

# Confession and Absolution

## 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main eth.

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P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.  
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.  
For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Ghost;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and ever shall be world without end Amen.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.

### Kyrie

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1–18*

### The Sacrifice of Isaac

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 14*



## Teach Me Your Paths

<sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,\*

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame;\*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*

teach me | your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*

for you I wait all the | day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*

for they have been | from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in | what is right,\*

and teaches the humble | his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,\*

for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

## Epistle

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:9–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

### The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

### Jesus Begins His Ministry

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.**”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

## 734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be  
2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my  
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for-tress that with -  
4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for -  
△ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa-ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O  
prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and  
stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle  
sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my  
Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.  
fear Sur-round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.  
sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?  
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.  
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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## Sermon

## Votum

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

## Offertory

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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -





## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord to remember us according to His steadfast love and goodness in Christ and to instruct and lead us by His Spirit in His ways, that we may repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord who placed the wood of the cross on the back of His only begotten Son to bless His Church and all those called to preach and teach with the certainty that the gates of hell, which Christ possessed through His death, cannot prevail against them; and for bold faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from being enticed by our own desires to misuse His gifts in sin; for His help to use them rightly in service to Him and our neighbor; and for Him to bless \_\_\_\_\_ and all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and all those to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To the Most High, who is our refuge in every trouble and has promised to hear us when we call to Him, that He would command His angels to guard our brothers and sisters [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] and all those who suffer in our midst, and keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who commune, since the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand as His beloved Son comes to us here at the altar, that God would grant us by His Spirit to receive Christ in repentance and believe the Gospel proclaimed to us in His body given and His blood shed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for those before us whom God brought forth by the Word of truth and who now live and reign in His presence with His Son; and that the Lord would bring us to full maturity by this same Word, which brought us forth in Baptism, that we, too, may be gathered with them to His Son on the glorious harvest of the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.



☐ 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 T give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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