

PLACES of the PASSION



The City of Jerusalem

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SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience 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.

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

Mark your calendars for **family game night!** Everyone is welcome to join us **Friday, February 23** from 6pm-8pm in the fellowship hall at church to play games, have snacks and enjoy fellowship together! Feel free to bring your favorite games from home and a snack to share if you wish. Any questions, please speak to Peter Moeri or Kiersten Nash.

Women's Bible Study: All women are welcome to join us for Bible study on **Tuesday, February 27 at 6 pm** at Kiersten Nash's house: 3590 Getchell Rd, Hermantown. We hope to see you there!

We will be meeting every 4th Tuesday of each month, so if you cannot make it this time, we hope you can join us for future meetings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kely Dunsmoor or Kiersten Nash.

Kickoff for the **Senior/Retirees Fellowship!** Please join us for lunch and fellowship on **Tuesday, March 12th** at the Social House (located behind Gordy's on Highway 53). We will gather in the back room at 11:30 am. We will plan for future get-togethers, so please bring your ideas and preferences. Let me know if you will be able to join us by texting 651-332-1374 or email - kathyhedin@aol.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY OPENING RESPONSE

P: We worship, in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: David wrote in Psalm 32: "Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."

C: "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity."

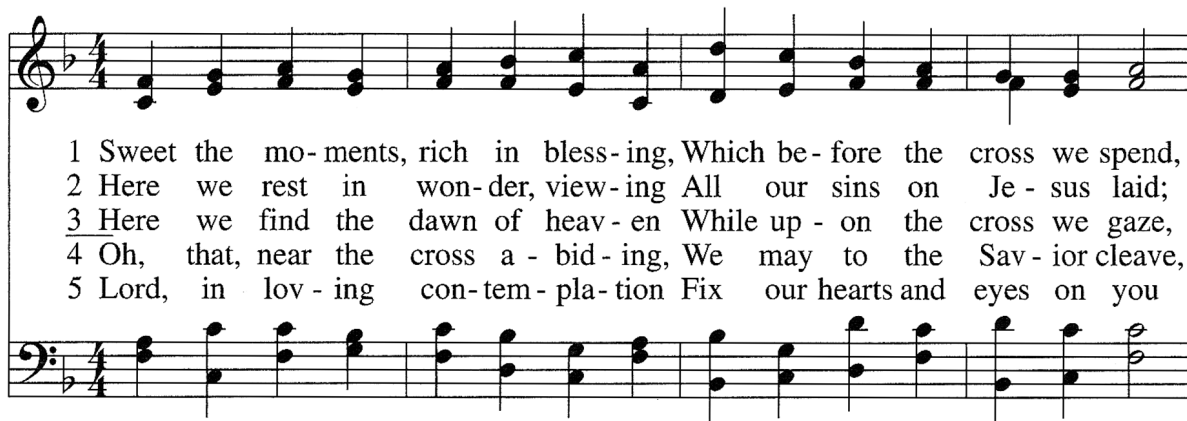
P: Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found. You are our hiding place; and will surround us with songs of deliverance. You will encompass us with your unfailing love.

C: This is the spirit in which we gather. A spirit of sorrow and contrition over our sins. Also a spirit of hope, in the promises of God through Jesus Christ.

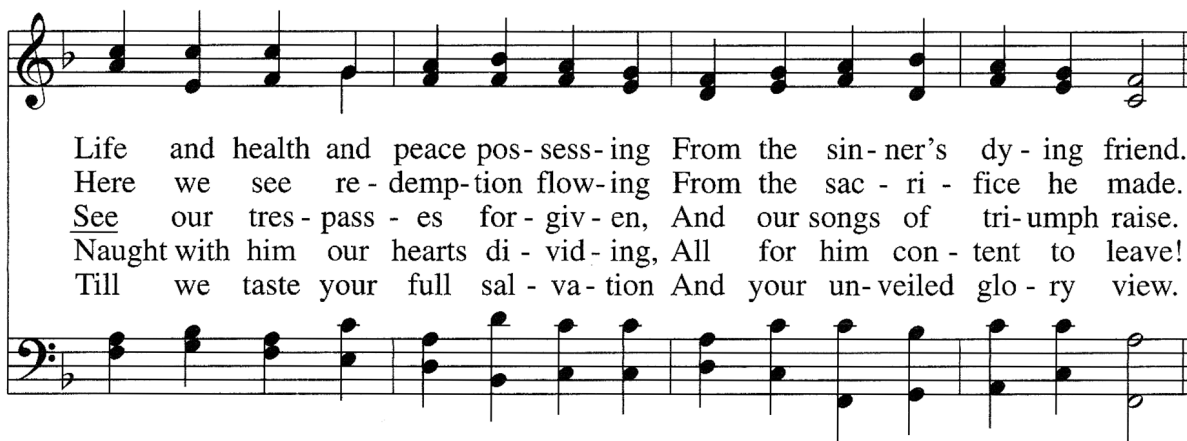
OPENING HYMN

"Sweet, the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

CW 111



1 Sweet the mo-ments, rich in bless-ing, Which be-fore the cross we spend,
2 Here we rest in won-der, view-ing All our sins on Je-sus laid;
3 Here we find the dawn of heav-en While up-on the cross we gaze,
4 Oh, that, near the cross a-bid-ing, We may to the Sav-ior cleave,
5 Lord, in lov-ing con-tem-plation Fix our hearts and eyes on you



Life and health and peace pos-sess-ing From the sin-ner's dy-ing friend.
Here we see re-demp-tion flow-ing From the sac-ri-fice he made.
See our tres-pass-es for-giv-en, And our songs of tri-umph raise.
Naught with him our hearts di-vid-ing, All for him con-tent to leave!
Till we taste your full sal-va-tion And your un-veiled glo-ry view.

LENT INTRODUCTION

P: During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of our God, to whom all our hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. You have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness.

P: Go in peace. The Lord be with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -

my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,

From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly — Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 12:1-13

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle,

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³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” ⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’” ¹¹“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’” ¹³ Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.”

SONG

“Meditation for Lent”

Sung by Adult Choir

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where our dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That we to judge you have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted.

O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming love,
And try his will to do.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:8-2:2

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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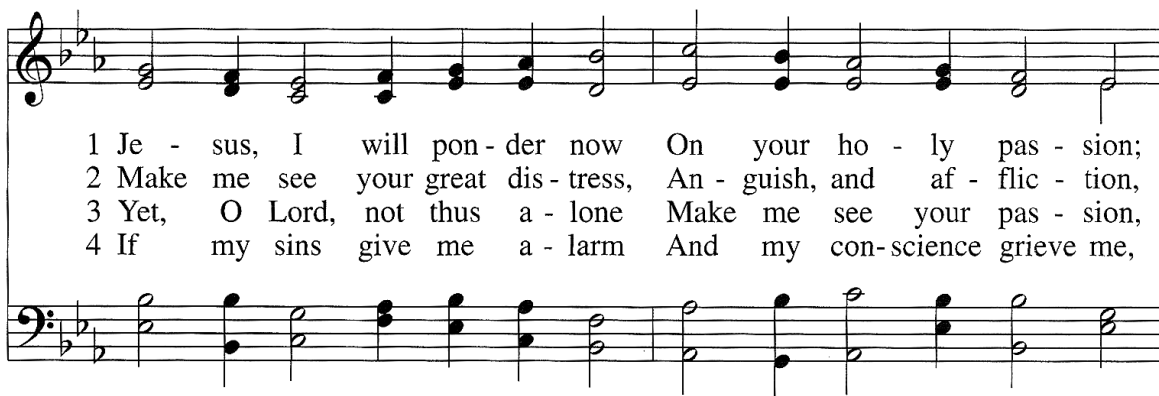
P: The Word of the Lord.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

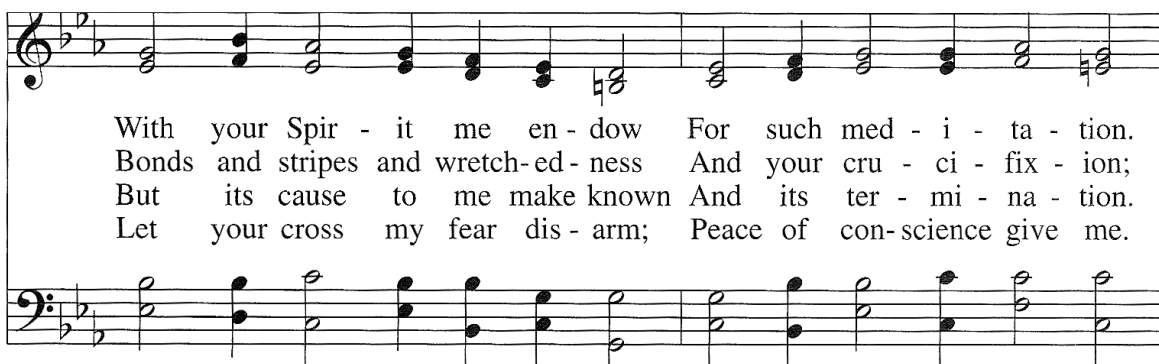
HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

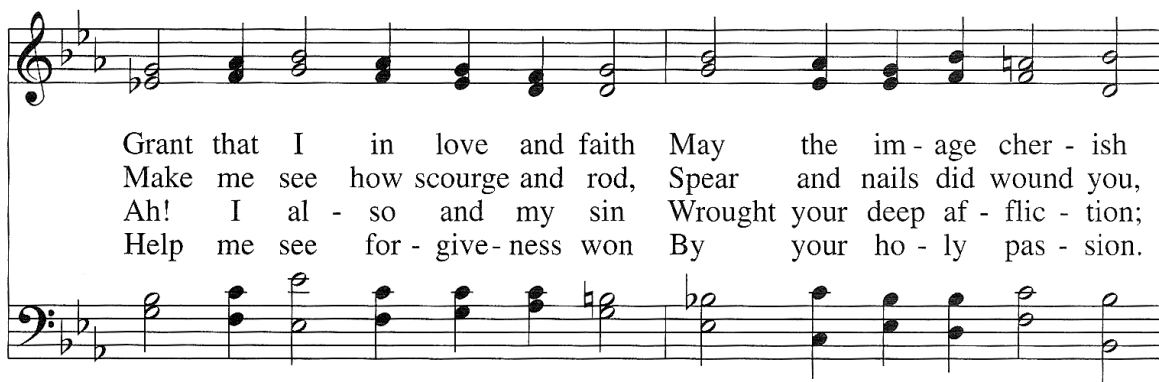
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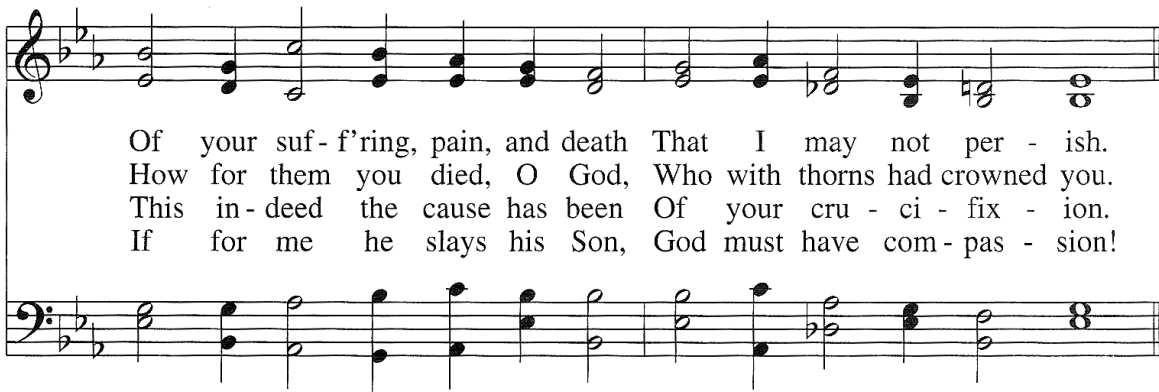
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your pas - sion,
4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,



With your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
Help me see for - give - ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion.



Of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
This in - deed the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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“The Upper Room”

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”⁷ Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”⁸ “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”¹⁰ Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.”¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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, visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

P: Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts, words, and actions that nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.

C: Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.

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P: You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love he suffered and died for us.

C: **Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**

P: God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom you lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.

C: **Lord God, we offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to you. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake. 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.

† SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Prayer of Preparation: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you called me by name and declared that I was your child through the washing of my Baptism. I desire to receive the true body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in this Holy Meal. Continue to grant me grace, that I may stand before you and the body of believers and faithfully speak of the hope that comes through your life, death, and resurrection. Strengthen me. Grant me the forgiveness of sins and the ability to do that which pleases you; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

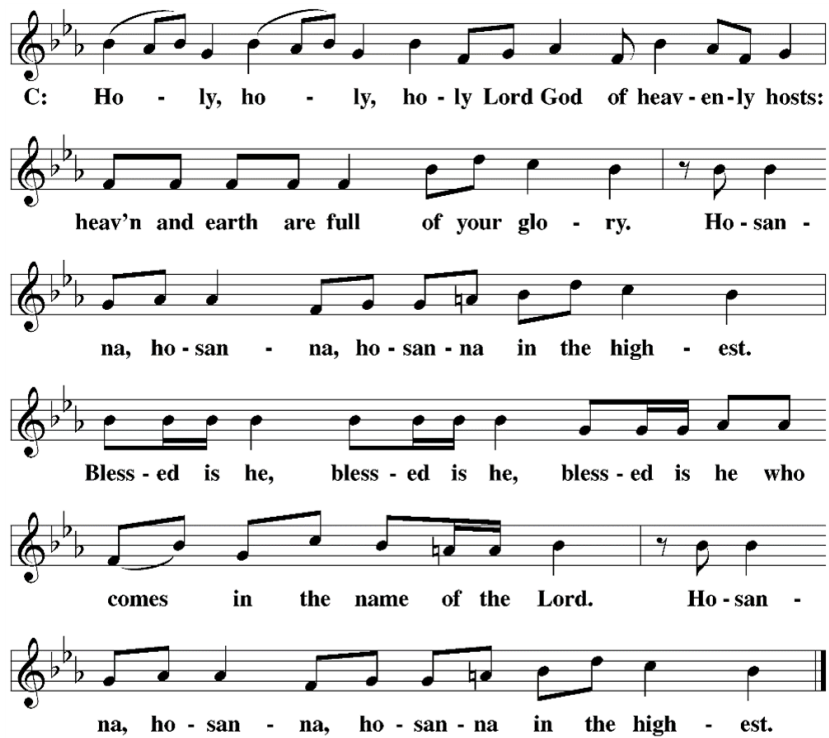
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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P: Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

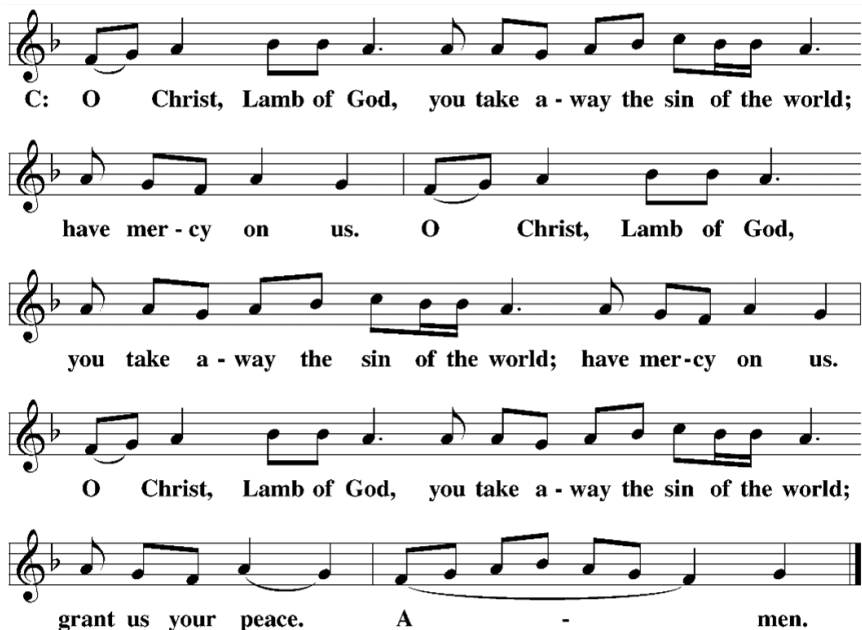


C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



C: 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.

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 Denney after the service.

During the distribution there will be no hymn. While the music is playing, take this time to reflect upon the Sacrament of our Lord and our Savior's sacrifice for us.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

P: Hear the prayer of you people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

“God Love the World So that He Gave”

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CLOSING HYMN

“God Love the World So that He Gave”

CW 391 vs.1-4

1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die — His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the

Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
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him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.