



FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME

SYNOD CONVENTION 2019

OPENING SERVICE

*FILLED WITH CHRIST
TO DO CHRIST'S WORK*

**65TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

WORSHIP FOCUS

Convention worship is planned to reflect themes covered in the convention essay—according to the following plan.

Opening	We are filled with Christ to do Christ’s work. Programs have their place. But what is needed most for congregational/synod health is that the knowledge of Christ’s love for us sinks past the brain into the heart, transforming us ever more into his likeness.
Tuesday	We face hard realities, but trust God’s promises. No one said this would be easy. What good might God do through the challenges your church (and our synod) is facing?
Wednesday	We repent for the past, for ignored opportunities, for weaknesses. The Spirit produces contrition for the times our priorities have been askew and our zeal lacking.
Thursday	The Spirit works through means, through the gospel . . . and through us. What happens if we don’t do the work Christ has called the Church to do?
Closing	We have set bold goals—to serve God, not ourselves. WELS has set bold goals in the past. In the late 1800s, we decided to reach a people that most Americans thought of as “savages,” the Apache. In the 1950s, we sent two men and their Range Rover to Africa to start a church there. In the 1960s, with churches in about 20 states, we said, “Every state by ’78!” Vietnam in 2019, and what else?

ORDER OF SERVICE

The order of service that follows is a liturgical text approved by the WELS Hymnal Project. See page 16 for additional information. The fonts used in this service folder are planned for the new hymnal.

Some hymns, both in the opening service and in later services, are slated for the new hymnal, which will be released in time for Advent 2021. Most of these hymns are new texts set to familiar tunes. Of course, the new hymnal will also feature many new tunes. But familiar **tunes** allow for a comfortable first experience for all worshipers, not only those who read music or who learn new tunes easily.

Musical accompaniment demonstrates the kind of variety that will be supported by new hymnal resources. For example, the Gloria and the closing hymn are accompanied by piano, guitar, and other instruments, but options to accompany these only by organ (or piano) will also be available.

The motto of the hymnal project—“For a generation yet unborn”—is similar to the theme of this convention.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139

by Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

Catilene in F Major from Sonata No. 11, Op. 148

by Joseph Rheinberger, 1839-1901

Choral Variations on the Theme of “Veni Creator,” Op. 4 (CW 178)

by Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986

As the opening hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross in the back of the chapel. Follow its path to the chancel, where it serves as a symbol of the theme and focus of Christian worship.

HYMN

CHRIST, THE ETERNAL LORD

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1999

DIADEMATA, 1868

The choir sings stanza 3.

An interlude precedes the final stanza.

Setting by Jeffrey Blerch, 2007 (Crown Him with Many Crowns)



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to eve - ry pass - ing
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a -



claim, whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on
age, whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set
birth, and by his death sal - va - tion won for
day, our morn - ing star in splen - dor bright, the
bove, whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom



all who name your Name; with thank - ful - ness and
forth on Scrip - ture's page; trans - form our thought and
ev - 'ry child of earth; in - spire our hearts, we
Life, the Truth, the Way; that light of truth you
yet un - seen we love; when mor - tal life is



praise we stand be - fore your throne, in - tent to serve you
mind, en - light - en all who read, with - in your word by
pray, to tell your love a - broad, that all may hon - or
give to ser - vants as to friends, your way to walk, your
past your voice from heav - en's throne shall call your chil - dren



all our days and make your glo - ry known.
faith to find the bread of life in - deed.
Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.
life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
home at last to know as we are known.

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.

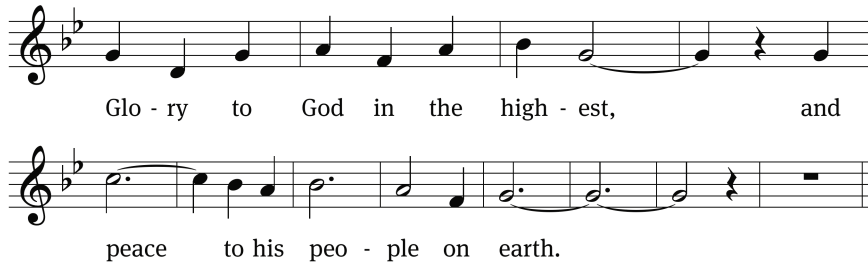
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings the first refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain.**

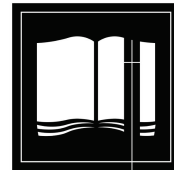
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain.**

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 6:1-8

God removes our guilt and sends us to serve.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 67

*By Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, David Zimmer, Stuart Townend, 2016
Setting by Dan Galbraith, 2016*

The choir sings verses 1-4 of the psalm. All sing the refrains and verse 5.

1. You have called us out of darkest night
into your glorious light
that we may sing the wonders
of the risen Christ.

2. May our every breath retell the grace
that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy
with endless life.

Refrain

May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad. All your
bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus.

3. All the earth is yours and all within.
Each harvest is your own,
and from your hand we give to you
to make Christ known.

4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace
to spread your Word.

Refrain

5 This our ho - ly priv-'lege to de - clare your prais - es and your name to
ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue, your Church pro - claim.

Refrain

Bridge

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise your glorious Name!

Refrain

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

We are filled with Christ to do Christ's work.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The choir sings the alleluias. All repeat them before and after the verse.



Choir: Go forth and teach all nations, taking God's great news to the world, bringing tidings of great joy.

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-12, 16-20

Workers are empowered for harvest work.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.



HYMN OF THE DAY

WE ARE CALLED TO STAND TOGETHER

Martin E. Leckebusch, 2000

ASCENDED TRIUMPH, 1973

Setting by David Cherwien, 1999 (Up through Endless Ranks of Angels)

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 3. An interlude precedes the final stanza.



1 We are called to stand to - geth - er with the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles jour - neyed with him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, with the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, heard his teach - ing, felt his pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, till the time when time is end - ed,



in the faith they once held fast; prom - is - es and
 saw the way he lived and died; then the news of
 guid - ed where the Spir - it led; so the bod - y
 hon - or him as Lord and King and, for cour - age,
 till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion they de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

SERMON

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

The bigger our picture of the Church, the bigger our prayer for the Church

Stand.

NICENE CREED

**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 fully 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

Almighty God, with joy we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the power by which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your love for all people. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that you have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives given to your service.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and empower your Church throughout the world. Give it pastors and teachers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments, that it may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all who are leaders in your Church that, by their faithful service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase.

Hear us, good Lord.

Send the light of your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to labor in the gospel both at home and in distant lands.

Hear us, good Lord.

In your mercy strengthen the younger churches and support them in times of trial. Make them steadfast, and let their faith and zeal for the gospel refresh and renew the witness of your people everywhere.

Hear us, good Lord.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead peaceable lives of integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, and help them serve all citizens according to your holy will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children faithful to you, and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion.

Hear us, good Lord.

Let your blessing rest on seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Hear us, good Lord.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning.

Hear us, good Lord.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your Church, who now rest from their labors. Keep us loyal to their legacy, and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless the deliberations and decisions of this convention. Bless all present with a spirit of unity, the bond of peace, and zeal for your kingdom.

Hear us, good Lord.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

Prelude on "Brother James's Air" (CWS 766)

by Searle Wright, 1918-2004

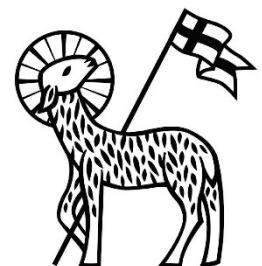
The Sacrament

Stand.

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

Sing after a brief introduction.

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 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks

that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law,
that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross,
that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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 from tables on the main floor in front of the altar. At the direction of the ushers, approach the altar and receive the body of the Lord from the minister. You may extend your hand to receive the wafer. To receive the blood of the Lord, you may guide the cup with your hand or use the individual cups.

HYMN

See page 17.

WITH ALL MY HEART I PRAISE YOU, LORD

*Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Michael D. Schultz, 2017
AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON, 1525*

OF THE LOVING KINDNESS OF THE LORD (PSALM 89)

Choir

Robert Powell, 2003

from Songs from the Psalms

My song shall always be of the loving kindness of the Lord. My mouth will ever show your truth, from one generation to another. O Lord God above, who is like unto you? Your truth, most mighty God, is on every side. The heavens are yours, the earth is also yours, for you have laid the foundation of the world, and all that is therein. You have made the north and the south: all nations shall rejoice in your Name. Happy are the people who daily delight in your Name; they will walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence, in the light of your presence, O God.

SUO GAN

Violin and Piano

Thomas Quigley, 2015

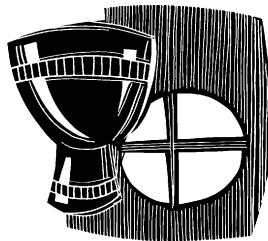
HYMN

IN THIS HOLY, BLEST COMMUNION

*Michael D. Schultz, 2016
SUO GAN, trad. Welsh*

This hymn reflects the three communions that can be spoken of in the Sacrament of the Altar: the communion of the physical elements with the body and blood of Christ (st. 1); the communion of the Savior and the sinner (st. 2); and the communion of communicants with each other (st. 3). This theme of the three communions is further brought out by the appearance of the word “join” in each stanza. The tune is well-known in some circles as a lullaby. It was used in Steven Spielberg’s movie Empire of the Sun.

The hymn is on the next page.



1 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion plain and
 2 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion Christ and
 3 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion saints are

pre - cious gifts com - bine: bread is tru - ly
 sin - ners join as one— they, the Fa - ther's
 gath - ered side by side, joined to - geth - er,

Je - sus' bod - y, blood of Je - sus joins with wine.
 ran - somed chil - dren, he, the Fa - ther's right - ful Son.
 broth - ers, sis - ters, in one bod - y u - ni - fied,

What a bless - ing Christ is giv - ing; what a
 Here the loft - y feeds the low - ly, each his
 faith in Je - sus, hope of heav - en, love for

lov - ing, gra - cious host, in his sup - per
 high - ly cher - ished guest; here the guilt - y
 oth - ers all in - creased by the full - ness

well pro - vid - ing what his peo - ple need the most!
 taste for - give - ness, here the wea - ry find their rest.
 of the ban - quet, by the rich - ness of the feast.

HYMN 371 (from hymnal)

OH, LOVE, HOW DEEP

*Attr. Thomas a Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820-85, alt.
 DEO GRACIAS, ca. 1415*

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.

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.

Remain standing.

HYMN

ACROSS THE LANDS

*Text and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002
Setting, Brad Nix, 2002*

The choir sings stanza 1 and the first refrain.



1 You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan.
2 Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3 With a shout you rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave,



Ev-ry star and ev-ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by your hand.
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in your way.



All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of your voice.
With a prayer you fed the hun-gry; with a word you calmed the sea;
Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your own;



Let the skies de-clare your glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice!
yet how si-lent-ly you suf-fered that the guilt-y may go free!
from each tribe and tongue and na-tion you are lead-ing sin-ners home!

Refrain



You're the Au-thor of cre-a-tion; you're the Lord of ev-ry man;



and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

Be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to remain seated for the postlude may do so. Please refrain from conversation during the postlude until outside the chapel.

POSTLUDE

Toccatina on “Now Thank We All Our God”

by Egil Hovland, 1924-2013

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The Service

The Common Service has been the standard liturgical rite in Lutheran congregations in North America since the dawn of the 20th century. Relying on models from Lutheran history and the wider Christian Church, the Common Service offered an authentic form of the Christian liturgy as well as a complete set of introits, collects, and graduals. Often borrowing from the *Book of Common Prayer* (Church of England), the Common Service provided not only liturgical structure but also a worship language: the language of the King James Version. Along with worshipers in the LCMS and the ELS, WELS members became accustomed to a musical setting composed in 1901.

Every Lutheran hymnal published since 1888 has included a version of the Common Service, and it remains the standard for Lutheran liturgical worship. At the same time, however, every hymnal committee has analyzed the value of the Common Service to provide worship forms for new generation of worshipers. For example, the language of the service is no long that of the KJV, and composers have produced new musical settings. *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal* illustrates the results of that kind of analysis.

The WELS Hymnal Project has taken on the same task: to assess the standard Lutheran liturgical service and offer a version for 21st-century worshipers. Several overriding principles emerged:

There is value in providing a standard liturgical rite so that worshipers can make it their own.

There is value in providing a variety of musical settings.

There is value in assessing liturgical revision in other confessional Lutheran churches to gain from their insights and experience.

The result of this study is a liturgical order entitled **The Service**. This rite, used in today's service, is both a text—a set of words—and also a progression or order of these words; Absolution follows Confession, the Psalm of the Day follows the First Reading, etc.

As one might expect, The Service shares similarities with the orders in *The Lutheran Hymnal* and *Christian Worship* (CW). As it assessed these rites for worship today, however, the committee authorized several modifications.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie) takes on a form that is not connected to Confession/Absolution (CW, p. 15) but follows the more historic and widespread pattern as a responsive prayer for our Lord's many mercies.

The Nicene Creed follows the sermon and enables worshipers to confess their faith in the Word proclaimed in the day's Proper (i.e. Prayer of the Day, readings, psalm, Verse of the Day, Hymn of the Day, sermon).

The Service retains the historic texts of Glory to God (Gloria in Excelsis) and Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), which had been changed in CW's Service of Word and Sacrament (p. 26).

For historic and practical considerations, The Service reverses the order of the Prayer of the Church and the Offering. Worshipers are seated during these longer prayers and during the offering in anticipation of the long stand in the Communion service.

The Communion liturgy includes the Lord's Prayer and a Prayer of Thanksgiving. WELS worshipers became familiar with these prayers as they used Divine Service II in *Christian Worship Supplement*. Thanksgiving prayers were part of the earliest forms of the liturgy but were eliminated at the time of the Reformation because they had come to echo false theology. As Jesus "gave thanks" when instituting the Sacrament, worshipers give thanks in these newly-composed prayers as they anticipate our Savior's marvelous gift.

The new rite returns to a more historic version of the Christian/Lutheran service with the elimination of the Offertory (Create in Me) and Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis), both of which have liturgical origins no earlier than the 19th century but had been inserted by the framers of the original Common Service in 1888. The Song of Simeon retains its traditional place in evening worship.

Recent Lutheran hymnals have seen the wisdom of offering several musical settings to accompany the liturgical text. This is the plan also for the new WELS hymnal. Some musical settings will appear in the print edition of the hymnal; others will be available as digital resources. While the Kyrie and Preface are spoken in today's service, they too will have musical options.

The theology of the Christian/Lutheran liturgy is established by the Scriptures. Liturgical forms and their progression are based on the experience of past believers and on the needs of worshipers today. May the Spirit bless our worship as we gather around Word and Sacrament offered in this rite, and may The Service provide a path for us to praise and proclaim the love of Jesus.

HYMN

WITH ALL MY HEART I PRAISE YOU, LORD


Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Michael D. Schultz, 2017

AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON, 1525

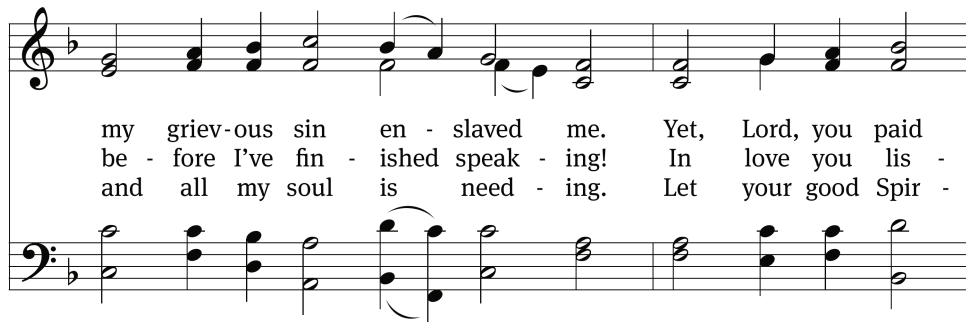
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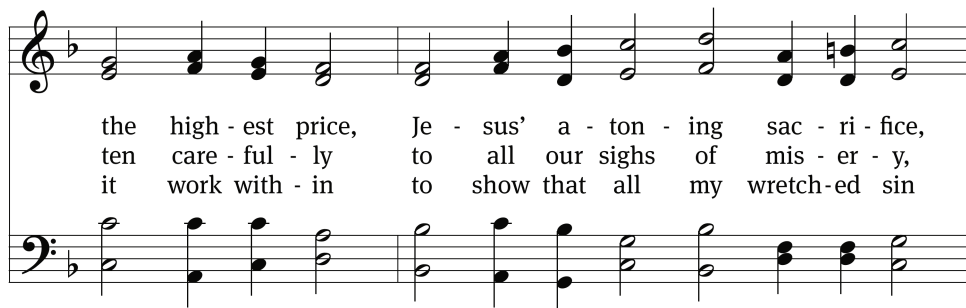
1 With all my heart I praise you, Lord, that in your
2 When I confess my sin and shame, peace and for -
3 Lord, I rejoice to be your guest, at your rich



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.



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