Closing Service



A Symposium on Lutheran Worship

Assembled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, WI

The Seminary Auditorium

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PRELUDE

Stand and face the cross as the hymn is introduced

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | 585



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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.

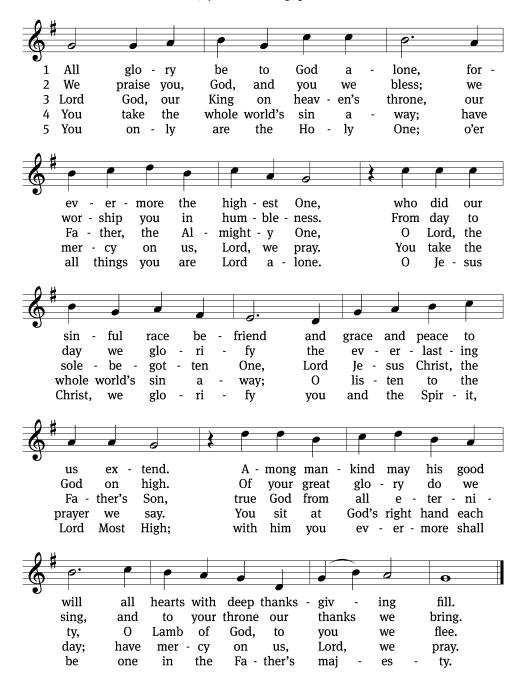
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

Kyrie! God, Father | 934

Sung by the choir

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above, you abound in gracious love, of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison! Kyrie! O Christ our King, salvation for all you came to bring. O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our mediator at the heav'nly throne, hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison! Eleison! Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost, guard our faith, the gift we need the most, and bless our life's last hour that we leave this sinful world with gladness. Eleison! Eleison! 1, 4 – Choir 2–3, 5 – All



The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you are the right hand and holy arm that have worked salvation for our God. In love you reached out to this fallen world, and now your salvation extends to the ends of the earth. Inspire us to join all creatures in heaven and on earth in an unending song of praise, for you have done marvelous things. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111

Exodus 15:1-13

SWV 209 Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672) Setting by Jonathan Kohrs

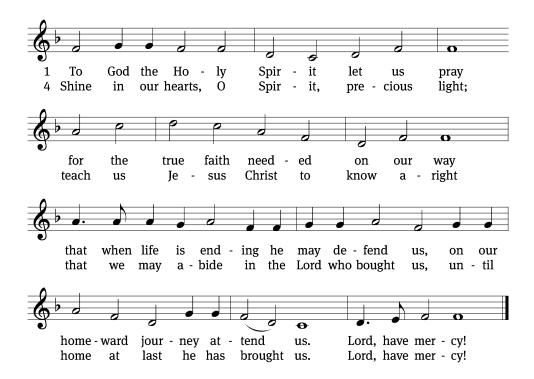
Praise ye the Lord! Praise him with exultation	; The
Praise him in the congregation.	All l
With grateful heart I thank him for his goodne	ess The
In the assembly of the righteous.	His
Kyrie eleison.	Kyri
All the work of God are good and right,	Foo
Sought by all who in them find delight.	He t
All his deeds let us praise;	In h
Ever righteous are his ways.	All l
Kyrie eleison.	Kyri

The Lord recalls his covenant forever; All his wonders are remembered. The Lord is ever-merciful and gracious; His great love will not forsake us. Kyrie eleison. Food he gives from his almighty hand; He to Israel grants a promised land. In his words still we trust; All his deeds are good and just. Kyrie eleison.

All God's decrees are steadfast and abiding, Uprightness and truth providing. He made his covenant to last forever; His salvation fails us never. Kyrie eleison. Holy is the awesome name of God. Wisdom starts in reverence for the Lord; Fear his name and be wise; Let his praise forever rise. Kyrie eleison. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray | 596



Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 19:37-40

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

2, 6 – Choir 1, 3, 10 – Assembly



SERMON

Revelation 5:6–14

Prof. Aaron Christie

Do You Hear Singing?

Stand



CREED

In the interests of time and musical variety, "We All Believe in One True God" will be sung in place of Luther's credal hymn (CW 941).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

Your kingdom come.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

Give us today our daily bread.

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

Lead us not into temptation.

And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

But deliver us from evil.

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

EXHORTATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather to celebrate the Testament of our Lord, let us take to heart the words of Christ by which he imparted to us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us remember and give thanks for his boundless love, which he proved to us when he redeemed us from God's wrath, from sin, death, and from hell by his own precious blood.

Let us faithfully confess that in this bread and wine—which are his body and blood—we receive the pledge and guarantee of his forgiveness.

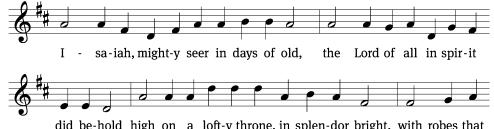
Let us receive and enjoy this Sacrament according to the command that Christ gave, and glorify the name of the one who has so richly blessed us with this meal.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

Isaiah, Mighty Seer | 943

The assembly sings from "Holy is God, the Lord of heavenly Hosts..." to the end.

Choir: Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. (Holy is God the Lord of heavenly hosts.)



did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that



Choir: Sanctus

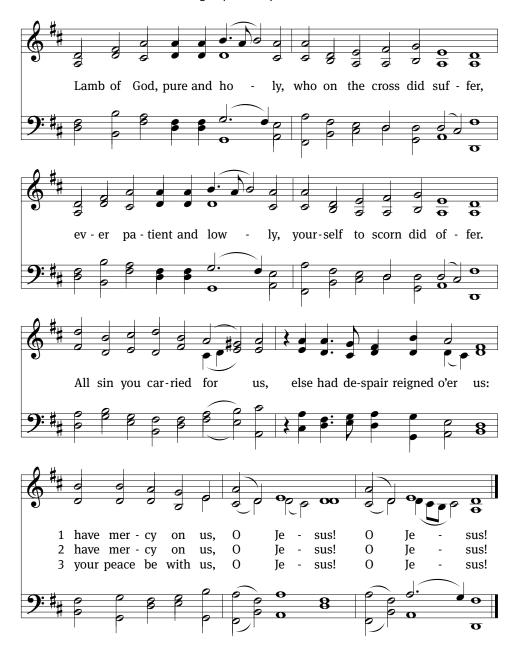
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

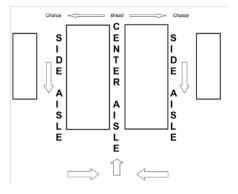
Sing in parts as you are able



Be seated

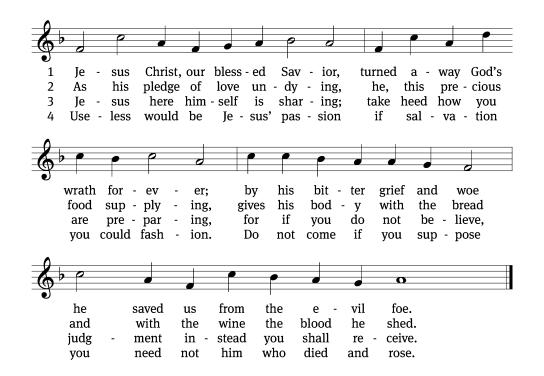
DISTRIBUTION

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.

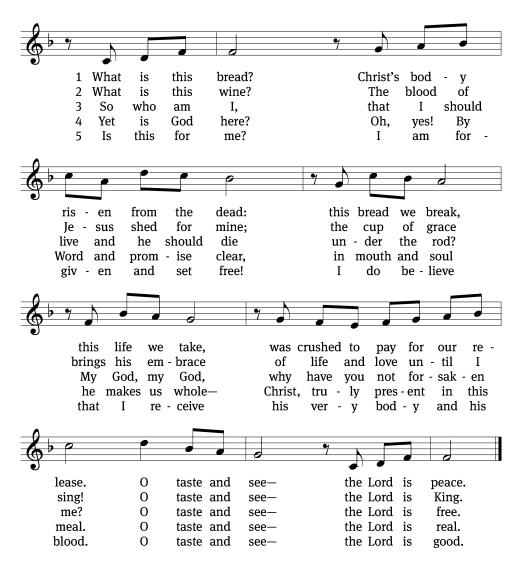


HYMN

Today's service features three distribution hymns from Lutheran sources. The first, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior," is Luther's catechetical hymn on the Lord's Supper. The second, "What Is This Bread?" is a modern hymn that utilizes Luther's catechetical method. The final hymn, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness," is perhaps the most significant communion hymn to come out of the Lutheran tradition.



- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor; those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses, surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.







- 5 Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders, that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless, and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving. These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.
- Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish, to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 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.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing.
 In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure, that, as I on earth have eaten, I may be your guest in heaven.

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.

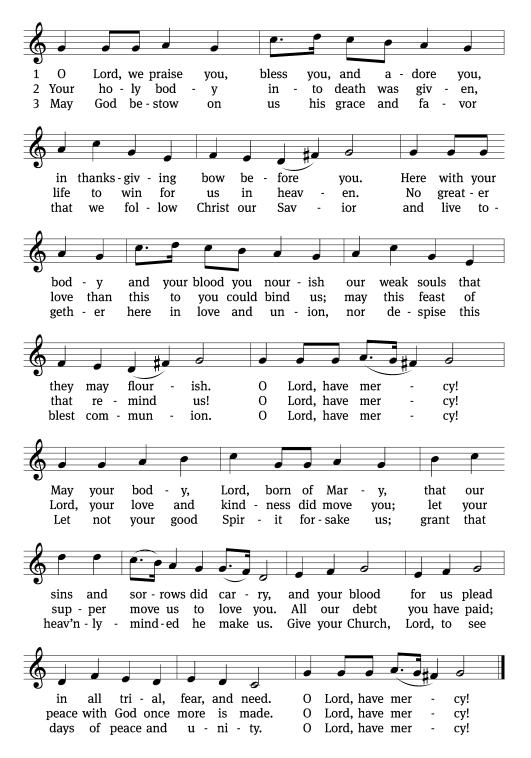
Stand

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.



POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister	Prof. Jonathan Micheel
Preacher	Prof. Aaron Christie
Assisting Ministers	Prof. Joel Otto Prof. Bill Tackmier
Choir	The Seminary Chorus
Director	Prof. Aaron Christie
Organist	Owen Eubank
Brass Ensemble	Josiah Winkel, trumpet Joel Schewe, trumpet Sam Eickhoff, trumpet Grant Gawrisch, french horn Joseph Wessel, trombone Benjamin Hillmer, bass trombone Jordan Massiah, timpani Jacob Schwark, percussion Robert Reinke, percussion
Strings	Lori Guse, <i>violin</i> Jack Boatman, <i>violin</i> Aric Reim, <i>cello</i>
Liturgical Ensemble	Cameron Schroeder, <i>guitar</i> Ezra Blumer, <i>bass guitar</i> Prof. Aaron Christie, <i>piano</i> Jordan Massiah, <i>cajon</i>

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