

Closing Service



A Symposium on the Two Kingdoms

Assembled at
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Mequon, WI

September 19, 2023

Seminary Auditorium

Order of Service

Hymn

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him – 619

Setting by Theodore Beck

Stand and face the cross as the hymn is introduced

The chorus sings stanza 3. All sing stanzas 1, 2, and 4.

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| <p>1 Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him!
Yes, I will laud him until death.
With songs and anthems I'll come before him
as long as he allows me breath.
From him my life and all things came;
bless, O my soul, his holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
pardon and peace from him obtain;
ever the wants of the poor supplying,
their faithful God he will remain.
He helps his children in distress,
the widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 <i>Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;
earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal
when the dark grave will claim its prey.
Since, then, no one can help afford,
trust only Christ, our God and Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p>4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely,
with happy heart its amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
 I have not loved others as I should.
 I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
 But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
 with his innocent suffering and death.
 Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

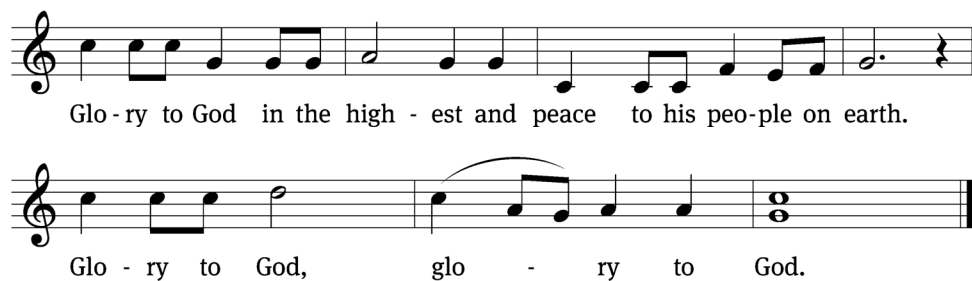
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef. The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues with the lyrics 'Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We' and ends with a double bar line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes.

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
 glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his
 peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly
 Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on
 us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer, re-ceive our prayer.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.



The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–7, 17

Keep the commands of the LORD your God

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

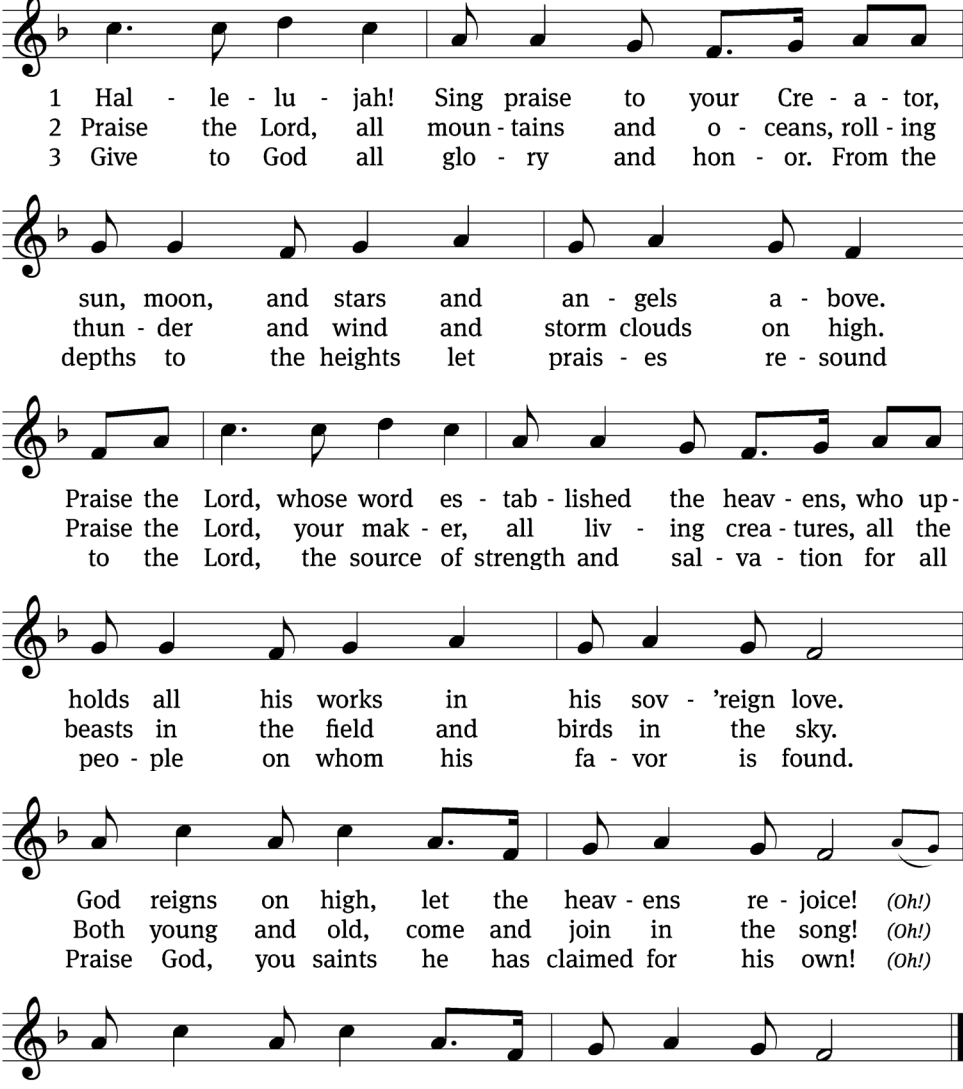
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator – 616

Psalm 146

The chorus sings stanzas 1–2. The assembly joins to sing stanza 3.



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor,
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the
sun, moon, and stars and an - gels a - bove.
thun - der and wind and storm clouds on high.
depths to the heights let prais - es re - sound
Praise the Lord, whose word es - tab - lished the heav - ens, who up -
Praise the Lord, your mak - er, all liv - ing crea - tures, all the
to the Lord, the source of strength and sal - va - tion for all
holds all his works in his sov - 'reign love.
beasts in the field and birds in the sky.
peo - ple on whom his fa - vor is found.
God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - jice! (Oh!)
Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh!)
Praise God, you saints he has claimed for his own! (Oh!)
God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - jice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints he has claimed for his own!

Second Reading

Romans 13:1–7

The authorities that exist have been established by God

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly sings the refrains and proper verse



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Righteousness exalts a na - tion, but sin condemns any peo - ple.

Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's

After the reading of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Before You, Lord, We Bow – 775

Setting by Robert Lehman

1 Before you, Lord, we bow,
our God who reigns above
and rules the world below
in boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise
to you, our King!

2 The nation you have blessed
may well your love declare,
from foes and fears at rest,
protected by your care.
For this bright day,
for this fair land—
gifts of your hand—
our thanks we pay.

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3 May ev'ry mountain height,
each vale and forest green,
shine in your Word's pure light
and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
be tuned to praise
and join to raise
a grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your maker's voice,
your great Redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice,
and worship him alone.
Cast down your pride,
your sin deplore,
and bow before
the Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r he comes,
oh, may our native land
from all its rending tombs
send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng,
with joy to sing
to heav'ns high King,
salvation's song!

Sermon

Matthew 22:15–22

Pastor John Bortulin

Stand

Nicene Creed *Credo*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal God, with your almighty power and wisdom you guide and guard the universe you created. Every planet and every star remain in place according to your design. You know the far reaches of space and observe even heavenly lights we cannot see.

Lead us to marvel every day at the wonders of your creation.

You created our planet to proclaim the depth of your majesty and love. At your command the world turns, the breezes blow, and the waters surge. Here you placed the crown of your creation, your human creatures, and gave us the bounty of the earth for our provision and pleasure.

Help us to value and protect the blessings of nature you have given us.

You have created the family, arranged society, and established governments to provide order and stability in our lives. You command us to respect and support the authorities that function with your permission. You teach us to love all people, those who are like us and those who are not, and to care for those in need of help.

Move us to love others as your Son loved us.

Guard and guide us when you allow serious diseases, financial uncertainty, and social unrest to torment our country. You surely punish the wicked in troubled times, but you also call people to turn away from sin to your forgiving love.

Lead us to repent and examine our thoughts, words, and actions.

Enable the medical community to discover cures for diseases and plagues that afflict our planet. Preserve the lives of your people that we may continue to share your love with others. Spare the lives of those who do not know you so they may find you and be saved.

Give us confidence to place our bodies and lives into your protecting hand.

Allow farms and factories, businesses and institutions, schools and communities to prosper and provide the blessings you desire to bestow on us. Use the blessing of wealth to enable us to spread the gospel throughout the world.

Teach us to be faithful stewards of your blessings and lead us to manage them according to your will.

Free us from all thoughts, words, and actions of prejudice and pride. Help us to see in all people the faces of those who have been redeemed by the innocent life and precious blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose for everyone from every nation under heaven.

Help us to overcome the racial tensions that plague our land.

Give wisdom to the leaders of our land and bend their will to yours. Drive away party spirit and harsh rhetoric that often deepen the divisions among people. Help our nation find contentment in helping and protecting one another.

Guide us so we may avoid the pitfalls of anger and arrogance.

Keep in your care all those who are sick and suffering in these troubled times. Restore health according to your will. Comfort those you are leading to heaven with the anticipation of their eternal home.

Move us to pray fervently for those in need.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We come to you on behalf of the people and nation we love.

Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

Stand

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
 By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
 By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
 By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

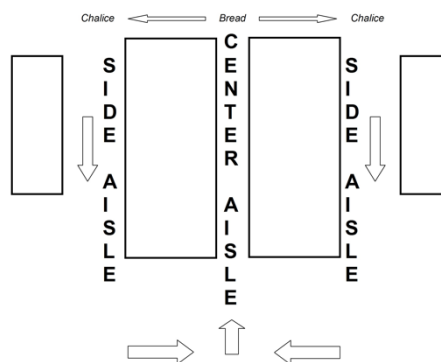
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

Holy Communion is distributed by continuous distribution. At the direction of the usher, all communicants approach the altar via the center aisle. Pause until you receive the body of the Lord from the minister. Move to the outside to receive the blood of Christ from one of the common cups. Return to your seat via the side aisles. The blessing follows the distribution.





1 With all my heart I praise you, Lord, that in your
 2 When I con - fess my sin and shame, peace and for -
 3 Lord, I re - joice to be your guest, at your rich



Son you saved me. You saw in me what you de - plored;
 give - ness seek - ing, you grant me par - don in your name
 ta - ble feed - ing, there, by your mer - cy, find - ing rest



my griev - ous sin en - slaved me. Yet, Lord, you paid
 be - fore I've fin - ished speak - ing! In love you lis -
 and all my soul is need - ing. Let your good Spir -



the high - est price, Je - sus' a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice,
 ten care - ful - ly to all our sighs of mis - er - y,
 it work with - in to show that all my wretch - ed sin



that you might ev - er own me. Were I to bless
 our ev - 'ry need ad - dress - ing. Our guilt should make
 has tru - ly been for - giv - en. Thus, well pre - pared,



you all my days, it would be in - suf - fi - cient praise
 you turn a - way; in - stead you turn toward us and say:
 Lord, I be - lieve that in your sup - per I re - ceive



for kind - ness you have shown me.
 "Re - ceive my gra - cious bless - ing."
 life, par - don, peace, and heav - en.

Anthem

On God and Not on Human Trust

Music by Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Text by Christian Gellert (1715–1769)

Arrangement by Prof. Martin Albrecht

On God and not on human trust,
My earthly stand I've taken;
On him who made me out of dust
I build with faith unshaken;
I trust his hands
Who understands,
For all that he bestoweth
Is good as he best knoweth.

I know that as in night and day
God's purposes are vested;
My heart his wishes must obey,
Through pain and joy be tested;
My good is meant
By each intent,
By all my Father's doing
My weal he is pursuing.

Hymn

Lord of All nations, Grant Me Grace – 768



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide your chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With your own love may I be filled and by your

peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bors' good let
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the
strong op - press the weak; and should I be a
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, what -

help me view my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
me pur - sue; bind them to me and all to you.
wrong I do will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
vic - tim, too, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
e'er I do, may be di - vine - ly touched by you.

Following the distribution, the presiding minister says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

Amen.

Remain standing for the hymn

Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land – 774

Setting by Gordon Jacob

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;

thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard-ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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