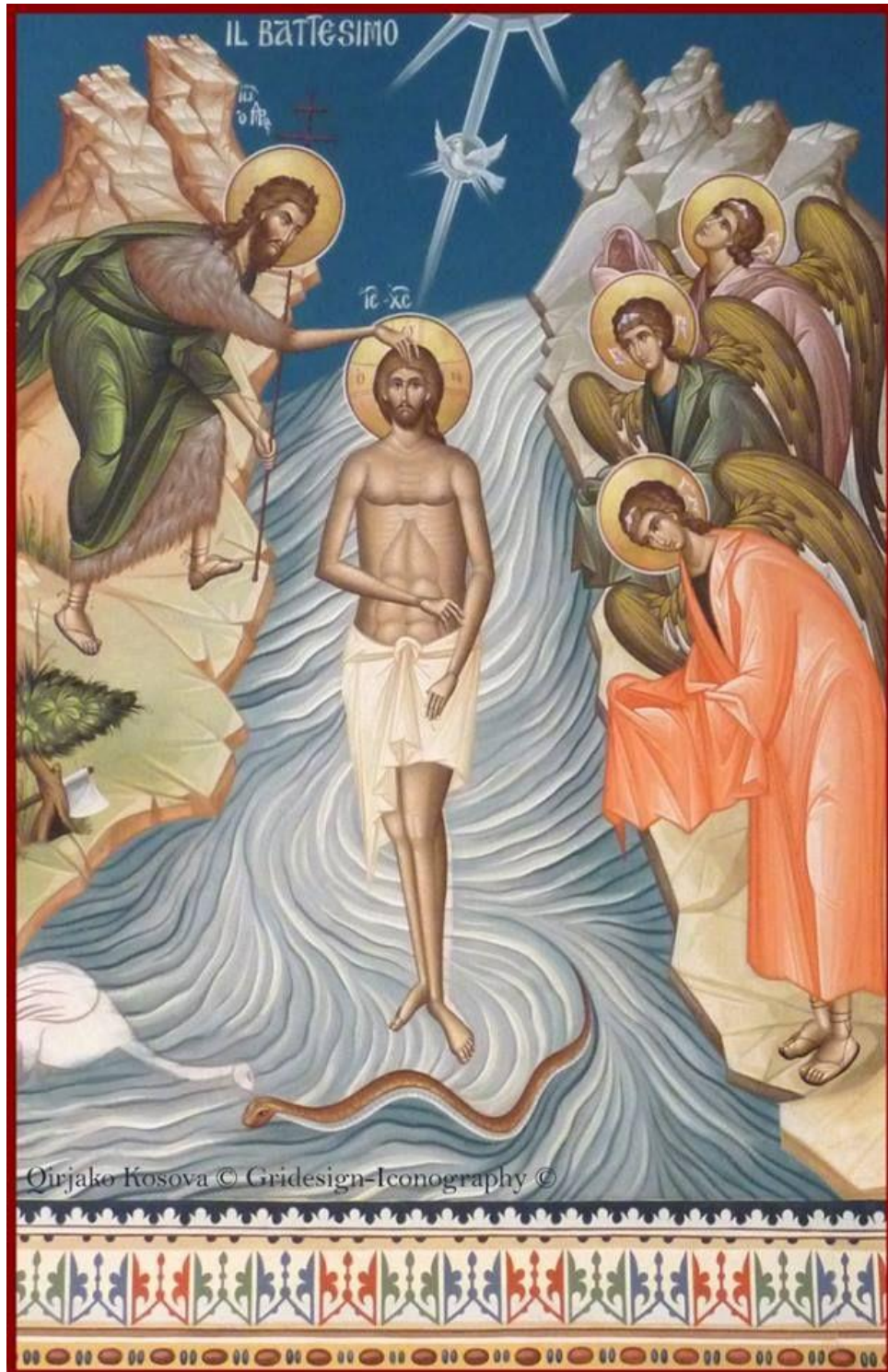


# Baptism of Our Lord



Hope Lutheran Church-DeWitt MI

## "This Is My Chosen One"



Led by the Spirit, Israel came out of the wilderness and passed through the waters of the Jordan to enter the Promised Land. John the Baptist summoned the Israel of his day back out into the wilderness to undergo a baptism of repentance in the same Jordan. Jesus came out to the Jordan together with His people to be baptized by John. Peter recalled that baptism and "how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power." Thus Jesus was designated as the Servant who would bring righteousness to the nations and was announced as the well-loved Son. His Spirit-filled ministry would deliver people from blindness, physical and spiritual, and release them from captivity by the devil. Today's Psalm celebrates the nuptials of the King, an Epiphany theme. In our baptism we too have been anointed with the Spirit, robed in the garments of God's righteousness, and given the name of well-loved son or daughter. *Taken from Proclaim year C*

### *Our Communion Practice*

**On the basis of God's Holy Word, Hope Lutheran Church** continues to practice the ancient, Biblical and confessional practice of close(d) communion as an opportunity to give joyful witness to our unity in the Christian faith. Guests who are joining us this morning and hold membership in one of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us in the reception of this great gift. Please take time to introduce yourself to Pastor Sikora prior to the Divine Service.

**Because the nature of the Lord's Supper involves unity of doctrine** and because Christendom is currently divided by denomination over doctrine and practice, we are unable to commune those who hold membership in other denominations. For a further explanation of fellowship in the Lord's Supper please take a few moments to read the tract, "What About: Fellowship in the Lord's Supper" which has been placed in the pew rack. You are invited to take one with you for further study. May God bless your reception of His Word this morning.



**We welcome you to church today, and it is a blessing to have you here.** Our Lord has put His name upon us in blessing at the beginning of the Divine Service, and is given to us in blessing again at our departure. May our time spent in service and prayer today be filled with the Holy Spirit; so that we may speak of God's love and glory to those in our lives.

**You are encouraged to enter the sanctuary in silence in reverence to our Lord.** Prayers before worship can be found in the front cover of the hymnal. It is also encouraged that movement in and out of the pews during the sermon is limited.

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠  
The Baptism of our Lord  
January 7, 2024 A.D.

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**Prelude**

**Bell Toll**

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old**

*LSB 397*



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

***Remembrance of Baptism***

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

*We see Christ rise out of the waters of Jordan and the Spirit anoint Him, and we hear the  
Voice of heaven declare Jesus to be the Beloved Son.*

*This is a very appropriate day on which to celebrate Holy Baptism.*

*The font, therefore, is filled with water.*

**P** Dear friends, we are buried into Christ by baptism into His death, and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promise and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and all his ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church.

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** I do renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** I do renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** I do renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, in Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe 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.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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 everlasting.

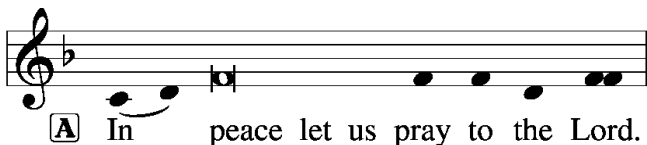
**P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

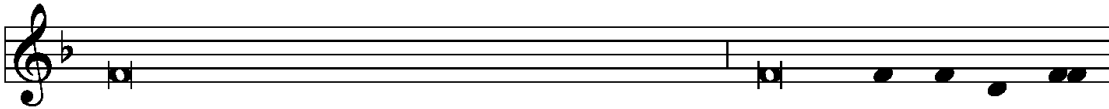
**C** Amen.

## *Service of the Word*

### Kyrie

LSB 152





**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



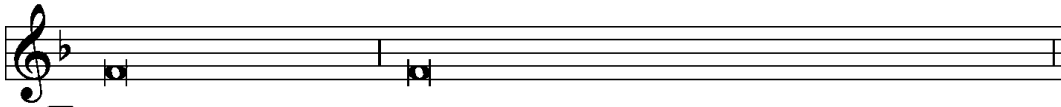
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



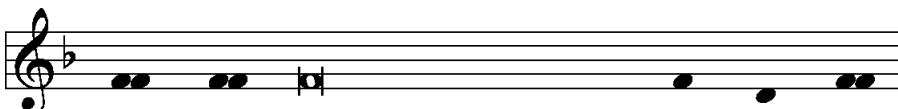
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



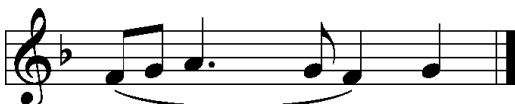
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



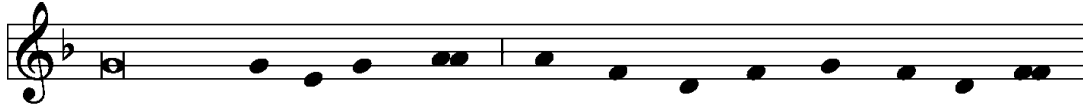
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Be Seated*

## Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:1-5*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual for the Baptism of our Lord

*Cantor: Behold my servant, who I uphold, My chosen, in whom my soul delights.*

*Praise the Lord all nations! Extol him all peoples!*

*For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name, bring offering and come into His courts!*

## Epistle *Romans 6:1-11*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Common Verse

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 1:4–11*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

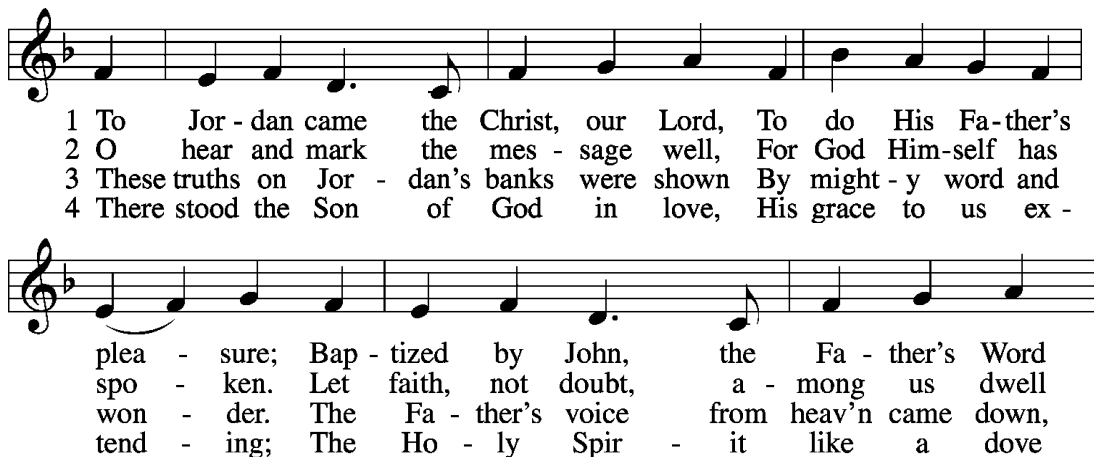


**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -  
plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -  
 now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,  
 And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a  
 pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
 And bring to them the living Word  
 And this My invitation:  
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission  
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must fail,  
 Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Be seated*

**Offering**—Organ Voluntary

*Stand*

### Offertory

*LSB 159*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## *Service of the Sacrament*

### Preface

*LSB 160*



**P** The Lord be with you.



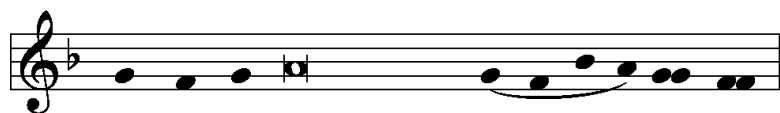
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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

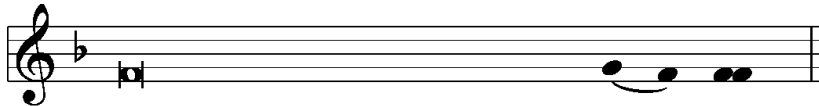
LSB 162

**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 T 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 T 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

LSB 163



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Be Seated

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first.*

## Hymn: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-  
4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And  
for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you  
whole  
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!



# Hymn: 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!





# Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

## *Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

*Stand*



## Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

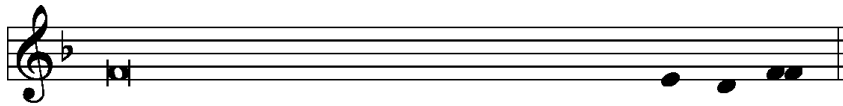
**A** Let us pray.

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 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** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

Closing Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!