## Confession and Absolution



Stand

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

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

#### Kneel/Stand

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

- 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.

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Introit

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As for man, his days are like grass;

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

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.

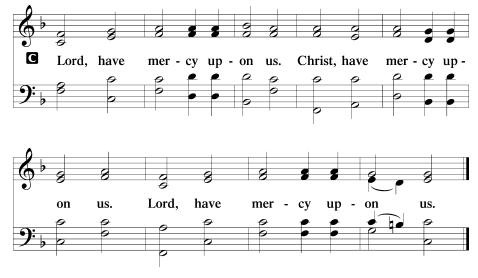
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slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Kyrie** 

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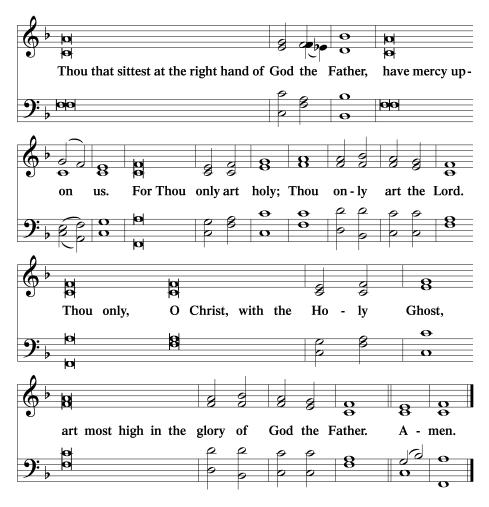
Psalm 103:15-19; antiphon: v. 8



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

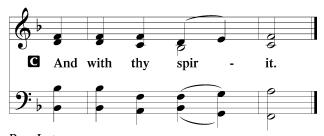
P Glory be to God on high:





## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth,

for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

3"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

6"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Epistle Ephesians 2:6–10

<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:43–48

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

#### C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

C 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing





#### Sermon

## Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

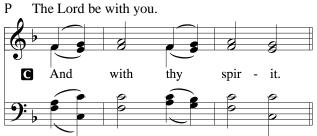
## Welcome and Support of Ministry

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Prayer of the Church

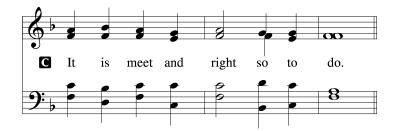
## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** LSB 194





Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



## Proper Preface (Full)

Sanctus





Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei LSB 198



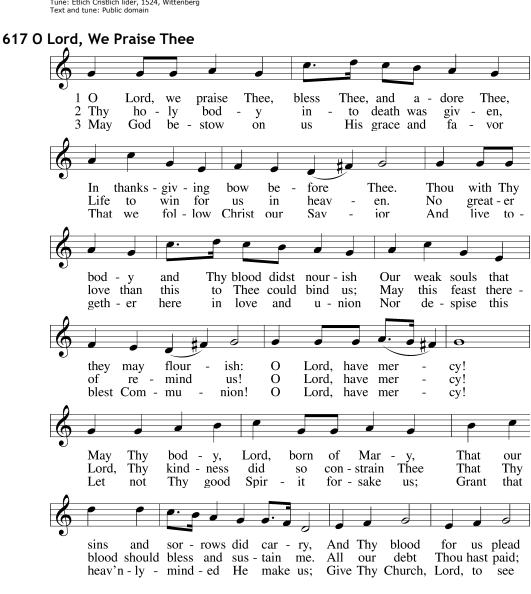
#### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



- Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
   Or we must die despairing,
   Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
   Our human nature sharing.
   He has for us the Law obeyed
   And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
   Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

- The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing: And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- D 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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Stand

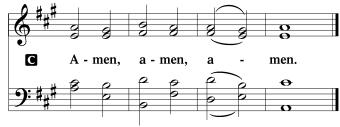
#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**Benediction** LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



#### 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



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