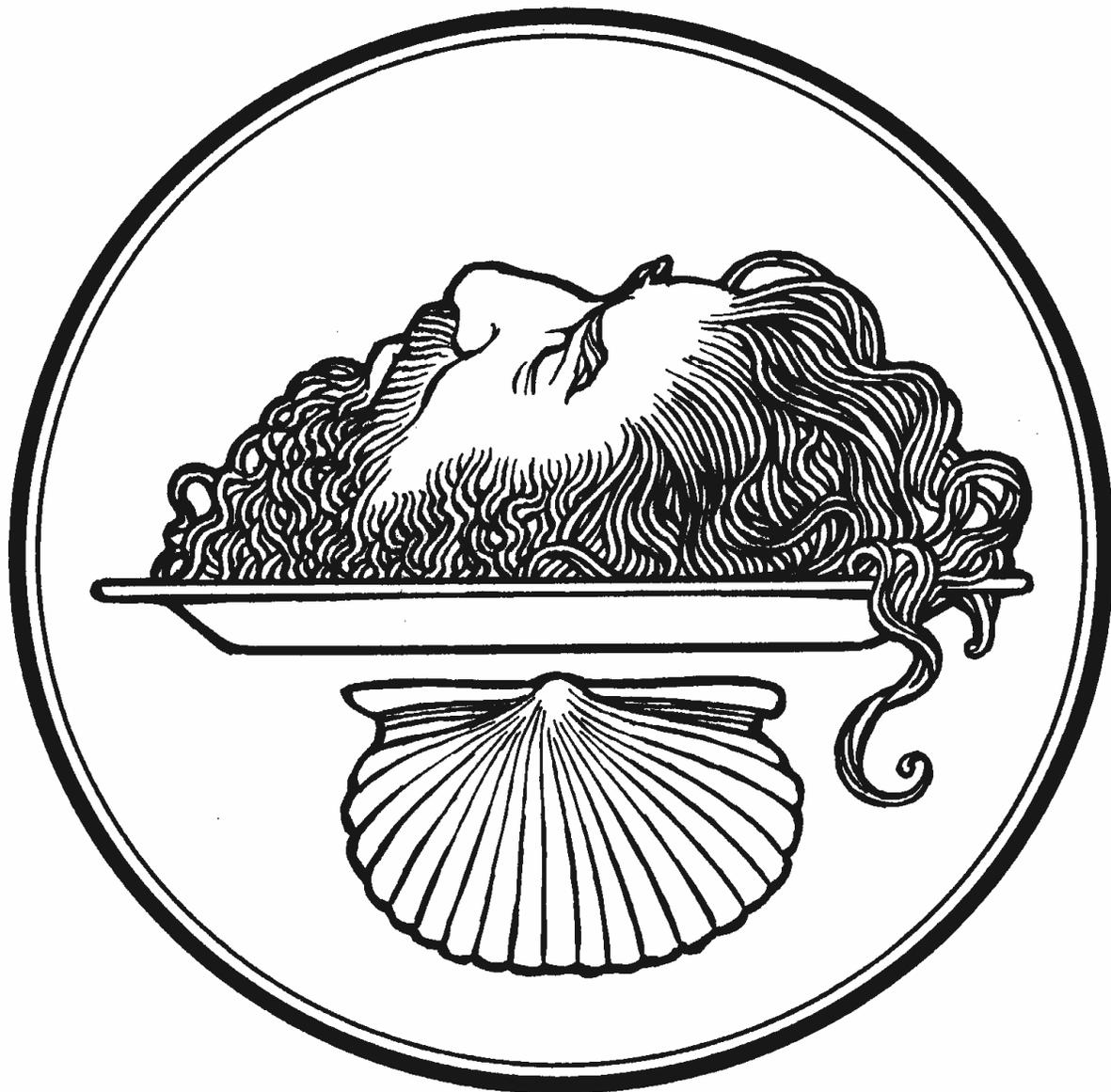


The Decollation of Saint John the Baptizer

Sunday 29 August Anno Domini 2021



He must increase, but I must decrease.

—John 3:30

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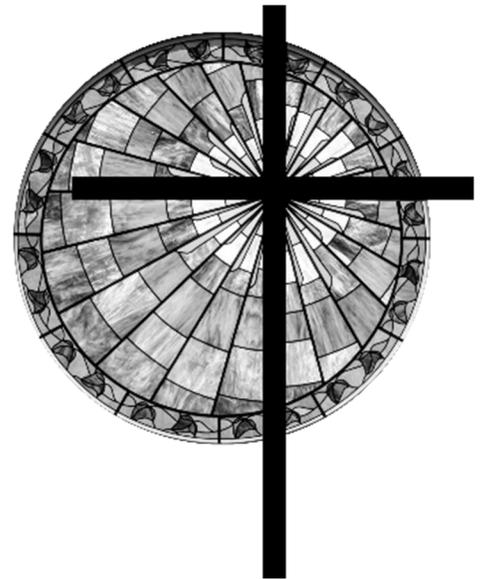
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

**Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always,
by coming to us in His living and active Word and the
Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.**

Welcome, visitors! We are glad to have you with us this morning as the Lord comes to us to give His gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The resources of Epiphany are at your disposal. If you need assistance, the ushers are glad to help. Please make sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor and congregation, and join us after the service for fellowship and Bible Study!

Parents of Small Children: We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. **If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.**



If you need help hearing the service, the sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a special type of sound system that connects directly to hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to "T" (telecoil) to connect.

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Since the fourth century, the Church has commemorated the decollation (beheading, martyrdom) of Saint John the Baptizer. As he did when he preached, so in his death St John is bold to proclaim the Lord's testimony before kings (*Introit*). In this way, John not only reminds us of the courageous prophets (*Old Testament*), but also urges us to anchor our courage and hope to confess the truth in Our Lord who has already rescued us from every evil (*Epistle*). This lively and bold faith which declares the Lord's loving-kindness in the face of suffering is the true righteousness which flourishes forever before the Lord (*Gradual; Alleluia*). Our prayer is for the Lord's grace to take to heart His salvation and thereby withstand the temptation to deny Our Lord (*Collect*).

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

HYMN

"O God, Forsake Me Not," 731



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir-it from me;
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup-pli-ca-tion!
4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for-ev-er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho-ly Spir-it send me
Do not per-mit the might Of sin to o-ver-come me.
In ev-'ry e-vil hour Help me re-sist temp-ta-tion;
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev-er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
In-crease my fee-ble faith, Which You a-lone have wrought.
And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,
Grant me a bless-ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!
Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck (1659-1725); tr. August Crull (1845-1923), alt.
Tune: *Neu-ermehrtes...Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693

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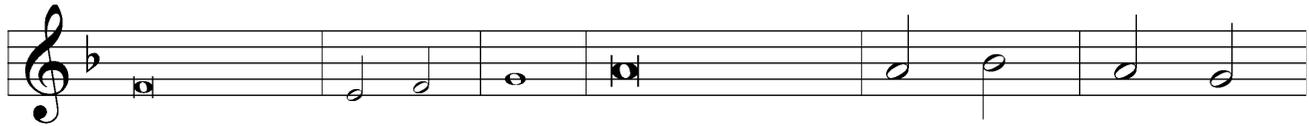


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

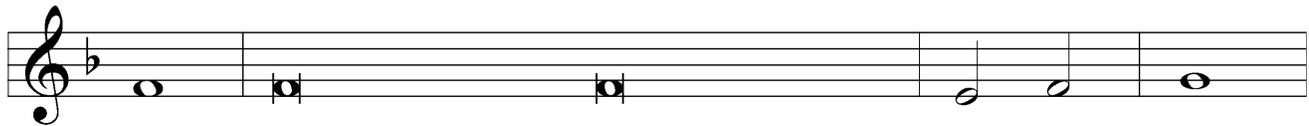


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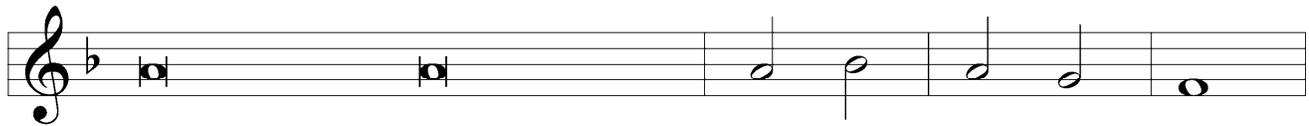
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



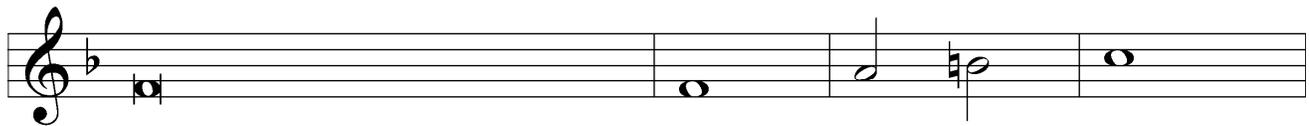
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



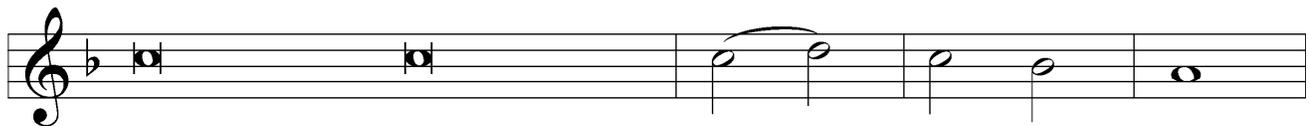
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



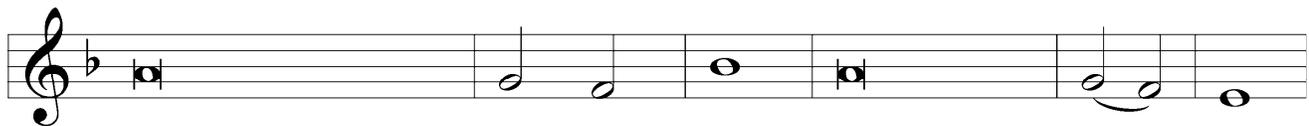
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



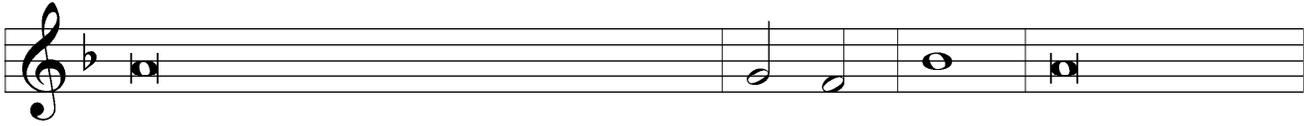
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



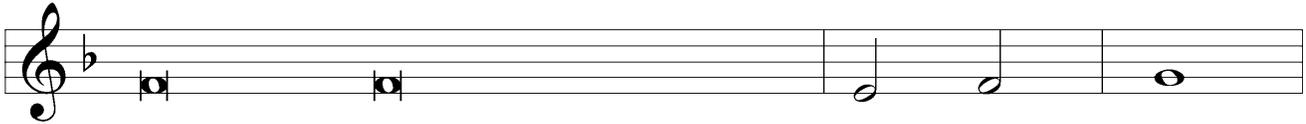
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

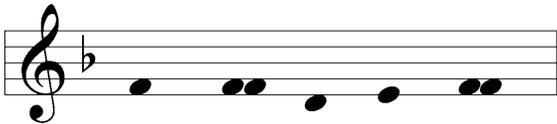


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

O God, who enabled Your forerunner, Saint John the Baptist, to recognize in Our Lord Jesus Christ the Savior of the world, grant, we implore You, that He whom we see now in a mirror dimly we may hereafter see face to face; through the same Jesus Christ...



C A - men.

Please **STAND**.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Hosea 14:6



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The righteous man shall grow like the lily,
and flourish forever before the Lord.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 6:17-29

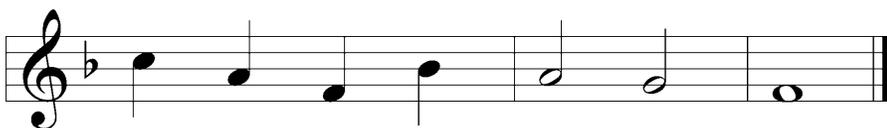
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

At that time Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to re-fuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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☩ 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Please **BE SEATED.**

CHIEF HYMN

“By All Your Saints in Warfare,” 518



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 Our thanks for John the Bap - tist Who,
△ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



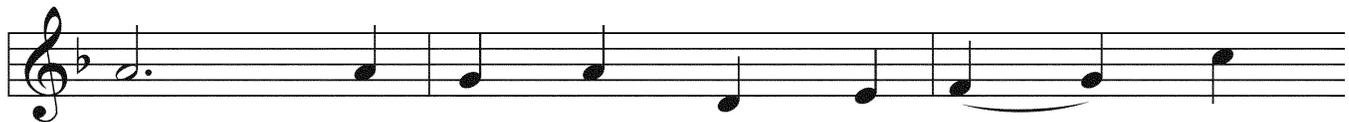
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
till his dy - ing day, Made straight paths for the
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



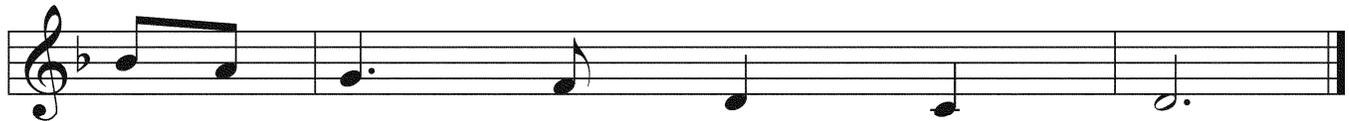
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
Sav - ior And her - ald - ed His way! In
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
wit - ness - ing to Je - sus Through times of threat or
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
shame May we with faith and cour - age
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
The Lamb of God pro - claim.
And praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913), sts. 1, 3, alt.; Gregory J. Wismar (b. 1946), st. 2.

Tune: English, coll. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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SERMON

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OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



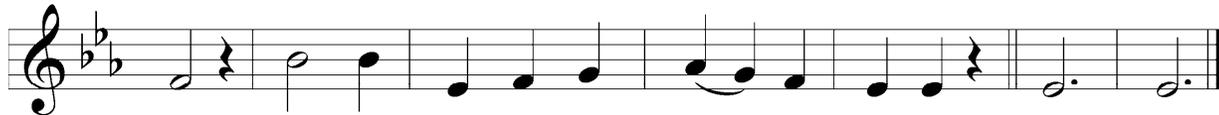
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, | *or* | **P** ...let us pray to the Lord.
C hear our prayer. | **C** Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Please **BE SEATED**.

VOLUNTARY

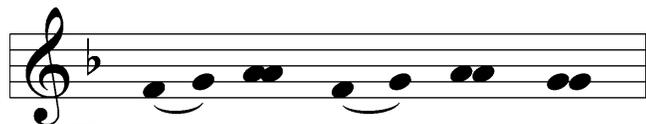
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

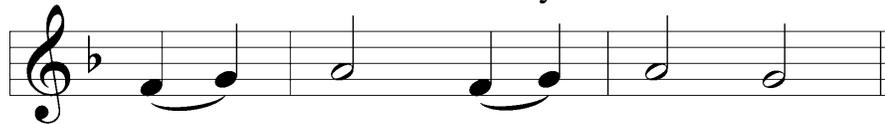
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



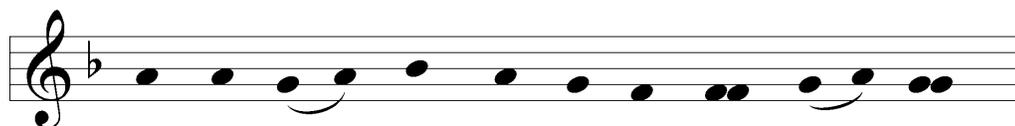
C And with thy spir - it.



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 good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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,



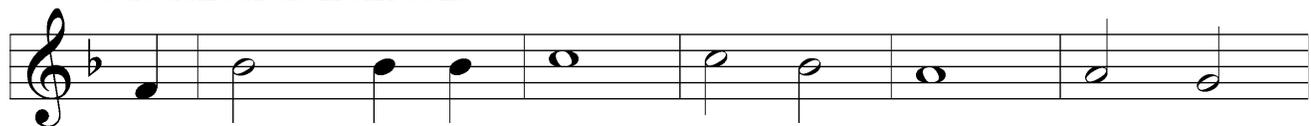
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



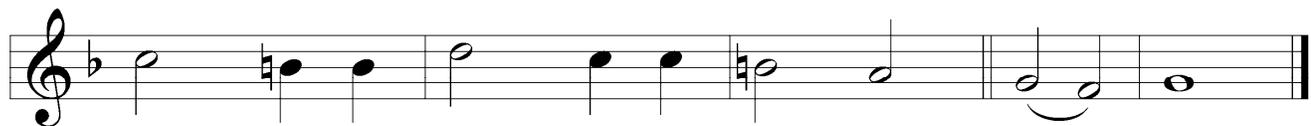
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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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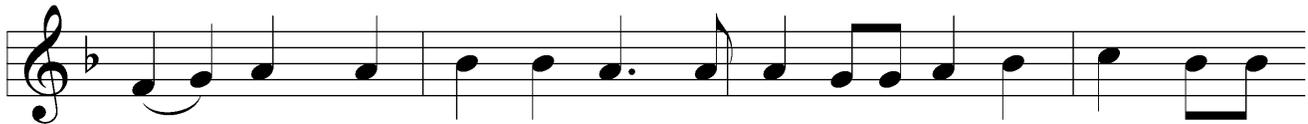


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C 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



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please **BE SEATED.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When All the World Was Cursed," 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius (1635-1711); tr. Paul E. Kretzmann (1883-1956), alt.

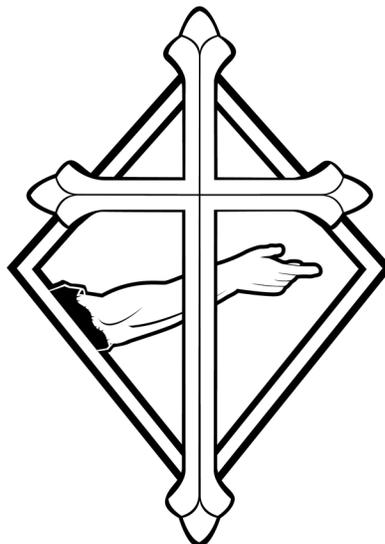
WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch (1629-1701)

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"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table," 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder (1677-1754); tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, abr.

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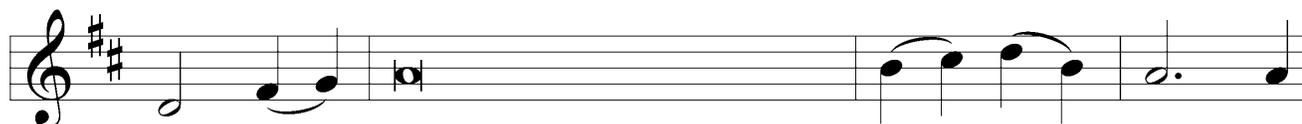
Tune: *Emskirchner Choral-Buch*, Leipzig, 1756

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Please **STAND**.

NUNC DIMITTIS



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 without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

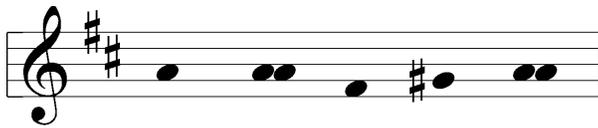
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 A - men.

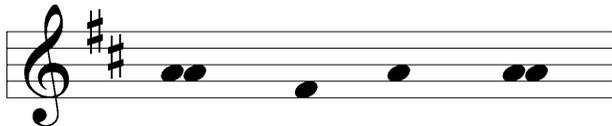
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

P 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 † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe,” 666



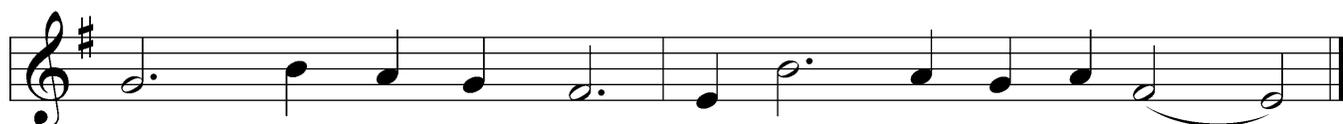
1	O lit - tle flock,	fear not the foe	Who mad - ly
2	Be of good cheer;	your cause be - longs	To Him who
3	As true as God's own Word is true,		Not earth nor
4	A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer;		Great Cap - tain,



seeks	your o - ver - throw;	Dread not	his rage and pow'r.
can	a - venge your wrongs;	Leave it	to Him, our Lord.
hell's	sa - tan - ic crew	A - gainst	us shall pre - vail.
now	Thine arm make bare,	Fight for	us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Jacob Fabricius (1593-1654); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

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Announcements

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

West Michigan Lutheran High School is in need of a long-term (October – January) substitute English Those interested in the English position should contact Principal Kristine Angers (kangers@wmlhs.org).

HUNTER'S KICKOFF CAMPFIRE

Join us for a Hunter's Kickoff Campfire on **September 8, 2021 from 5 to 9pm** at Open-Road (128 S. Main St, Wayland). Meal tickets are \$12 per BBQ plate (drinks separate). All proceeds will benefit "**Warriors Set Free**", an organization that equips Veterans to grow in their faith, heal from the past, and win life's battles. Meal tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Sarah Maass (Phone 269-225-1028; saarah.maass@thrivent.com; text 269-225-6605) or at the door while supplies last. Event sponsored by Philip L Maass, CFP®, CLU®, FIC, Thrivent Financial Consultant.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Dorr CRC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive *Friday, September 3, from 12:00-5:45 PM*. Online appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be welcomed as circumstances permit. To schedule an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: Dorrchurch) or call 1-800-733-2767.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings
Wednesday (8/25)	No service	---	
Sunday (8/22)	43	35	\$1947

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist.....	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	David Steffens
Serving Elder.....	Craig Baier
Acolyte	Charlotte Hiscock
Counters.....	Jeremy Baker & Dan Scott
Altar Guild.....	Sheila Haskill
Flowers	
Refreshments.....	

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	Craig Baier
Serving Elder.....	Paul Cook
Acolyte	Jack Cook
Counters.....	Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild.....	Bev Pippis & Pam Ihle
Flowers	Haskill's 30 th Anniversary
Refreshments.....	Haskill's 30 th Anniversary

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Charlene Moore, Raquel Steffes, Keith Lundgren, Doug Gibson, Jessie Graham, Vern Bellgraph, Roberta Wadel, Russ Reeder, Shelly Kibby.

Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White, Lynn Hyatt, Connie Kaniewski, Janet Lundgren, Joel Baugh, Jim Duryee, Vivienne VanderBaan.

Those who are pregnant

Hanna Kern

Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf.

Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, David Mills.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Larry Velie (8/30), Teresa Fulk (8/31)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Jane Cross (9/01/63), Krista Powell (9/01/02), Larry Velie (9/01/61).

This Week at Epiphany

Today (8/29) **Divine Service - 9:15 AM**

Sunday School - *15 minutes after service ends*

Bible Study - *15 minutes after service ends*

Council Meeting - 12:00 PM

Wednesday (9/1) **Divine Service - 6:30 PM**

Catechism and Cocktails - 6:45 PM

Friday (9/3) Quilters - 9:00 AM

Sunday (9/5) **Divine Service- 9:15 AM**

Sunday School - *15 minutes after service ends*

Bible Study - *15 minutes after service ends*

Looking Ahead

9/12 Rally Sunday and Church Picnic

**Next Sunday -
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- Psalm 84 (antiphon: v. _)
- First Reading Proverbs 4:10-23
- Epistle Galatians 5:16-24
- Gospel St. Luke 17:11-19
- Chief Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God," LSB 895