

# Confession and Absolution

## 485 Long before the World Is Waking



1 Long be - fore the world is wak - ing, Morn - ing mist on  
2 So they cast, and all their heav - ing Can - not haul their  
3 Char - coal em - bers bright - ly burn - ing, Bread and fish up -  
4 Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh - ing, Sins and sor - rows,  
5 Morn - ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com - forts,



Gal - i - lee, From the shore, as dawn is break - ing,  
catch a - board; John in won - der turns, per - ceiv - ing,  
on them laid; Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing  
fall be - hind; Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - ny - ing,  
par - dons still; As His faith - ful friends He greets us,



Je - sus calls a - cross the sea; Hails the boat of  
Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!" Pe - ter waits for  
In His ris - en life ar - rayed; As of old His  
Full and free for - give - ness find. All the soul's dark  
Part - ners of His work and will. All our days, on



wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.  
noth - ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.  
friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."  
night is past, Morn - ing breaks in joy at last.  
ev - 'ry shore, Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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.**

Stand

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

Alle- | luia.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

sing the glory | of his name.

I cried to him | with my mouth,\*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;\*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,\*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

**Gloria 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.**

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

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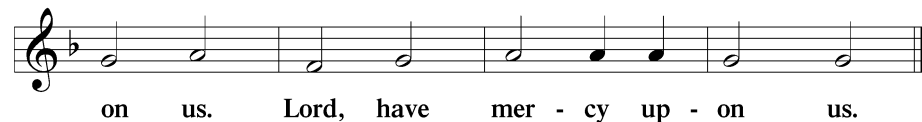
**G** **Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**  
**Amen.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*



**G** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



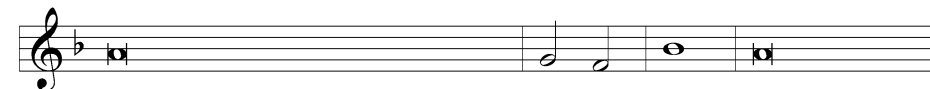
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



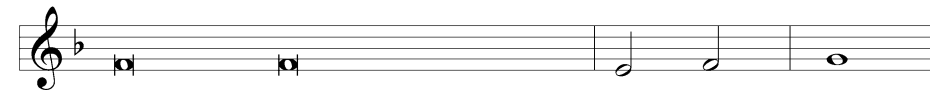
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Numbers 21:4–9*

**Epistle**

*James 1:22–27*

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 16:23–33*

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## The First Article

### Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

### What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

*Sit*

## 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

sts. 1–5



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -  
5 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And let us all be



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -  
clothed and fed. Save us from hard - ship, war, and strife; In



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to  
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry  
plague and fam - ine, spare our life, That we in hon - est peace may



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.  
live, To care and greed no en - trance give.

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**G** Amen.

*Stand*

## 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

sts. 6–9



6 For - give our sins, Lord, we im - plore, That they may trou - ble  
7 Lead not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, Where our grim foe and  
8 From e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us; The times and days are  
9 A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in



us no more; We, too, will glad - ly those for - give Who  
all his horde Would vex our souls on ev - 'ry hand. Help  
per - il - ous. Re - deem us from e - ter - nal death, And,  
You, that we May doubt not but with trust be - lieve That



hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our com - mu - ni -  
us re - sist, help us to stand Firm in the faith, a might - y  
when we yield our dy - ing breath, Con - sole us, grant us calm re -  
what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in Your name and at Your



ty To serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.  
host, Through com - fort of the Ho - ly Ghost.  
lease, And take our souls to You in peace.  
Word We say, "A - men, O hear us, Lord!"

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Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### 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 . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

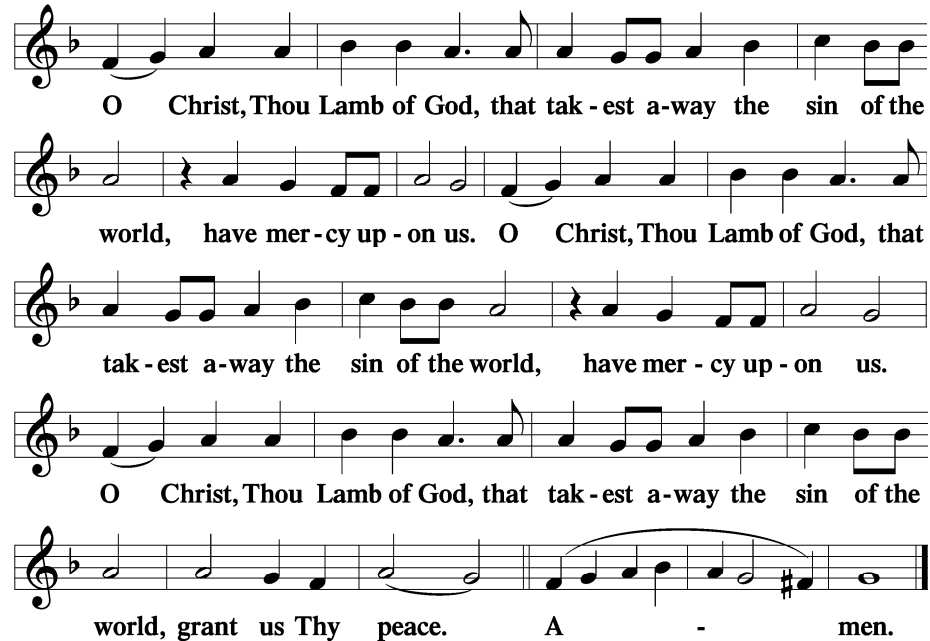
## Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

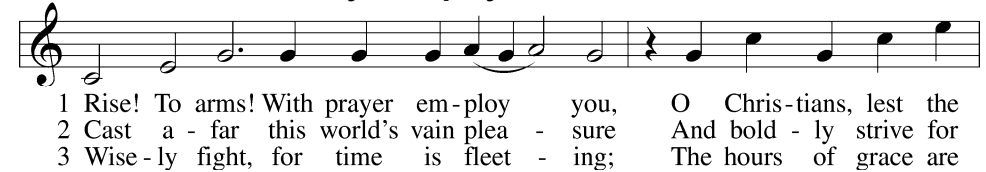


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

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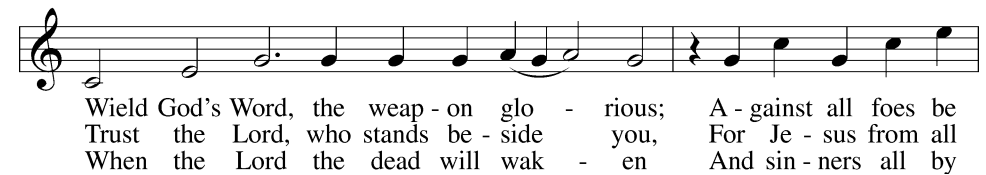
### 668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for  
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



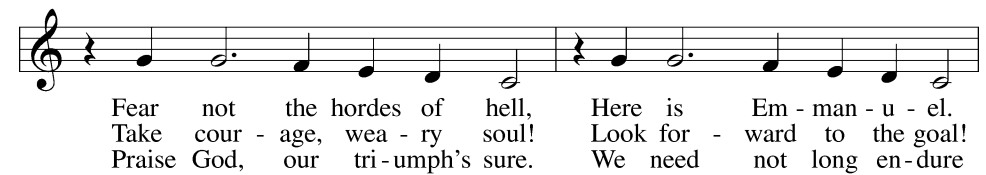
foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.  
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
fast re-treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



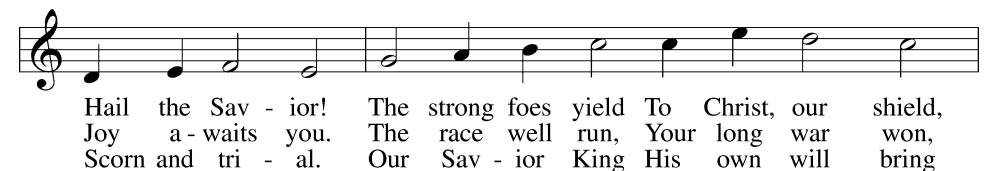
Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be  
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all  
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-tects you from them all.  
harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.  
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.  
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure



Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,  
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.  
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.  
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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## 772 In Holy Conversation



1 In ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion We speak to God in prayer,  
 2 These ho-ly con-ver-sa-tions Be-gin in child-like ways;  
 3 As ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion, In si-lence or by word,



And at His in-vi-ta-tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.  
 We bring our sup-pli-ca-tions And words of thanks and praise.  
 In ev-'ry sit-u-a-tion Through Je-sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o-bey-ing, As chil-dren bring-ing needs;  
 With care our Fa-ther lis-tens To ev-'ry thought ex-pressed,  
 So let us pray se-cure-ly, Ex-press-ing hopes and fears



And to sup-port our pray-ing, His Spir-it in-ter-cedes.  
 Then an-swers our pe-ti-tions In ways He knows are best.  
 With con-fi-dence that sure-ly Our Fa-ther ev-er hears.

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## 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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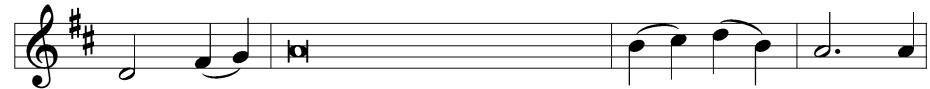
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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

- 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** 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.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

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