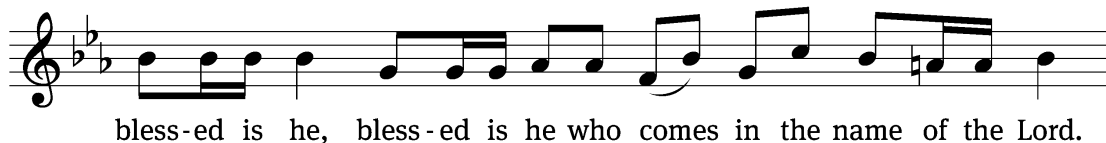
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you. As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## 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. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in  
remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of  
the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in re-  
membrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

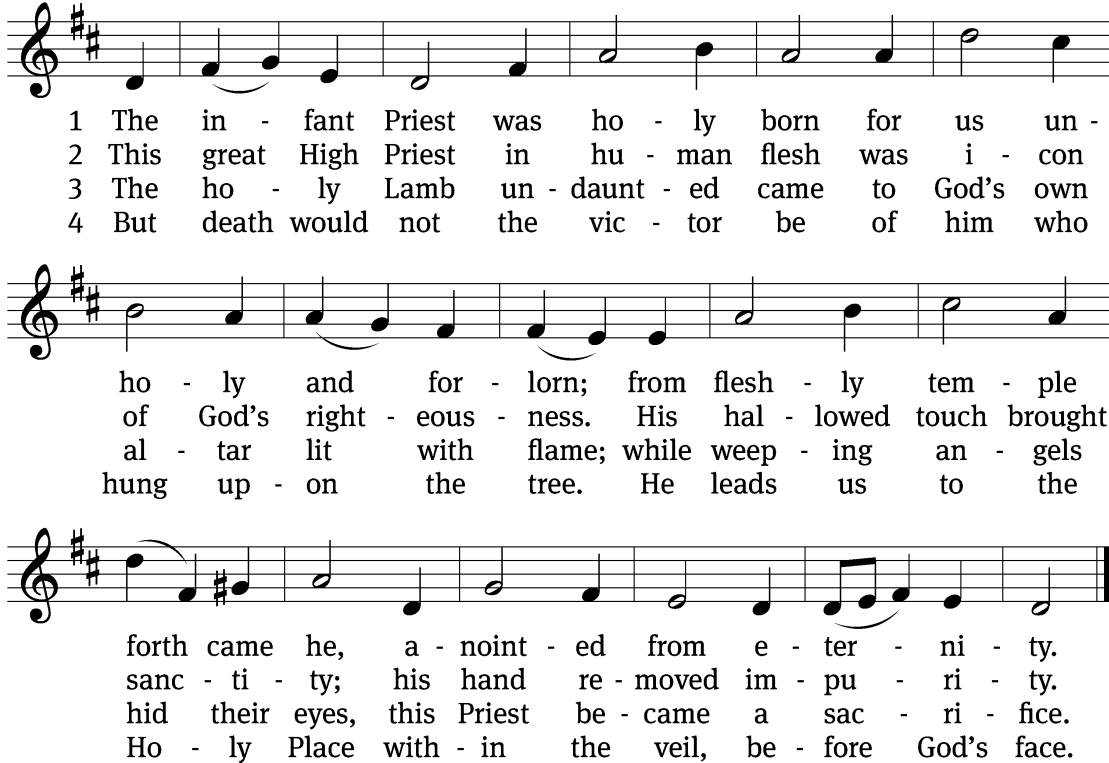
*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Warskow after the service.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

CW 674



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born for us un -  
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh was i - con  
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came to God's own  
4 But death would not the vic - tor be of him who

ho - ly and for - lorn; from flesh - ly tem - ple  
of God's right - eous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
al - tar lit with flame; while weep - ing an - gels  
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the

forth came he, a - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
sanc - ti - ty; his hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
hid their eyes, this Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
Ho - ly Place with - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
as at the rail on bended knee  
our hungry mouths from him receive  
the bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
a priestly food and priestly meat;  
on sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
his quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim  
our voices join the endless hymn,  
and "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

*Stand*

## THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.

- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

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