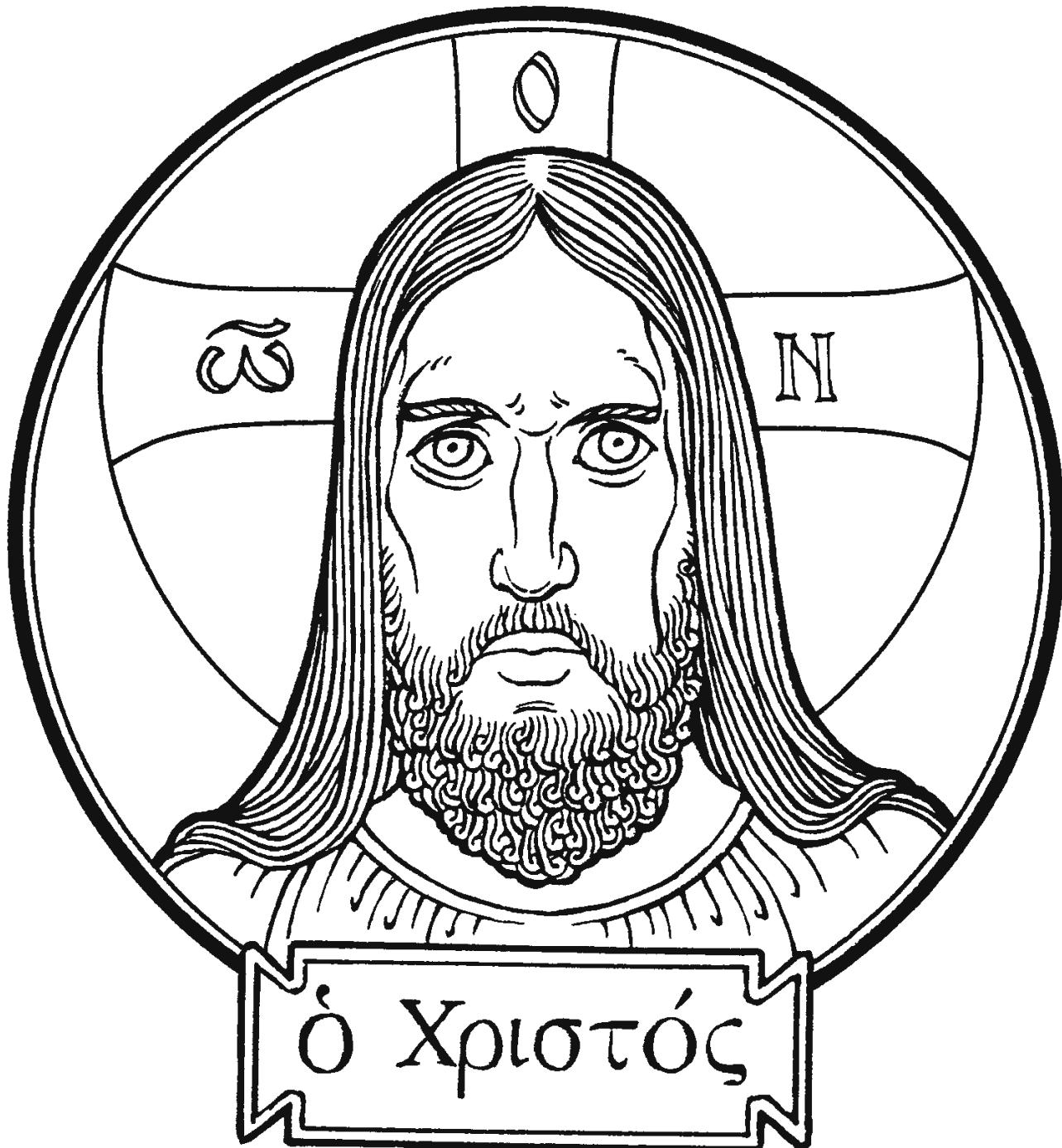


# Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

## The Confession of St. Peter

January 18, 2026



Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ  
Mark 8:27-35

## 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare

sts. 1, 10, 3

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
 and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,\*  
 your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
 who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,  
 who exult in your name | all the day\*  
 and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
 and shall not be | put to shame.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

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

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 4:8-13*

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup>Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*2 Corinthians 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Psalm 113:3*

What we proclaim is | not ourselves,\*  
but Jesus | Christ as Lord.

We also believe, and so we | also speak,\*  
as one who speaks ora- | cles of God.

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

### Epistle

*2 Peter 1:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

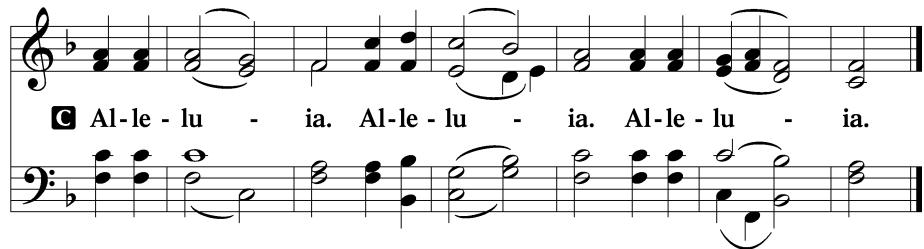
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

LSB 190

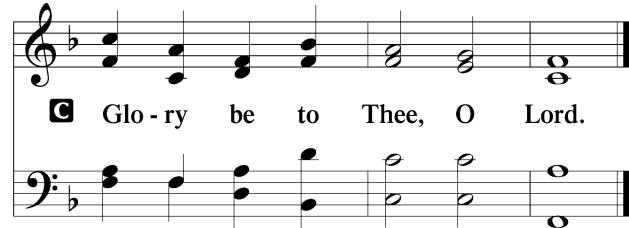


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



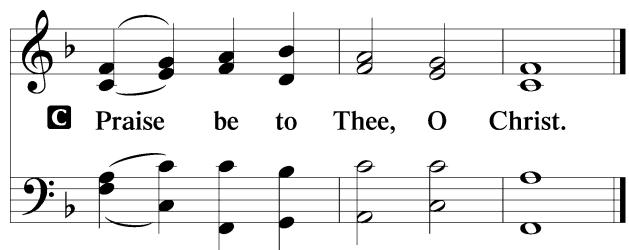
**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## 512 At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name  
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.  
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,  
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,  
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,  
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,  
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.  
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;  
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone Him;  
There let Him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
Crown Him as your captain  
In temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you  
In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again  
In His Father's glory,  
With His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire

Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,  
Who, the Prince of light,  
To a world in darkness  
Brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father;  
In the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together  
Him who reigns above.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time and G major. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the bottom is bass. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the corresponding staves. The lyrics are as follows:

>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

*"All is Well"*  
Adult Choir

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**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 un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

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

## Sanctus

LSB 195

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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

**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  $\ddagger$  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  $\ddagger$  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

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior**

1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,  
 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,  
 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,  
 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:  
 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,

Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:  
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;  
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;  
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:

Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,  
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,  
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win,  
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vot - ly hail.  
And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.  
The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.  
The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1274; (sts. 1-2, 4-5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820-85, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

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### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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### 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo-rious, Ho - ly  
2 God has called you out of dark-ness In - to  
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to  
to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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#### 403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness  
 2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant  
 3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to  
 4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the

of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared  
 star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers  
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -  
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth

the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew  
 Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this  
 man ves - ture on And came to us as  
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from

day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 You a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 For from the Father's throne You came,  
 His banished children to reclaim;

And earth and sea and sky revere  
The love of Him who sent You here.  
Alleluia!

6 And we are jubilant today,  
For You have washed our guilt away.  
O hear the glad new song we sing  
On this, the birthday of our King!  
Alleluia!

△ 7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,  
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.  
Alleluia!

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*Stand*

### Nunc Dimitis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

### 604 I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By

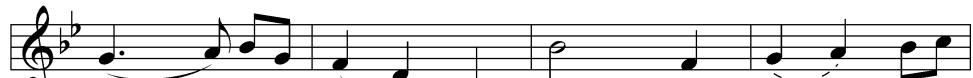
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The

4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The

△ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By  
pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His  
pow'r of God to hold and lead, His  
vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The  
strong name of the Trin - i - ty By

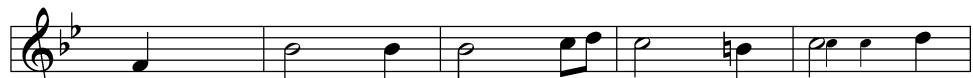


in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The  
Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His  
eye to watch, His might to stay, His  
nat - ural lusts that war with in, The  
in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

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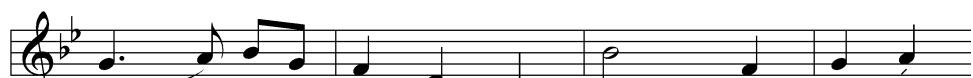
Three in One and One in Three.  
cross of death for my sal - va - tion,  
ear to hear - ken to my need,  
hos - tile foes that mar my course;  
Three in One and One in Three,



(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His  
(3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His  
(4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In  
(5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His  
hand to guide, His shield to ward, The  
ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -  
ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



com - ing at the day of doom,  
Word of God to give me speech,  
against their fierce hos - til - i - ty,  
to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.  
I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.  
Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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