

Versicles – page 286 (These are said responsively by the elder and the congregation as indicated.)

Collects

Turn to the congregation and say: **“Let us pray.”** Then turn back to face the altar for the collects or prayers.

Other Collects that may be used are on pages 305-318 of the Lutheran Service Book and/or from pages 427-470 of the Altar Book of LSB. These should be prepared before the service. Suggested Collects are also attached. After the various Collects, turn to the congregation and say, **“We pray in unison the Morning Prayer.”** Then turn to face the altar for the Morning Prayer.

Morning Prayer – page 287 (said by all)

From the centre of the chancel, face the congregation for the Benedicamus and Blessing.

Benedicamus & Blessing – page 287

Then say: **“We conclude our service with the closing hymn – #830.**

Closing Hymn – #830

Postlude or Post-service Music

Extinguish the candles during the Postlude.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2 (LSB Page 285ff)

Prelude or Pre-service Music

During the Prelude light the candles in the chancel and, after a brief silent prayer, sit in the sedilia (chair) in the chancel. When the Prelude is finished, stand and from the centre of the chancel closest to the nave make any announcements, concluding with something along these lines: **“This morning we shall follow the order of ‘Responsive Prayer 2’ which begins on page 285 of the Lutheran Service Book. Please rise for the opening hymn – #790.** Then either turn and face the altar for the hymn, or return to your chair in the chancel for the hymn while remaining standing.

Opening Hymn – #790

After the Opening Hymn, turn to face the altar (either from the centre of the chancel or from your chair) for the Opening Versicles that are said responsively.

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Then turn and announce to the congregation: **“The Psalm is Psalm 100 which we will speak in unison.”** Face the altar for the reading of the Psalm.

Psalm 100

After the Psalm, turn and say to the congregation, ***“You may be seated.”*** Then go to the lectern where the first reading is announced as follows: ***“The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday After Pentecost is from Exodus, chapter 19.”*** If the congregation has an LSB Lectionary, the announcement of each reading, as well as the reading itself, is contained therein. If not, an English Standard Version of the Bible should be placed on the lectern and the appropriate readings bookmarked beforehand for this purpose.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 19:2-8

After the reading: **L: This is the Word of the Lord.**
C: Thanks be to God.

The next reading is announced as follows: ***“The Epistle is from “Romans, chapter 5.”***

Epistle – Romans 5:6-15

After the reading: **L: This is the Word of the Lord.**
C: Thanks be to God.

The final reading is announced as follows: ***“The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th and 10th chapters.”***

Holy Gospel – Matthew 9:35-10:20

After the reading: **L: This is the Word of the Lord.**
C: Thanks be to God.

Then say: ***“We sing Hymn #571.”*** And go to your chair in the chancel and sit for the hymn.

Hymn – #571

After the hymn, go to the lectern to read the sermon. It may be introduced as follows: ***“Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Word of God that is the basis for our meditation is the appointed Gospel for today from St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.”***

Sermon

Following the sermon an Offering may be gathered. Offering plates should be placed on a small table in the nave, not on the altar.

From the centre of the chancel face the congregation and say: ***“Please stand for the prayers which begin with the Kyrie on page 285.”*** Then turn to the altar for the prayers as follows:

Kyrie – page 285 (This is said responsively by the elder and congregation as indicated.)

Lord’s Prayer – page 285 (said by all)

Apostles’ Creed – page 286 (said by all)

Collect of the Day

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Other Collects

Almighty and eternal Father, we commend to You those who labor in the mission fields of our synod both here in Canada and internationally. May their work be blessed, and may they be protected and defended against the enemies of Your Kingdom. Raise up more workers in Your harvest fields here in this nation, and bless the work of our seminaries in preparing young men to be laborers in Your vineyard; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant Your blessing upon our Synod and the delegates that are meeting in convention this day. Bless our newly elected leaders and members of the board and the various commissions with the strength and wisdom to serve faithfully and steadfastly that united in the faith we may serve You with joy in our various callings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gracious and merciful Father in heaven, we commend to Your care the sick that You would grant them healing; the wounded in spirit that You would make them whole; and the grieving that You would comfort them. Especially we pray for those whom we name before You [_____]. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, the giver of all good gifts, grant that all who know the riches of Your blessings would cheerfully return to You the tithes and offerings of grateful hearts and give generously to support the proclamation of the Gospel here and throughout this nation and to help those in physical need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

General Information For A Lay Service

1. In the absence of a pastor, a duly elected or appointed male elder should lead the congregation in worship.
2. If possible, the elder should be vested – with a black cassock and white surplice, or with a black cassock only, or with a white alb.
3. The service should be conducted from the chancel, but not at the altar. The Scripture readings and sermon are to be read from the lectern, not the pulpit.
4. A day or two prior to the service, the elder should go through the entire service in order to familiarize himself with the readings, sermon, and prayers.