ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give Thanks Choir

Stand

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(Psalm 100 & 150)

- M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- C: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
- **M:** Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- C: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- **M:** Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- C: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre.
- M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
- C: Praise him with tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flute.
- M: Give thanks to him and praise his name.
- C: Praise him with the clash of symbols; praise him with resounding cymbals.
- **M:** For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. His faithfulness continues through all generations.
- C: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:

C: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Be seated

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Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel** and

Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Romans 3:9-20

⁹ What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

¹² All have turned away,

they have together become worthless;

there is no one who does good,

not even one.1

¹³ "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways,

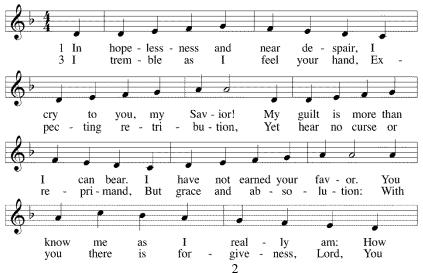
¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know."

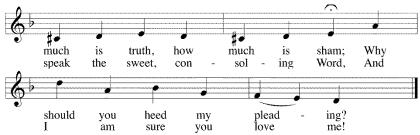
¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. (NIV)

Hymn 738:1,3

In Hopelessness and Near Despair





This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You"

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, that you have led us to know ourselves for what we really are and therefore we say, "Be merciful to me, a sinner."

C: Amen.

...FOR JESUS OUR REDEEMER

Hebrews 2:11-3:6

¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again he says,

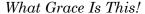
"Here am I, and the children God has given me."

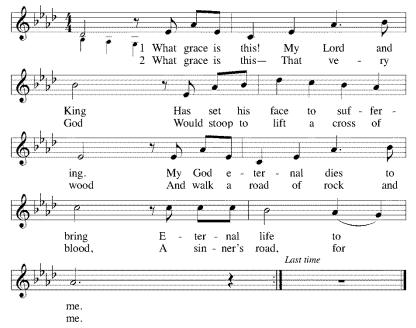
14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built

by someone, but God is the builder of everything ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Hymn 715:1-2





This hymn helps us recognize the nature of divine grace, which is entirely independent of anything we are or can offer to God. God's grace willingly acts on behalf of rebellious sinners, as especially displayed in the suffering and death of our Savior.

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself into death that we might have life with you forever.

C: Amen.

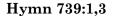
...FOR FAITH

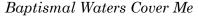
Romans 3:21-28

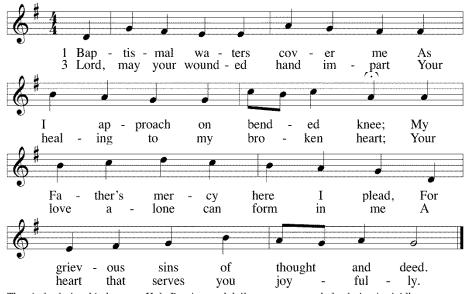
²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are

justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.







The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the priceless gift of faith by which we have been made your children and heirs of your kingdom.

C: Amen.

...FOR THE WORD

Psalm 119:9-16

- ⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.
- ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

- ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- ¹² Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.
- ¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.
- ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
- ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
- ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Hymn 735:1

Speak, O Lord



M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Word, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

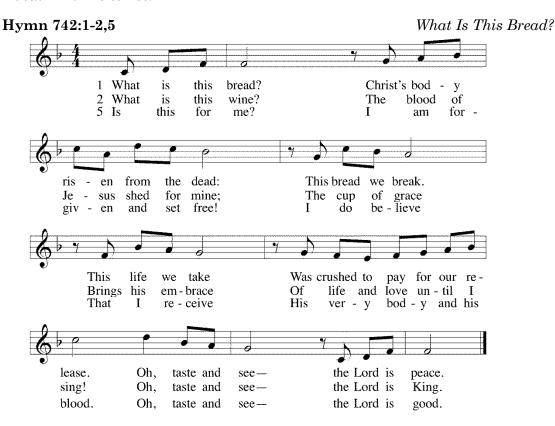
C: Amen.

...FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 10:14-17,11:23-26

¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of your Supper, through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

C: Amen.

...FOR PHYSICAL BLESSINGS

Psalm 104:1,10-15,27,28,33,34

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul.

LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.

¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate bringing forth food from the earth:

¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.

²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand,

they are satisfied with good things.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD.

Hymn 785:1-2

O Lord of Nations



We offer our thanksgiving to God for all his goodness, mindful that every good and perfect gift comes from above.

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of life and health, money, homes, family, friends, civil peace and protection, and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

...FOR HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

Psalm 31:1-5,23,24

- ¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
- ⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.
- ²³ Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.
- ²⁴ Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Hymn 765:1-2



Day by Day



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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the richness and healing of your comfort when our hearts are heavy and the cross overwhelms us.

C: Amen.

...FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE OUR FAITH

1 Peter 3:8-18

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For,

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.

11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer,

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threat!; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Hymn 774:1-2

Church of God, Elect and Glorious



This hymn emphasizes how Christians naturally fulfill what God has created and called them to be in Christ Jesus.

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M: We give you our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the richness and healing of your comfort when our hearts are heavy and the cross overwhelms us.

C: Amen.

...AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL THINGS

Romans 11:33-12:21

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God,

that God should repay them?"

36 For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

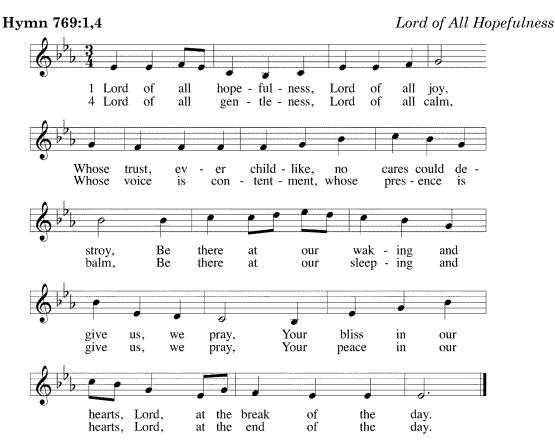
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk song

M: We give you thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the opportunities you give us every day to thank you/ Help us to imitate your love and reflect your grace to everyone we meet.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN



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