Lord God, heavenly Father,
We beseech You so to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may not,
Like the rich man, hear Your precious Word unfruitfully,
nor so handle things temporal that we thereby forget the eternal,
but readily and freely assist the poor according to our means and not sin with arrogance and excess.
When we are oppressed with cross and calamity, let us not despair, but place our hope wholly in Your eternal help and grace, and in patience overcome all things.
Amen.

Lutheran Prayer Companion
p.50

If we judge this rich man according to the fruits of faith, we will find a heart and a tree of unbelief...[for] he found in [his treasure] all his joy and delight and pleasure; and made them in fact his idols...
From this now follows the other sin, that he forgets to exercise love toward his neighbor; for there he lets poor Lazarus lie at his door, and offers him not the least assistance. And if he had not wished to help him personally, he should have commanded his servants to take him in and care for him. For the nature of faith is that it expects all good from God, and relies only on God. For from this faith man knows God, how he is good and gracious, that by reason of such knowledge his heart becomes so tender and merciful, that he wishes cheerfully to do to everyone, as he experiences God has done to him. Therefore he breaks forth with love and serves his neighbor out of his whole heart, with his body and life, with his means and honor, with his soul and spirit, and makes him partaker of all he has, just like God did to him. Therefore he does not look after the healthy, the high, the strong, the rich, the noble, the holy persons, who do not need his care; but he looks after the sick, the weak, the poor, the despised, the sinful people, to whom he can be of benefit, and among whom he can exercise his tender heart and do to them as God has done to him.

Martin Luther
LW XXI
PRELUDE
Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208  Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)
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Standing

HYMN
Now Thank We All Our God  LSB 895

INVOCATION
1 Kgs 8:27–30; Mt 18:20; 28:18–20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling
Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination
Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Standing

INTROIT
*Domine in tua*

Ps 13:1; antiphon: Ps 13:5–6

O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

℣ How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

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.

KYRIE

*Mk 10:47; Lk 17:13*  

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS  Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29

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. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”
And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
_Ego dixi Domine_  
Ps 41:4, 1

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

℣  Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

EPISTLE  
1 John 4:16–21

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA  
_Jn 6:68_  
_LSB 173_

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL  
_Luke 16:19–31_

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

C  Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.
The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY
To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Praise to You, O Christ.

1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
2 O sweet-est Love, Your grace on us bestow;
3 Tran-scendent Comfort in our every need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;

For the true faith needed on our way
Set our hearts with sacred fire a-glow
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Jesus Christ to know a-right

That He may defend us when life is ending And from
That with hearts united we love each other, Ev’ry
That we may not falter nor courage fail us When the
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us, Till to

ex-ile home we are wending, Lord, have mer-cy!
stran-ger, sis-ter, and broth-er, Lord, have mer-cy!
foe shall taunt and as-sail us, Lord, have mer-cy!
our true home He has brought us, Lord, have mer-cy!
NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, 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.
OFFERING

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Standing

OFFERTORY  
Ps 51:10–12

C  What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PREFACE  
2 Tm 4:22; Col 3:1; Ps 136

P  The Lord be with you.

C  And with your spirit.

P  Lift up your hearts.

C  We lift them to the Lord.

P  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good, 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**  
Is 6:3; Mt 21:9; Mk 11:9–10

**LORD’S PRAYER**  
Mt 6:9–13

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**  
Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11:23–35
PAX DOMINI  
*Jn 20:19*  

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

AGNUS DEI  
*Jn 1:29*  

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord  

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come forward then with faithfull hearts sincere,  

And drink the holy blood for you poured;  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  

Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  

Himself the victim and Himself the priest.  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.
O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith-ful God, True foun-tain ev-er flow-ing.
2 Grant me the strength to do With read-y heart and will-ing.
3 Keep me from say-ing words That lat-er need re-call-ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind-ly words and ac-tions,

1 With-out whom noth-ing is, All per-fect gifts be-stow-ing:
2 What-ev-er You com-mand, My call-ing here ful-fill-ing;
3 Guard me lest i-dle speech May from my lips be fall-ing;
4 And let me find good friends For coun-se-l and cor-rection.

1 Give me a health-y frame, And may I have with-in
2 That I do what I should While trust-ing You to bless
But when with-in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small

1 A con-science free from blame, A soul un-stained by sin.
2 The out-come for my good, For You must give suc-cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of-fend the weak.
And by Your Spir-it’s might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES (Ps 8:2)

During a chat about the fruits of the Spirit
“He also grows one vegetable.”
What’s that?
“Forgetfulness.”

Martin Bellot

*Please feel free to share with Pastor Hopkins all the beautiful Gospel things your kids say, for we need the children to pray for us and to help us believe. (Luther)
O Love, How Deep  

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no angel to our race,  
3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.  

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.  

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A**  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.

**C**  Amen.

BENEDICTION  

*Num 6:24–26*  

**D**  The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C**  Amen.
RECESSIONAL HYMN
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
LSB 700

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In -
to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav’n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing. All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav’n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev -’ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love,
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

POSTLUDE
Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
text and tune: LSB 895

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