


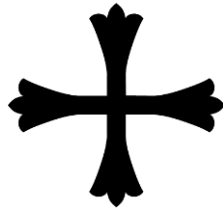
# Divine Service

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



PRELUDE

*Fugue in G Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 905*

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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# 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 Sixth Commandment**

*You shall not commit adultery.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Sixth Commandment:**

- *Have I held in highest regard God's gift of sexuality or have I debased it in any way by my thoughts, words, or conduct?*
- *Am I guilty of lust, indecency, or the use of pornography?*
- *Have I reserved my sexual activity for the pleasure and consolation of my spouse, and when God wills, the procreation of children?*

**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.

# 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.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

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

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Zephaniah 1:7-16**

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from Zephaniah, chapter one.

**A** <sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup> And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup> On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup> “On that day,” declares the LORD,  
“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup> Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
‘The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.’

**A** 13 Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."

14 The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.

15 A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

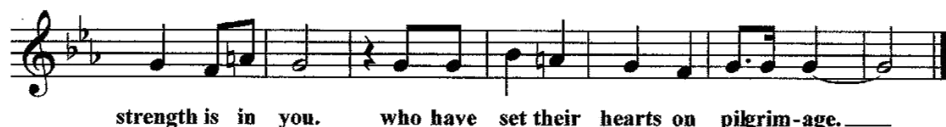
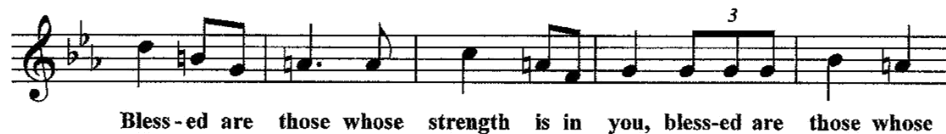
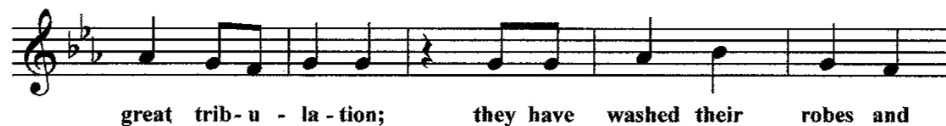
## GRADUAL

*Psalm 90:1-12, 17; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

### Antiphon

Composer: Jonathan Mueller

*Cantor introduces first time, then congregation sings second time:*





- L** LORD, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.
- C** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed  
the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
- L** You return | man to dust\*  
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
- C** For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
or as a watch | in the night.
- L** You sweep them away as | with a flood;\*  
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
- C** in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;\*  
in the evening it fades and | withers.
- L** For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\*  
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
- C** You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
- L** For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- C** The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
- L** Who considers the power of your | anger;\*  
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
- C** So teach us to number | our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.
- L** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work  
of our hands up- | on us;\*  
yes, establish the work | of our hands!
- 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 5:1-11

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter five.

**A** <sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us

not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Standing*

# ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.





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



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

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup> “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’

<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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

## Third Part of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**P** How can water do such great things?

**C** **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."**

*Titus 3:5-8*

*Sitting*

"For those who live in the confidence that God is trustworthy and generous, they find more and more of that generosity; but for those who run and hide under the bed from a bad, mean, and scolding God, they condemn themselves to a life spent under the bed alone, quivering in needless fear. "To all those who have, more will be given . . . but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away" (Matt. 25:29)."

Thomas G. Long  
*Matthew*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 782

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## SERMON

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** 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

*Ricecar*

Orlando di Lasso

### MEDITATION

*Matthew 25:30a – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.*

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

**P** You have made us Your people and preserved us through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope. Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession and life, and give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and raise up those who will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Deliver all enemies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Deliver the nations from oppression and ungodly rulers and governments. Bless all in authority within our own nation, that righteousness may flourish and injustice end. Bless all those places where Your people teach and learn, that our children may honor You, walk in Your commands, and show forth in their lives the fruits of the Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Prevent all disaster and calamity, deliver us from war and violence, and spare us from pestilence. Help us to know and rejoice in the good fruits of the earth, bless all noble occupations, and help the arts to flourish, that our lives may be enriched by beauty. Help us to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of the earth You supply for our common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Receive with our song of praise and sacrifice of thanksgiving the tithes and offerings we bring, that, through good use of the skills, talents and time You have given us, You may be glorified in all we are and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give unity to Your people, that we may not be divided in doctrine or witness, and grant us grace, that we may come to the Lord's table and receive there the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in sincere repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the grieving hope and to the dying peace. Hear us especially on behalf of those who have requested our prayers [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain us in the day of trial, deliver us from all our enemies of body and soul, and keep us steadfast in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



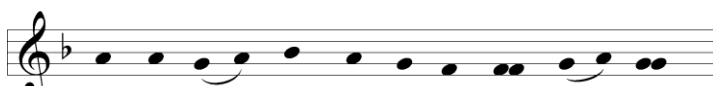
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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."

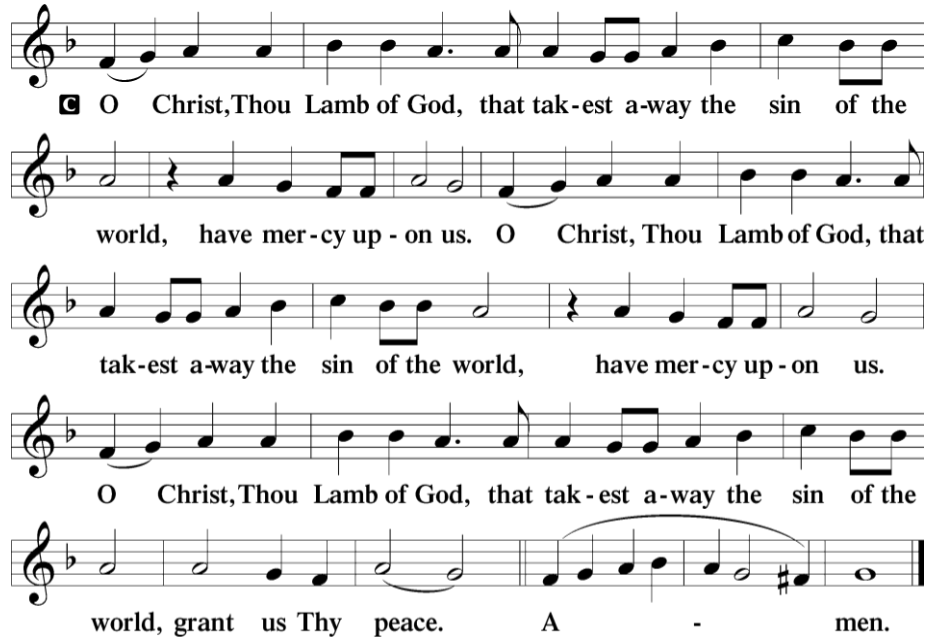
## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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.)

"The price paid for each Christian is the redeeming Blood of our Lord, and he, I insist, wants us to be both very human and very divine, struggling each day to imitate him who is *perfectus Deus, perfectus homo*."

J. Escrivá de Balaguer  
*Friends of God*



# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 785*

**"We Praise You, O God"**



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



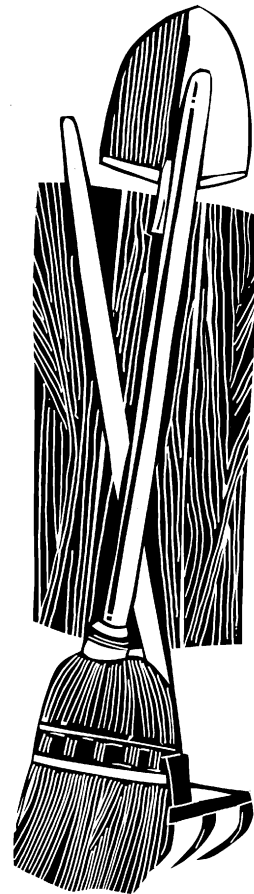
In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.




We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!



# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

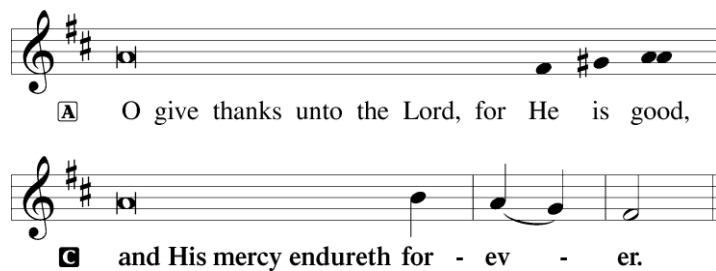
Luke 2:29-32



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.

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 one 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



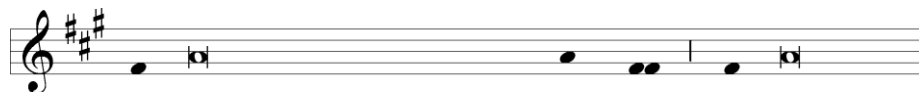
**A** Bless we the Lord.



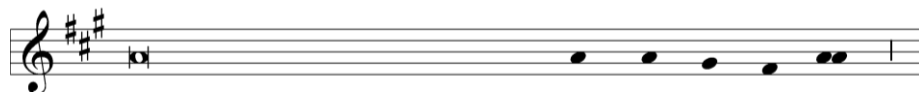
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

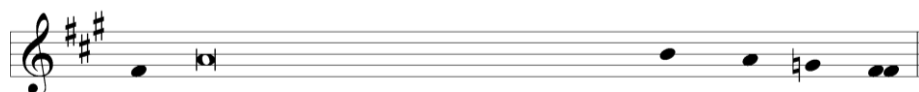
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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 917

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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# POSTLUDE

*Cathedral Prelude and Fugue*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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*

### **Altar Guild**

Anne Bigelow

### **Usher(s)**

Greg Ison/Brian Beckman

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

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Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Altar Guild**

Caitlin East/Lucie Woolery

### **Usher(s)**

Richard Drachenberg/Grayson Beckman

# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 11/15	<b>Twenty-Fourth 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 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 11/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 11/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/18	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 11/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 11/22	<b>Christ the King</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Baptismal Celebration Luncheon Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 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 compelling Bible study.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ **Adult Bible Study: *Paul's Epistle to the Romans***

Theme: Law and Gospel. Judgment and grace. Freedom and bondage. These are just a few of the powerful themes St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Christians at Rome. Masterfully, he uses such images to paint a vivid portrait of salvation in Christ Jesus. Come, uncover the beautiful picture of what life now looks like on account of your Savior.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning on a date yet to be determined

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, December 5 at 10:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

# *Beauty* ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

## ✦ **Additional Divine Service**

Theme: A second Divine Service sung a cappella is available every Sunday for those who would prefer a smaller gathering.

Day & Time: Sundays at noon

Location: Church sanctuary

## ✦ **Ringers of Ascension: Bell Choir Rehearsals**

Theme: For those of you in the bell choir, your presence is requested for two rehearsals. If you're not already a member of the Ringers of Ascension but would like to be, please contact our Director of Music, Debbie Dickensheets, to find out more information: [music.director@ascension-lcms.com](mailto:music.director@ascension-lcms.com).

Days & Times: Sunday, November 15 from 11:30 A.M. – Noon  
Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

## ✦ **Christmas Poinsettias for Sale**

Theme: Believe it or not, Christmas is already just around the corner. In a little over a month, we will be celebrating the birth of our newborn Savior. To add color and festivity to the coming holiday services, you're welcome to purchase one or more red poinsettias. For a week during the Advent season and all through the Christmas services, they will adorn the chancel. Whether you attend the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service, you may take home your purchased poinsettia(s). All poinsettia arrangements are available for \$16 apiece, and are payable by check or cash in a clearly marked envelope in the offering plate. Please indicate on the enclosed order form if you'd like to dedicate your poinsettia in the memory or honor of a special loved one.

Day & Time: Deadline: Sunday, December 6



# 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 are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. 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.

## ✦ Baptismal Celebration Luncheon

Theme: The Baptism of Luka Hobbes Beckman, son of Isaac and Bekah Beckman, will take place Sunday, November 22. You're invited to attend a special luncheon in celebration of the joyous occasion. The food is being catered at no cost to you. All you need to bring is *you!*

Day & Time: Sunday, November 22 immediately following the Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ Christmas Decorating Party

Theme: Join the Ascension family for our annual Christmas Decorating Party. It is a fun time of trimming the trees, hanging the garlands, and enjoying each other's company. Although not required, all are welcome to bring a snack and/or beverage to share. Don't miss this time-honored tradition!

Day & Time: Sunday, December 6 immediately following the Divine Service

Location: Church sanctuary

## ✦ Angel Tree: Providing Christmas Joy to Children in Need

Theme: Through the Angel Tree program, our congregation has adopted two children, Keyatta and Edwin. If you would like to contribute to providing them with Christmas gifts, you may do so in one of two ways. You may either provide a financial donation toward Ascension's Angel Tree efforts, in which case we will do the shopping for you, or you may purchase the items yourself and include a gift receipt with your purchase. The requested items are as follows:

Keyatta (age 10): LOL Dolls; tablet; doll house

Shirt size: X-Large

Pants size: 15

Shoe size: 8.5

Edwin (age 11): Winter clothes; hoodie; remote control car; tablet (loves Batman)

Shirt size: N/A

Pants size: 11/11

Shoe size: 2.5

Day & Time: Deadline: Sunday, November 29

Location: Drop off: Church office

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

✝ Lucie Woolery, 11/18

✝ Tracy Woolery, 11/19

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

✝ None this week

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **Membership Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

✝ Kenya

*For comfort, health, and healing:*

✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)

✝ Edwin Fisher (friend of the congregation)

✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)

✝ Marilyn Morr (grandmother of J.P. Morr)

✝ Lourdes Rosnoski (mother-in-law of Martin Kunkel)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

✝ 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)

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)

✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)

✝ Homero Salgado (Maintenance Manager)

✝ Marisa Sanders (cousin of Pastor Miller)

*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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