

Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church

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The Service

¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ The Congregation shall say:

Amen.

The Confession of Sins

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister:*

O MOST Merciful God, Who has given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become sons of God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

¶ *Then the Congregation shall say:*

Amen.

Processional: How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)

Gloria Patri

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.

¶ *Then shall be said the Kyrie:*

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall be said the Gloria in Excelsis.*

The Gloria in Excelsis

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Glory be to God on high!

¶ *Then the Congregation shall say:*

**Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill towards 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, heavenly 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, 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.**

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*
The Lord be with you.

¶ *Then the Congregation shall say:*
And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*
Let us pray.
¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day.*

The Collect

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of Thy Son, Thou bringest us into Thy kingdom of justice and mercy. By Thy Spirit, grant us Thy wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Reader announce the Old Testament lesson saying:*
The Old Testament Lesson for the 7th Sunday after Trinity is written in the 3rd Chapter of the First Book of Kings, beginning at the 5th Verse.

The First Lesson

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Here endeth the First Lesson for the Day.

¶ *Then shall the Reader announce the Epistle for the Day saying:*

The Epistle for the 7th Sunday after Trinity is written in the 8th Chapter of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, beginning at the 26th Verse.

The Epistle

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¶ *The Epistle ended, the Reader shall say.*

Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

The Halleluiah

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

¶ *Then shall the Minister announce the Gospel for the Day saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th Chapter of St. Matthew , beginning at the 31st Verse.

¶ *The Congregation shall rise and say:*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Gospel of the Day.*

The Gospel

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

¶ *The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say.*

Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

¶ *The Congregation shall say:*

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

¶ *Then shall be said the Creed.*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,
died, and was buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from
the dead; He ascended into Heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints,
The Forgiveness of sins, The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

¶ *Then shall be sung the Hymn.*

The Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

¶ *Then shall follow the Sermon.*

The Sermon

¶ *After the Sermon, the Congregation shall rise and the Minister shall say:*
The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Offertory be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

The Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 188)

The General Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and most Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us, that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Send forth Thy light and Thy truth unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries to preach the Gospel in our own land, and to all nations; and guide, protect and prosper them in all their labors. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Bless, we pray Thee, the institutions of the Church; its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools; that they may send forth men and women to serve Thee, in the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of Mercy, and all the walks of life. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Let the light of Thy Word ever shine within us. Keep the children of the Church in the covenant which Thou hast made with them in Holy Baptism; and grant all parents grace to bring them up in faith toward Thee and in obedience to Thy will. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of this State, and to all our Judges

and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most Merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Comfort all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, or peril of death, especially those who are suffering for Thy name and for Thy truth's sake. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Savior of all men, and especially of them that believe. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to all lawful occupations on land and sea; to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us, for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

The Hymn: When Peace, Like a River (ELW 785)

The Preface

¶ *The Minister shall say.*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall say:*

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

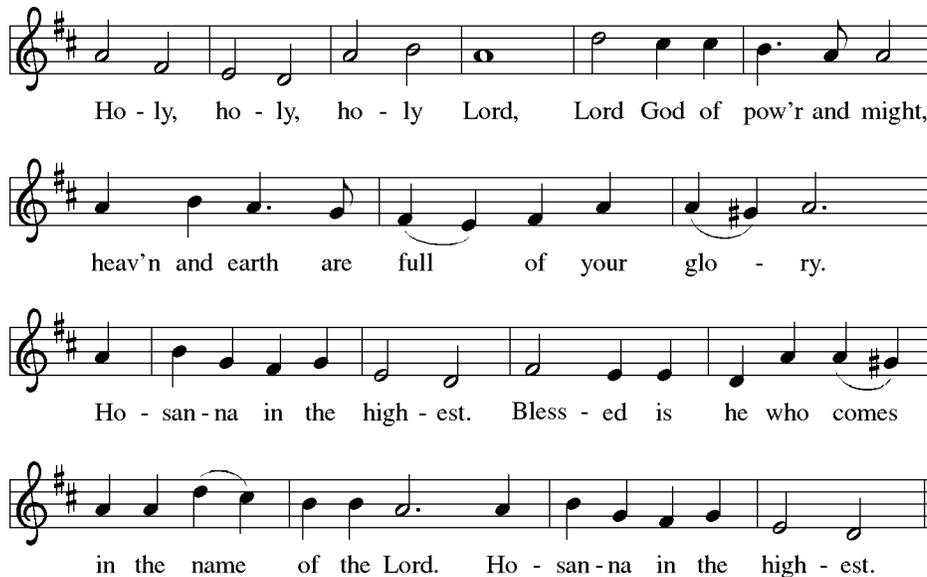
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say.*

It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Words of Institution:*

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you ; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The peace of God be with you always.

¶ *The Congregation shall say:*

And also with you.

¶ *Then shall be said the Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God).*

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take". The third staff continues with lyrics: "a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.". The fourth staff continues with lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The fifth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "grant us your peace. A - - men." and ends with a double bar line.

The Administration of the Holy Sacrament

¶ *When the Minister giveth the BREAD, he shall say:*

Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, given for thee.

¶ *When he giveth the CUP, he shall say:*

Take and drink, this is the Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

¶ *After he hath given the Bread and the Cup, the Minister shall say:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Nunc Dimittis may be said.*

Nunc Dimittis

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.

The Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

And His mercy endureth forever. We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us with Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy great mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *Then may be said the Salutation and the Bendicamus.*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

Recessional: Before You, Lord, We Bow (ELW 893)

{Please join us after the service for coffee in the Fellowship Hall}.