



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.



- Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory of Lee Williams. Sponsored by Jeannette Williams and family.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- We are looking for **Volunteers to greet and assist our members at the Handicap Entrance.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Thanks for your assistance.
- Waseca Circuit will be hosting an **Epiphany Service** here at St Paul on **Saturday January 6th** at 4pm followed by a meal. The offerings from the service will go to the Circuit Mission Projects and the free will offering from the meal will go to the Higher Things Convention for youth.
- The Board of Evangelism delivered 38 pounds of food to the Neighborhood Service Center this week. Thank you for your continued donations.
- **ALL MISION TRIP ATTENDEE'S:** If you are planning on going on the mission trip 2024, please remember that your **\$150 needs to be turned in by February 1st.** **IF** you fail to do so and have not contacted Mark to make arrangements, your name will be taken off of the list. Remaining balance of \$150 due by May 1st.

As We Gather: The Diamond Found in the Manger

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Then, as "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: "'Let there be light,' and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins," Jesus also came "and was baptized by John in the Jordan" (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are "united with him in a death like his" (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

Hymn of Invocation: When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

Confession and Absolution *Divine Service Setting One*

LSB 151

Service of the Word

LSB 152

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a



P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

C I will tell of | the decree: *
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- session.

C You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

C Serve the |LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,

P for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

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

C Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Kyrie

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 1.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8



P Praise the LORD, all nations! *
Extol him, all peoples!

C For great is his steadfast | love toward us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

A The Old Testament Reading is from Romans, chapter 6.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Verse

Mark 1:11b

P Alleluia. You are my beloved Son;

C with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 406

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

The Lord's Supper

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You

<u>Preface</u>	<i>LSB 160</i>
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<u>Pax Domini</u>	<i>LSB 163</i>
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OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Gerald Schroeder

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson

Hospitalized:

Prayer for Comfort at the end of life: Shirley Duffy (mother of Grant Duffy)

Treatment and continued recovery: Gary Ross

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Orval Proechel, Loren Frink, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring

Medical Procedure: Jess Klinger, Stan Stiernagle, Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

Treatment: Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

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LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday December 24th 9am: 115

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): **\$4,837.85** **Handicap Entrance Fund:** \$500.00

Organ Fund: \$20.00 **Improvement Fund:** \$125.00 **Other:** Hymnals for Parish Hall \$200.00

Radio Broadcast: \$50.00 and \$300.00 Cotta Guild for LWML Sunday in October

Sunday December 24th 6pm: 166 **General Fund:** \$1,216.29 **Organ Fund:** \$20.00/ **Hand. Entr.** \$100.00

Monday December 25th: 62 **General Fund:** \$731.00

Sunday December 31st: 92 **Bible Study:** 10 **Sunday School:** 12

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): **\$11,426.35** **Handicap Entrance Fund:** \$320.00

Organ Fund: \$50.00 **Improvement Fund:** \$25.00 **Other:** Hymnals for Parish Hall \$200.00

Memory of Gerald Schroeder: \$100.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 7th - January 14th, 2024

Sunday (7th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Coffee hour and Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday (8th):

10am Prayer Team
6pm Church Council Mtg

Tuesday (9th):

1pm Quilters

Wednesday (10th):

9:30am Women's Bible Study
3:30p- 5:00p 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation
7:00pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (11th):

6 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
1 pm Cotta Guild

Friday (12th):

5p – 7p Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru

Saturday (13th):

Sunday (14th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: January 7th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Peyton Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

NEXT WEEK: January 14th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Kameron Kunkel

ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

Hymn of Invocation: When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346



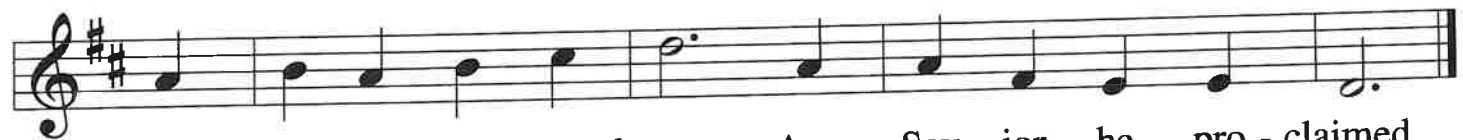
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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Stand

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 406



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - ges - sion
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
“Go out to ev’ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
And this My invitation:
Let ev’ryone abandon sin
And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
Full pardon and remission
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Elizabeth Quitmeyer, 1911–88, alt.
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1 All Chris-tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In - deed, from your con -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of
 cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -
 ev - er. The wa - ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a -
 cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
 out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what - ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de - stroyed And
 for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
 in - ward from the high - est good, You con - stant - ly de - nied Him.
 all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac - cord - ing to our na - ture.
 makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you
 whole
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

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1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960
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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your



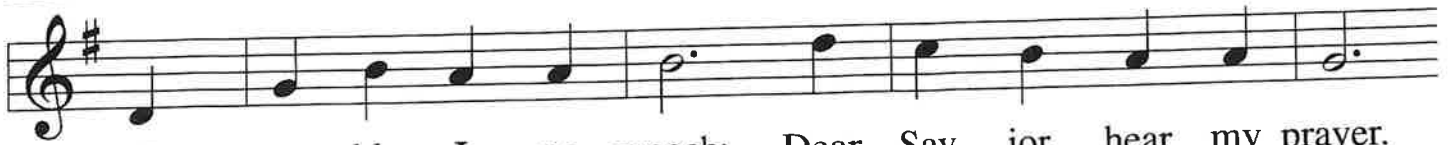
va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 To make life immortal mine.

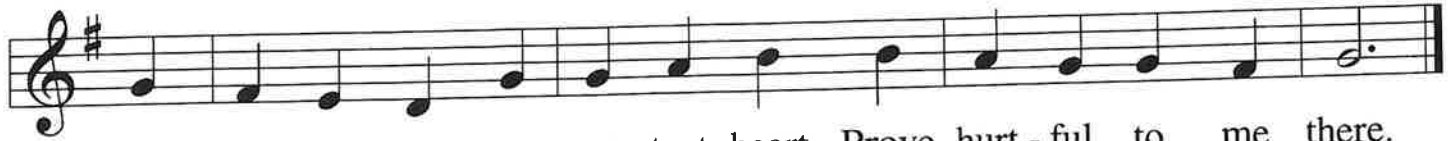
5 There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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Hymn to Depart: The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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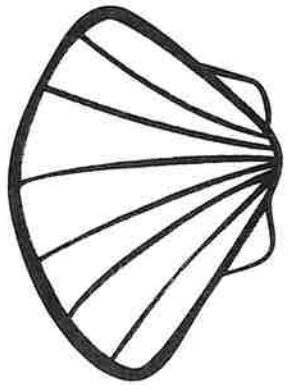
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MENU: Sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee. Ages: 1-5 - Free, 6-13 - \$7.00 and Adults \$12.00.

