

# Trinitytide

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*The Sunday of the Widow's Son*



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN  
*Truth, Beauty, Goodness*

## ABOUT TODAY'S THEME – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### ***Jesus Calls forth Life from Death***

*A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

*\*Image on front cover: “Widow of Nain” by Michael Spencer Parker.*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.  
DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE  
UAC XXIV: *Retinetur enim missa apud nos et summa reverentia celebratur.*



PRELUDE

*Ciacona*

Georg Muffat

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 548*

**“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”**



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on  
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
Thou were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,  
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con-quired in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is  
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

# 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.

*Standing*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5*



**L** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.  
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

**L** Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
for I am poor and | needy.

**C** In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,\*  
for you | answer me.

**L** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\*  
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

**C** For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\*  
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**L** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.  
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



**C** 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



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

## 1 Kings 17:17-24

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity is from 1 Kings, chapter 17.

**A** <sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"

<sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup> And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." <sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



**L** Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.

**C** For the LORD builds up | Zion;\*  
he appears in his | glory.

## EPISTLE

## Ephesians 3:13-21

**A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter three.

**A** <sup>13</sup> So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

“Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, the faith is false and not true.”

*Smalcald Articles III XIII 1-4*



## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Psalms 115:11*



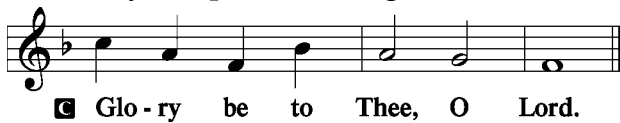
**L** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 7:11-17**

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



**P** <sup>11</sup> Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> Then he came

up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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



## NICENE CREED

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

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

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

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## The First Commandment

- P** What is the First Commandment?
- C** You shall have no other gods.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 758*

**"The Will of God Is Always Best"**



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -  
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -  
3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this  
4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am

ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;  
bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,  
fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,  
leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"

He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In  
I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His  
Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My  
Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I

time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -  
Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and  
fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing; All who be -  
now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and

pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.  
day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.  
lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.  
hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

## SERMON

"By sin, all people sold themselves to Satan, becoming servants and subjects of his kingdom. Therefore, when Christ wanted to redeem men and save them, He came, as the true owner of all people's souls, to conquer Satan, to destroy his kingdom, to remove his plunder from him, to free us from his dark power, and to lead us through the kingdom of grace into the kingdom of eternal glory. Christ did this mainly by His bloody death of atonement on the cross for all the sins of the world. By this, the head of the snake was totally crushed and all people were completely redeemed."

C.F.W. Walther (1811 - 1887)

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

*Sonata for Violin and continuo in F Major Op. 1 nr. 12 Allegro*

Georg F. Handel

MEDITATION

***Ephesians 3:14-15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”*** We don’t call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers. It’s the other way around – God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. God is the real and true Father. He is kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

“If we do not dare to approach men who are in power except with humility and reverence when we wish to ask a favor, how much must we make requests of the Lord God of all things with all humility and purity of devotion? And let us be assured that it is not in many words, but it is by hearts [declared] pure and with repentant tears, that we are heard.”

St. Benedict of Nursia (c. 480 – c. 547)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

*Brief silence*

**P** Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to put an end to death. Keep us from losing heart in the face of sorrow, strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ, that through Him we will no longer weep. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You provide for our needs in countless ways. Protect all laborers. Grant that their work would be done not from self-interest, but in love for their neighbors. Sustain the unemployed and underemployed, and enable them to find ways to fully utilize the gifts You have bestowed on them for the benefit of all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, in many and various ways You spoke to Your people of old by the prophets; now in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son. Spread Your saving truth to the nations through Your superabundant means. Guide also the members of the media as they carry out their work, that all communication may be accomplished in the light of truth and be pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Comforter, You gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain so they would not be left alone. Provide faithful friends and companions to our shut-ins and those who live alone, that they may be encouraged in faith toward You and love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Father, in His compassion Your Son responded to the need of the widow of Nain and raised her son from death to life. Have mercy on all who are ill or receiving treatments [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Relieve them of their discomfort and grant them healing and recovery according to Your will, that they may glorify You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Ever-present God, as You once visited Your people in the person of Your Son, so Christ continues to visit Your people now with His body and blood in the Holy Supper. Grant that those who receive the Sacrament this day would receive these gifts in true faith, trusting Your Word that, in this meal, the forgiveness of all sins is delivered to them by the Savior's own divine promise. 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.**

# 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord 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 <sup>†</sup> 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



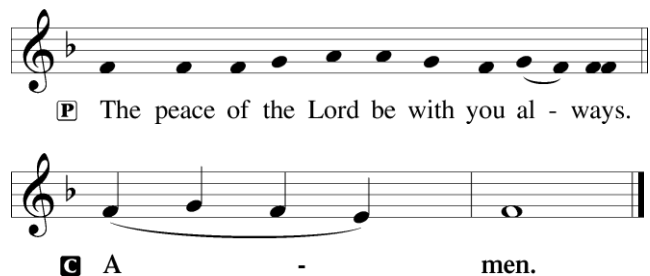
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

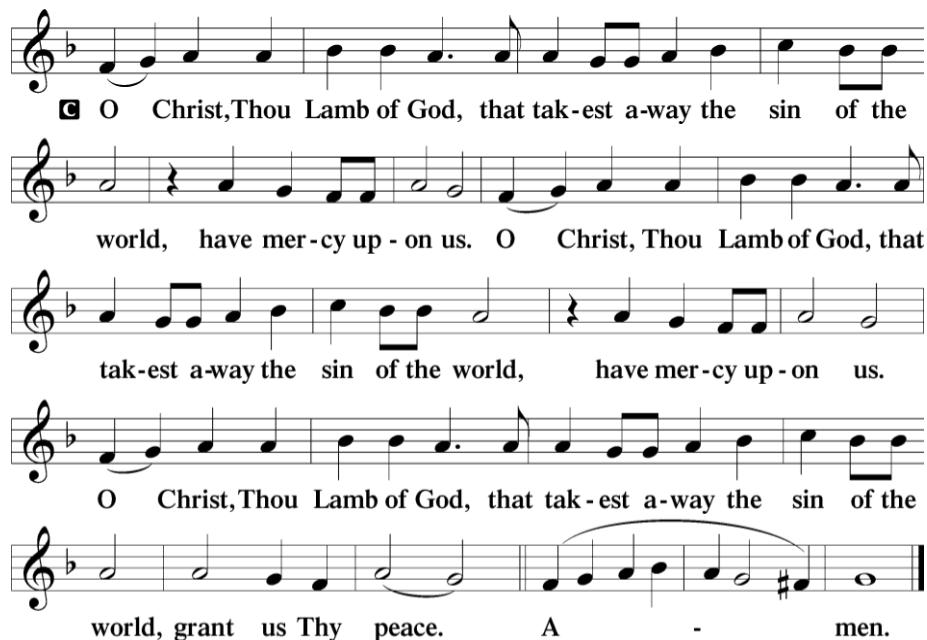
## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



*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

*Partita 1 Double for unaccompanied violin*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Lutheran Service Book 625*

**"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. . . . [I]t is the same death every time—death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man . . . . [O]nly the man who is dead to his own will can follow Christ. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to die, with all our affections and lusts. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and . . . the baptism in the name of [Christ] . . . means both death and life."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 - 1945)

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

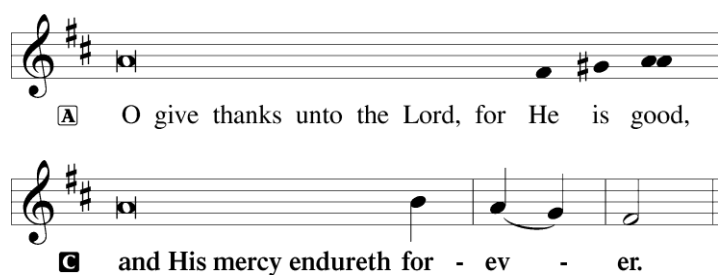
Luke 2:29-32



**C** 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

Psalms 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** 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.

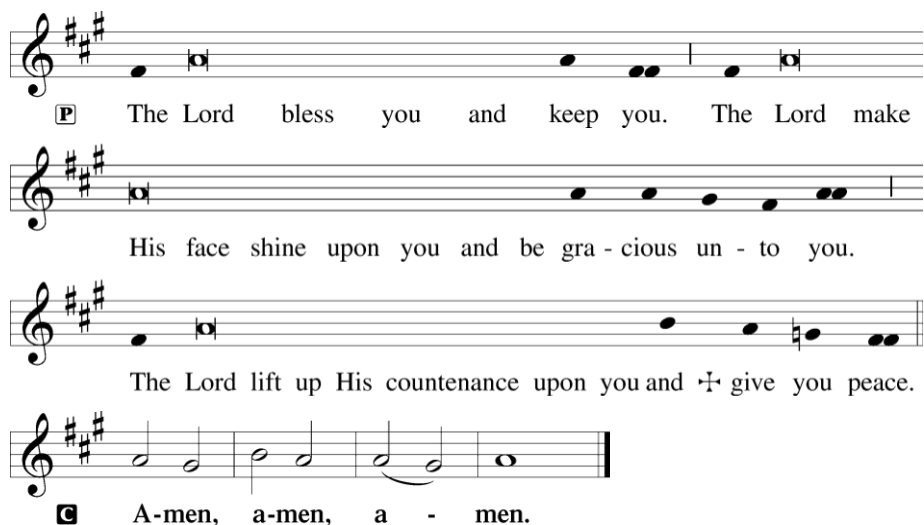
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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

*Lutheran Service Book 818*

**"In Thee Is Gladness"**

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the  
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Grayson Beckman, *Elder*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Violinist**

Mayu Tsuda Sommovigo

### **Altar Guild**

Caitlin East/Linda Rathje

### **Usher(s)**

Richard Drachenberg/Tom Lawton

### **Greeter(s)**

The Schoellen family

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Durden family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

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### **Altar Guild**

Lucie Woolery/Jill Drachenberg

### **Usher(s)**

Justin Ledford/Brian Beckman

### **Greeter(s)**

TBD

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 9/19	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Case for Faith</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 9/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 9/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/22	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 9/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 9/26	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Case for Faith</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following worship



✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The Case for Faith***

Theme: From the back cover: *"Doubt is familiar territory for Lee Strobel, the former atheist and New York Times bestselling author of books for skeptics and Christians. But he believes that faith and reason go hand in hand, and that Christianity is a defensible religion."*

*"In this six-session revised small group Bible study, Strobel explores the most common emotional obstacles to faith in Christ. These include the natural inclination to wrestle with faith and doubt, the troubling presence of evil and suffering in the world, and the exclusivity of the Christian gospel. They also include this compelling question: Can I doubt and be a Christian?"*

*"Through compelling personal stories and expert testimony combined with reflection and interaction, you will learn how to overcome these obstacles, deepen your spiritual convictions, and find new confidence that Christianity is a reasonable faith."*

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from September 12 through October 17

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ **Book Club: *Uncle Tom's Cabin***

Theme: From the back cover: *"Harriet Beecher Stowe was appalled by slavery, and she took one of the few options open to nineteenth century women who wanted to affect public opinion: she wrote a novel, a huge, enthralling narrative that claimed the heart, soul, and politics of millions of her contemporaries. Uncle Tom's Cabin paints pictures of three plantations, each worse than the other, where even the best plantation leaves a slave at the mercy of fate or debt. Her questions remain penetrating even today: "Can man ever be trusted with wholly irresponsible power?"*

*"First published more than 150 years ago, this monumental work is today being reexamined by critics, scholars, and students. Though "Uncle Tom" has become a synonym for a fawning black yes-man, Stowe's Tom is actually American literature's first black hero, a man who suffers for refusing to obey his oppressors. Uncle Tom's Cabin is a living, relevant story, passionate in its vivid depiction of the cruelest forms of injustice and inhumanity-and the courage it takes to fight against them."*

Day & Time: Sunday, November 7 at 3:30 PM

Location: Church fellowship hall

# *Pathos* ~ BEAUTY

## ✝ Divine Service

Theme: A feast for the senses! Experience the gracious presence of the Lord in Word and Sacrament through liturgy and song. Dazzling to the eye, enticing to the ear, tantalizing to the taste, gentle to the touch, fragrant to the nose, the Church engages you in every way. Prepare to have an encounter with the divine.

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

Location: Church sanctuary

## ✝ Private Confession

Theme: Know the peace of a clear conscience and the renewed joy of a soul that has been set free from sin. This gift can be yours through Private Confession. It is a unique opportunity to help you in your spiritual battle, and grow you into Christian maturity. The Lord wants to apply His grace to you in a personal and intimate way.

Day & Time: Call Pastor Miller or email him at [pastor@ascension-lcms.com](mailto:pastor@ascension-lcms.com) to schedule an appointment.

Location: Church sanctuary

# *Ethos* ~ GOODNESS

## ✝ 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.



✝ **UPDATE: Rev. Dr. Jonathan and Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, Missionaries to the D.R.**

*August 24, 2021*

*Dear Pastor and beloved members of Ascension,*

*We just want to send a note to say thank you so much for your faithful financial support and also for your prayers on behalf of our work here in the Dominican Republic and Latin America!*

*Pastor Jonathan did quite a bit of “filling in” for other missionary pastors who were on “home service” over the past three months. Now he is preparing for a new academic year at the seminary, which will include the dedication of the seminary library which he oversees.*

*For my part, I am currently planning several Disaster Response workshops in Argentina and Bolivia. Last week I organized some medical supplies to go into Haiti with some of our DR missionaries when they go to assess the needs for our Lutheran churches there. The LCMS disaster response office partners with our missionaries here on the ground to help provide the assistance that is needed when countries have these natural disasters.*

*Thank you for your partnership in this mission. It is truly a privilege to be able to continue to witness to the salvation that our Heavenly Father lovingly provides through Jesus Christ! The harvest here is white and people are eager to hear the Good News. What a joy to see such a thing!*

*Love in Christ,*

*Pastor Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl*

✝ **LCA Stewardship: Focus On Time**

**Theme:** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod defines Christian stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the Church in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

Hopefully, during the months of July and August, the Treasures Allocation Spreadsheets helped your family determine how to allocate your “Treasures.”

Now, for the months of September and October, the focus will be on God’s gift of “Time.” To assist with the management of your time in balancing the 5 aspects of life (Faith, Relationships, Physical Health, Finances, and Self) you will be receiving via email worksheets on planning and recording your time. These can be used by all the members of your family.

Hopefully, these tools will be helpful to you and your family to become better stewards of God’s gift of time, which He has bestowed on you all. Please contact Clara Smith, the Chair of Stewardship, for more information. Email: [clara.smith@mindspring.com](mailto:clara.smith@mindspring.com). Cell: (678) 438-1756.

## ✝ **Feed the Homeless Event**

**Theme:** In lieu of our typical Feed the Homeless Day event, we are once again offering an alternative way for Ascension members and friends to share the love and mercy of Christ in our Atlanta community. Will you consider contributing in one (or more) of the following three ways?

- Donating items (toiletries, non-perishable food and fruit, water bottles, protein bars) or money for MARTA cards and necessities
- Helping to pack items
- Helping to deliver item

The goal is to provide lunch, as well as MARTA cards, small backpacks, socks and a life necessities bag to include soap, deoderant, a small flashlight, and sanitary items for personal use, to approximately 500 homeless people. Stepping Stone Mission and At-Promise Center will help distribute the donations to those in need through their respective organizations. Thank you for your help! Please contact Jason Schoellen to volunteer or if you have any questions (jasonschoellen@comcast.net).

**Days:** Deadline for donations: Sunday, September 12  
Day for packing items: Friday, September 24  
Day for delivering items: Saturday, September 25

**Location:** Donations collected in designated container located in the church office

## ✝ **Reformation Party**

**Theme:** Celebrate over 500 years of the Reformation and our evangelical faith! Not only will we observe Reformation Day in Divine Service, but you're invited to partake of a special luncheon afterwards with brats and beer. Families A-L please bring a dessert. Families M-Z please bring a side. Happy Reformation!

**Day & Time:** Sunday, October 31 after Divine Service

**Location:** Church fellowship hall

## ✝ **Chili Cook-Off**

**Theme:** Everyone's favorite event is returning for 2021. Enter your best chili for a chance to win a prize for Tastiest Chili, Most Original Chili, or Spiciest Chili. Even if you're not entering, join the fun and cast your votes!

**Day & Time:** Sunday, November 21 after Divine Service

**Location:** Church fellowship hall

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

✝ Adrian Popescu, 9/25

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

✝ None this week

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

✝ Isaac & Bekah Beckman, 9/22

✝ Brian & Darlene Beckman, 9/23

## **Membership Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

✝ Afghanistan

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

✝ Unborn child of Isaac & Bekah Beckman

✝ Melanie Beauchamp (sister of Jason Schoellen)

✝ Anne Bigelow

✝ Danielle Darnell (cousin of Kati Durden)

✝ Ezra Hoffman (baby of Lauren Morr's friend)

✝ Mary Huntoon (sister of Anne Bigelow)

✝ James McFerrin (grandfather of Open Arms family)

✝ Betty McMurray (aunt of Michelle Noel)

✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)

✝ Michelle Noel

✝ Michael Ocepek (brother-in-law of Eileen Buehl)

*Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:*

✝ Thomas Hafner

### **Ongoing Requests**

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ Mary Greene (neighbor of Ruth Henry)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

✝ Bill Vester

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & 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 Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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