In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,
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.

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.

Amen.
COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE

1 Come, my soul, with ev’ry care,
   Jesus loves to answer prayer;
   He Himself has bid thee pray,
   Therefore will not turn away.

2 Thou art coming to a King,
   Large petitions with thee bring;
   For His grace and pow’r are such
   None can ever ask too much.

3 With my burden I begin:
   Lord, remove this load of sin;
   Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
   Set my conscience free from guilt.

4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
   Take possession of my heart;
   There Thy blood-bought right maintain
   And without a rival reign.
5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey’s end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people’s death.

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KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20–33

GRADUAL

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

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,*
and their words to the ends of the world.


**EPISTLE**

Colossians 2:6–19

*(Stand)*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**


**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.

**CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS**

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

5. Do you hope to be saved?
Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.
8. How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?
From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. What are the Words of Institution?
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.”

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
Yes, I believe it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death? First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins? His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament? That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

NOTE
These questions and answers are no child’s play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.”

(Sit)

766 OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

1  Our Father, who from heav’n above
    Bids all of us to live in love
    As members of one family
    And pray to You in unity,
    Teach us no thoughtless words to say
    But from our inmost hearts to pray.

2  Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
    In purity to keep Your Word,
    That to the glory of Your name
    We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.

3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain
And Your eternal righteous reign.
   The Holy Ghost enrich our day
   With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan’s pow’r, defeat his rage;
Preserve Your Church from age to age.

4 Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
   That patiently we may obey
   Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev’ry ill
That sets itself against Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
   Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
   In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.

6  Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
   We, too, will gladly those forgive
   Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

7  Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
   Would vex our souls on ev’ry hand.
   Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8  From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
   Redeem us from eternal death,
   And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, “Amen, O hear us, Lord!”

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SERMON

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us to pray that Your name would be hallowed and Your kingdom come, and for all our needs of body and
soul. Grant us trusting hearts that turn to You in all joy and sorrow, finding in Your fatherly goodness and will all that we ask, seek, need or desire. Lord, in Your mercy, 

C hear our prayer. 

P Gracious Lord, Your righteous Son intercedes on behalf of sinners before Your throne. When the outcry of our sin troubles us, grant faithful pastors to speak Your Word of warning and comfort, that we may be drawn in repentance to His cross and seek shelter in His mercy, and so escape destruction. Lord, in Your mercy, 

C hear our prayer. 

P Almighty Father, You have given all rule and authority to Jesus Christ, our Lord. May our homes be permeated by Your Word, that all families may dwell in the light of Your Son. Grant Your Holy Spirit to husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old, and all who live alone, that we may not be taken captive by the spirit of
the world but rather built up into Him who is the Head. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of hosts, You judge the sinful deeds of man in righteousness. Grant us civil leaders who serve in accordance with Your will, condemning what is evil and approving what is good. [*We especially pray for____________.]* May all nations be brought to see the wisdom and glory of Your Son and dwell together in peace and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Father, You give good gifts to Your children. Grant Your Holy Spirit to [____________ and all] those who suffer in body, mind and soul, that confident in Your mercy, they may look to You for comfort and peace in their afflictions. Grant them healing according to Your will and patience to bear their crosses. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have planted us in Christ by Your Word and Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism. May those who partake of His body and blood this day be firmly rooted and built up in Your Son, that established in the faith, we may walk in Him and abound in thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

774 FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

1 Feed Thy children, God most holy;
   Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
   O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
   Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
   Till with saints in heav’nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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

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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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

636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
    He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,  
    Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.  
    For with words of life immortal  
    He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
    Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
    That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
    But the priceless gifts of heaven  
    God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
    Christ’s true body, for you riven,  
    And His blood, for you once given.
4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
   Over this surpassing wonder
       That the bread of life is boundless
   Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ’s own blood to us is given.
   Oh, most glorious consolation,
       Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
   Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
       Peace beyond all understanding,
   Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
   Worthily let me receive You
   And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
   Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
   Of this blessèd food from heaven,
   For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
   On the cross for me to languish
   And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
   By this blood redeemed and living,
   Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
   By Your love I am invited,
   Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(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

C  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

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.

C  Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

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.

770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1  What a friend we have in Jesus,
   All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
   Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
   Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
   Ev’rything to God in prayer!

2  Have we trials and temptations?
   Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
   Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
   Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
   Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3  Are we weak and heavy laden,
   Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
   Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
   Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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