

# Confession and Absolution

## 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
     On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
 And this my faith confessing,  
     Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
 Our reason cannot fathom  
     The truth of God profound;  
 Who trusts in human wisdom  
     Relies on shifting ground.  
 God's Word is all-sufficient,  
     It makes divinely sure;  
 And trusting in its wisdom,  
     My faith shall rest secure.
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
     For Satan seeks by night and day  
 To rob me of this treasure  
     And take my hope of bliss away.  
 But, Lord, with You beside me,  
     I shall be undismayed;  
 And led by Your good Spirit,  
     I shall be unafraid.  
 Abide with me, O Savior,  
     A firmer faith bestow;  
 Then I shall bid defiance  
     To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
     Though persecution, grief, and pain  
 Should seek to overwhelm me,  
     Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
 And then at my departure,  
     Lord, take me home to You,  
 Your riches to inherit  
     As all You said holds true.  
 In life and death, Lord, keep me  
     Until Your heav'n I gain,  
 Where I by Your great mercy  
     The end of faith attain.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

### Exhortation

- 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.

*LSB 203*

- 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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Absolution

*LSB 203*

- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**C** I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
**P** Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.  
**C** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.  
**P** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
**C** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
**P** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

- C** 1 To God on high be glory  
 And peace to all the earth;  
 Goodwill from God in heaven  
 Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father;  
 Your holy name, we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory,  
 Lord God, our heav’nly King.  
 2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
 The Father’s Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
 Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow’r are seated  
 At God’s right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;  
 You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever,  
 Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit  
 Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory.  
 "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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## Old Testament Reading

*Job 38:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle***Romans 10:5–17*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Alleluia and Verse****Alleluia***LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Verse***LSB 205*

**C** **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia***LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel***Matthew 14:22–33*

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

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, 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*

### **544 O Love, How Deep**

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
 That God, the Son of God, should take  
 Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,  
 Of higher or of lower place,  
 But wore the robe of human frame,  
 And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
 His holy fast and hungered sore;  
 For us temptation sharp He knew;  
 For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
 For us His daily works He wrought,  
 By words and signs and actions thus  
 Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 He bore the shameful cross and death;  
 For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;

For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## Sermon

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Years ago, I volunteered to teach Confirmation Class during a vacancy. During one of the classes, the boy decided he was going to stick the point of his pencil into one of the girl's arm, breaking the pencil lead off in the girl's arm. I was mortified. I questioned almost everything at that moment. Why did he do it? How did I not see what was happening? How would her parents react? Why had I volunteered to teach Confirmation Class? I stopped short of asking "why had I become Lutheran?" When I spoke with a Pastor about this, he pointed me to Isaiah 55:10-11:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

In today's Epistle, Paul speaks to the efficacy of God's Word. God's Word is powerful. God's Word achieves God's purposes.

God's Word make things happen. John 1 describes Jesus "<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John goes on "<sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." God spoke creation, including mankind into existence. Genesis 1 ends with "<sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."

God Word still makes things happen. God's Word creates faith. As you just heard, "<sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." God's Word is proclaimed publicly by the Christian Church through the Office of Public Ministry. God's Word is spoken privately by members of the Christian Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit for God's purposes, to bring salvation to those whom God chooses. Whether by public proclamation or private conversation, God's Word accomplishes what God intends it to.

God's Word convicts us of our sins. Hebrews 4:12 reads "<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." As Lutherans, we recognize the distinction between Law and Gospel. Without God's Word, we are lost and condemned sinners. As Luther says in the third Article explanation "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith." God sends the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of God's Word to build and strengthen faith.

When we realize that we are sinners who cannot free ourselves from sin, we realize our need for a Savior. The Gospel frees us from sin, death, and the devil, to love and serve God in a joyful response to His Grace and Mercy. As sinners, we try to be holy, and to justify ourselves before God using the Law. But we cannot do what God desires and the Law demands, including confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior on our own. The Holy

Spirit brings us to faith. <sup>10</sup>“For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” This is God’s work, the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

The Holy Spirit strengthens or calls the hearer to faith. The Holy Spirit brings God’s Word to individuals via public proclamation, and private proclamation, the faithful witness of Christians. God’s Word alone creates and builds faith. God’s Word changes lives. The Gospel changes lives.

The Law always convicts. The Law drives us to despair because we cannot fix our sin problem. We cannot be holy as our Heavenly Father is holy. That is where the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus, comes in. God sent Jesus to proclaim the Good News that God has a plan for your salvation and the salvation of the whole world. In His mercy and grace, God gives you your salvation, a freely given gift. To do so, God sent Jesus. Paul tells the Philippians (Philippians 2:7-11) <sup>7</sup>“but [Jesus] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, <sup>8</sup>being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

How did God call most of you to faith? Most of you were baptized as children, as babies. You didn’t seek God. You didn’t ask God into your heart. God called you to be His own dear child. God sought you when you could not seek Him. And when you wandered away from God, God sent the Holy Spirit to call you back to Him. The Holy Spirit led you to repent and confess your sins and be forgiven. The Holy Spirit God sends His Word forth to achieve the purpose for which He sent it, to reconcile the world to Himself. God’s Word accuses you of breaking God’s Law. God’s Word convicts you of sinning in thought, word and deed, by what you have done and by what you have left undone. You sin in ways you know, thoughts and deeds of which you are ashamed and in ways that only God knows.

Yet even in your sin, God seeks you. Especially in your sin, God seeks you. God calls you back into a right relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit intercedes for you. Paul writes in Romans 8 <sup>26</sup>“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because <sup>28</sup>the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” God always makes the first move, calling you to repent and return to Him. The Holy Spirit continues to call you into an ever-deepening relationship with the Father, leading you to worship on Sundays, into Bible Studies at church, and into your own reading of the written Word of God, God’s love letter to you.

You are God’s creation. God knows you through and through. Nothing is hidden from God, especially the sins of which you are most ashamed. But just as God spoke and the universe was created, so too did God speak you and your faith into existence. God speaks your forgiveness into existence. God speaks your justification into existence. God provides you with all that you need for this life and for all eternity. The Holy Spirit provides opportunities and God’s words to be a faithful witness of Jesus. God’s Word fulfills the purpose for which it was sent, strengthening or building faith. You live in relationship with God, serving God and neighbor as you await your own resurrection from the dead on the last day to live in God’s Kingdom in the new heavens and new earth for all eternity. Amen.

And now, may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus to all eternity. Amen.

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for our bodies and souls, gifts of our glorious Creator, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In lament for our sin, for death in this world and for the creation now subject to futility, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In faith, for the forgiveness that Christ has won by His blood and for the new life of righteousness that comes from His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of God, in whose hearts His Word dwells, that they may have courage to confess Christ before the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors, church planters and congregations, that they might receive hope, renewal and endurance from God; and that fear would never keep us from the Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For trust in the Lord, that we may have confidence in all He has promised to bestow on us each day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For preservation from all doubt and fear, that like Peter, we might be kept in the grasp of God's grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that their hearts would not waver from Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the Lord's table, that we would be united in confession even as we are one at His table, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
 Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.



In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

## Left Column

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
 Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## 817 Earth and All Stars

- 1 Earth and all stars!  
     Loud rushing planets!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Oh, victory!  
     Loud shouting army!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- ref He has done marvelous things.  
     I too will praise Him with a new song!
- 2 Hail, wind, and rain!  
     Loud blowing snowstorm!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Flowers and trees!  
     Loud rustling dry leaves!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 3 Trumpet and pipes!  
     Loud clashing cymbals!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Harp, lute, and lyre!  
     Loud humming cellos!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 4 Engines and steel!  
     Loud pounding hammers!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Limestone and beams!  
     Loud building workers!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 5 Classrooms and labs!  
     Loud boiling test tubes!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Athlete and band!  
     Loud cheering people!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 6 Knowledge and truth!  
     Loud sounding wisdom!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Daughter and son!  
     Loud praying members!  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- 7 Children of God,  
     Dying and rising,  
     Sing to the Lord a new song!  
     Heaven and earth,  
     Hosts everlasting,  
     Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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**571 God Loved the World So That He Gave**

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
  - 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
  - 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
  - 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
  - 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

- C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

**Post-Communion Collect****A** 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.**Benedicamus***LSB 212***A** Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Benediction****P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.**588 Jesus Loves Me***sts. 1, ref, 2*

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. Refrain

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