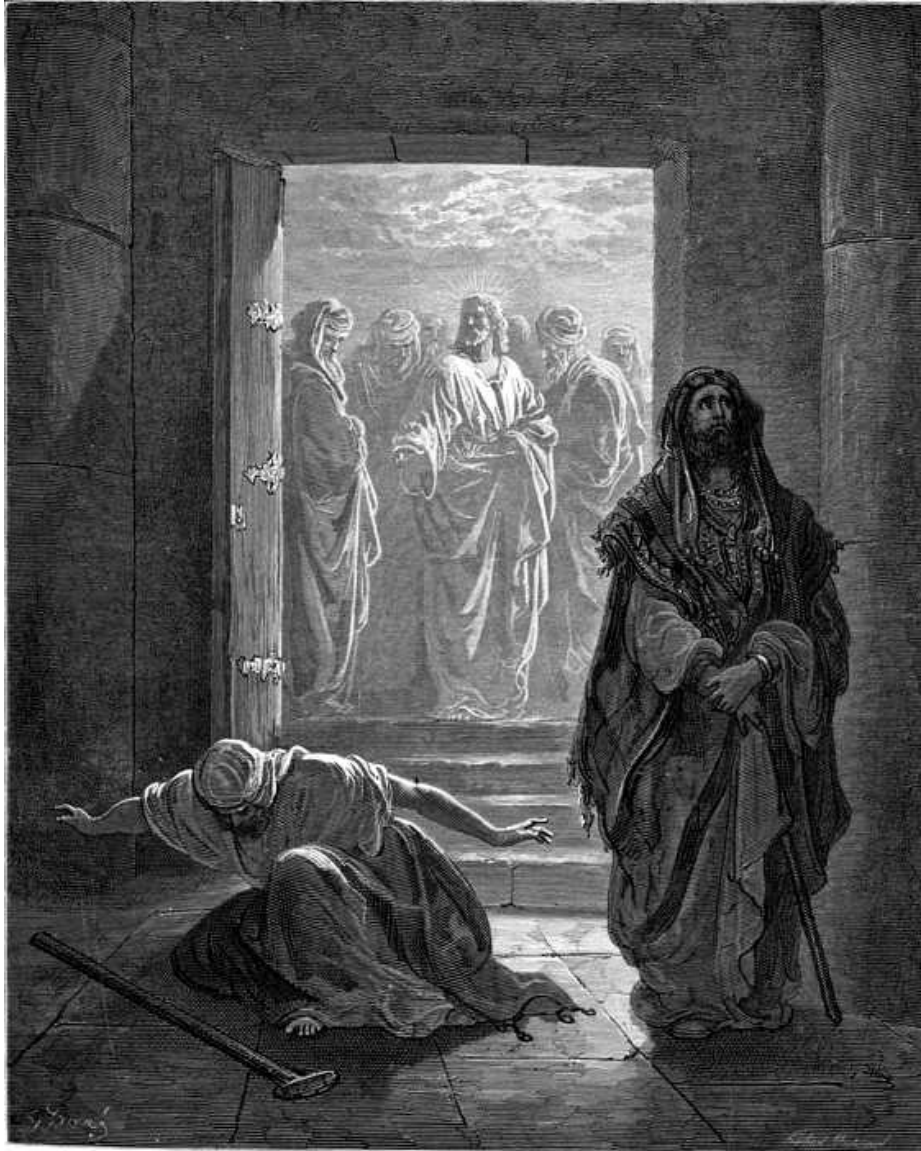


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## 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father, **C** 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.**

**P** 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.**

### **Introit**

God is in His holy habitation:

**He is God who setteth the solitary in families.**

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength:

**and power unto His people**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered:

**let them also that hate Him flee before Him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

God is in His holy habitation:

**He is God who setteth the solitary in families.**

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength:

**and power unto His people**

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that**

**sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve : pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 4:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” <sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 18:9–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast,

saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

## 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,  
Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race  
In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
  
- 2 Your great love for this has striven  
That we may, from sin made free, Live with You eternally.  
Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.
  
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation  
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord, In Your Sacraments and Word.  
There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
  
- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;  
Ever will Your truth abide. Then in You I will confide.  
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,  
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
  
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion,  
Faithful Father, God of grace, That with all our fallen race  
In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

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## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

[ Offering ]

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

**P** It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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.



## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** 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

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**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.

## 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

- 1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb’rest ev’ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win Or stand before Thy presence?
- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin’s dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand And live alone by mercy.
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just;  
This is my comfort and my trust. His help I wait with patience.

- 4 And though it tarry through the night And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word, Now wait for His appearing.
- 5 Though great our sins, yet greater still Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow.

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### **815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine**

- 1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine,  
Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine,  
That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
By Thee the outcast and the poor were sought;  
And by Thy death was God's salvation wrought.  
Alleluia!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,  
Who wast a servant that we might be free,  
Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary.  
Alleluia!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, Thou  
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord,  
In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
And God the Father be by all adored.  
Alleluia!

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## 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands

- 1 These are the holy Ten Commands God gave to us by Moses' hands  
When high on Sinai's mount he stood, Receiving them for our good.  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 2 "I am alone your God, the Lord; No other gods shall be adored.  
But you shall fully trust in Me And love Me wholeheartedly."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 3 "Do not My holy name disgrace, Do not My Word of truth debase.  
Praise only that as good and true Which I Myself say and do."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 4 "You shall observe the worship day That peace may fill your home, and  
pray, And put aside the work you do, So that God may work in you."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 5 "You are to honor and obey Your father, mother, ev'ry day, Serve them  
each way that comes to hand; You'll then live long in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 6 "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate.  
Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow.  
Keep all your conduct free from sin By self-controlled discipline."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 8 "You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day,  
But open wide a gen'rous hand And help the poor in the land."  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 9 "Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor nor destroy his name,  
But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say."  
Have mercy, Lord!

10 “You shall not crave your neighbor’s house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse. Pray God He would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success.”

Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein That you have not been free from sin  
But also that you clearly see How pure toward God life should be.

Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee, Who pleads for us endlessly.

Have mercy, Lord!

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## **615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

1 When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought,

2 Then is our comfort this alone That we may meet before Your throne;  
To You, O faithful God, we cry For rescue in our misery.

3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed Your children’s cries in time of need  
Through Him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today And all our woes before You lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless  
grace. Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev’ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**☩** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☩** Let us pray: 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. **☩** Amen.

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**☩** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**☩** 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. **☩** Amen, amen, amen.

## 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

△3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## TRINITY XI

The Lord Lifts Up The Lowly – *“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard”* (Genesis 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast”* (Ephesians 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1–10). Therefore, *“everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

Christ pronounces a strange verdict declaring the tax collector justified and the Pharisee unjustified. Isn't it the Pharisee who thanks God, prays, and lives uprightly? The publican, for his part, can only say one thing, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” So how could this be? Because God, the Lord, does not inquire after all manner of virtues, not even the most excellent, if humility is not present. So, God forgives all sins, except for presumptuous pride; He will not and cannot forgive it. When arrogance is present, forgiveness of sins cannot be, for then the worst sort of corruption parades under the appearance of piety.

– Martin Luther