

The following abbreviations are used:

L: = Liturgist, leading the prayer

C: = Congregation.

## EVENING DIVINE SERVICE ORDER

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### CONFESSION

**L:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**L:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

**L:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, 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, forgive me all my sins and help me through the power of the Holy Spirit to correct my life.**

**L:** 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### INTRODUCTION

**L:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**L:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me,

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**L:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ! Alleluia!**

### PSALMODY

Psalm 32

**L:** Blessed is the one whose transgression | is forgiven,  
whose | sin is covered.

**C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no | iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there | is no deceit.**

**L:** For when I kept silent, my bones | wasted away  
through my groaning | all day long.

**C: For day and night your hand was heavy | upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the | heat of summer.**

**L:** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my | iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

**C: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they | shall not reach him.**

**L:** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve | me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of | deliverance.

**C: I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go; I will counsel you with my | eye upon you.**

**L:** Be not like a horse or a mule, without | understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not | stay near you.

**C: Many are the sorrows | of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who | trust in the LORD.**

**L:** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, | o righteous, and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

**L:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn *Beautiful Savior* (LSB 537)**

1. Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

### READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Chron. 28:8–15

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.” Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, tthe city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Gal. 3:15–22

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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Luke 10:23–37

Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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RESPONSORY

**L:** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**L:** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**L:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Sermon

CREED

**C: 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

##### ***Who can receive holy communion?***

*You can receive the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian who holds to the Lutheran understanding of the Sacrament i.e. believes that under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Everyone else is welcome to come up for a blessing. You may ask for a blessing by placing your hand upon your shoulder.*

#### PREFACE

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And with thy spirit.**

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

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

#### SANCTUS

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**L:** 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 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 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

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

CANTICLE

L: Let my prayer rise before You as incense!

**C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

*Ps 141:2*

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

L: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

L: He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

L: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy

as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

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THANKSGIVING

L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

**C: And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

L: 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: Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

L: The Lord be with you!

**C: And with thy spirit!**

L: Bless we the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**