

Trinitytide

AUGUST 16, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

LET US COME BEFORE GOD WITH THE HUMILITY OF THE TAX COLLECTOR, RECOGNIZING OUR SIN AND OUR NEED FOR HIS MERCY. CHRIST HAS FULFILLED THE PROMISES OF SCRIPTURE THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, AND BY HOLY ABSOLUTION HE INVITES US TO RECEIVE THAT MERCY PERSONALLY AND BEGIN ANEW. LET US EXAMINE OUR HEARTS HONESTLY, MAKE A SINCERE CONFESSION, AND APPROACH THE ALTAR WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH, TRUSTING NOT IN OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS BUT IN THE SAVING GRACE OF CHRIST.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF YOUR GLORY. GIVE US HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEARTS, THAT THROUGH HOLY ABSOLUTION WE MAY RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS, BE RENEWED BY THE GRACE OF CHRIST, AND APPROACH YOUR ALTAR WITH FAITH, REVERENCE, AND THANKSGIVING; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved" (Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a).



While joyful conversation is encouraged in the narthex, please enter the sanctuary in silence out of respect for those in prayer.

PRELUDE

St. Crispin ("God Loved the World So That He Gave," LSB 571) Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

When the bell tolls, please stand and face the processional cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 560

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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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.



XAMINING OUR HEARTS BEFORE CONFESSION:

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT: "YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE." LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM TEACHES THAT WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT SCHEME TO GET OUR NEIGHBOR'S INHERITANCE OR HOUSE, OR OBTAIN IT IN A WAY THAT ONLY APPEARS RIGHT, BUT INSTEAD HELP AND BE OF SERVICE TO OUR NEIGHBOR IN KEEPING IT. HAVE I ENVIED OR DESIRED WHAT BELONGS TO MY NEIGHBOR—HIS HOME, POSSESSIONS, SUCCESS, RELATIONSHIPS, OR OPPORTUNITIES? HAVE I COMPARED MYSELF WITH OTHERS RATHER THAN GIVING THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS?

DO I REJOICE IN MY NEIGHBOR'S GOOD, OR SECRETLY RESENT IT? LORD, FORGIVE MY COVETOUS HEART AND TEACH ME TO BE CONTENT, GRATEFUL, AND GENEROUS TOWARD MY NEIGHBOR.

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

INTROIT

Psalm 68:35b, 1; antiphon: Psalm 68:5b-6a



L God is in His holy habi- | tation.*
He is God who setteth the solitary in | families.

L The God of Israel is He that | giveth strength*
and power unto His | people.

C Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered;*
let them also that hate Him flee be- | fore Him.



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.

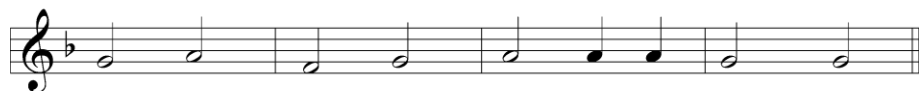
L God is in His holy habi- | tation.*
He is God who setteth the solitary in | families.

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



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in all caps and some in title case. The score consists of 12 lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "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."

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us that which our prayer dare not presume to ask; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



G A - men.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Genesis 4:1–15

- A** The Prophecy is written in the book of Genesis, the fourth chapter.

- A** In those days: Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to

Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground."

- A** “So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.” And Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



- L** My heart trusteth in God, and | I am helped;*
therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I | praise Him.
- C** Unto Thee will I cry, O LORD, | my Rock;*
be not silent to me; hear the voice of my suppli- | cations.

EPISTLE

- A** The Epistle is written in the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.
- A** Brethren: I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again
- the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen of Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me, as by one born out of due time.

A For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am,

and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 88:1



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

L O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–14

P The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P At that time: Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I

give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*
the Father Almighty, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*
very God of very God, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30; 17:22*
by Whom all things were made; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*
Who for us men and for our salvation *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*
came down from heaven *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*
He suffered and was buried. *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*
and ascended into heaven *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*
and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 614

“As Surely as I Live,” God Said



1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and
3 “All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will
see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from
preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My
par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you
loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the
er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days.”
par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.
will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n.”

**5 The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.**

**6 When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.**

**7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.**

**△ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!**

SERMON

TAKE GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

THESE READINGS SHOW HOW CHRIST FULFILLS GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION REVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. GENESIS 4:1-15 REVEALS THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF SIN, WHILE 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-10 PROCLAIMS THAT CHRIST DIED AND ROSE AGAIN TO CONQUER SIN AND FULFILL THE SCRIPTURES. IN LUKE 18:9-14, JESUS TEACHES THAT SALVATION COMES THROUGH HUMBLE REPENTANCE AND TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY, NOT PRIDE OR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. TOGETHER, THEY CALL US TO RECOGNIZE OUR NEED FOR CHRIST, TRUST IN HIS SAVING WORK, HUMBLY REPENT, AND EXTEND HIS MERCY AND FORGIVENESS TO OTHERS.

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

Southwell ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me," LSB 610)

Setting by Edwin T. Childs

Standing

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 Be merciful to us, heavenly Father, for daily we are tempted by Satan, and daily we sin and transgress Your will. For the sake of Christ Jesus and His bitter suffering and death upon the cross, forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, who raised Your Son from the dead, raise up men in Your Church with the humble conviction of St. Paul to labor abundantly for the sake of preaching Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, Father of all, build up the families of Your Church, that they may share Your own love and provide for their own, in Your name and with Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, be merciful to our land, that those with any authority would exercise it with wisdom and righteousness, and that we would have peaceful days. Be merciful to the nations of the world, that wars would cease and harmony be restored. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, settle the solitary into the family of Your Church, and go before all Your people in their trials [*especially* _____]. Grant them to rejoice in Your goodness and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, bless us as we prepare to receive Your gifts in the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and confirm us in the knowledge that You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

Please remain standing.

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.

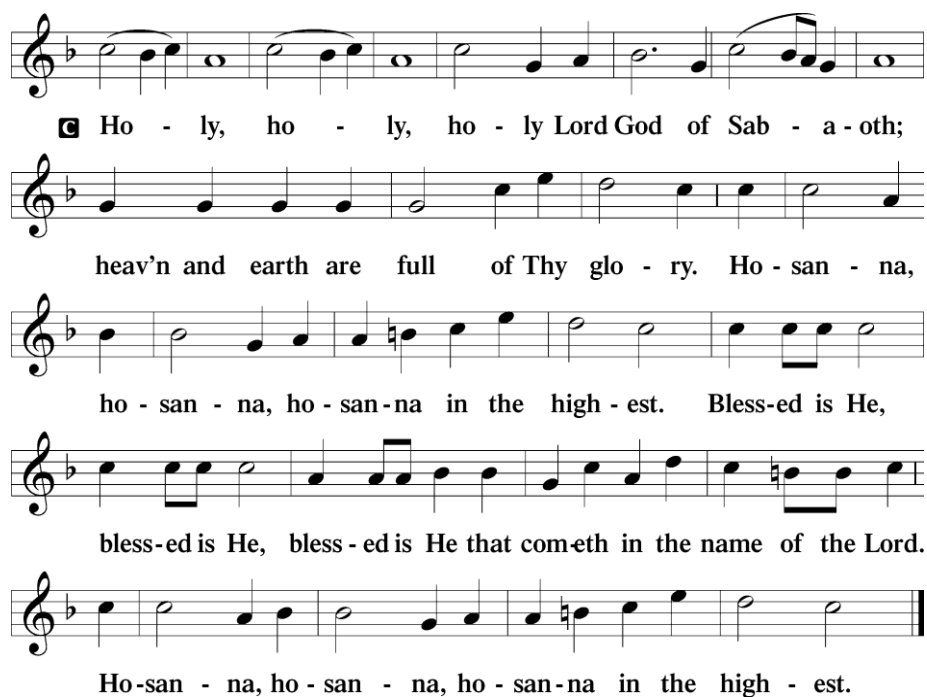
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



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.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P Our Lord 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 ̣ 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 ̣ 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."

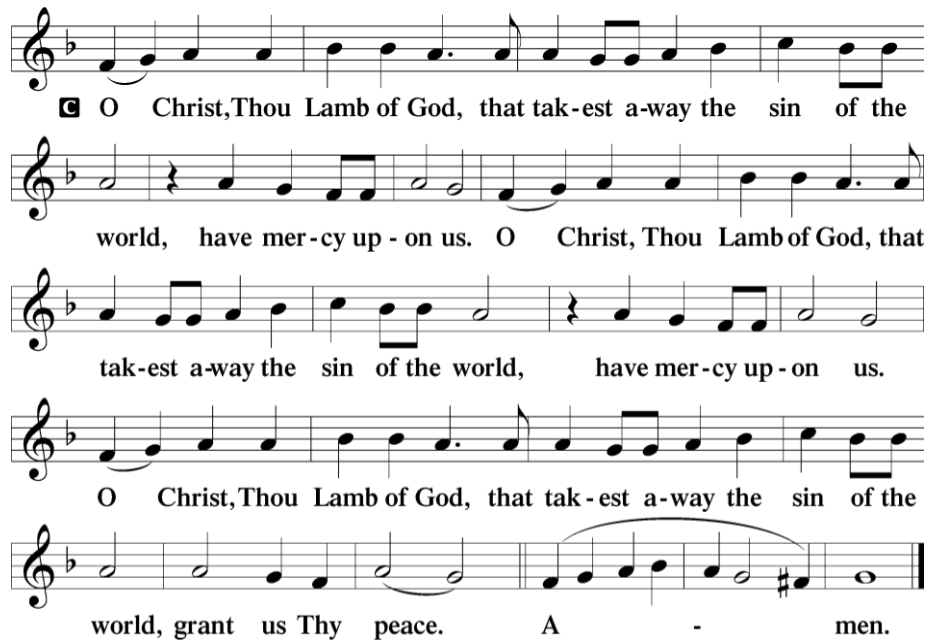
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

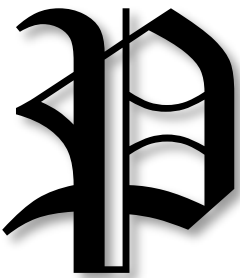
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



Sitting

All guests and visitors in attendance for the first time, who have not yet announced their intention to receive Holy Communion, are asked to please refrain until having spoken to Pastor Miller or an elder beforehand. We invite anyone to come forward with arms crossed over chest in the shape of an "X" to receive a pastoral blessing. This is in accordance with Lutheran practice ("The custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved [1 Corinthians 11:27-28]" (Augsburg Confession XXV:1:)).



REPARING OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND OUR NEED FOR YOUR GRACE. BY THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR PROMISES AND WON FOR US FORGIVENESS AND LIFE. GRANT US HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEARTS, THAT TRUSTING NOT IN OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS BUT IN CHRIST ALONE, WE MAY COME TO HIS TABLE WITH FAITH AND THANKSGIVING, RECEIVE HIS BODY AND BLOOD FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS, AND BE RENEWED TO WALK IN LOVE AND MERCY TOWARD OUR NEIGHBOR; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

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

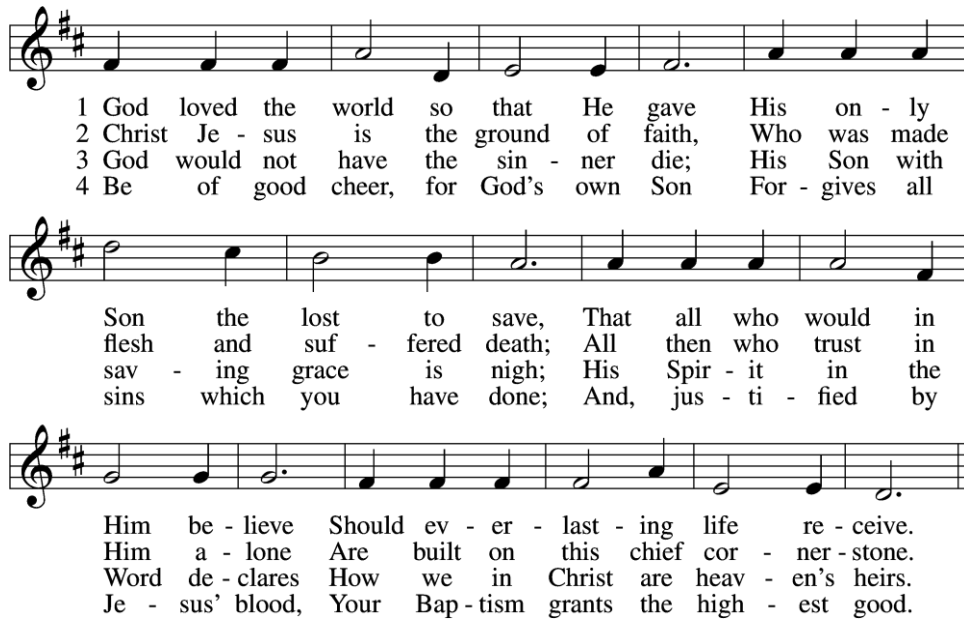


for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



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!

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!**

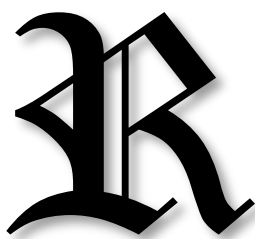
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1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,

From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAVE WON FORGIVENESS AND LIFE FOR US. WE THANK YOU FOR FEEDING US WITH HIS HOLY BODY AND BLOOD AND ASSURING US OF YOUR MERCY. KEEP US HUMBLE AND STEADFAST IN FAITH, FREE US FROM ENVY AND SIN, AND STRENGTHEN US TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS CHRIST HAS LOVED AND SERVED US; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

Standing

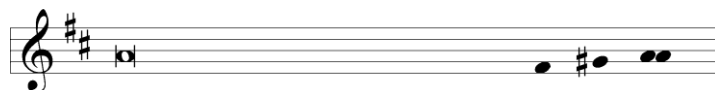
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

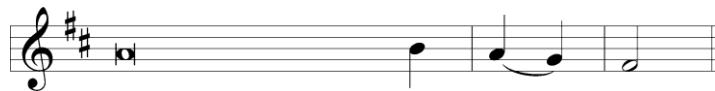
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to 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



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 beseech Thee, O Lord, that we who have received this holy Sacrament may feel Thy help in mind and body: that, being cured in both, we may glory in the fullness of Thy heavenly healing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



C A - men.

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 $\dagger$ give you peace.
G A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 793

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,

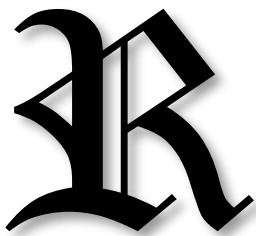
Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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POSTLUDE





RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GRACE YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON US IN THIS HOLY MASS AND FOR THE FORGIVENESS AND LIFE WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH CHRIST. RENEW OUR HEARTS BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY LEAVE THIS PLACE STRENGTHENED IN FAITH, HUMBLLED BY YOUR MERCY, CONTENT WITH YOUR GIFTS, AND FREED FROM PRIDE, ENVY, AND SIN. HELP US TO CARRY THE LOVE OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, REJOICING IN OUR NEIGHBOR'S GOOD AND SERVING OTHERS IN HUMILITY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Jude Miller, *Acolyte/Gospel Bearer*

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Altar Guild

Margaret Beckman/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Ryan Licht

(Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

SERVING NEXT WEEK

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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The May family

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 8/16	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Going Big! The Large Catechism</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 8/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 8/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 8/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 8/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 8/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 8/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's Group: Tubing on the Chattahoochee	Closed Closed 11:00 AM
Sunday 8/23	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>'Christ Is Risen Indeed'</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Women's Group: Sunday Brunch	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

LOVING THE LORD

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and great commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38).

✝ **Adult Bible Study: LCMS Convention Bible Study: ‘Christ Is Risen Indeed’**

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning August 23.
Church fellowship hall

The 2026 convention Bible study explores the convention theme, which is based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22:

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

✝ **Michaelmas: St. Michael and All Angels**

Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate Michaelmas, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, with a special Mass honoring the heavenly hosts and giving thanks for God's protection and providential care. Michaelmas is one of the Church's principal feasts, reminding us of the victory of Christ over evil, the ministry of the angels as God's servants and messengers, and our own calling to stand firm in faith and holiness. Gathering for this sacred celebration allows us to unite in worship with the whole Church, receive the grace of the Holy Eucharist, and renew our confidence in God's constant presence and protection. We warmly invite all parishioners and visitors to attend this joyful feast as we honor St. Michael and all the holy angels and deepen our appreciation for their role in God's saving work.

✝ LCMS Young Adult Conference: *In the World, But Not of the World*

January 15-17, 2027
Faith Lutheran Church
1620 Pinehurst Road
Dunedin, FL 34698

In the World, But Not of the World is the 2027 LCMS Young Adults Conference, designed to equip young Christian adults (single or married, ages 18-35) to navigate today's cultural challenges through the lens of God's Word. Through biblical teaching and worship, thoughtful discussion, and practical application, all will be encouraged to stand firm in Christ while faithfully serving their neighbors.

Join other young adults for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and theology. Conference sessions will explore practical guidance for living out our faith in the home, the church, and the world. There will be time for fellowship with other young adults from across the country, and opportunities to worship together during Matins, Vespers, and the Divine Service on Sunday. Register by November 1, 2026 for an early bird discount! Registration: <https://faithdunedin.org/young-adults/>

The conference begins on Friday, January 15 at 6 PM. It concludes with the Divine Service on Sunday, January 17. Dinner will be provided on Friday, and meals will also be provided on Saturday. The full schedule will be released closer to the date of the conference.

Speakers include:

- The Rev. Andy Sorenson (Host)
Faith Lutheran Church, Dunedin, FL
- The Rev. Andrew Apple
First Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL
- The Rev. Roberto Rojas
Zion Lutheran Church, Winter Garden, FL
- The Rev. Luke Onken
Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer, MN

✝ Sermons on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta/videos>

Did you miss a Sunday service, want to revisit a sermon that especially spoke to you, or share God's Word with a friend or family member? Our weekly sermons are available on YouTube for your convenience. We encourage all members to subscribe to our YouTube channel and check back regularly for new sermon recordings. Whether you watch immediately after Sunday worship or revisit sermons throughout the week, we pray these messages continue to strengthen your faith and keep you rooted in God's Word.

✝ Private Confession and Absolution

Available by appointment

Have you considered making use of Private Confession and Absolution? Pastor Miller is available by appointment to hear confession and proclaim Christ's forgiveness personally and individually. While many Lutherans are familiar with corporate confession during the Divine Service, private confession has always been a treasured part of our Lutheran heritage. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages Christians to make use of confession and receive the comfort of absolution from their pastor. This gift is not something to fear or avoid—it is simply part of living the Christian life of repentance as a Lutheran. If you would like to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution, please contact Pastor Miller.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

"And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39).

✝ Men's Group: Tubing on the Chattahoochee

Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 A.M. (plan for a 4.5 hour float)

Meetup Spot (\$5 parking):

Morgan Falls Overlook Parking Lot

400 Morgan Falls Road

Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Exit Spot:

5450 Interstate North Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30328

Come for a relaxing afternoon floating down the Chattahoochee River! The trip will last a few hours, so come ready to enjoy the water and good fellowship. Be sure to wear appropriate river attire, including a swimsuit, sunglasses, a hat, water shoes or sandals with straps, and don't forget sunscreen. Feel free to bring your own beer and any other beverages or snacks you'd like for the float. Direct all questions to Will Davis or Grayson Beckman. We hope you'll join us for a fun day on the river!

✝ **Women's Group: Sunday Brunch**

Sunday, August 23 at 12:15 P.M.

Southern Bistro

4920 Roswell Road, Suite 55

Sandy Springs, GA 30342

All ladies of the congregation are invited for brunch out after church for good food and great conversation! If you plan to attend, please text or email Jeni Miller by August 16 so that a reservation can be made.

✝ **End of Summer Pool Party**

Saturday, September 5 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Fellowship Pool

600 Nickajack Road SW

Mableton, GA 30126

Join the Ascension family for a pool party to mark the end of summer 2026! Come to swim or just hang out poolside. This event is open to any Ascension members and their friends -- please RSVP to Jeni Miller for an accurate head count. Popsicles will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack, treat or drink to share (non-alcoholic per pool rules). A small cost of \$5 per person will cover the guest fees (cash or Venmo). See you at the pool!

✝ **Stepping Stone Mission: "Feed the Homeless" Donations**

Saturday, September 26 (Donations to be received no later than Sunday, September 20.

Donations may be received in the church office.

Our congregation is grateful to partner with Stepping Stone Mission in its upcoming Feed the Homeless event as we seek to serve our neighbors in need with Christ's love and compassion. While a variety of donations will be distributed during the event, our church has been asked to focus specifically on collecting clothing. Donations of any type of clothing, in any size, are greatly appreciated. New clothing is preferred whenever possible, but clean, gently used items are also welcome. As we approach the winter months, coats, sweaters, hoodies, blankets, gloves, hats, and other warm clothing are especially needed. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us care for those in our community who are in need. Your gifts will be a tangible expression of Christ's love and mercy to those we serve.

✚ Book Club: *The Feast* by Margaret Kennedy

Details TBD

About *The Feast*:

An ingenious, upstairs-downstairs tragicomedy that unfolds like a thriller, set at a doomed seaside resort in Postwar England.

Summer, 1947. A bizarre catastrophe rocks a seaside village in Cornwall when a cliff tumbles down on the Pendizack Manor Hotel. The hotel is obliterated, and seven guests are killed in the disaster. Everyone else makes a narrow escape. As the survivors tell their stories, the events of the previous week are revealed, and a parade of sins exposed. Gluttony, Lecherousness, Sloth, Pride, Covetousness, Envy and Wrath: all are in residence at Pendizack Manor, and as the day of the disaster creeps closer, it becomes clear that who's spared and who's lost might not be as arbitrary as first assumed.

With the rich characterization of a classic Victorian novel and the pacing of psychological thriller, The Feast is sly, kaleidoscopic, and utterly ingenious: a novel that only Margaret Kennedy could have written.

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting"
(1 Timothy 2:8).

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ JoJo May, 8/19
- ✝ Alexis Schelp, 8/21

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Yu Shia Dieska
- ✝ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ Arthur Hayes (cook at Open Arms LCDC)
- ✝ Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- ✝ Hazel Krenzke (friend of the Millers)
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)
- ✝ Jessica Zickler (friend of the Millers)

Special Requests

- ✝ All expectant mothers and their unborn children, especially Margaret Beckman, Haley Licht, Katie Licht, and Lizzie Schnell; for health and safety.
- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, for a fair wage and meaningful employment.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Marion & Robbie Griffin
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his pastoral formation.

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & 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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