

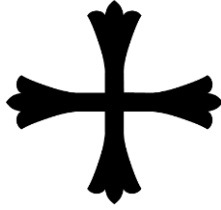
Divine Service

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

NOVEMBER 10, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



As you arrive, please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Passacaglia

Andre Raison

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 658

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

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.

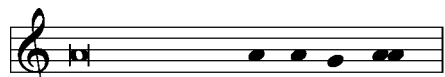
C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

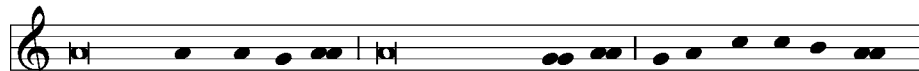
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



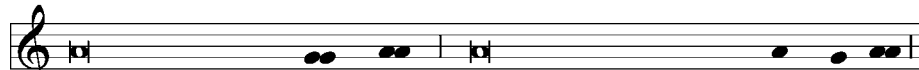
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



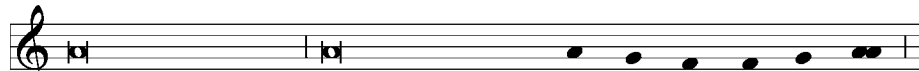
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



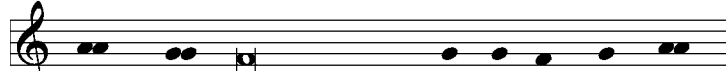
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

A musical score for the hymn 'THIS IS THE FEAST'. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'A'. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

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whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
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for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; 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

Exodus 32:1-20

A The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity is from Exodus, chapter 32.

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace

offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the

A Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

¹⁵ Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the

front and on the back they were written. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." ¹⁸ But he said, "It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear." ¹⁹ And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Antiphon

Composer: Jonathan Mueller

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation sings second time:

These are they who have come out of the
great tribulation; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you, blessed are those whose
strength is in you. who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

- L** The fool says in his heart, "There | is no God."*
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none | who does good.
- C** The LORD looks down from heaven on the chil- | dren of man,*
to see if there are any who understand, who seek | after God.
- L** They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt;*
there is none who does good, not | even one.
- C** Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers*
who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call up- | on the LORD?
- L** There they are in great | terror,*
for God is with the generation of the | righteous.



- C** You would shame the plans | of the poor,*
but the LORD is his | refuge.
- L** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!*
- When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.
- 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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter four.

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord

himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' and the second staff contains the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:15-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major and common time. The melody is for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

P [Jesus said:] ¹⁵ "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no

human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 543

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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*

C **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. *Psalm 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Duane Funderburk

Jessica Luhrs, clarinet

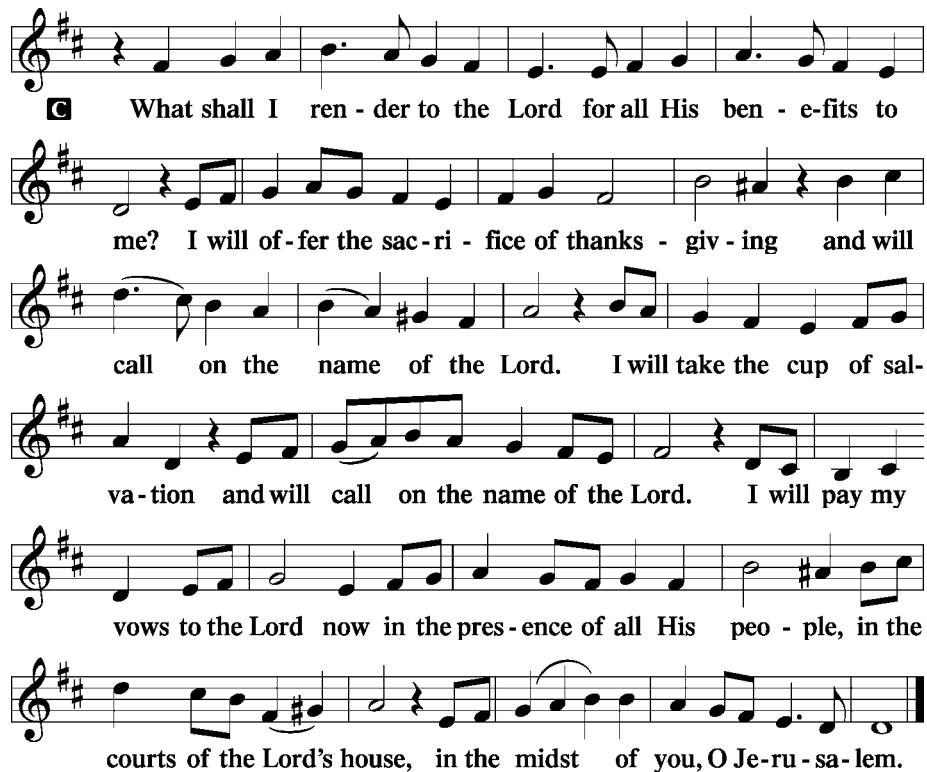
MEDITATION

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Christian generosity begins with this realization: We are the sheep of God's pasture. It is He who made us, not we ourselves. Therefore, we should use all that God has given us toward His purposes. What are His purposes? Consider your callings in the Lord: in your family, in your church, and in society at large. How can you use the financial gifts the Lord has given you in each of these areas?

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

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

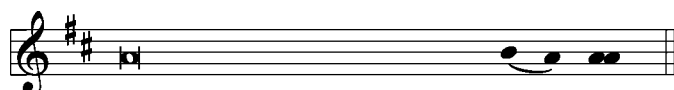
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 618

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

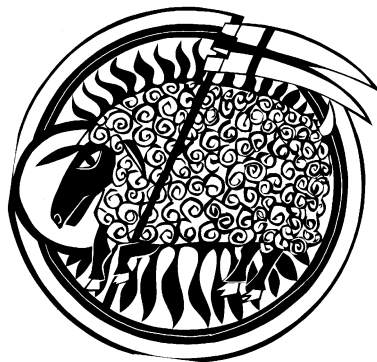
Luke 2:29-32



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 pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal 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.

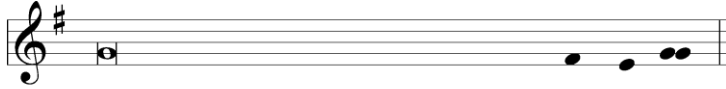
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 H give you peace.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 837

"Lift High the Cross"

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

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Usher(s)

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Greeter(s)

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CALENDAR		
Sunday 11/10	Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Minor Prophets Bootcamp 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 11/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 11/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 11/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Fall Work Day Altar Guild Cleaning Day	Closed Closed 9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Sunday 11/17	Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Minor Prophets Bootcamp Divine Service with Holy Communion Sixth-Annual Chili Cook-Off Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following Chili Cook-Off

WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✦ Congregational Choir for Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

Theme: The Service of Advent Lessons and Carols is almost here, December 15, and that means a service full of festive music. That's where you come in. Debbie, our Director of Music, would like to enlist you in a one-time volunteer choir for the occasion. If you would be interested in singing for the Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, please contact Debbie Dickensheets at music.director@ascension-lcms.com. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, December 8 and 15, at 9:00 A.M.

Day & Time: Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, December 15 at 10:00 A.M.
Rehearsals: please see description above for details.

Location: Church sanctuary

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✦ 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
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✦ *Death . . . Then What?*

Theme: That we all die is pretty much agreed upon, it's what takes place a moment later that makes us wonder. Explore this lively and completely relevant topic in *Death . . . Then What?* This video study broaches the topic of death—a subject of no minor interest to each of us. While various religions and philosophies inform a plethora of personal opinions worldwide, none of them offer any solace against the perfect judgment of an omniscient and righteous God. *That* relief is available only through Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. It is just this salvation, exclusively ours in our Savior Jesus Christ, which will be explored throughout the course of this series. Join us to learn about the glorious hope that has been secured for you!

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from December 1 – 22

Location: Church fellowship hall

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✠ Thank You from the Hispanic Lutheran Mission Society

Dear Pastor Miller

Please communicate our heartfelt thanks to our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension for your generous mission contribution in the amount of \$200.00 toward the educational pastoral support of pastors in Cuba.

It is because of your support that our brothers from Cuba will be able to participate in a two week theological course with Dr. Alberto Garcia in Guatemala.

We ask for your prayers toward this mission work, especially during the last two weeks in October.

In Christ,
Rev. Aurelio Magariño
Executive Director

✠ 1-1-1 Mission Update

Theme: September 1, 2018 – September 1, 2019. A year that hopefully will be remembered! Why? This was the first “model year” of “A Dollar for Missions!” The English District is showing what can be done when our congregations, YOU our people, are encouraged to gather a little for a GREAT/unified* goal. So how did we do after one year? \$54,578.73 extra was gathered! Praise God for this! The two missions (Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA and the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission) selected to receive funds from 1-1-1 will each receive approximately \$27,275.

Dear people of God, what the English District is doing is still only a “model.” We were to show the others this could be done. From the very beginning it was our hope that other districts of the LCMS would follow the “model.” The LCMS in National Convention passed the resolution from our English District to encourage others to do the same! The “model” is growing! As more participate the dollars also grow. Thanks to all of our congregations and people giving that extra \$1 a week! Join us! It matters!

Where will this “model” go? We SHOULD DREAM BIG! What if, while praying for workers, we earnestly recruit and fully fund the training and education of seminarians, teachers, missionaries, and then send workers into the harvest field that our Lord is preparing? Seeking the lost! Rejoicing over the found! You know what that means? More believers! More churches! More joy, here on earth and in Heaven! From this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

✝ **Fall Work Day**

Theme: Help keep LCA beautiful! Bring your rake and a pair of garden gloves for a little fall cleaning of the church grounds. Please also plan to stay for a hot lunch as our way of saying Thank You!

Day & Time: Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Location: Church campus

✝ **Altar Guild Cleaning Day**

Theme: Calling all members of the Altar Guild! Your service is requested to help clean the sanctuary, and get everything ready for the busy season ahead. Thank you, in advance, for making such a difference!

Day & Time: Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church sanctuary

FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ **Sixth-Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Theme: Whether you have a time-tested recipe or just want to serve up something new, enter your chili into our Sixth-Annual Chili Cook-Off. Contestants have three chances to place: 1.) Tastiest; 2.) Spiciest; 3.) Most Original. And even if you're not competing, please plan to stay and sample all the chilis. Each of our chefs is counting on your vote! Don't miss the fun!

Day & Time: Sunday, November 17 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Patrice Merkerson (Open Arms teacher), who celebrates her 25th anniversary of employment on November 16.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Denise Wood (friend and former co-worker of Anne Bigelow), for recovery after surgery.
- ✝ For all victims of the California wildfires, which began just over a year ago on 11/8/18.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in Turkey, where there is a petition demanding the closure of all churches in the southeastern region.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ 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.
- ✝ 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

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Month (September)		Year to Date (2019)	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Plate Offerings	641	210	7,600	3,910
Envelope Offerings	13,800	12,293	165,300	130,017
Open Arms	24,300	24,300	291,600	218,800
Other Income	342	54	4,600	2,630
Total Income	39,083	36,857	469,100	355,357
Total Expense	36,652	34,719	445,900	323,900
Income Less Expense	2,431	2,138	23,200	31,457

Giving is up approximately 3% YOY or about \$4K from YTD July 2019

Giving is 4% or about \$5K over Budget

Open Arms is current with their support fee of \$218K, giving LCA a Total YTD Income of \$355K

Expenses at \$324K are approximately 13% or \$37K higher than YTD Sept 2018.

Expenses are (-5%) below Budget due to capital expenditures being less than anticipated this year.

With Total Income of \$355K and Total Expenses of \$324K, LCA has YTD Net Income of \$31K.



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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.