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## 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
 And Your abiding peace bestow;  
 With You as our protecting guide,  
 No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 And You, from both, as Three in One  
 That we Your name may ever bless  
 And in our lives the truth confess.

- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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# Confession and Absolution

*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** 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.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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.**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

**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?**

Teach me your way, O LORD;

give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

**for false witnesses have risen against me,**

**and they breathe out violence.**

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

Kyrie

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 36:22–28*

Therefore, say this to the house of Israel. “This is what the LORD God says. I am about to act, O house of Israel, not for your sake, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>I will sanctify my great name that has been profaned among the nations, which you profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD God, when I show myself holy through you in front of their eyes.

<sup>24</sup>“I will take you from among the nations. I will gather you from all the lands, and I will bring you to your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your filthy idols.

<sup>26</sup>“Then I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my Spirit within you and lead you so that you will walk in my statutes, and you will be careful to observe my judgments.

<sup>28</sup>Then you will live in the land I gave your forefathers. You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Peter 4:7

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The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

<sup>10</sup>Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God's grace. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

<sup>14</sup>If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John

15:26—16:4

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

<sup>16:1</sup>“I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who murders you will think he is offering a service to God. <sup>3</sup>They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup>But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told them to you. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay  
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.



## A Word from Luther:

Now there are two kinds of comfort. The first is a worldly comfort, which is false and counterfeit, because it directs a person to rely on material goods, fame, honor, power, and the assistance and sympathy of the high and mighty. You, my disciples, Christ says, will get no comfort there, but everything will be against you rather than for you; the world will use its power, honor, goods, and wealth to extinguish you. Don't be alarmed that you don't have this kind of comfort. It is at best nothing more than miserable, poor, uncertain comfort; its relief is temporary, only until ravaging plague, feverish head, and bellyache come along, and then there is no longer any comfort. I, however, will give you a different type of Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who will comfort you when you are frightened and discouraged, miserable and wretched, forsaken both by other people and by your own hearts. That is why the Holy Spirit carries the name, because he is a true Comforter who does not fail. Where there is sorrow and affliction, that's where you find the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. The devil is a rogue spirit and a deceiver, but the Holy Spirit is a Comforter. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit yet another name and calls him the Spirit of truth, by which he wishes to say that the Holy Spirit whom I will send from the Father bears the name because he in very truth is the Comforter. He is not like comforters of the world, in whom there is no truth or substance, but his comfort is genuine, eternal, perpetual comfort, without falsehood and lies, nor does it deceive.

But here is the dilemma. Conscience says: 'You speak of comfort, but I don't feel the comfort of which you speak. Indeed, I sense the exact opposite, for I see the world experiencing joy and peace, while in contrast Christians must suffer.' ... You must differentiate correctly. The Holy Spirit is called a Comforter in the truth. The world also has its comfort, else it could not be so secure, happy, and upbeat. But it is not a comfort that comes from the Spirit of truth, but it is a counterfeit comfort. Very soon it will be manifest that everything that comforts the world will no longer avail or help. In contrast, the Comforter whom the Christians have is the Spirit of truth who gives unfailing comfort to our hearts.