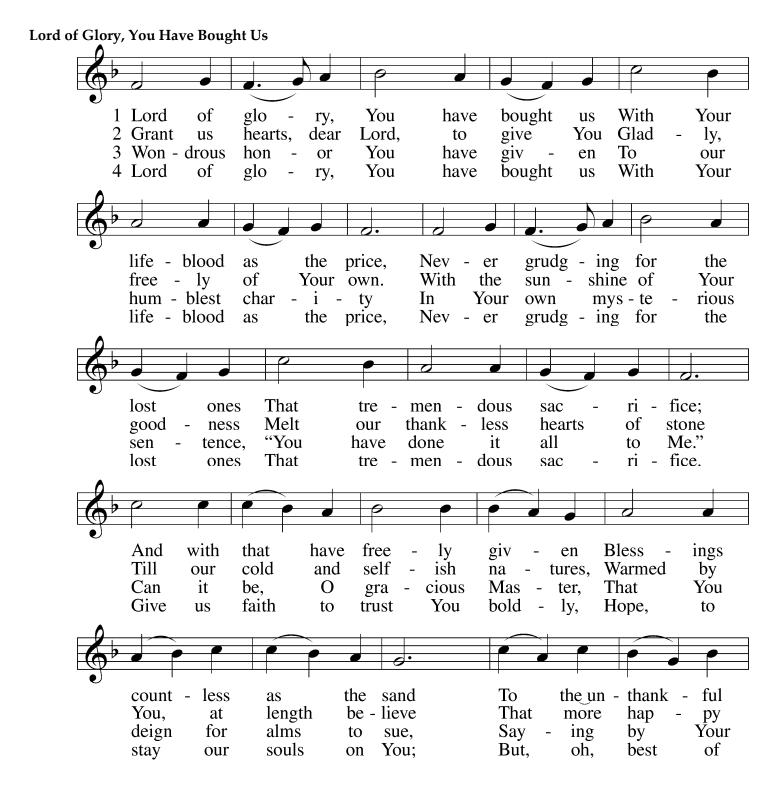
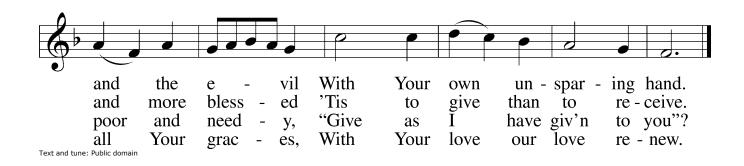
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude followed by the bells.





PREPARATORY OFFICE

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Collect for Purity

- Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

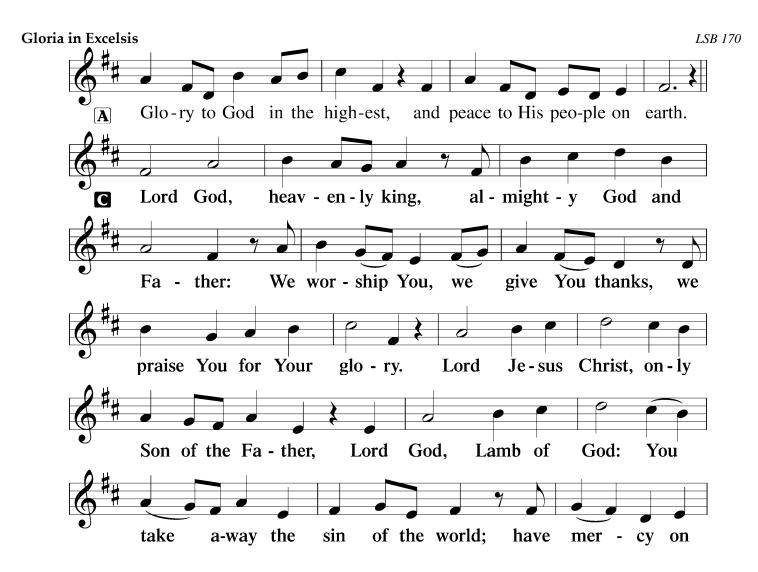
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

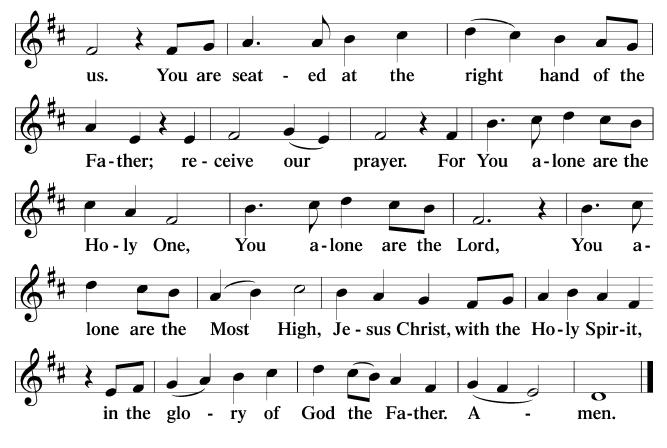
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Apostolic Greeting

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

God's Covenant with Abram

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

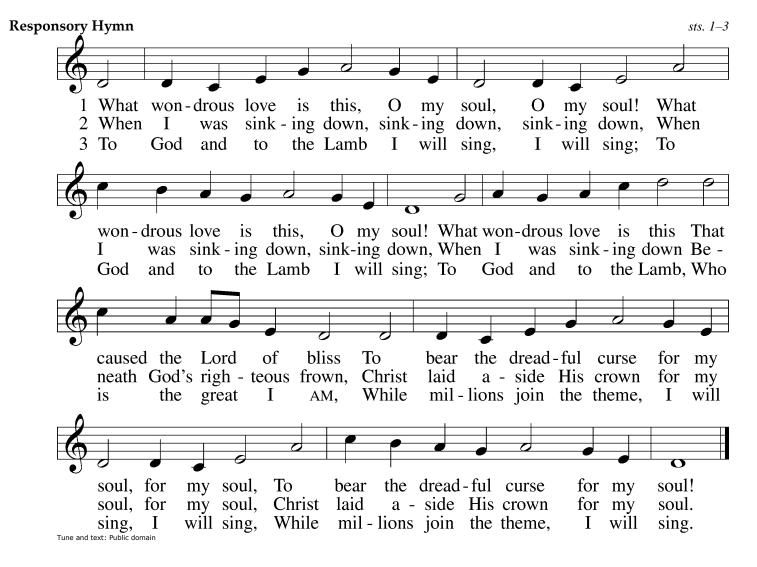
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22; antiphon: v. 20

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,* the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage! ¹³The LORD looks down from | heaven;* he sees all the chil- | dren of man; ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he | looks out* on all the inhabitants | of the earth, ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts | of them all* and observes | all their deeds. ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great | army;* a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength. ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,* and by its great might it cannot | rescue. ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,* on those who hope in his | steadfast love, ¹⁹that he may deliver their | soul from death* and keep them alive in | famine. ²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD;* he is our help | and our shield. ²¹For our heart is | glad in him,* because we trust in his | holy name. ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,* even as we | hope in you.

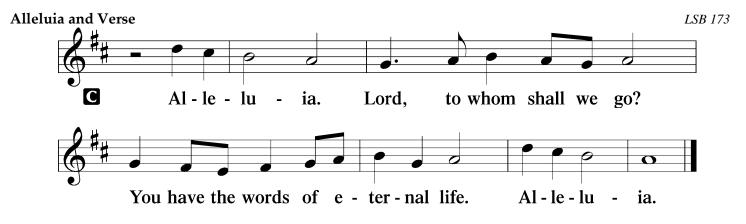


Epistle

1 John 4:16–21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.""

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
 - His family embraces all

Whose Father is the same.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ⊬everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

For the Church throughout the world: Father, grant true unity in faith to all believers. May the Light of your Son banish the darkness in our hearts and set us at peace with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all ministers of the Gospel; preachers, teachers, all servants of the church, especially for our Dean David, and our Bishop, Dan; Support and direct their ministries according to your Holy Word; Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all your Baptized children; As we celebrate the Coming of the Holy Spirit, grant us a firm trust in your goodness and mercy – that the good work of redemption you have begun in us may be continually strengthened through faith in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For the civil authorities, civil servants, soldiers, police officers, firefighters, emergency workers and hospital staff, and for our president, Donald: Grant wisdom and diligence in their service to the common good. Protect them from calamity and every evil. Bless their work that it may bring peace and security to this land. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For Lebanon and Advent Lutheran churches: Grant us vision to see our lives as they are made holy in your Son. Keep us from distraction, that we may claim the wonderful peace

that we have through faith in Jesus. Bless our Christian education classes, our corporate worship, and our daily devotions, and out CREDO groups, so that our lives may be joyful in your service. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For renewed zeal in this season of the church; summon us to spiritual renewal as we are empowered by your Holy Spirit. Order our lives so that we may be more closely conformed to our Lord Jesus. Enlighten, purify, and protect us as we face the trials of this fallen world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our community: Bless our city and county with helpful industry, thriving farms, true neighborliness, orderly government, excellent schools, and a greater acknowledgment of your grace and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

For growth in the Church of Jesus Christ and the ministries of this congregation: Stir up your power, O God, and work in us. Grant that this parish may increase in faithful membership and teach us to do your will. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who do not believe, and for those who have lost faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel and join in the thankful praise of the Church Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our absent brothers and sisters, protect them while they are away from our fellowship, and grant them a speedy return to the Lord's house. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer!**

For the sick, *especially your servants*... Take them under Your tender care and grant them a happy release from their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who have no one to pray for them; for travelers, for the spiritually poor, for those who grieve, and all those concerns that we present before you now, *silence*. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all the saints: Father, you have made your Church one body through our One Lord, Jesus Christ; move our hearts to a loving remembrance of all those who have come before us especially we remember Alice Pingley. **Hear our Prayer!**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people through the mediation of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon

us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN**.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

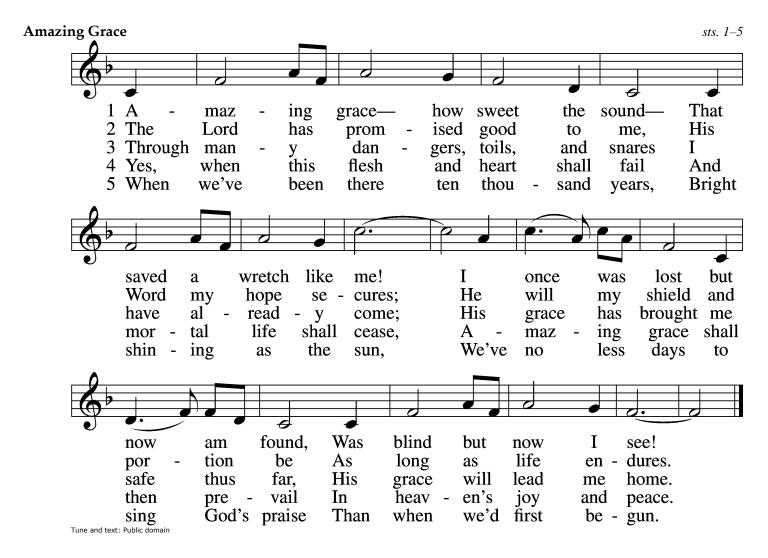
Lord's Prayer

 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.





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