

Lenten Midweek 5

March 25 & 26 - What do you believe according to these words [MINISTRY]

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C He was bruised for our iniquities.

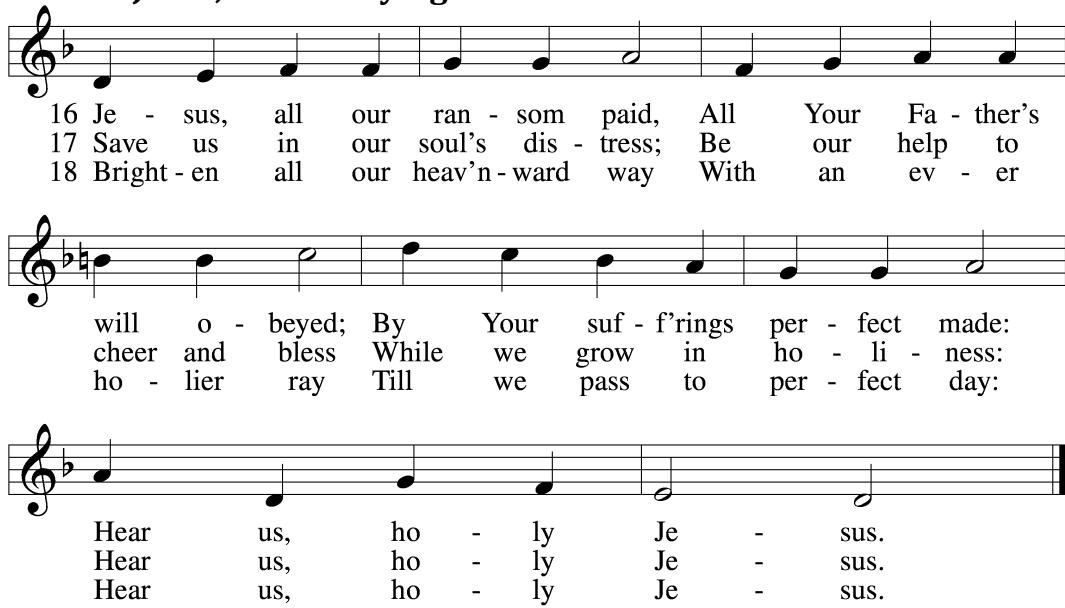
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

Sit

Hymn: 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 sts. 16-18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's
17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to
18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er

will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'rings per - fect made:
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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Readings From Holy Scripture

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

P Let Israel say,

C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

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P Let the house of Aaron say,

C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

P Let those who fear the LORD say,

C **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

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P Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

C **the LORD answered me and set me free.**

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P The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

C **The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

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P It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

C **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**

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P All nations surrounded me;

C **in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

P They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;

C **in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

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P They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns;

C **in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

P I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

C **but the LORD helped me.**

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P The LORD is my strength and my song;

C **he has become my salvation.**

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P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

C **“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

P the right hand of the LORD exalts,

C **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

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P I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C **¹⁸The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**

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P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C **²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

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P I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C **²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

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P This is the LORD’s doing;

C **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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P Save us, we pray, O LORD!

C **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

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P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

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P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

C you are my God; I will extol you.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C for his steadfast love endures forever!

James 5:13-20

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Confession

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Matthew 16:13-28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-28

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Stand

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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 \dagger everlasting. 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.

Sit

Hymn: 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

LSB 616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed

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Sermon

Hymn: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

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Stand

Prayer

- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,

C hear us.
L God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
L God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
L Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.
L Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.
L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and
passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.
L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of
judgment:
C Help us, good Lord.
L We poor sinners implore You
C to hear us, O Lord.
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them
in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have
erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany
Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the
weakhearted and the distressed:
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our
country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our *[president/queen/king]* and all in authority; to bless and protect our
magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all
who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their
blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have
mercy on us all:
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

L O Christ,

C **hear us.**

L O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

L O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

L O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

L Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, 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, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.

C **Amen.**

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  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 \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

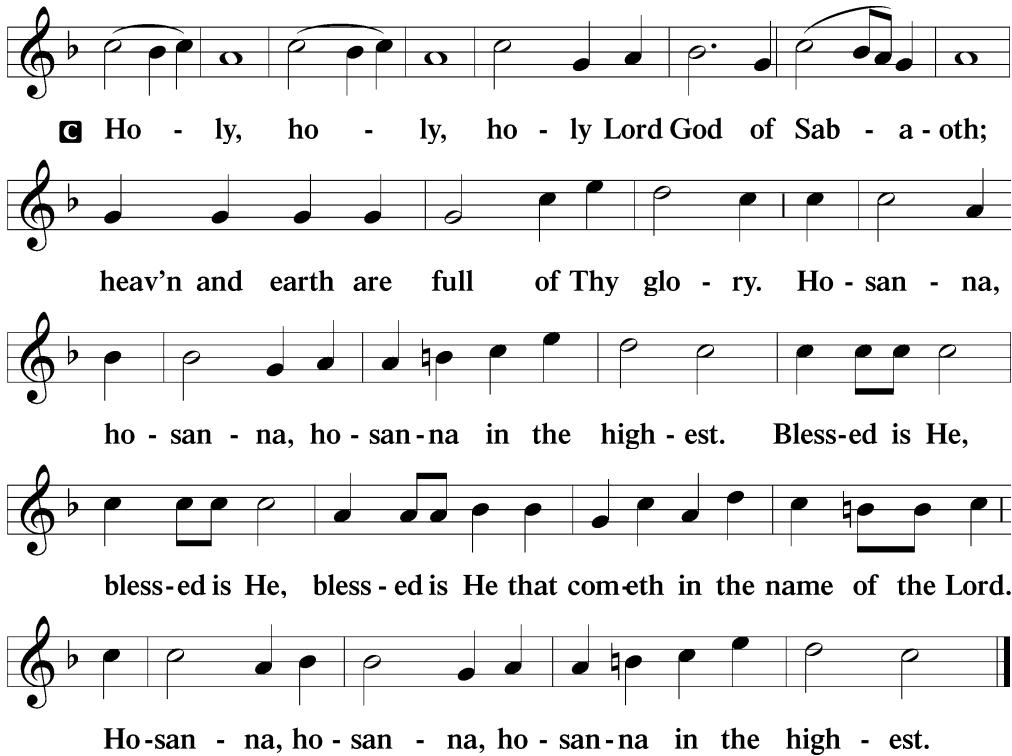
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, 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

LSB 197



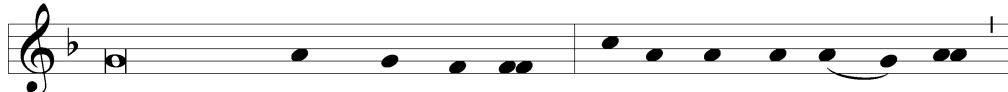
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My [†] bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so



He took the cup after sup- per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My [†] blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

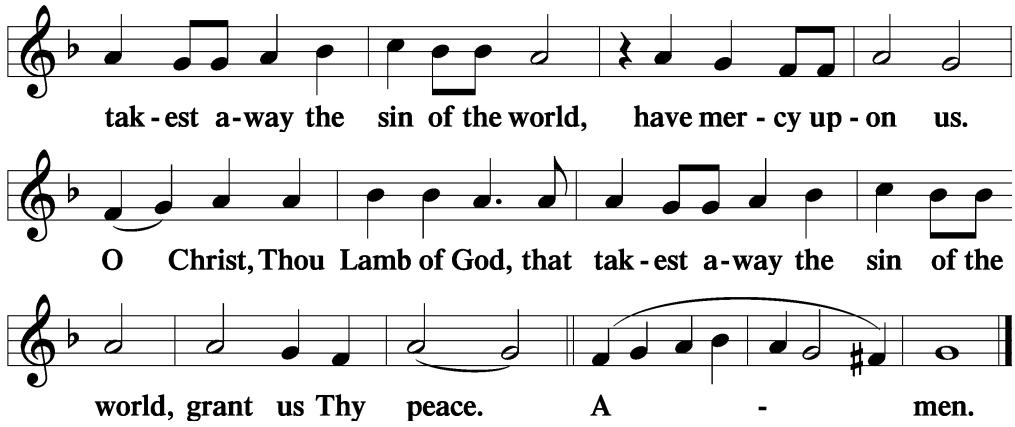
LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



Sit

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

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



Hymn: 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

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