

The Second Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”* **LSB 352**



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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Please stand...

INVOCATION AND BLESSING OF THE TREE

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this tree remind us how Jesus Christ, the author and give of all life, came to meet the power of death. As we raise this tree, we remember the tree of the cross where our Lord accomplished His victory that give us life as Job prophesied: “For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.”

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the source of life for all the living and the giver of eternal life, bless us as we raise this tree in anticipation of the celebration of Your coming and in remembrance of the tree of the cross on which You won salvation for us. Renew our hearts and faith that we may honor Your coming and live in faithfulness to You until You come again, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord almighty, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this tree for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

C Amen.

HYMN

“O Tree So Green”

Tune: Forest Green



**O tree so green with lights so bright, what promise do you hide?
O gleaming ornaments of gold, what stories lie inside?
The world in fear awaits a king whose birth will bring us peace;
Whose life will bear the pain of death and offer us release.**

**The tree with branches green and strong reminds us of God’s love;
Which shelters us in all life’s storms with healing from above.
For such a gift a cost was born, on Calv’ry’s barren tree.
O Spirit, help me to confess that Jesus came for me.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.**

INTROIT

P Restore us, O God;

C let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!


C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;

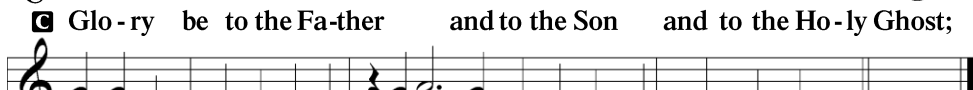
C it took deep root and filled the land.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let Your face shine, that we may be saved!




C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

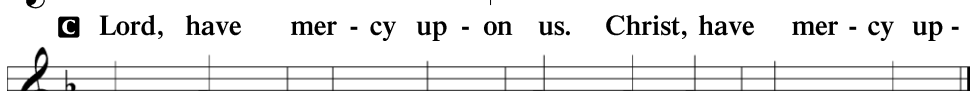


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40:1–11

- L** The Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah, chapter forty.

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "*Behold your God!*" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. ¹¹ He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

II Peter 3:8–14

- L** The Epistle is from Second Peter, chapter three.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand...

ALLELUIA VERSE



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 1:1-8

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “*Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,*” ³ *the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’*” ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “*After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.*” ⁸ *I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

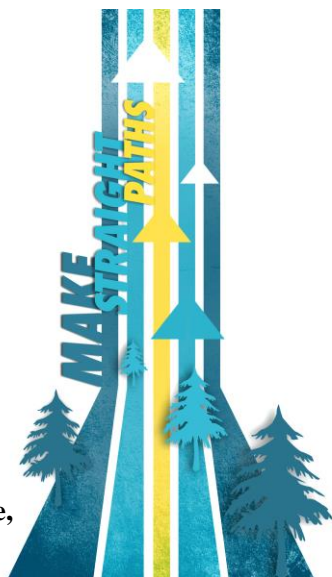


☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE 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



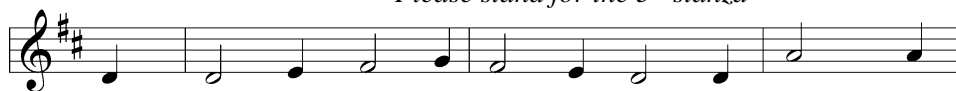
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory
 to judge both the living and the dead,
 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” **LSB 332**

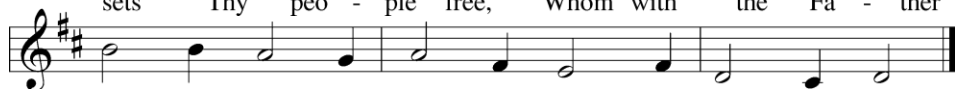
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers: The prayers conclude:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.
- C** Amen.

We pray for the hospitalized: none known.

We pray for those recovering or have an upcoming procedure: Bonnie Lazzell, Jerry Kennett, Janet Gale, Phyllis Marsh, Pam West, Jerry Young, Bill Martin, Don Page, Walter Harbison, Eric Wittmann, Linda Grinestaff, Joanne Johnson, and Angie Lucas.

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Ruth Burress, Taylor Funk, Janet Gale, Kitty Lee, and Rob Dahlenburg.

We pray for those with cancer: Taylor Funk, Lincoln Downing, Sherry Kramer, Linda Borgwald, Bill Fredericks, Cindy DeMoss, Owen Smith, Cheryl Bonebright, Kathy Howey, and Frank Hutnicke.

We pray for strength and healing for: Mel Schriefer, Kitty Lee, Gary King, Cookie and Bob Gallaway, Marilina Hutchison, Rebecca Bedinger, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Trisha Howard, Jim Souza, Jackie Bland, Heather Bladel & family, Keri Blankenbeckler, Courtney Leemon, Doris Limer, Jason Dawson, and those suffering from mental anguish.

ANTHEM

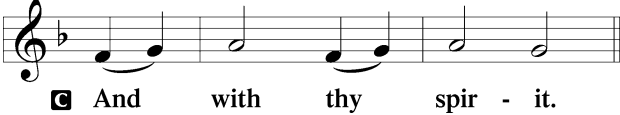
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Handbells

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.



THE PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, 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 com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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.



- G** A - men.

AGNUS DEI



- G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



- world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



- tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



- world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

When coming forward to receive communion, the usher will dismiss you from your pew, one side of the sanctuary at a time. Please maintain spacing while coming forward. Pastor will be standing at the end of the center aisle to give you the bread, and then you'll take a cup from the communion assistant before returning to your seat by the side aisle.

Please be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”* **LSB 359**



1 Lo, how a rose e’er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah ’twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow’r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se’s lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ’ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - ’ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God’s love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - ’ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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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.



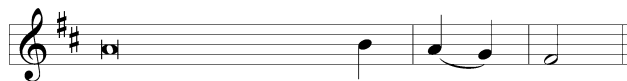
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NUNC DIMITTIS

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. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

P O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray:

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.


BENEDICTION

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




C A-men, a-men, a - men.


CLOSING HYMN *“Hark the Glad Sound”* **LSB 349**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



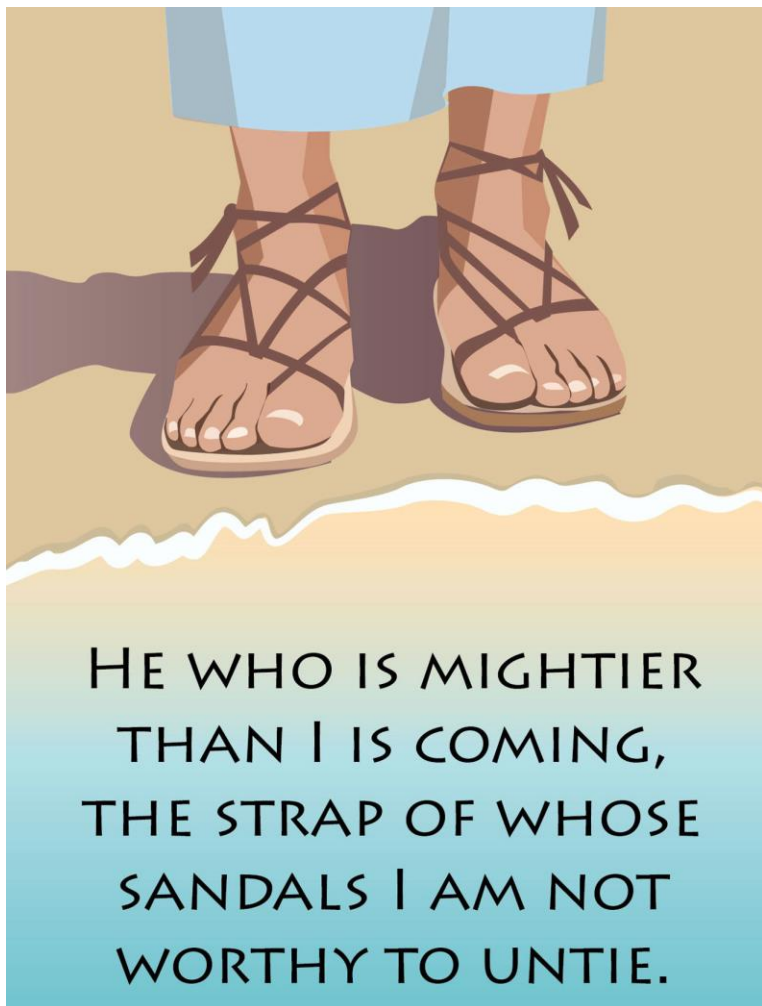
throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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POSTLUDE

Please be seated following the closing hymn. The Ushers will dismiss one pew at a time, starting in the back of the church and working their way toward the front to maintain social distancing as we depart.

Thank you for coming to the Lord's house today. If you have an offering, you can drop it in the collection plate by the narthex doors. Please either take your bulletin with you or dispose of it in the trash can.



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Prayers for Worship

ON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

BEFORE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty, everlasting God, for my many sins I justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, who won for me forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant me true confession that, dead to sin, I may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant me Your Holy Spirit that I may be ever watchful and live a true and godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

BEFORE COMMUNING

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.