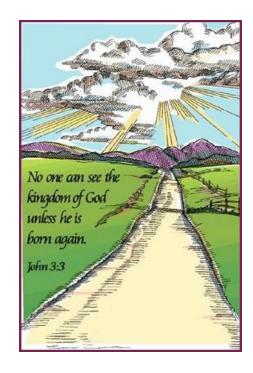
# Zion Lutheran Church



March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent



## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

#### Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

# Our Worship

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

# What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends



the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



# How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



#### Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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# This Week in Zion Sunday School

# A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

#### BIBLE VERSE

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

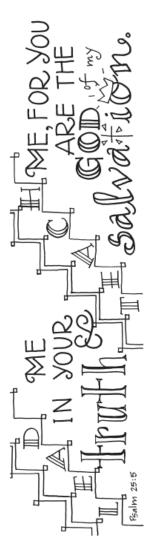
Psalm 25:5

#### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

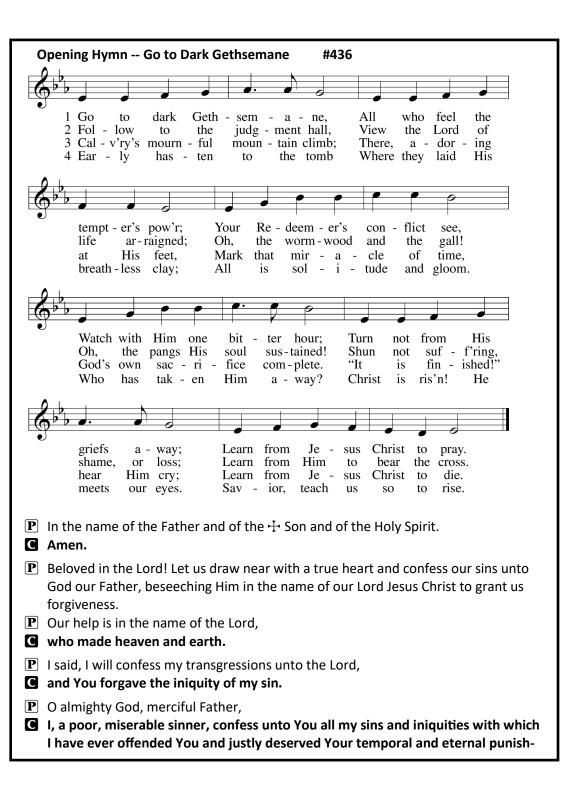
Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn against their plan, telling the consequences the people face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom he anoints as king over Israel.

#### **TAKING IT HOME**

- On the Go—What did Israel's elders ask for due to the actions of Samuel's sons? Why did God consider this a "rejection"?
- At Mealtime—What characteristics of Saul made him seem like a good choice to be king?
- Something to Do—God is a good, benevolent king. He rules as an eternal fountain of good gifts. Form a "family fountain" by lifting your hands together and naming things that show God's goodness.
- Before Bed—How did God show He was with the people of Israel even though they desired an earthly king? How does God show He is with you even though you are sinful?



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ment. 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 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8



- P He remembers his covenant for- | ever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
- Seek the LORD | and his strength;
  seek his presence con- | tinually!
  Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,
  his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
  O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,

children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;

his judgments are in | all the earth.

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.

P He remembers his covenant for- | ever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.



# Join us Wednesdays during Lent

Zion will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon spoken service at 2 pm and our regular 7 pm service.

Wednesday 3/8 -- 2 & 7 pm Wednesday 3/15 -- 2 & 7 pm Wednesday 3/22 -- 2 & 7 pm Wednesday 3/29 -- 2 & 7 pm

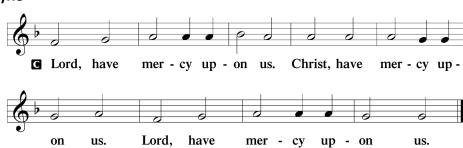
We will explore the theme "Promised Treasures". The theme reminds us that this Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Rom. 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind us of God's eternal love in Christ, fill us with renewed hope, and increase our joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.



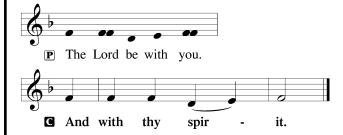
# This Week at Zion

SUN 3/5	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship
MON 3/6	6:00 PM – 1st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:00 PM Trustees Mtg. 7:00 PM – 2nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 3/7	
WED 3/8	2:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 2 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 2
THU 3/9	6:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Elder's Mtg.
FRI 3/10	
SAT 3/11	9:00 AM Men's Choir
SUN 3/12 Food Bank Collection	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship

# Kyrie



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



# P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Old Testament Reading -- Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

C Thanks be to God.

**Grace Bell Choir** -- Into the Woods My Master Went (8:00 am) **Choir** -- Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow (10:30 am)

## Epistle Reading -- Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count be

blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his  $\sin.\text{"}\dots$ 

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have

# Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Mike Kroeger, Mike Wallace (8:00)

Roger Diederich, Jim Neill (10:30)

Acolytes: Emily Trentini (8:00); Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)

Ushers: Ava & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00)

John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul & Nancy Klemash in memory of loved ones; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Zion Lutheran Church in memory of two of Zion's founding members -- Mr. & Mrs. Klein -- great-grandparents of Clara Hayes, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary year.

A MEMBER PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is being developed in the church office, complete with up-to-date photos and contact information for every member of our church family! We are working with a local photographer to take photos of our member families -- STAY TUNED for photo session sign-ups in



April & May. The new Member Directory will be part of our 125th anniversary commemoration and will be completed and ready for distribution in September.

# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/26) -- 53 (8 am); 86 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Lenten Worship Attendance (3/1) -- 19 (2 pm); 22 (7 pm) Plate Offerings (2/26) -- \$ 2306.16 Online Offering -- \$16,555

Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate

# Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

## The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.
- -Healing & Strength for: Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jack Ewing, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

# Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.



made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Holy Gospel**

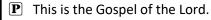
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."





#### **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,

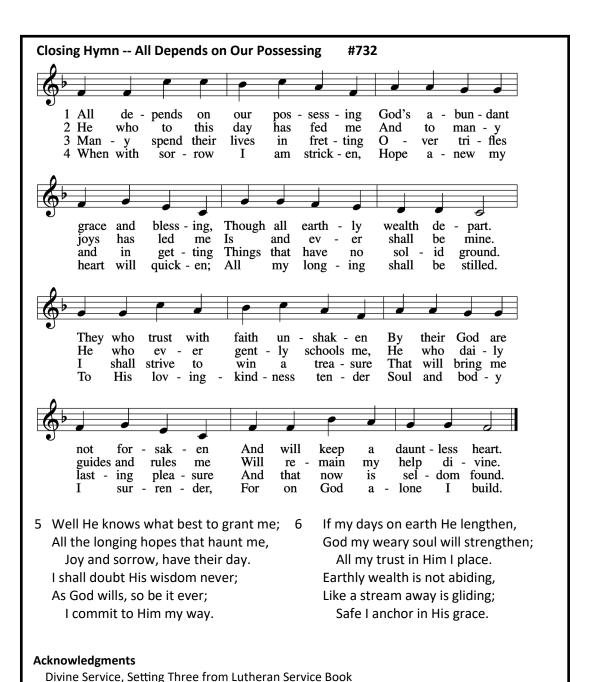
who spoke by the prophets.

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

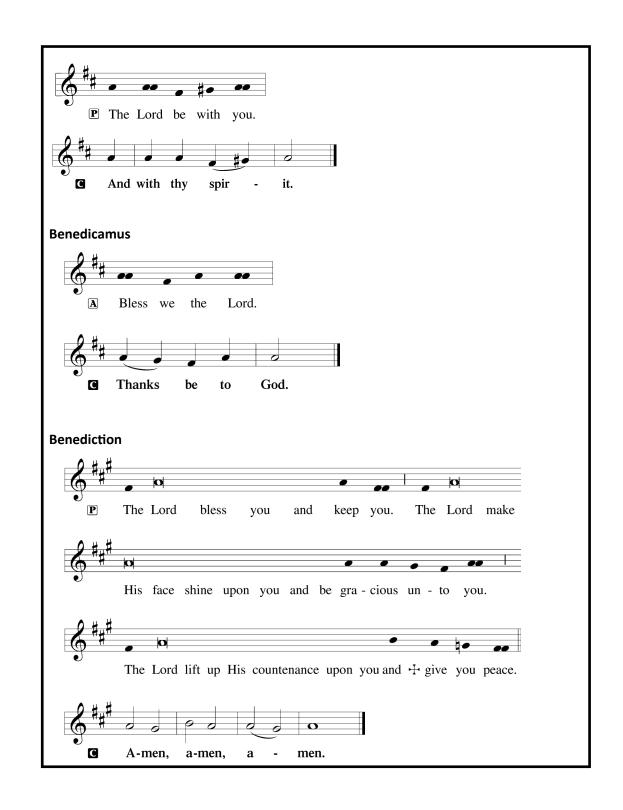


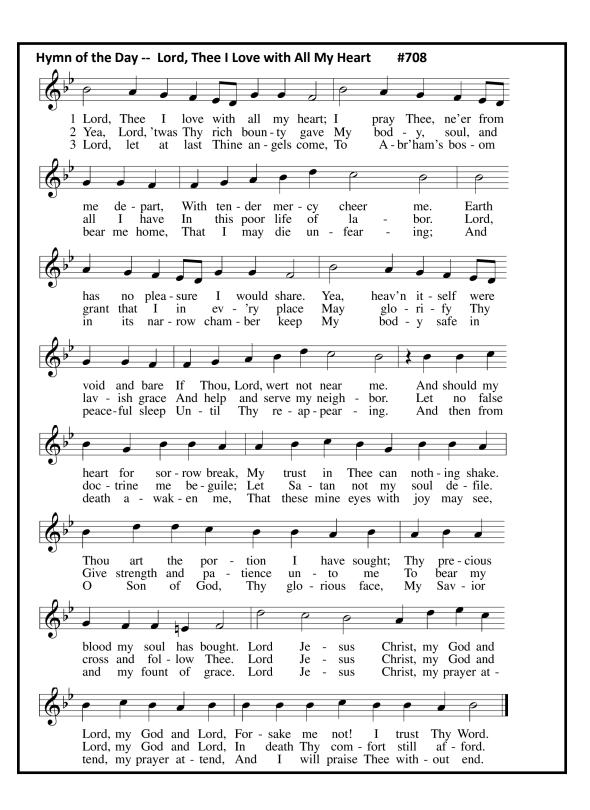
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#### Sermon

## Offertory

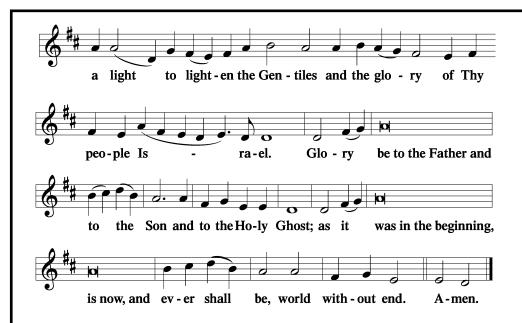


## **Gathering of Offerings**

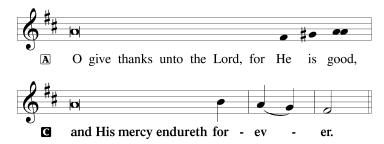
Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.

# **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- C ... Lord have mercy.



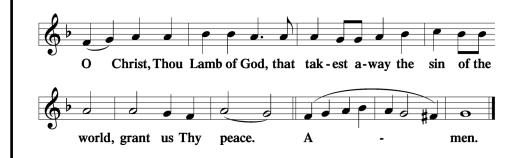
## **Thanksgiving**



# 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.



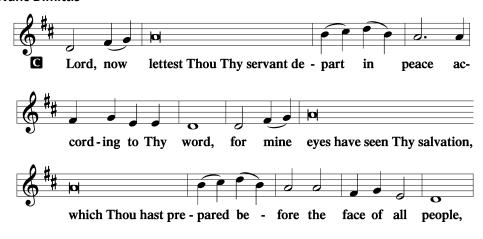
#### Distribution

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#### **Distribution Hymns**

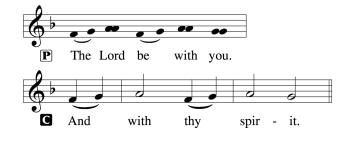
All Who Believe and Are Baptized #601 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy #434 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing #421

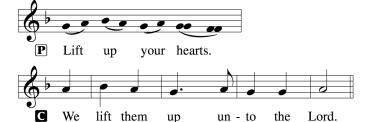
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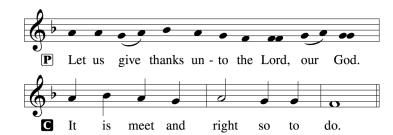


### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**







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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

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

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**



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



### **Agnus Dei**

