



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, 7 January A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

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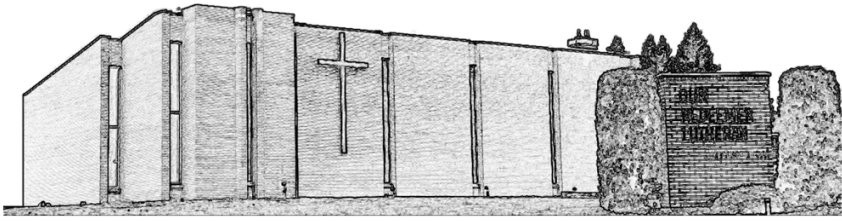
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WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES resumes this morning following the Divine Service. Our Adult Bible Study will begin a study of the Old Testament prophet Amos. Join us for Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, or Sunday School!

OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be on Sunday, January 28th at 10:30 A.M. All voting members (communicant members at least 16 years old) are urged to attend.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is available this year. Please let the office know by March 1st and we will order it for you. The annual total is \$25.80.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in your mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes and would like them or do not have a mailbox and would like one, please contact Claire in the church office at (906) 774-1844 or at secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org.

BOTTLES/CANS: The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR—The Baptism of Our Lord: John's baptism convicted every human being – "Jerusalem and all Judea" (Matthew 3:5-6). No physical incapacities excused anyone. Jesus' baptism consecrates every human being. God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don't resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn't call us "unwanted" or "better off dead." Instead He declares, "This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In this newness of life, Christians can also welcome the least among us. *Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. Amen.*

"WHAT IS IT THAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR LIFE THIS NEW YEAR? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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ALTAR GUILD

Week of 1/7

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl & Skip Schoenborn	Debbie Sleik
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Debbie Sleik

Week of 1/14

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl & Jim Reed	Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Cindy Koller

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (7)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (8)		
Tuesday (9)	6:30 P.M.	
Wednesday (10)	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (11)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (12)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (13)		
Sunday (14)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week Offering:	\$2,225.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$90.00
Total Income This Week:	\$2,315.00
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24
Difference:	-1,031.24

YEAR-TO-DATE 2023

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$138,847.24
Other Income and Gifts:	\$24,127.70
Total Income This Year:	\$162,974.94
Needed for Budget:	\$170,657.24
Difference:	-\$7,682.30

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 12/31, 9:00 A.M.	95	81
Wednesday, 1/3, 7:00 P.M.	14	14
Total	109	95

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Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

Confession and Absolution

HYMN OF INVOCATION *"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596*

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed

And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

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!

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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.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT *Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
- P** I have found David, my servant;
C with my holy oil I have anointed him.
- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
C with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- P** He shall cry to me, “You are my Father,
C my God, and the Rock of my salvation.”
- P** And I will make him the firstborn,
C the highest of the kings of the earth.
- P** My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
C and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- C** ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.
P I have found David, my servant;
C with my holy oil I have anointed him.

KYRIE

LSB 186

- C** ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

- P** ♪ Glory be to God on high:
C ♪ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ And with thy spirit.

- 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

P The Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of Our Lord is from Joshua, chapter 3.

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

¹³“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 72:18–19

P Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,

C who alone does wondrous things.

P Blessèd be his glorious name forever;

C may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

P The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190; Psalm 143:10

C ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Alleluia. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia.

C ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree,
"The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight

As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON *"Through the Water, Into the Fray, With the Lord Going Before Us"*
Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy
free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 194

- P** ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ And with thy spirit.

P ♪ Lift up your hearts.

C ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P ♪ Let us give thanks unto 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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 ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

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.”

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

P ♪ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!

Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,

To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee" LSB 632

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!

My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

C ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C ♪ and His mercy endureth forever.

P ♪ Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ Amen.

P ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

P ♪ 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 gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! *Refrain*

Refrain Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

- 2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. *Refrain*
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never

'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. *Refrain*

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
 Join our happy throng,
 Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
 Glory, laud, and honor
 Unto Christ, the king;
 This through countless ages
 Men and angels sing. *Refrain*

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