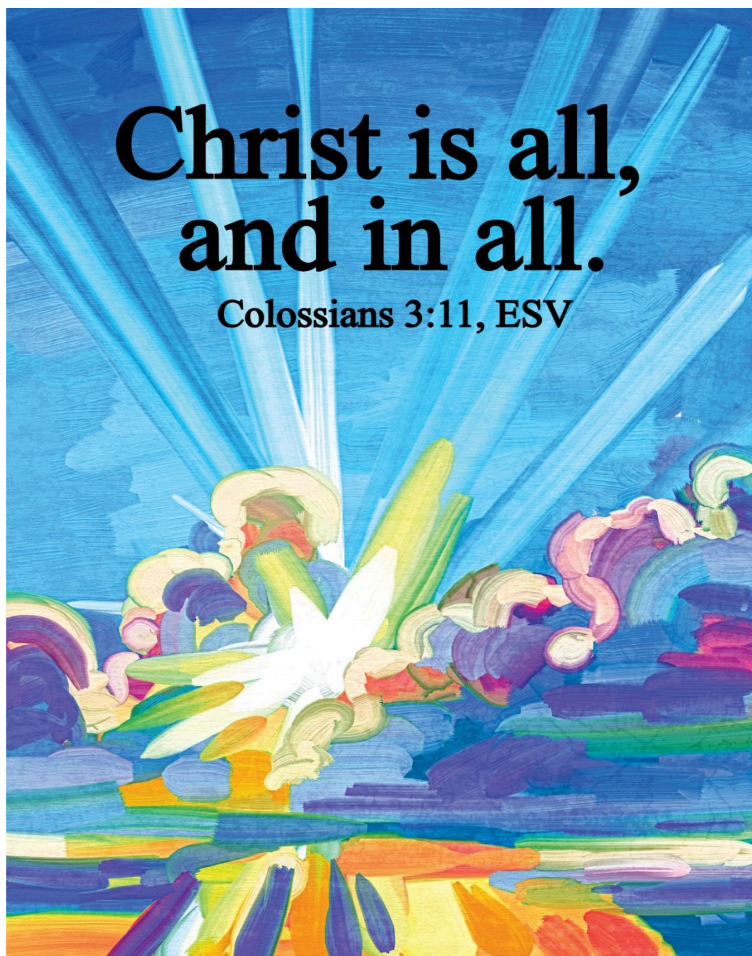


# WATER OF LIFE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

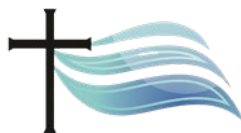


**Christ is all,  
and in all.**

**Colossians 3:11, ESV**

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**PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD**

**✠ Preparation ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**

*We Praise You, O God*

*LSB 785*

1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

**INVOCATION**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**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.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.**

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.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2*

P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

**C Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.**

P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

**C Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd.**

P But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

**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.**

### KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB, p. 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ...

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ...

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

**C Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.**

## EPISTLE READING

**Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing

that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise)*

## **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

*Colossians 3:23-24a*

P Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

**C Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Alleluia.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C 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 Spirit,  
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 sits at the right hand  
 of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.**

## SERMON HYMN

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

## SERMON

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## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Tim. 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Col. 3:1*

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Ps. 136*

**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 God, the giver of every good and every perfect gift, that in Your mercy You sent Your Son, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich. It is through His life, death, and resurrection that we receive the riches of Your kingdom—forgiveness, life, and salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Scan this code for  
our understanding  
of the Lord's Supper



### SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of His glo - ry. the whole earth is full of His

glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry,

Ho - ly is the Lord.



**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

- P Blessed are You, O Lord of glory. You are the giver of every good and every perfect gift. In Your great mercy, You not only provide for the needs of our bodies and lives but also provide the eternal promise of salvation through Your blessed death, rest in the tomb, and victorious resurrection. We thank You for the gifts You generously give us for our bodies and souls, especially the gifts of Your body and Your blood that we eat and drink from this altar for the forgiveness of our sins so that we may be rich toward You; for You rule and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
- C **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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**

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI**

*John 20:19*

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION ~ *Welcome to the Lord’s Table.*** (An usher will direct you.)

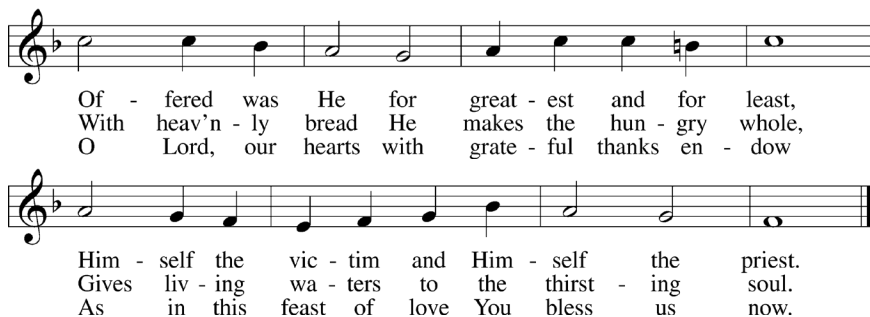
**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

*LSB 637*

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



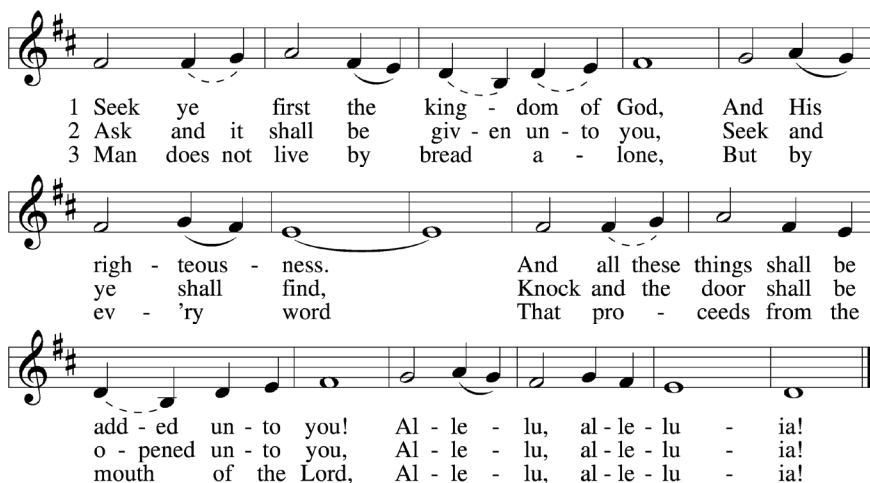
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

LSB 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and  
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righteous - ness. And all these things shall be  
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** 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

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

# BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you...  
C Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

LSB 923

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



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