

# *Divine Service*

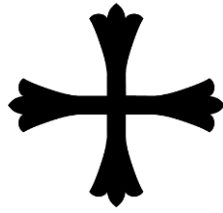
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

OCTOBER 18, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.





## PRELUDE

“Adagio” (from *Concerto II*)

Johann Sebastian Bach/ Vivaldi

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Lutheran Service Book 940**

**“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

**5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

# 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** 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.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

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

## **The Second Commandment**

*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.*

**Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Second Commandment:**

- *Does the Gospel adorn my daily speech and conduct, or do I curse, speak carelessly, or misuse God's name?*
- *Have I kept all the vows I have made in the Lord's name?*
- *Am I diligent and sincere in my prayers, or have I been lazy, bored, or distracted? Do I trust that the Lord God will answer them according to His good and gracious will?*

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*


**C** Amen.

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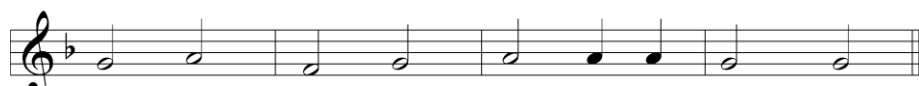
## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



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



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

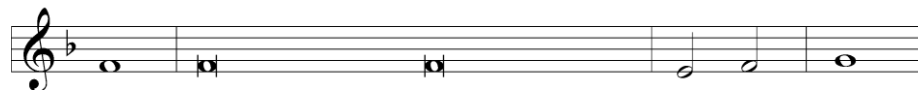


# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



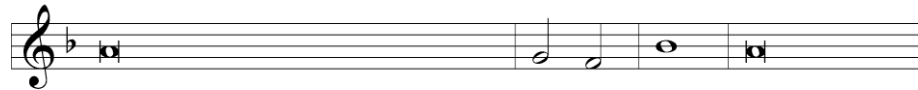
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



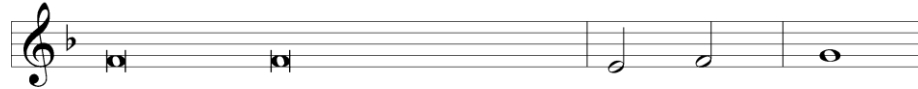
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 45.

**A** <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup> "I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness;  
I make well-being and create calamity;  
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

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

GRADUAL

*Psalm 96:1-9; antiphon: Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

*Antiphon*

Composer: Debra Dickensheets

*Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats:*

He will com mand his an gels con cern ing you to guard you in all your ways

5 Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is with in me, bless His ho ly name! \_\_\_\_\_

- L** Oh sing to the Lord a | new song;\*  
sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
- C** Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;\*  
tell of his salvation from | day to day.
- L** Declare his glory among the | nations,\*  
his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
- C** For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;\*  
he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- L** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,\*  
but the LORD made the | heavens.
- C** Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\*  
strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.
- L** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples,\*  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!
- C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!





- L** Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness,\*  
tremble before him, | all the earth!
- 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 1:1-10

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter one.
- A** <sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.  
<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all  
of you, constantly mentioning you in  
our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our  
God and Father your work of faith and  
labor of love and steadfastness of hope  
in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we  
know, brothers loved by God, that he  
has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel  
came to you not only in word, but also  
in power and in the Holy Spirit and  
with full conviction. You know what  
kind of men we proved to be among
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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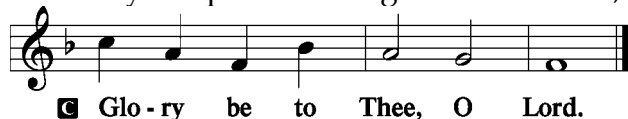
## ALLELUIA



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:15-22**

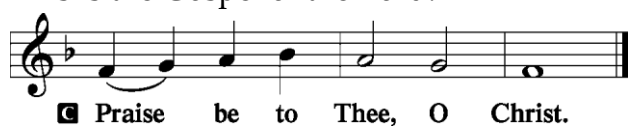
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



**P** <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their

malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



"The Holy Gospel always contains the very words or deeds of Jesus. This makes the reading of the Holy Gospel the summit of the Service of the Word, and we recognize this by surrounding our Savior's words with songs of glory and praise and by standing to receive His gracious words."

Scot A. Kinnaman  
*Worshiping with Angels and Archangels*

## APOSTLES' CREED

[Matthew 10:32]

**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 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.

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer

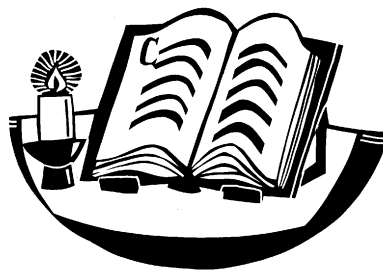
**P** What is the Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

**C** But deliver us from evil.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*Sitting*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 781

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther - less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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## SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12



☐ 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 -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

### MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional tune

### MEDITATION

*Matt. 22:21 – "... Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' " So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.*

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** O Lord, deliver Your people by Your power, and grant to us grace sufficient for all our needs and for the needs of all people.

*Brief silence*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord to open the eyes of the blind by the light of His Word and to open the ears of the deaf with the voice of His Gospel, and for the Lord to clear the way for all people to know the riches of His grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord to raise up evangelists who will witness the Gospel, for preachers who will testify to the mighty act of deliverance on the cross by which we have been saved, and for the Lord to bless His Church and all church workers who serve us in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord to teach us to trust not in our works but in His Word, and for a steadfast faith to endure in time of test, trial and tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord to bless our nation with peace and harmony, and for the Lord to bless our president, governor, all legislators and judges, and those who protect and defend us against all the enemies of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord to heal the sick, give relief to the suffering, grant comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of those who serve as doctors and nurses, for medical researchers and those who work to end disease, and for those who care for people most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray to the Lord for the renewal of our lives of prayer and devotion, interceding on behalf of all those in need and those who have devoted themselves to the Lord's work. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray to the Lord for those who commune this day, for faith to receive His gifts, and for genuine repentance, that they may receive to their benefit His flesh and blood in this bread and cup. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray to the Lord for our stewardship of His creation, for our faithful use of all His gifts, and for grateful hearts, that we may honor the Lord with our words and with our works. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray to the Lord that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of His coming again, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, to live in His eternal presence and sing His praise without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
- C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

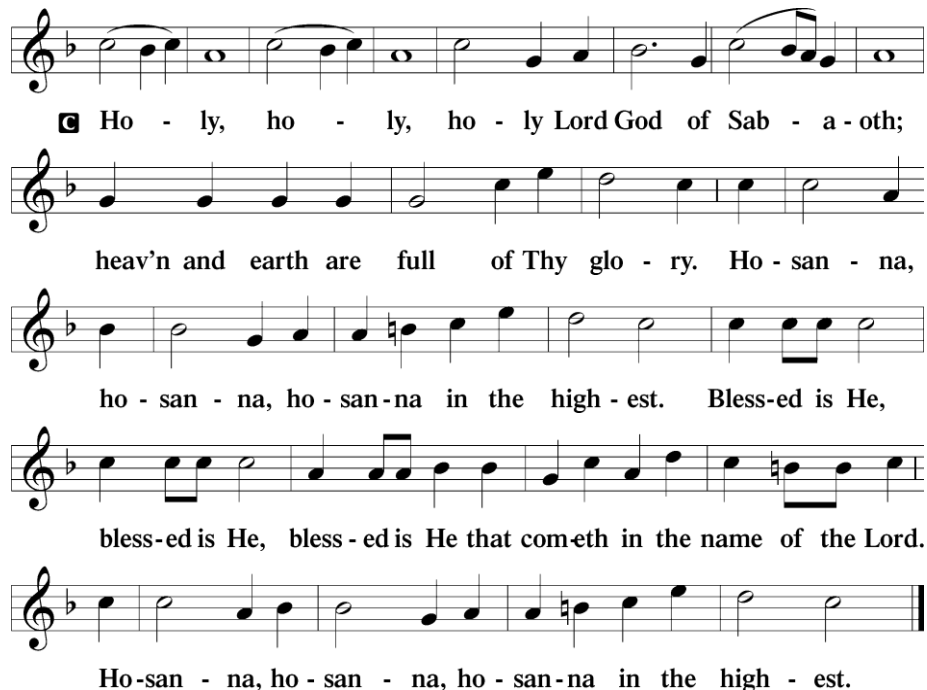


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, 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 God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

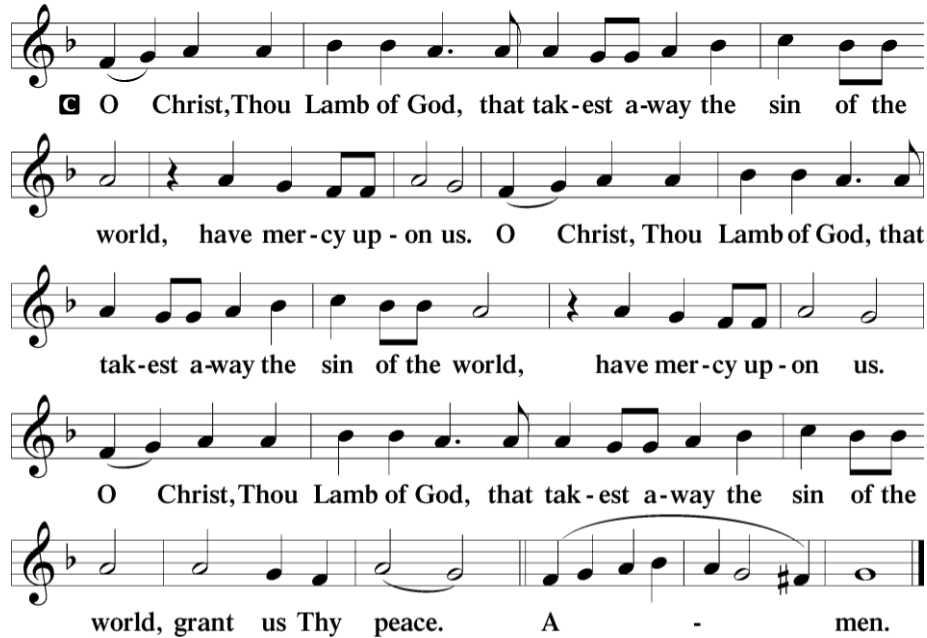
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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.)

"For a person not to prize highly the Sacrament is tantamount to saying that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell. That is to say, he believes in none of these although he is overwhelmed by them and is the devil's possession twice over. On the other hand, he needs no grace, life, paradise, kingdom of heaven, Christ, God, or any good thing. Surely, if he recognized how much evil is in him and how much he needs all the good things he lacks, he would not neglect the Sacrament, which gives help against such evil and bestows so much goodness."

Martin Luther  
*Preface to the Small Catechism*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 850

“God of Grace and God of Glory”



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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“How much it helps me to remember that I have company in my heart, even God! and I remain there truly with Him.”  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

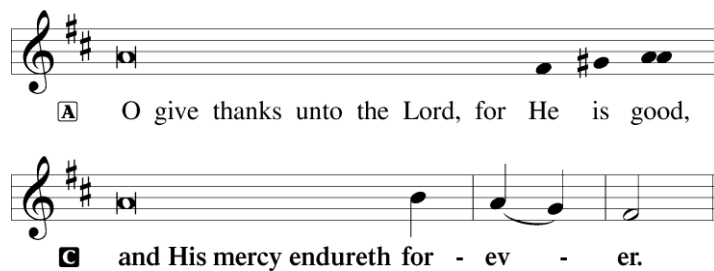
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



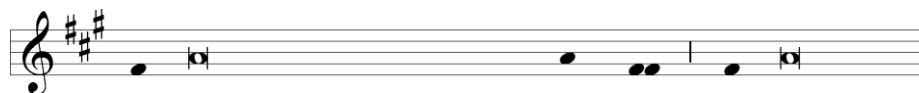
**A** Bless we the Lord.



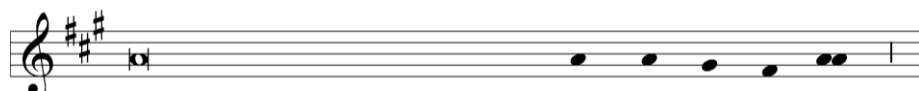
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

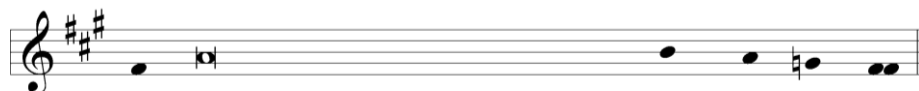
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 966

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect-ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

**5 And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!**

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## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in D Minor*

Georg Muffat

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Musician(s)**

Lucie Woolery, handbell soloist

### **Altar Guild**

Anne Bigelow

### **Usher(s)**

Greg Ison/Brian Beckman

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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### **Musician(s)**

Mitchell Frey, trumpet/trombone

Musicians of Ascension

Adrian Popescu, tenor

Clara Smith, alto

Lucie Woolery, alto

### **Altar Guild**

Caitlin East/Linda Rathje

### **Usher(s)**

Richard Drachenberg/Grayson Beckman

# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 10/18	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting Outdoor Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship Noon
Monday 10/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 10/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10/21	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 10/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 10/25	<b>Reformation Sunday</b> Nursery available Musicians of Ascension Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Handbell Choir Rehearsal Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Outdoor Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Noon

# Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✦ **Adult Bible Study: *The Epistles of Peter***

Theme: It was to St. Peter that the Lord Jesus Christ called, "Follow Me." And it is through the two Petrine epistles that the Lord Jesus Christ still calls us today to be His disciples. Hear that calling like never before, and discover what it really means to follow Him with this nine-week Bible study.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from August 30 – November 29

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ **Adult Bible Study: *Lutheranism 101***

Theme: Has it been decades since you last opened Luther's *Small Catechism*? Have you been wondering lately why Lutherans do the funny things that we do? Are you brand spanking new to Lutheranism? Whatever the case, this class is for you! The basis of our study is the book *Lutheranism 101*. You may purchase a copy for \$25. Please contact Pastor Miller for details.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning December 6

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ **Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions***

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

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

Location: Church narthex



# *Beauty* ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

## ✦ Outdoor Divine Service

**Theme:** At Ascension, we're always on the lookout for how we might best serve our neighbor. Due to these unprecedented times, some of our brothers and sisters in Christ have been put in a difficult position. Based on the CDC guidelines, they feel it best to refrain from the regular assembly for the time being. Therefore, in an effort to still provide them the ability to participate in the fullness of the Divine Service, we invite them to worship outdoors in a low-risk environment. An altar, pulpit, and chairs that are appropriately spaced out will be set up outside to ensure that all those gathered may do so in health and safety. Please encourage those who might not otherwise be at ease indoors to please take advantage of this special opportunity just for them.

**Day & Time:** Sundays in September and October at noon

**Location:** Front drive of the church

## ✦ All Saints' Day: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

**Theme:** On All Saints' Day (November 1) we commemorate those who have departed in the faith within the last twelve months (since November 2019). Should you have a dear loved one you'd like to have remembered during the Commemoration, please contact Pastor Miller at [pastor@ascension-lcms.com](mailto:pastor@ascension-lcms.com) or 708-710-4996 by Sunday October 25 to be sure to have them included. God's peace be yours!

# *Goodness* ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

## ✦ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

**Theme:** 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions include Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA, and eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

- ✝ Amy Balog, 10/19
- ✝ Titus Miller, 10/20

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

- ✝ Jude Miller, 10/18
- ✝ Henry Ledford, 10/22
- ✝ Christina Schoellen, 10/22
- ✝ Jeni Miller, 10/23

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

- ✝ None this week

## **Membership Anniversaries**

- ✝ Jude Miller, 10/18
- ✝ Henry Ledford, 10/22

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

- ✝ India

*For comfort, health, and healing:*

- ✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)
- ✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ Walter Kunkel (father of Martin Kunkel)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Sandra Thompson (aunt of Joan Bentley)
- ✝ The unborn child of Luke Voss (former neighbor of the Schoellens)
- ✝ All impacted by COVID-19

### **Ongoing Requests**

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)
- ✝ The Kroll family (friends of Ascension)
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)
- ✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)
- ✝ Homero Salgado
- ✝ Marisa Sanders

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials





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