

766 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CW 766

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed,
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift that you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness,

dawns upon our quickened sight,
 making known the needs and burdens
 your compassion bids us bear,
 stirring us to tireless striving,
 your abundant life to share.

4 Sent from worship as your servants,
 forth in your dear name we go,
 to the child, the youth, the aged,
 love in living deeds to show;
 hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
 counsel, aid, and peace we give,
 that your servants, Lord, in freedom
 may your mercy know and live.

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(Stand)

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and
desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your
holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not
have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we
should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

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

CW 176

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people 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. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD.

²Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.

You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,
but I will certainly take care of you,
because of the evil things you have done,
declares the LORD.

³I will gather what is left of my flock
out of all the countries where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

⁴I will raise up shepherds over them
who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,
nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
who will reign wisely as king
and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

23A I Will Live in the House of the LORD

Psalm 23A

Refrain

I will live in the house of the LORD all the days, all the days of my life.

The LORD is my / shepherd,
I lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,
he refreshes / my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil,

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me. *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my /
enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the
days / of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

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. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will give an account. Obey them, so that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us, because we are sure that we have a good conscience, and because in everything we want to conduct ourselves in an honorable way. ¹⁹I urge you to do this even more, so that I may be restored to you quickly.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament— ²¹may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:34

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus had compassion on them,

because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel*Mark 6:30–34*

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. ³²They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551

- 1 Jesus, shepherd of the sheep,
who your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep,
guarded still by you.
- 2 In your promise firm we stand,
none can take us from your hand;
speak—we hear—at your command,
we will follow you.
- 3 By your blood our souls were bought,
by your life salvation wrought;
by your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow you.
- 4 Father, draw us to your Son;
we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done,
there to live with you.
- 5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
join th' assembly of the blest,
gathered to eternal rest
in the fold with you.

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Sermon

(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)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

(Stand)

Preface

CW 183

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 . . . and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

(Be seated)

Distribution

(As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:)

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of your sins.

(As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:)

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
has this wondrous supper founded.
He, though reigning high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
and with loving rev'rence greet him,
for with words of life immortal
he is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
that I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.

Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
naught would buy the gifts here offered:

Christ's true body, for you riven,
and his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded,
depths that no one ever sounded.

None may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless

since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessèd food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
 help me when this meal is given
 to receive it for my blessing
 as I come, my sins confessing.
 In this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
 that, as I on earth have eaten,
 I may be your guest in heaven.

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(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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the
 heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament.
 Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our
 hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us
 to live as your holy people until that day when you will
 receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the

Lamb, 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.

521 Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521

1 Christ the eternal Lord,
whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured
on all who name your name;
with thankfulness and praise
we stand before your throne,
intent to serve you all our days
and make your glory known.

2 Christ the unchanging Word
to ev'ry passing age,
whose timeless teachings still are heard
set forth on Scripture's page;
transform our thought and mind,
enlighten all who read,
within your Word by faith to find
the bread of life indeed.

3 Christ the redeeming Son
who shares our human birth,
and by his death salvation won
for ev'ry child of earth;
inspire our hearts, we pray,
to tell your love abroad,
that all may honor Christ today
and follow him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light
of everlasting day,
our Morning Star in splendor bright,
the Life, the Truth, the Way;
that light of truth you give

to servants as to friends,
 your way to walk, your life to live,
 till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
 exalted high above,
 whose praise unending ages sing,
 whom yet unseen we love;
 when mortal life is past
 your voice from heaven's throne
 shall call your children home at last
 to know as we are known.

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*The Lord is my Shepherd,
I Lack Nothing.*

Psalm 23

Message Board

Office Schedule: The office will be closed on Friday, August 2nd. Pastor Arnold will be out of town for this weekend also. The secretary will be in the office on Saturday, August 3rd.

Voter's Meeting: The voter's meeting will follow the Service on July 28th, in the fellowship hall. Please plan on attending.

Job Postings at the School: School Secretary: This position will be one of the most rewarding you've known! Mornings 3-5 days a week – beginning at 8:00 AM. Full job description and applications are available at the school office. For more information, please speak to John Korthals or Josh Denniston.

Online Resources: For those who take advantage of our livestreamed services you can follow along with the addition of the bulletin. The bulletin can be found at vassarlutherans.org, once there select the bulletin tab.

We are so blessed! With summer here we look forward to the fun that it can bring. Camping. Vacationing. Visiting Family and Friends. We give thanks to our Lord for the summer season and the opportunities it brings. Let's enjoy ourselves and get some rest and relaxation. This is also a time of year that the finances at the church, unfortunately, suffer. But, as in our own homes, the bills still must be paid. Please, keep this in mind as you make your summer ministry gift plans. Be safe and have a blast!

School Athletes: Looking for a workout training program? MLS's website has a well-planned and written schedule for teen athletes. Not an athlete? These workouts will be beneficial to anyone! Visit the website below.

<https://sites.google.com/mlsem.org/seminarystrong/home>

LWMS Convention news: The 61st Annual LWMS Convention brought together over 1,000 women and

men in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in celebration of missions! Our worship all weekend centered around Jesus as our sure foundation in this world of uncertainty. The ladies of the Minnesota Circuit created a warm atmosphere at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, even though the weather outside was cooler than most conventions! The 60 LWMS circuits together gathered \$50,182.62 for the *Home Missions: Equipment Fund* and the same amount for *World Missions: Native American Projects*. The offerings gathered on Thursday and Sunday at convention were split between *Home Missions: 100 Missions in 10 Years* and *World Missions: Europe Projects*. In the kickoff to the 20th anniversary of kids c.a.r.e., we celebrated that over \$43,000 was gathered last year for *World Missions: Missionary Kids Retreats* and looked forward to supporting our Home Mission in Antigua this year! Other presentations taught us how to make hay here at home while the sun shines, how our team in Africa has adapted to an ever-changing mission scene, and so much more. Friendships were created and renewed, and lots of hugs were given. We pray that everyone left the convention looking forward to telling their congregations how amazing it was!

Happening Soon

Sunday 07/21	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service
Monday 07/22	7:00 PM Communion Worship Service
Tuesday 07/23 (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 PM CEO Meeting
Wednesday 07/24	6:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School
Sunday 07/28	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 07/29	7:00 PM Worship Service

Event Attendance

Sunday Service: 85
Monday Service: 26

Stewardship at St. Luke's

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$3,298.00