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

P 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.

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.

P 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.
Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
   By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
   Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
   Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
   Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
   That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition:
   Here on earth Your will be done.

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

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

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And also with you.

P  Let us pray.
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.

C  Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING  Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

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 3:1–11

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21
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.
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)*

781 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

1  We give Thee but Thine own,
      Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
   A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2  May we Thy bounties thus
    As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
    To Thee our firstfruits give!

3  Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
    And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
    Are straying from the fold.

4  To comfort and to bless,
    To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
    Is angels’ work below.

5  The captive to release,
    To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
    It is a Christ-like thing.
6 And we believe Thy Word, 
Though dim our faith may be: 
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord, 
We do it unto Thee.

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SERMON

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P For Your Word and Spirit, that our hearts may be guarded against pride and arrogance and may be wise to love rightly all that You have made, being used for Your purpose and glory, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
For Your Church, that You would give her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry and gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all husbands and wives, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises; for parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord; for single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and for our lives together, that we might show the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our nation and its leaders, that as kingdoms rise and fall and leaders are raised up and brought low by Your will, we may recognize the vanity of all our plans and so be ready to rejoice and give
thanks for Your every good gift in the days that You give us under the sun, let us pray to the Lord:

C  Lord, have mercy.

P  For the suffering, the dying and the grieving, especially Your servants ________________, that they would be sustained in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory; and for compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that suffering may be alleviated and minds and bodies returned to health, let us pray to the Lord:

C  Lord, have mercy.

P  That we would one day be delivered by the hand of Christ into the paradise He has won for us; and in thanksgiving for the peace and rest You have given those that He has led out of the great tribulation, let us pray to the Lord:

C  Lord, have mercy.
Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through 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.
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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**

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

**C** 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)

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CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
   Jesus shed His blood for me,
   Died that I might live on high,
   Lives that I might never die.
   As the branch is to the vine,
   I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,
   Higher than the heav’ns above,
   Deeper than the depths of sea,
   Lasting as eternity!
   Love that found me—wondrous thought!
   Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
   Balm to heal the wounded heart,
   Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,
   Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,
   Faith and hope to walk with God
   In the way that Enoch trod.
4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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789 PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
1 Praise and thanksgiving,
   Father, we offer
For all things living,
   Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
   Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
   Blossom and wood.

2  Bless, Lord, the labor
    We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
    We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
    We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
    For daily bread.

3  Father, providing
    Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
    Teach us to share
One with another,
    So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
    May know Your care.
(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  
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.

782 GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
    New each morning all our days.
    For Your mercies never ending,
    For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
    Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
    Through the sharing of Your blessings
    May bring glory to Your name.
2  By Your Word You formed creation  
    Filled with creatures large and small;  
    As we tend that endless treasure  
    May our care encircle all. Refrain

3  In His earthly life, our Savior  
    Knew the care of faithful friends;  
    May our deeds of dedication  
    Offer love that never ends. Refrain

4  Heav’nly Father, may our caring  
    Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
    With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
    Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain

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