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*In nomine Jesu*



**Prelude**

**Trumpet Concerto in D Major (1<sup>st</sup> Movement)**

Johann Friedrich Fasch  
(1688–1758)

*As the processional hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Processional Hymn**

**Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

LSB 819

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and

a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing, By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim

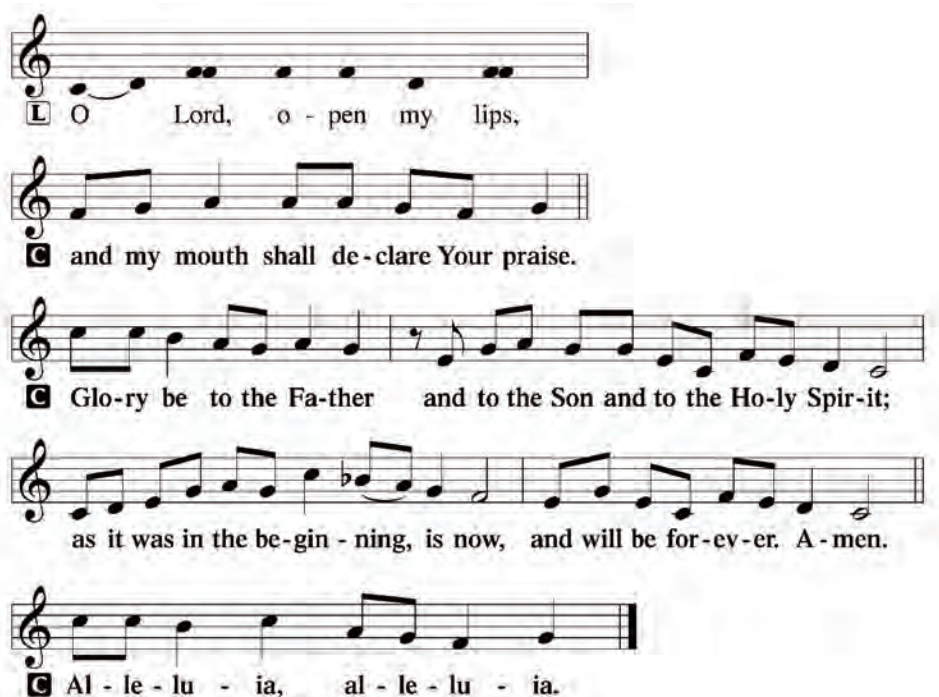
Our need for His sal - va - tion, With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol

souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:  
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:

To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5): tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.  
Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615.

## Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Venite

Psalm 95

*The candidates sing the parts marked [I].*



**L** The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.  
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.  
**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;  
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.





**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.



**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



**II** The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



**I** O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



**II** For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



**L** The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*Sit*



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O Thou that  
 2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy  
 3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,  
 4 To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, With love all

bring - est light from light, O Light of Light, light's  
 ra - diance from a - bove And shed the Ho - ly  
 glo - rious ev - er - more, We plead with Thee for  
 en - vy to sub - due, To give us grace our

liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:  
 Spir - it's ray On all we think or do or say.  
 grace and pow'r To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,  
 wrongs to bear, To make ill for - tune turn to fair.

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

5 On Christ, the true bread, let us feed;  
 Let Him to us be drink indeed;  
 And let us taste with joyfulness  
 The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.  
 Alleluia!

△ 6 All laud to God the Father be;  
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;  
 All glory to the Spirit raise  
 In equal and unending praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; (sts. 1, 3–4, 6): tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.; (sts. 2, 5): tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1904, alt.  
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## First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16

**L** A reading from Ezekiel, the 34th chapter.

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.  
Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.

## Second Reading

John 10:11–17

- L** A reading from John, the 10th chapter.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

- C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon



*Stand*

## Benedictus

## Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936

1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death

Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him,  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en,  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842.

*Sit*

## Rite of Certification for the Holy Ministry

## Rite of Certification for the Diaconate

## Charge to Deferred Pastoral and Deaconess Candidates

## Charge to Deferred Vicars, Alternate Route Vicars and Deaconess Interns

## Litany for the Servants of the Word

*Stand*

- |          |                                       |          |                      |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| <b>L</b> | O God the Father in heaven,           | <b>C</b> | have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> | O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | <b>C</b> | have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> | O God the Holy Spirit,                | <b>C</b> | have mercy.          |
| <b>L</b> | Be gracious to us.                    | <b>C</b> | Spare us, good Lord. |
| <b>L</b> | Be gracious to us.                    | <b>C</b> | Help us, good Lord.  |

- L** For thankful hearts to discern Your will,  
for a special measure of Your Spirit,  
for mindfulness of the prayers of the church for us,  
for a clear vision of Christ crucified and risen:

**C** we ask You to hear us, good Lord.

- L** To find joy in being small followers of a great Lord,  
to find delight in Your working among people through Your holy Word and Sacraments,  
to find purpose in serving You and Your people in the church,  
to find peace in the five wounds of Christ and His open tomb:

**C** we ask for Your grace, heavenly Father.

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** we implore You to hear us.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy.

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace.

- L** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

- L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

- L** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

- L** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

**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.




**Benedicamus and Benediction**

  
**L** Let us bless the Lord.

  
**C** Thanks be to God.

  
**P** The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,  
the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

  
**C** A - men.





# Recessional Hymn

# The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
 Δ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,

My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.

My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,

And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

## Postlude

## Nun danket alle Gott

Paul Manz

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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