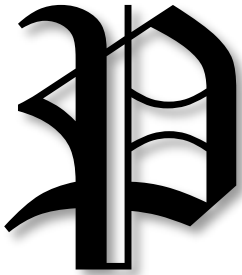


Trinitytide

AUGUST 23, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE FOR HOLY MASS, LET US ASK CHRIST TO OPEN OUR EARS TO HIS WORD, OUR EYES TO HIS PRESENCE, AND OUR HEARTS TO HIS GRACE. AS HE HEALED THE DEAF MAN IN THE GOSPEL, MAY HE FREE US FROM WHATEVER PREVENTS US FROM HEARING AND RESPONDING TO GOD, RENEWING US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND DRAWING US CLOSER TO HIMSELF IN THE EUCHARIST.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, OPEN OUR EARS TO YOUR WORD AND OUR HEARTS TO YOUR GRACE. THROUGH CHRIST, RENEW US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE YOU WITH FAITH AND LOVE AND BE TRANSFORMED TO LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL; THROUGH THE SAME 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

Twenty-Fourth ("O Son of God, in Galilee," LSB 741)

Setting by Charles Callahan

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 908

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the
Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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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.



EXAMINING OUR HEARTS BEFORE CONFESSION:

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, HIS MANSERVANT OR MAIDSERVANT, HIS OX OR DONKEY, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S. *WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?* WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT SCHEME TO GET OUR NEIGHBOR'S INHERITANCE OR HOUSE, OR GET IT IN A WAY WHICH APPEARS RIGHT, BUT HELP AND BE OF SERVICE TO HIM IN KEEPING IT.

LET US EXAMINE OUR HEARTS: HAVE I BEEN CONTENT WITH GOD'S GIFTS, OR HAVE I ENVIED WHAT BELONGS TO OTHERS? HAVE I COMPARED MYSELF WITH MY NEIGHBOR, DESIRED HIS POSSESSIONS, OR SCHEMED TO GAIN WHAT IS HIS? LET US CONFESS THESE COVETOUS DESIRES AND TRUST IN CHRIST, WHO FORGIVES OUR SIN AND TEACHES US CONTENTMENT, GRATITUDE, AND LOVE FOR OUR 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.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 70:2; antiphon: Psalm 70:1



L Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me;*
make haste to help me, | O LORD.

L Let them be ashamed and con- | founded*
that seek after | my soul.

C Let them be turned backward, and put to con- | fusion,*
that desire | my hurt.



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 Make haste, O God to de- | liver me;*
make haste to help me, | O Lord.

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, aligned with the notes. 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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Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may run without stumbling to Thy promises; 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

Isaiah 29:17–24

- A** The Prophecy is written in the book of Isaiah, the twenty-ninth chapter.

- A** Thus says the Lord God: Is it not yet a very little while till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off—who make a man an offender by a word, and lay a snare for him who

reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just by empty words. Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale; but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will learn doctrine,” says the Lord Almighty.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-2



L I will bless the Lord at | all times:*

His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

C My soul shall make her boast | in the LORD:*
the humble shall hear thereof, and | be glad.

2 Corinthians 3:4–11

A The Epistle is written in the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, the third chapter.

A Brethren: We have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of

Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 90:1



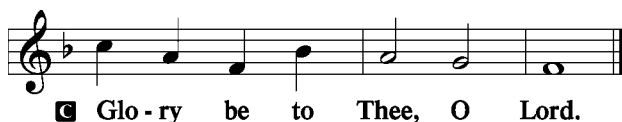
L Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

P The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



P At that time: Departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He

sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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*

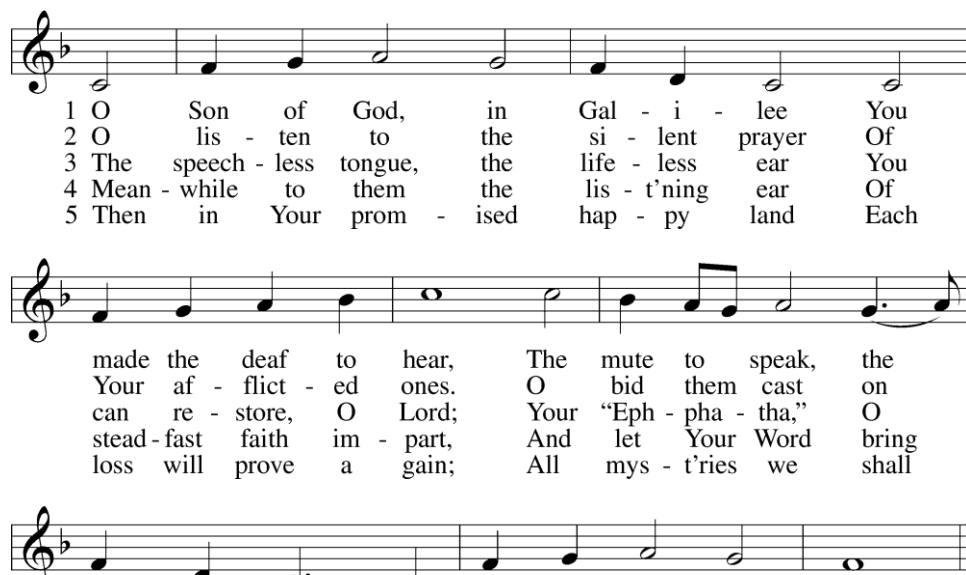
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 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*

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 841

"O Son of God, in Galilee"



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each

made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall

blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
You their care; Your grace to them make known.
Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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SERMON

TAKE GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

ISAIAH 29:17-24 PROPHESIES THAT GOD WILL OPEN THE EARS OF THE DEAF, THE EYES OF THE BLIND, AND BRING HIS PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND HIS TRUTH. IN MARK 7:31-37, JESUS FULFILLS THIS PROMISE BY HEALING A DEAF MAN, SHOWING THAT THE PROMISED RESTORATION HAS COME THROUGH HIM. 2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-11 EXPLAINS THAT CHRIST BRINGS A NEW COVENANT THROUGH THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE AND TRANSFORMS HEARTS. TODAY, THESE PASSAGES REMIND US THAT JESUS OPENS OUR SPIRITUAL EARS AND HEARTS TO GOD, GIVING US NEW LIFE AND CALLING US TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD AND LIVE FAITHFULLY.

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

Ascension Choir – “In God My Faithful God”

Arranged by Carl Schalk

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 O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, bless Your Church, Jerusalem on high, who is our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us. Bless all pastors, that they may be faithful stewards of Your mysteries, and guide all who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You have given Your Church as a home to all nations. Through Holy Baptism, You welcome them to be Your chosen people. Gather all those who have wandered from Your grace, and enrich our own homes with the joy of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness among all; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, Your Son healed the senses of many and opened them to Your grace. Bless [_____ and] all in need of health, and draw them nearer to Him in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, bless all who will partake this day of Christ's most precious body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give them discernment of His body, that they would come to His table in humility and faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for those who have died trusting in our Savior and sharing in His endless life. Grant that we may also receive our portion with the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.

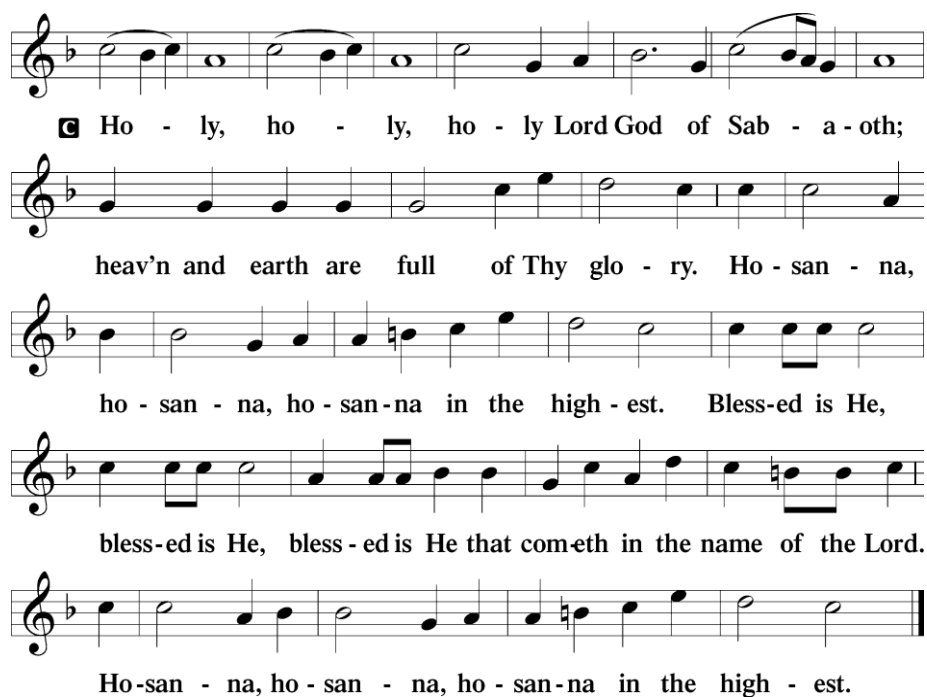
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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."

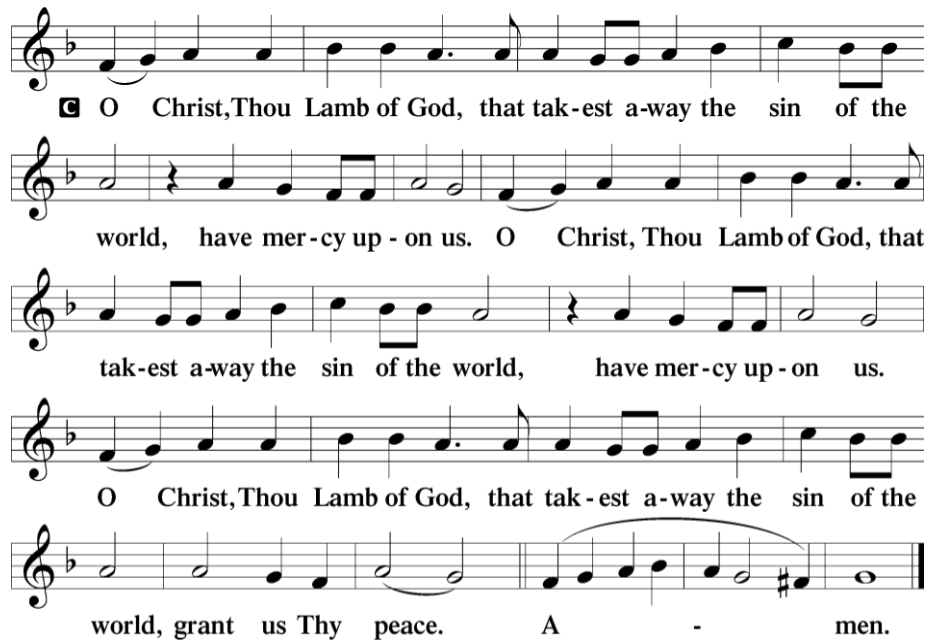
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

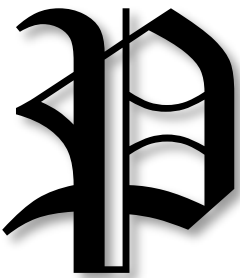
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

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 ("No one is admitted to the Sacrament without first being examined" (Augsburg Confession XXIV:6)).



REPARING OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, OPEN OUR EARS TO YOUR WORD, OUR HEARTS TO YOUR PRESENCE, AND OUR SOULS TO YOUR GRACE. AS YOU OPENED THE EARS OF THE DEAF AND GAVE THEM VOICE, FREE US FROM ALL THAT KEEPS US FROM HEARING AND FOLLOWING YOU. PREPARE US TO RECEIVE YOUR BODY AND BLOOD WITH HUMBLE FAITH AND LOVING HEARTS, THAT WE MAY BE RENEWED BY YOUR SPIRIT AND TRANSFORMED INTO FAITHFUL WITNESSES OF YOUR MERCY; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 620

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,

Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,

Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror,

Cleanses me from sin and error,

Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Lutheran Service Book 704

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those

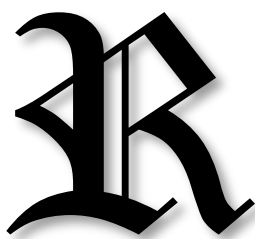


heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD, BY WHICH YOU NOURISH OUR SOULS AND DRAW US INTO DEEPER COMMUNION WITH YOU. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED, THAT YOUR SPIRIT MAY RENEW US WITHIN AND YOUR WORD BEAR FRUIT IN OUR LIVES. MAY WE LEAVE THIS ALTAR WITH HEARTS TRANSFORMED, EARS ATTENTIVE TO YOUR VOICE, AND LIVES DEVOTED TO YOUR SERVICE; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. 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

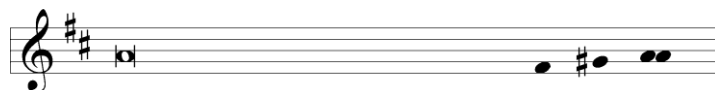
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

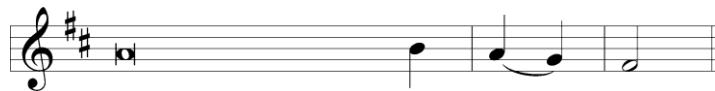
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

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.

Quicken us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, by the partaking of these Holy Mysteries, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and defended against all temptations; 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 744

"Amazing Grace"

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to
now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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POSTLUDE





RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, WHO RENEWS YOUR PEOPLE BY YOUR WORD AND SPIRIT, STRENGTHEN IN US THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED AT THIS HOLY MASS. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR TRUTH, OUR EARS TO YOUR VOICE, AND OUR LIVES TO YOUR WILL. SEND US FORTH RENEWED IN FAITH, STEADFAST IN HOPE, AND RICH IN LOVE, THAT WE MAY BEAR CHRIST TO THE WORLD AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME; THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Jude Miller, *Acolyte/Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Ascension Choir

Melanie Cole

Patty Harmon

Clara Smith

Steve Harmon

Brian Beckman

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Ryan Licht

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Ryan Licht

(Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Ryan Licht

(Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
Monday 8/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 8/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 8/26	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 8/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 8/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 8/29	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 8/30	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>'Christ Is Risen Indeed'</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

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.

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).

✝ 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!

✝ Wedding Shower for Alexis Schelp & Will Chapman

Sunday, September 13 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Fellowship hall

Please join us as we celebrate Alexis Schelp and Will Chapman with a wedding shower. In keeping with the couple's upcoming honeymoon to Italy, we'll be celebrating with an Italian-inspired theme.

Because this is a couple's shower, everyone is welcome. Men, women, and children from the congregation are invited to attend as we shower Alexis and Will with love, encouragement, and well-wishes as they begin their life together.

To help us plan food and seating, please RSVP by texting Christina Schoellen (number in the directory) by September 9, if you plan to attend. Alexis and Will are registered at Amazon. The event will be hosted by Darlene Beckman, Jeni Miller, and Christina Schoellen.

✝ 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**

Sunday, October 18 at 3:30 P.M.

Tom & Linda's Home (address in directory)

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:

- ✝ Drew Durden, 8/26
- ✝ Hellen Kaale, 8/27

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Christian Lambeth, 8/24
- ✝ Richard Drachenberg, 8/26

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Family and friends of Yu Shia Dieska, that they may be comforted by the gospel of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✝ 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)
- ✝ Marion & Robbie Griffin
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ 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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