

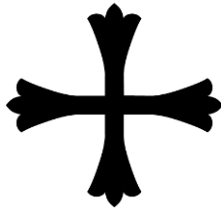
Divine Service

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

AUGUST 11, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in B Flat

Jonathan Battishill

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 851

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Kneeling or sitting forward

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

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.

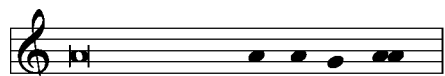
[John 20:19-23]

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

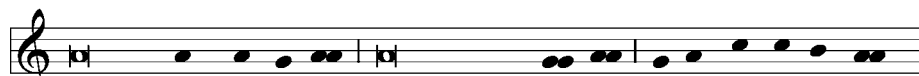
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



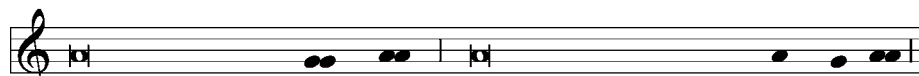
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



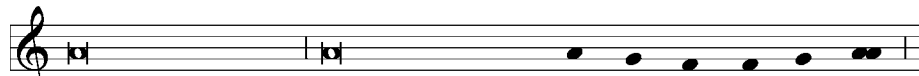
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



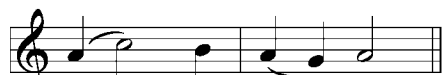
C Lord, have mer - cy.



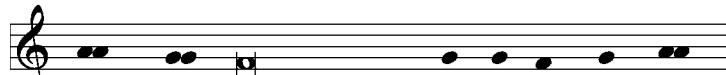
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16-29

A The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word
and listened?

¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the
wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn
back
until he has executed
and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it
clearly.

²¹ "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my
words to my people,
and they would have turned them from
their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares
the LORD, and not a God far
away?²⁴ Can a man hide himself in
secret places so that I cannot see him?
declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven
and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have
heard what the prophets have said who
prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I
have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How
long shall there be lies in the heart
of the prophets who prophesy lies, and
who prophesy the deceit of their own
heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people
forget my name by their dreams that
they tell one another, even as
their fathers forgot my name for Baal?

A 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

declares the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

GRADUAL

Psalm 26; antiphon: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Antiphon

Composer: Debra Dickensheets

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats:

Voice

Fear the Lord you his saints, For those who fear him lack noth-ing!

Ma-ny are the af-flic-tions of the right ous, but the Lord de-liv-ers him out of them all.

A

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

L Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

C Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

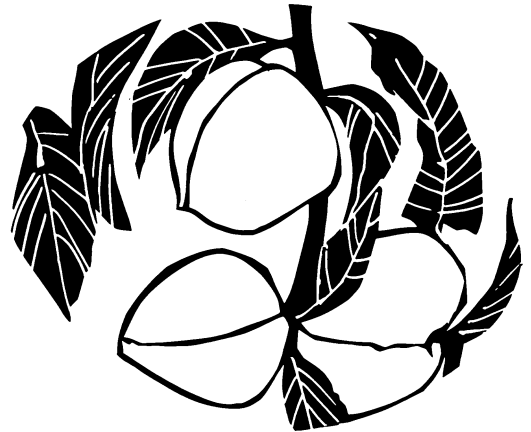
L For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

C I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

L I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.



- C** I wash my hands in | innocence*
and go around your altar, | O LORD,
- L** proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.
- C** O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.
- L** Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,
- C** in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.
- L** But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity,*
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
- C** My foot stands on | level ground,*
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.
- C** Glory 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.
- C** *Antiphon*



EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter eight.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

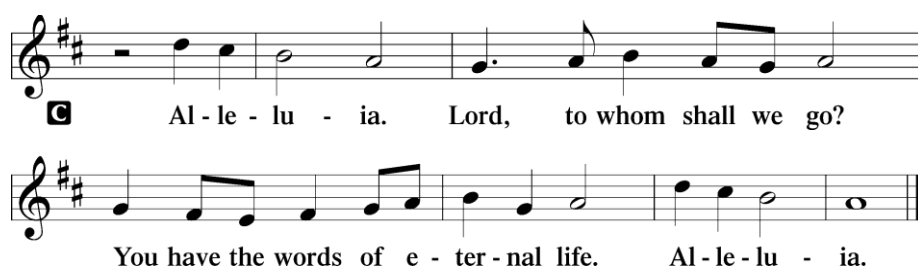
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



P [Jesus said:] ¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears

good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

P ²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord,

Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 724 (stanzas 1-5)

"If God Himself Be for Me"

SERMON



NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING

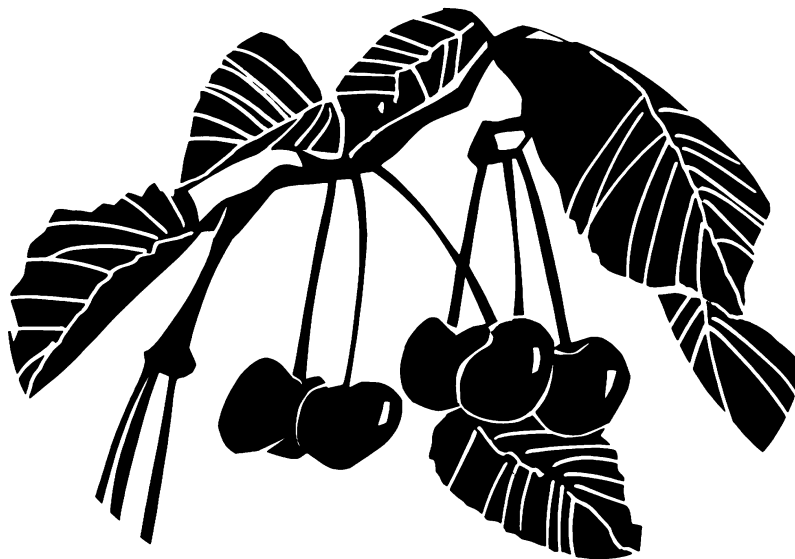
MUSIC

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Johann Walther

MEDITATION

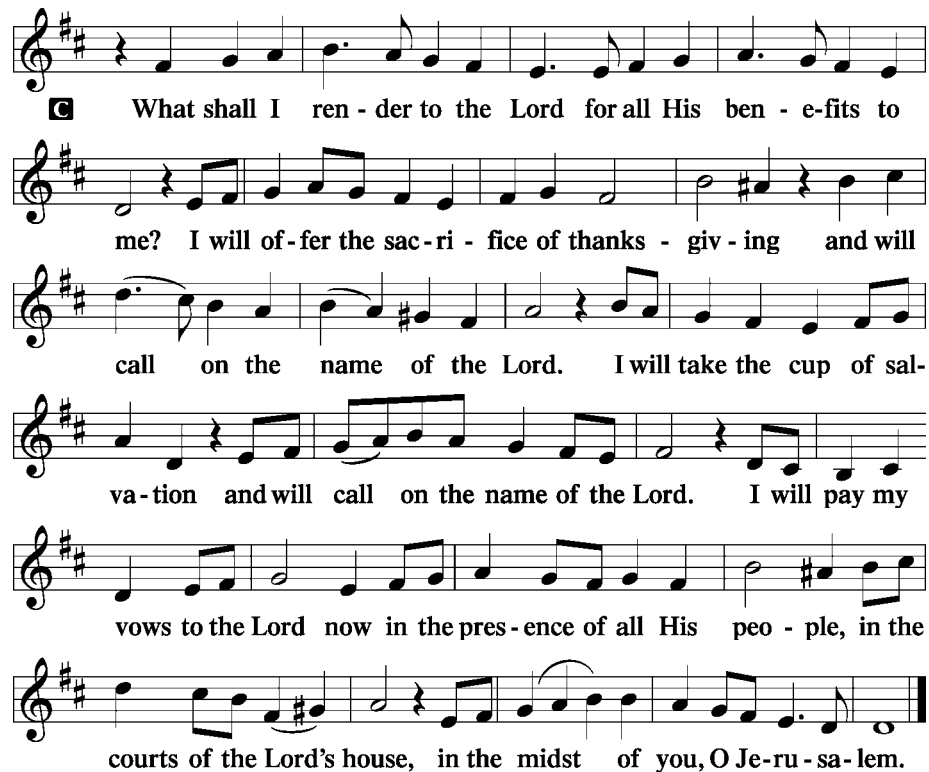
Matthew 7:17 – *"So, every healthy tree bears good fruit." As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity – we are, as St. Paul says, the "new man in Christ." Of course, on this side of glory we still have to wrestle the world, the devil, and the flesh. That means our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So, if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous, don't give up. Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.*



Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

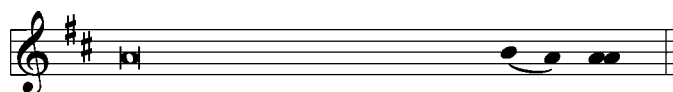
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 635

"O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing"

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



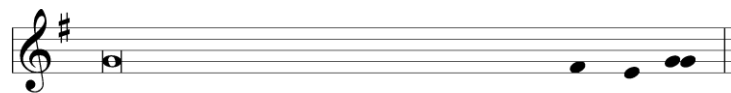
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** 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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



- C** A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 924

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias

Francois Couperin

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CALENDAR		
Sunday 8/11	Eighth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Summer Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Baptism: The Christian Identity Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 8/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 8/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 8/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Popcorn & 'Pologetics	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM 7:30 PM
Thursday 8/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 8/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's Group: Brave's Game	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 7:20 PM
Saturday 8/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Bekah Powell Bridal Shower	Closed Closed 2:00 PM
Sunday 8/18	Ninth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Summer Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Baptism: The Christian Identity Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ The Book of Job

Theme: Job is a complicated book, asking life's most difficult questions. For millennia, it has confounded many as well as been a blessing to countless generations. It is one of the most brutally honest and raw books of the Bible, and at the same time provides some of the brightest rays of hope. Come, and discover what it has to say about you and your existence on earth. Even more, may it reveal to you a God of comfort, who accompanies us at all times, and even dares to enter into the difficulties of our human condition.

Day & Time: Tuesdays, at 10:45 A.M. beginning September 10

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Baptism: The Christian Identity

Theme: Who are you and what are you here for? Two of your most important questions can be answered simply by studying the miracle of Baptism. Don't miss this essential four-week study!

Day & Time: Sundays, at 9:00 A.M. from August 11 – September 1

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall

✝ Minor Prophets Bootcamp

Theme: Throughout this twelve week study, each Sunday will offer an overview of one of the twelve minor prophets of the Bible. General themes and highlights of each text will be drawn out. Not only will the historical context be discussed, but also how the prophet points all generations to Christ and still speaks to us today. Books covered will be according to the following order: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Buckle your seatbelts, it's going to be a fast ride!

Day & Time: Sundays, at 9:00 A.M. from September 8 – November 24

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall

✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. Breakfast will be provided too! At this next meeting, we will be covering the seventh chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, August 24 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: The ladies group is taking a look at *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort*, edited by Katie Schuermann. The book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$18, and we'll cover chapters seven and eight at the next gathering. Join your sisters in Christ to discuss important topics like Christian faith in the public square, issues of infertility, mental illness and chronic disease, caring for aging parents, sexual temptation and a host of others. Childcare also provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, August 24 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

✝ Popcorn & 'Pologetics: *The Case for Christ*

Theme: Need a boost by mid-week? This six-week DVD-led/discussion-based investigative look into the Christian faith will do just the trick. Adapted from Lee Strobel's now classic apologetics text, *The Case for Christ*, you will explore how God has grounded His plan of salvation in the people, places, and events of history. Our Lord has left evidence behind for us to find, and it has His fingerprints all over it. Discover not just the *what* of faith, but also the *why* with this unique study!

Day & Time: Wednesdays, at 7:30 P.M. from August 7 – September 11

Location: The Millers (address in directory)

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✝ All Nations Society of Atlanta

Theme: Would you like to reach out as a member of Christ's body to embrace those in your community? A group of LCMS Christians from several local congregations in Atlanta would like to give you such an opportunity for outreach. Meeting each week, they invite you to join them in welcoming new immigrant and refugee families to the area with fresh produce and a word of prayer. Please contact the Rev. Adam Ellsworth of Grace Lutheran Church, Midtown for more information and to sign up: pastoradamellsworth@gmail.com.

Day & Time: Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church
2110 Brockett Road
Tucker, GA 30084

✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbuck's, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ Men's Group: Atlanta Braves vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Theme: Join the guys this summer on their annual pilgrimage to SunTrust Park! Signup sheet available in the narthex. Tickets are \$20/each. Discounted parking passes available upon request.

Day & Time: Friday, August 16 at 7:20 P.M.

Location: SunTrust Park
755 Battery Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA 30339

✝ Bridal Shower for Bekah Powell

Theme: All the ladies of Ascension are invited to attend a bridal shower for Bekah Powell, who is to be wed to Isaac Beckman in September. Please RSVP to Darlene Beckman at 770-335-0644 or office@ascension-lcms.com.

Day & Time: Saturday, August 17 at 2:00 PM

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ Congregational Luncheon

Theme: Join your brothers and sisters in Christ after church every fourth Sunday of the month for a family meal! You're welcome to bring either a hot or a cold dish to share. If you'd like to bring a particular beverage, you may also do so. Plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. Bring your appetite!

Day & Time: Sunday, August 25 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

- ✝ Azari Bentley, 8/11
- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, 8/13
- ✝ Carolyn DeLong, 8/15

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Bonnie Boyle (neighbor of Eileen Buehl), for health and healing.
- ✝ Dr. Jim Dickensheets (father-in-law of Debbie Dickensheets), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rev. Herman Glienke (friend of Al Garcia), for health and healing.
- ✝ Arlene Kateen, for health and wellbeing.
- ✝ John Kateen, for health and healing.
- ✝ Gentry Twyman (employer of Justin Ledford), for health and healing.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Richard Wollman (brother of Bob Wollman), for health and healing.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in China, where several were arrested in Shenzhen for selling audio Bible players.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Jack and Carolyn DeLong, for health and healing.
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.
- ✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for relief and comfort.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Ingrid Worthington (mother of Keith Worthington), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rhonda Zacharias (friend of the Millers), for health and comfort.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men's and women's restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women's restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a "busy bag" from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther's Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday's liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord's Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church's most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.