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Good News—Holy Communion is celebrated at Immanuel today! *God loves you! He loves most of all to give you His gifts and today the Risen Jesus comes to give Himself to you in His sacred meal. Because nothing breaks God's heart more than to see His children miss out on His gifts, it is our heartfelt prayer and God's deep desire that, as you prepare to receive Him, you give your joyful "Amen!" to these statements:*

- I have been baptized in the name of the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:18-20*
- I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness and am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Ephesians 2:4-9*
- I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ—given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins—are truly present *for me* with the bread and wine of Holy Communion. *Matthew 26:26-28*
- As one who lives by God's forgiveness alone, I strive to live at peace with others and withhold forgiveness from no one. *Matthew 5:23-24*

At the appropriate time, the ushers will direct forward those wishing to commune. Communicants receive our Lord's body from pastor and then may choose to receive His blood from either the small cups or the common chalice. Used small cups should be placed in the wicker basket near the front pew. Those who cannot assent to the above statements or otherwise do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing with arms folded across the chest. Please speak with pastor about communion preparation for young children or should you have any questions about our teaching or practice surrounding Holy Communion.

Jesu Juva!

Divine Service IV

Lutheran Service Book, pp. 203ff.

Stand to face the cross

Processional Hymn

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

C **God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4



A Delight yourself | in the LORD,*and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

C **Commit your way | to the LORD;*trust in him, and | he will act.**

A He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*and your justice as the | noonday.

C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;***
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,*is now, and will be forever. | **Amen.**

A Delight yourself | in the LORD,*and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Service of the Word

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Song of Praise

There Is A Higher Throne

1. There is a high - er throne than all this world has known: Where
 2. And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne; We'll

faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.____
 hon - our Him in per - fect song where we be - long.____

Be - fore the Son we'll stand made fault - less through the Lamb; Be -
 He'll wipe each tear - stained eye. as thirst and hunb - ger die; The

liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace: Sal - va - tion comes.
 Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd King: We'll reign with Him.

Hear heav - en's voic es sing.____ Their thun - d'rous an - them rings through

em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies, their prais - es rise. All glo - ry,

wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks and hon - our are to God, our King, who

reigns on high____ for - ev - er - more.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Cantor*)

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,* for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,* but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

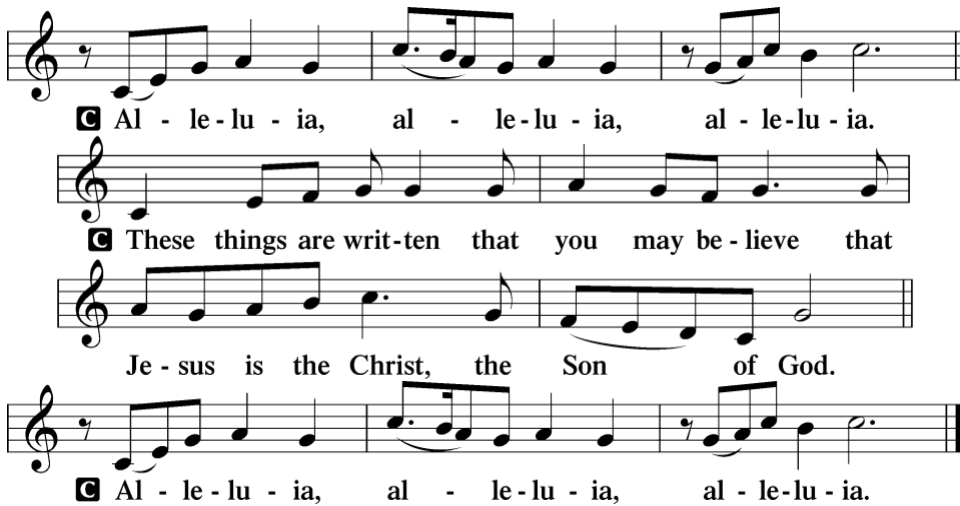
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531

Stand

Credo (*Nicene Creed*)

All: 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

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).

Sit

Offering & Offertory *(please stand to sing as offerings are brought forward)*

Create in Me a Clean HeartW&P 34

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are several measures of rest, particularly in the second and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with - in me Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with - in me
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

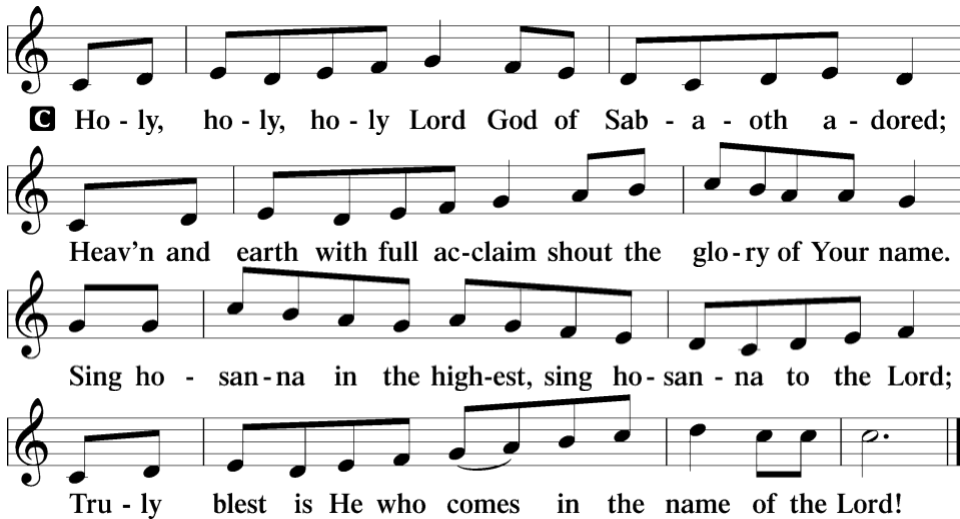
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution & Distribution Hymns

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

O God My Faithful God

LSB 696

When all have communed, please stand for the blessing.

Post-Communion Canticle*Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

LSB 662

Brief Silence

P Go in peace and serve the Lord! **C** Thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

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