### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.

## DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING FIVE

### PRELUDE

If God is for us,

who can be

ROMANS

8:3

gainst us?

Organist

**OPENING HYMN** "God Himself Is Present" LSB 907

- God Himself is present:

   Let us now adore Him
   And with awe appear before Him.
   God is in His temple;
   All within keep silence;
   Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
   He alone
   On His throne
   Is our God and Savior;
   Praise His name forever!
- God Himself is present:

   Hear the harps resounding;
   See the hosts the throne surrounding.
   "Holy, holy, holy!"
   Hear the hymn ascending,
   Songs of saints and angels blending.

   Bow Your ear

   To us here:

Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,

Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit. Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You. Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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Corporate 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.

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

## Service of the Word

## INTROIT

## Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- C Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
- P Glory in his holy name;let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- C Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones! 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.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

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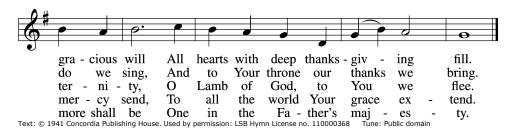
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HYMN 948

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor-ship You in 3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al-4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us, 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And hum - ble-ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The sole - be - got-ten might - y One. 0 Lord. the One, Lord take the whole world's sin a - way; Lord, we pray. You 0 Lord a - lone. Je - sus Christ, we glo-ri - fy You 0 A - mong us may His grace and peace to us ex - tend. ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all е-From God's right hand Your Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

#### 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

### P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

<sup>6</sup>"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

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

### PSALM

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- P Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- C As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.
- P For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.
- C Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- P But those who turn aside to their crooked way the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

## EPISTLE

## Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand

# HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

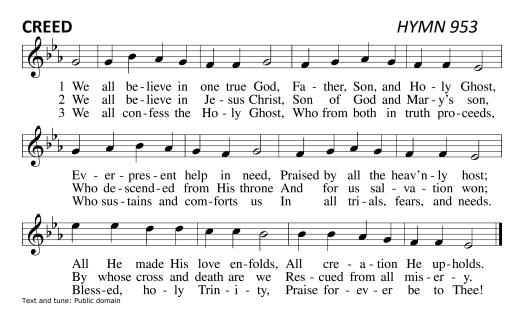
<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Sit

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" LSB 746

- Through Jesus' blood and merit

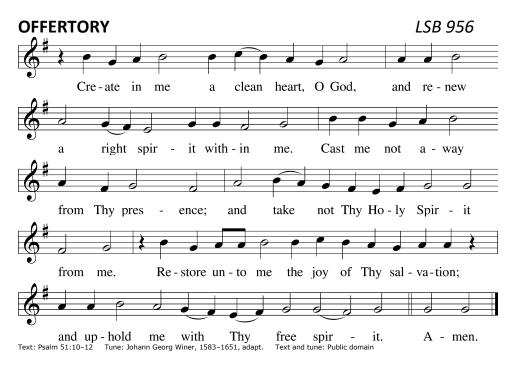
   I am at peace with God.
   What, then, can daunt my spirit,
   However dark my road?
   My courage shall not fail me,
   For God is on my side;
   Though hell itself assail me,
   Its rage I may deride.
- 2 There's nothing that can sever From this great love of God; No want, no pain whatever, No famine, peril, flood.
   Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark His sheep,
   They never shall confound me, The vict'ry I shall reap.
- For neither life's temptation Nor death's most trying hour
   Nor angels of high station Nor any other pow'r
   Nor things that now are present Nor things that are to come
   Nor height, however pleasant, Nor darkest depths of gloom
- 4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God This ransomed sinner sever; For in my Savior's blood This love has its foundation;

#### God hears my faithful prayer And long before creation Named me His child and heir. Text: Simon Dach, 1605-59; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

#### SERMON

## "You Are Not Alone" Romans 8:28–39

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE		LSB 216
Ρ	The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
С	And also with you.	
Ρ	Lift up your hearts.	[Colossians 3:1]
С	We lift them to the Lord.	
Ρ	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all Ρ times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His Ρ command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

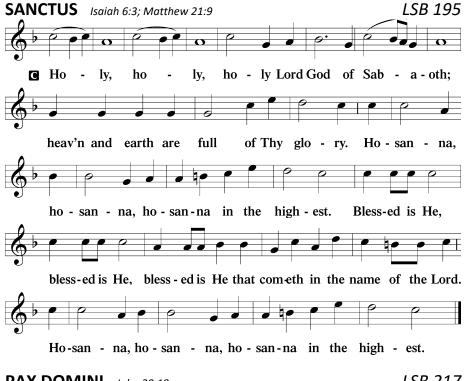
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD



Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was Ρ 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."

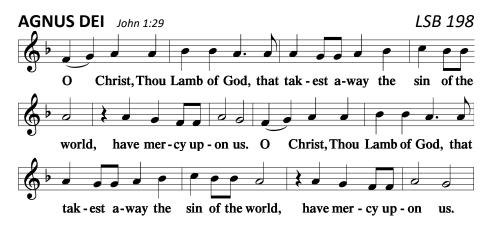
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks. He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



### PAX DOMINI John 20:19

LSB 217

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- С Amen.







## DISTRIBUTION

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All" LSB 613

- To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, In grief and shame I humbly call; I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!
- O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray:
   O cast me not in wrath away!
   Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
   But let Him draw to Thee my heart
   That truly penitent I be:
   O God, be merciful to me!
- O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!
   Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802-80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt. Text: Public domain

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" LSB 622

- Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation; It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.
- Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
   And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
   And though Your people shall not see
   Your glory and Your majesty
   Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
  But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
  Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
  Unmoved by any daring hand Or subtle craft and cunning.
- We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
   That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
   This Word remains forever true;
   All things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.

- Though reason cannot understand, 5 Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me: I trust its truth unfailing.
- Lord, I believe what You have said; 6 Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- Grant that we worthily receive 7 Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- For Your consoling supper, Lord, 8 Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying. Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68: tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt. Text: Public domain

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven. No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy! Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000368

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## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.
- This is the Savior of the world. 2 The Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.
- $\triangle$  3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice; To Father, Son, and Spirit blest

Be honor, love, and praise.

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## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

LSB 218

[Psalm 103:1]

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.

С Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- Let us bless the Lord. Ρ
- Thanks be to God.

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His Ρ face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26
- C Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

## "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise; Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way: With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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## POSTLUDE

#### Organist

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