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AS WE GATHER: SENT AND SUSTAINED IN GRACE

What a joy it is to gather as God's people! In this collection of people we know as a congregation, we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. In this collection of people we call a church, we are reminded the one holy Christian Church will be and remain forever. This is "the congregation of saints . . . in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered" (Augsburg Confession, Article VII, paragraph 1). As we remain steadfast in our witness to our neighbors to also gather with us in the truth of God's Word centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded in the Gospel today there will always be those who despise the Word as even Jesus faced rejection in His own hometown. We continue to pray for softened hearts of others in this world, and we remain firm in the foundation of our faith served in both Word and Sacrament within this place.

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INVOCATION

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

PSALM Psalm 123

- P To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
- Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.
- P Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

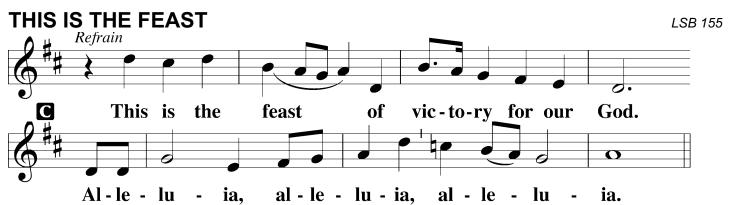
Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12

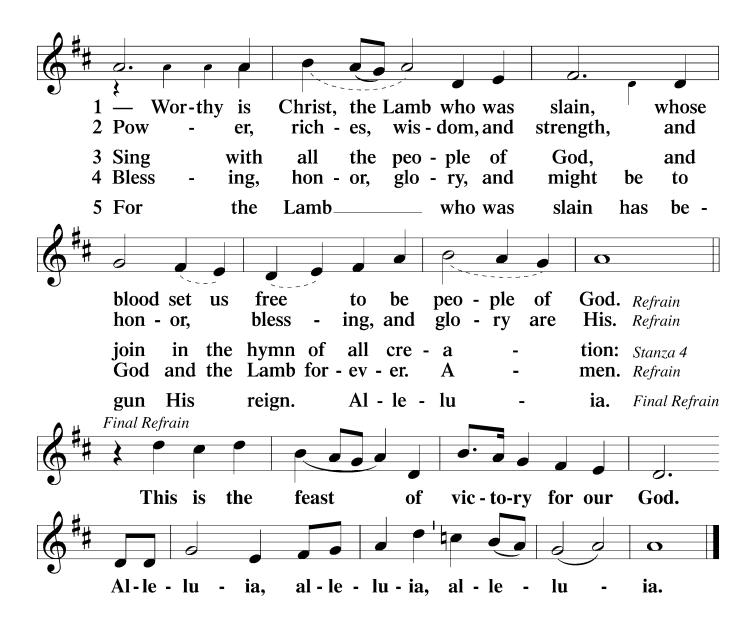
- Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

- As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:
- "Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them."
- P He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:
- "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."
- P He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:
- "So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent."
- P Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C Amen.







SALUTATION

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray.
 - O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

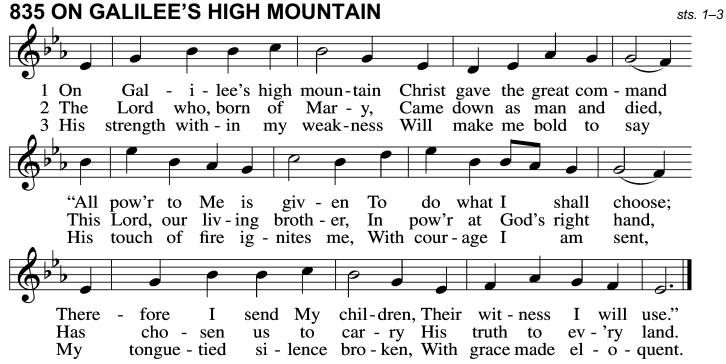
¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know. God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:1–13

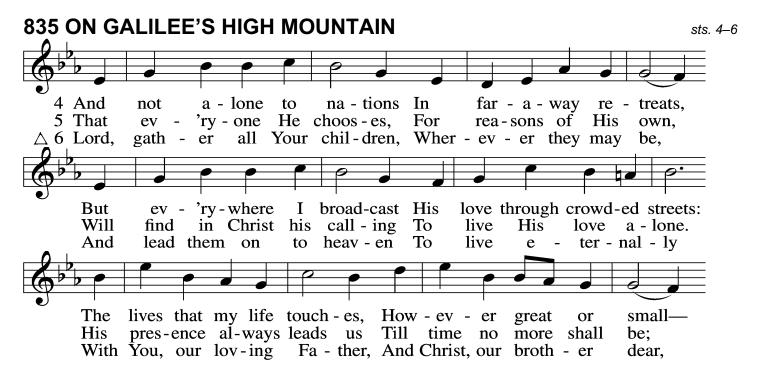
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

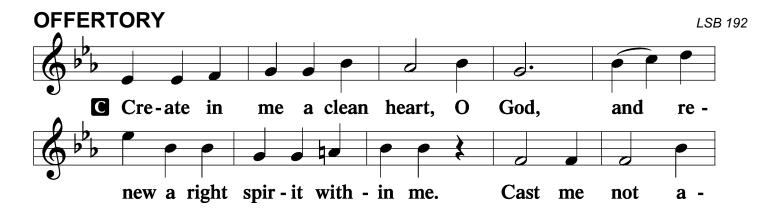
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

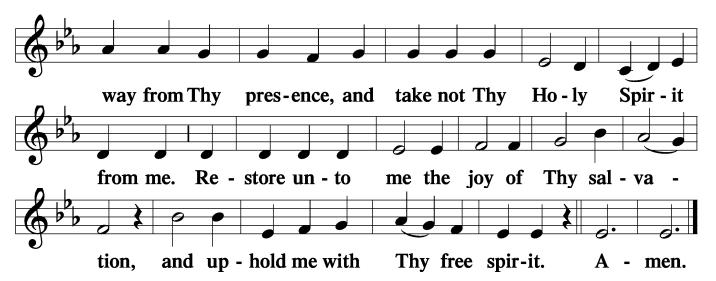
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING & VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

LWML NOISY MITE OFFERING (If you would like to participate, please place your loose change or dollars in the noisy bucket. This offering of loose change that is taken, is to support the Mission Grants for LWML. Please see the screen for what is highlighted this month. If you would like to know more about these mission grants, please go to these websites – www.lwml.org and www.midsouthlwml.org)





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs. God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a "thorn in the flesh" is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we

receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

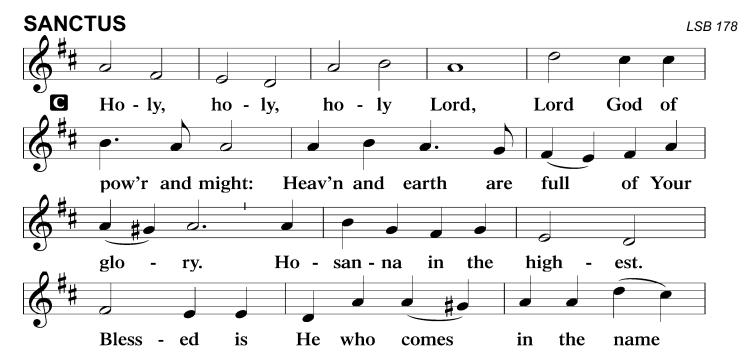
GLORIFY THY NAME

HWC 29

- 1 Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
- 2 Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
- 3 Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

We thank You that You call us by name, and we pray we continually heed Your voice of invitation. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

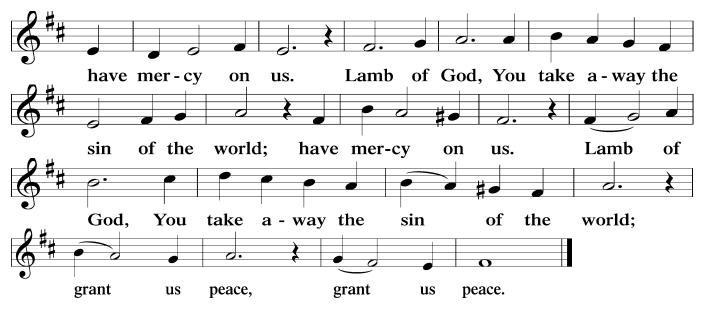
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (video)

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters and to mercy And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaching down to us.

Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.

Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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GLORIOUS DAY

Kristian Stanfill

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb, 'Til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide. It was my tomb, 'Til I met You

You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day. You called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, Now Your freedom is all that I know The old made new; Jesus, when I met You, whoa, what a day

When you called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, But chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken You were my healing.

Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open. 'Cause when you called my name,

I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day. You called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

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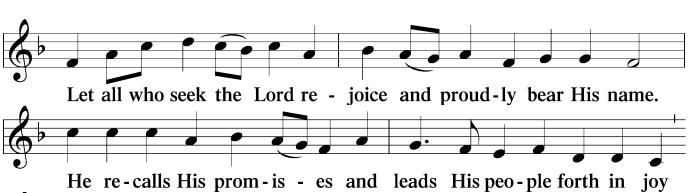
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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



The re cans rus prom is estand reads rus people form in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

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.

803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays, △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un-bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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CLOSING PEACE

- **P** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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