

## Opening Hymn

## 614 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 All life you en - gen - der in great and in small,  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
not want - ing nor wast - ing, you rule in your might—  
of all life be - friend - er, the true life of all.  
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,  
your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;  
Our prais - es we ren - der; O lead us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!  
your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
we with - er and per - ish, but you nev - er change.  
the light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

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*Stand*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 154

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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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 mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**A - men.**

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## All Glory Be to God on High

CW 935 sts. 1, 3



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks for all his  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son, be - got - ten of the



fa - vor; no harm can touch or ter - ri - fy a child of  
Fa - ther, your sav - ing death has made us one with God and



God for - ev - er. God shows his good and gra - cious will and  
with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to you on high in



grants his peace, the world to fill; all strife at last has end - ed.  
our dis - tress we sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, a - men!

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# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through 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

*Exodus 32:15–29*

<sup>15</sup>Moses turned and went down the mountain, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand—tablets that were written on both sides, written on one side and on the other. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is the noise of war in the camp.”

<sup>18</sup>Moses said, “It is not the sound of people who shout for victory; neither is it the sound of people who cry because of defeat. But I do hear the sound of people who are celebrating.”

<sup>19</sup>As soon as Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses' anger burned. So he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

<sup>21</sup>Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?”

<sup>22</sup>Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord burn. You know these people. They are set on evil, <sup>23</sup>so they said to me, ‘Make a god for us, who will go ahead

of us, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’<sup>24</sup>So I said to them, ‘Whoever has any gold, pull it off.’ So they gave it to me. I threw it into the fire and out came this calf.”

<sup>25</sup>When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had let them get so out of control that they were disgraced among their enemies),  
<sup>26</sup>Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Whoever is on the LORD's side, come to me!”

All the descendants of Levi gathered themselves together to Moses. <sup>27</sup>He said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘Every man is to strap his sword on his thigh and go back and forth throughout the camp, from one gate of the camp to the other, and every man is to kill his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.’” <sup>28</sup>The Levites did what Moses said, and that day about three thousand men from among the people fell.

<sup>29</sup>Moses said, “Begin your service of the LORD today. Yes, because every man among you took a stand against his son and against his brother, the LORD is bestowing a blessing on you today.”

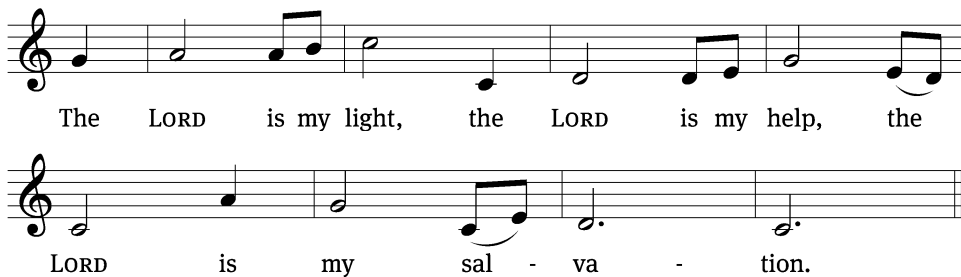
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27

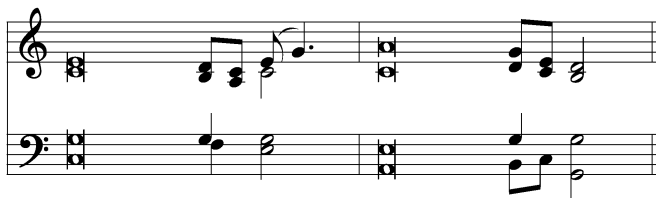
## The LORD Is My Light

### Refrain



The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the  
LORD is my sal - va - tion.

### Tone



The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?  
One thing I ask / from the LORD,  
this only / do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD  
all the days / of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD  
and to seek him in his / temple. *Refrain*

He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent  
and set me high up- / on a rock.  
I remain confi- / dent of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.  
Wait / for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.  
**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. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11–16

<sup>11</sup>But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup>that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

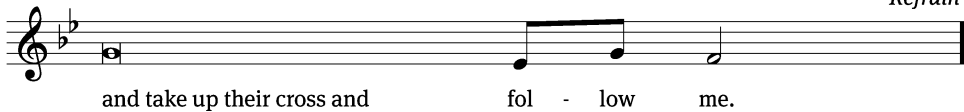
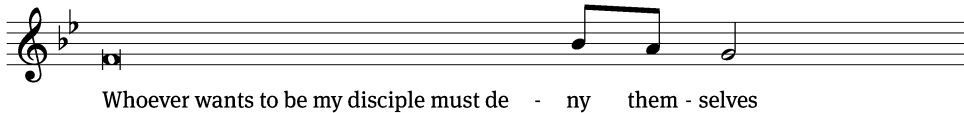
Mark 8:34



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>A man's enemies will be the members of his own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup>Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

## 702 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly  
3 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your  
4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,  
soul’s sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
in suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.  
of the soul and lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”  
bat-tle’s strain the crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

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## Sermon

1 Timothy 6:11–16

# “Fight the Good Fight of the Faith”

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 truly 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*

**Offering**

*May be left in the offering box in the  
entryway or given online*



## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

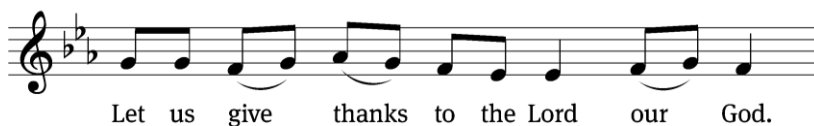
**Amen.**

# The Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

CW 165



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 until 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*

CW 1010

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## To You, Our Dear Guests ...

Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church practices “**Close Communion**” as commanded by God’s Word (1 Corinthians 11:27; Romans 16:17). Those who are of our *close* fellowship—members in good standing of *our congregation* or those churches *in close fellowship with us* (WELS and ELS)—may commune at our altar. **We ask all others to meet with our pastor first before taking communion with us so he may teach you about this.** Please make an appointment to do so! Thank you for respecting our historic and Scriptural practice.




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## Distribution Hymn

## 876 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing  
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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*After all the communicants have been served, please 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.**

## Closing Hymn

## 923 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, feed me till I want no more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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