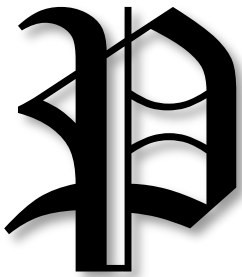


Trinitytide

AUGUST 30, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE TO MEET THE LORD IN HOLY MASS, LET US OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE LOVE AND MERCY CHRIST TEACHES US. HE CALLS US NOT ONLY TO RECEIVE HIS GRACE, BUT TO BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF THAT GRACE BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR, SERVING THOSE IN NEED, AND SHOWING MERCY WITHOUT DISTINCTION. MAY WE COME TO THE ALTAR WITH HUMBLE AND WILLING HEARTS, TRUSTING IN CHRIST AND ASKING HIM TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES SO THAT WE MAY LOVE AS HE LOVES.

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR MERCY AND LOVE. AS WE COME BEFORE YOU IN THE HOLY MASS, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, PURIFY OUR HEARTS, AND TEACH US TO RECOGNIZE YOU IN EVERY NEIGHBOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEED. GRANT THAT, HAVING RECEIVED YOUR GRACE, WE MAY CARRY YOUR LOVE INTO THE WORLD; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. 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

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 811

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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 FIRST COMMANDMENT: "YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS." WHAT DO I FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST ABOVE GOD? HAVE I PLACED MY CONFIDENCE IN MONEY, POSSESSIONS, SUCCESS, RELATIONSHIPS, COMFORT, OR MY OWN ABILITIES RATHER THAN IN THE LORD? HAVE I ALLOWED WORRY, FEAR, OR THE DESIRE FOR CONTROL TO TAKE THE PLACE OF TRUST IN GOD? HAVE I NEGLECTED PRAYER, WORSHIP, HIS WORD, OR THE GIFTS HE GIVES THROUGH HIS CHURCH? HAVE I SOUGHT MY SECURITY OR HAPPINESS IN CREATED THINGS RATHER THAN IN MY CREATOR? HAVE I DOUBTED GOD'S GOODNESS OR RESISTED

HIS WILL WHEN LIFE HAS NOT GONE AS I DESIRED?

LORD, REVEAL THE FALSE GODS I HAVE ALLOWED INTO MY HEART, TURN ME AGAIN TOWARD YOU, AND TEACH ME TO FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST IN YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.

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 74:19b, 22a, 23a, 1; antiphon: Psalm 74:20a



L Have respect, O LORD, unto Thy | covenant:*
and forget not the congregation of Thy poor for- | ever.

L Arise, O God, plead Thine | own cause:*
and forget not the voice of them that | seek Thee.

C O God, why hast Thou cast us off for- | ever?*

Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy | pasture?



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.

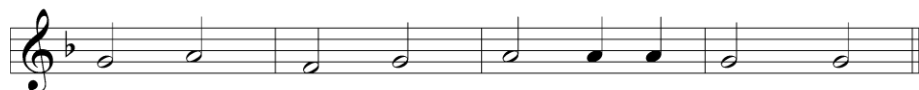
L Have respect, O LORD, unto Thy | covenant:*
and forget not the congregation of Thy poor for- | ever.

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 hyphenated across lines. The score consists of 12 staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; 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.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Leviticus 19:9–18

- A** The Prophecy is written in the book of Leviticus, the nineteenth chapter.
- A** Thus says the Lord God: “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. You shall not curse the deaf,
- nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 74:20a, 19b, 22a; 89:50



- C** Arise, O God, plead Thine | own cause:*
remember the reproach of Thy | servants.

Galatians 3:16–22

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 88:1



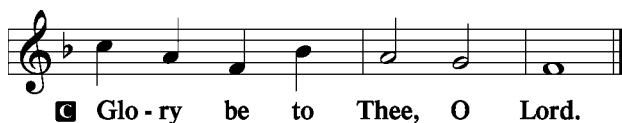
L O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:23–37

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



P At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it." And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to

Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

P On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So

which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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, *Psalm 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. *Psalm 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 770

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



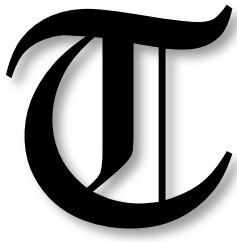
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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SERMON



AKING GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

LUKE 10:23–37, GALATIANS 3:16–22, AND LEVITICUS 19:9–18 SHOW THAT GOD'S LAW IS ULTIMATELY ABOUT LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS. LEVITICUS COMMANDS ISRAEL TO LOVE THEIR NEIGHBORS AND CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED, WHILE GALATIANS EXPLAINS THAT THE LAW POINTS US TOWARD GOD'S PROMISE FULFILLED IN CHRIST. JESUS FULFILLS THE OLD TESTAMENT BY PERFECTLY DEMONSTRATING ITS PURPOSE THROUGH HIS TEACHING AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN: TRUE LOVE MEANS SHOWING MERCY TO EVERYONE, EVEN OUTSIDERS. AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST, AND THAT FAITH SHOULD LEAD US TO LOVE, SERVE, AND SHOW MERCY TO OTHERS.

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

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 Heavenly Father, Your Son has triumphed by His cross. Give grace to Your Church to proclaim His victory throughout the world — the victory of the love that hate could not destroy, and the life that death could not overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You gave the old covenant through angels to train Israel in Your Law. Bless the ministers of Your new covenant to proclaim forgiveness, life and salvation to all nations in the stead and by the command of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, enable every Christian to learn Your Word and teach the faith to family and children. Give them boldness to speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all those within their acquaintance and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord and King, You appoint our earthly rulers to urge the good and punish the wicked. Grant both justice and restraint in their punishments, that goodness and grace may be established in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, into Your loving hands we commend those who have requested our intercession [*especially* _____]. Lead them out of all their troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, You have instituted and given Your Sacrament for the faithful to receive the very body and blood of Your Son for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant us all pure hearts to receive this gift worthily. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all living, receive our thanksgiving for Your saints who now see You face to face [*especially* _____]. Bless us with faith like theirs to hear Your proclamation now and persevere until we also stand with them before Your face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have granted us to live in this accepted time when we may hear Your holy Gospel, know Your fatherly will and behold Your Son, Jesus Christ! We implore You, most merciful Father, let the light of Your Word remain with us and so govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may never forsake Your Word, but remain steadfast in it and, finally, obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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



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.

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."

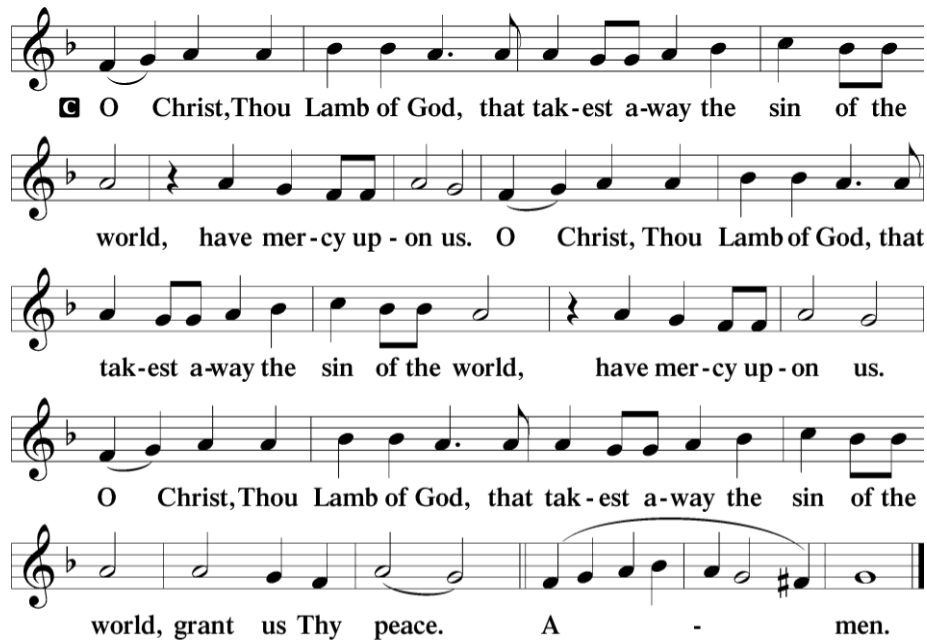
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

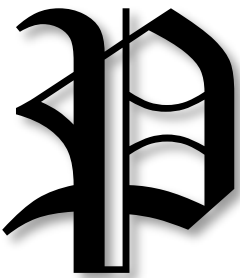
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

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:6-7).



REPARING OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD, PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE YOU IN THIS HOLY COMMUNION. CLEANSE US FROM SIN, DEEPEN OUR FAITH, AND RENEW WITHIN US THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN US. MAKE US WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU WITH HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEARTS, THAT WE MAY BE UNITED MORE FULLY TO YOU AND STRENGTHENED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS YOU HAVE LOVED US; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

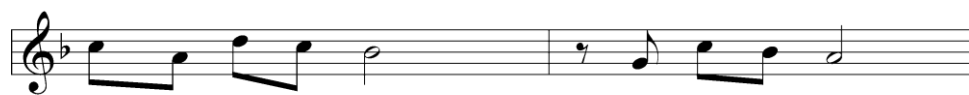
MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 629

"What Is This Bread"



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
 3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
 4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,
 5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
 I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
 It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
 You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us
 Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
 To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
 He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
 Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.
 Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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Lutheran Service Book 847

"Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,

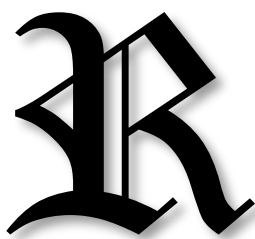


In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FEEDING US WITH YOUR PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD AND FOR RENEWING OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR GRACE. MAY THIS HOLY COMMUNION DEEPEN OUR UNION WITH YOU AND TRANSFORM US INTO INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR LOVE AND MERCY. SEND US FORTH STRENGTHENED TO SERVE OTHERS, TO CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED, AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES, THAT THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED AT YOUR ALTAR MAY BEAR FRUIT IN OUR LIVES; 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

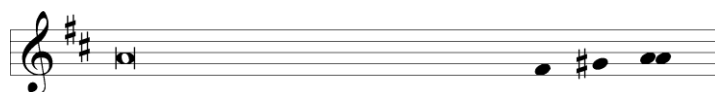
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

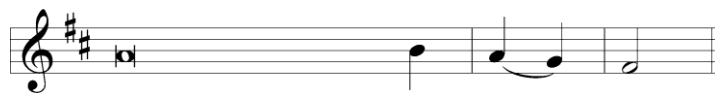
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

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.

O Lord, who here hast fed us with Thy heavenly Sacrament, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may grow and increase toward the attainment of everlasting salvation; 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.



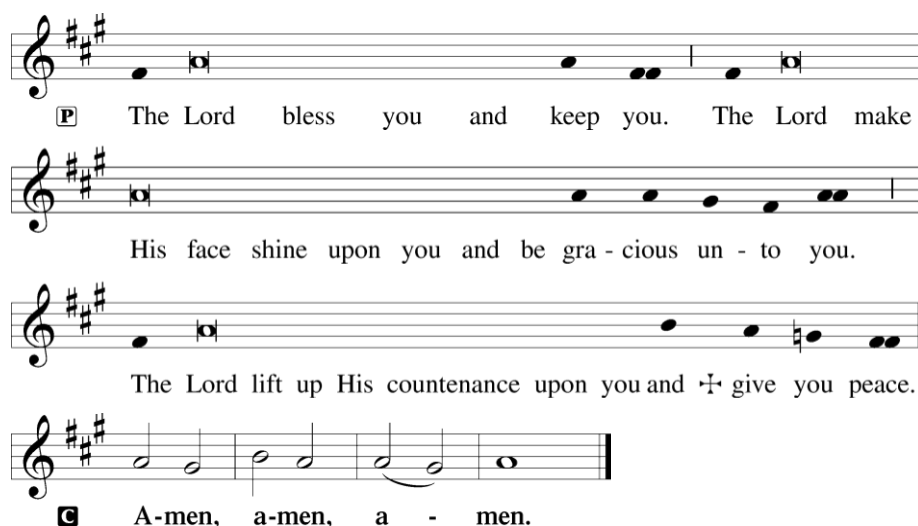
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

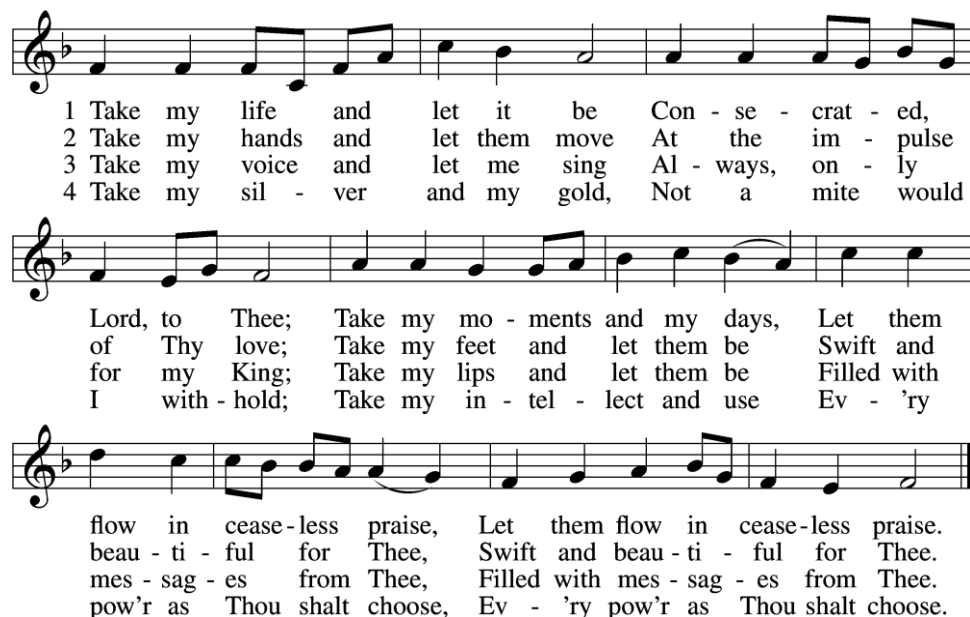


P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and $\dagger$ give you peace.
G A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 784

"Take My Life and Let It Be"



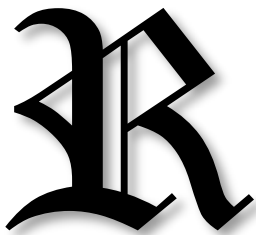
1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would
Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry
flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

**5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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POSTLUDE



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, HAVING RECEIVED YOU IN THIS HOLY MASS, RENEW OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE AND MERCY. TRANSFORM US BY YOUR GRACE, THAT WE MAY LEAVE THIS PLACE WITH HEARTS MADE NEW, SEEKING NOT OUR OWN GOOD BUT THE GOOD OF OUR NEIGHBOR. HELP US TO SEE YOUR PRESENCE IN EVERY PERSON, TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED, AND TO LOVE AS YOU HAVE LOVED US. MAY THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED AT YOUR ALTAR BEAR FRUIT IN OUR DAILY LIVES, THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY FOLLOW YOU AND DRAW OTHERS TO YOUR LOVE; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Jude Miller, *Acolyte/Gospel Bearer*

Pianist

Zac Lavender

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Eden Miller

Usher(s)

Joel May/Chris Baxter

(Steve Harmon)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
Monday 8/31	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/2	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 9/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office End of Summer Pool Party	Closed Closed 2:00 – 5:00 PM
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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).

✝ **Cancelled: No Adult Bible Study or Children’s Sunday School on Sunday September 20.**

✝ **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).

✝ 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.

✝ **Reformation Festival/Chili Cook-Off**

Sunday, October 25 at 3:30 P.M.

Church Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special service of Scripture and Song celebrating the Lutheran Reformation, as the North Atlanta Circuit of the Florida-Georgia District and the Georgia Circuit of the English District, of which we are a part, come together in fellowship and worship.

This year's service will place a special emphasis on Luther's Small Catechism and will feature a sermon by well-known catechist the Rev. Peter C. Bender, of Peace Lutheran Church in Sussex, Wisconsin. Special music is also planned for this occasion.

And don't leave when the service ends! Plan to stay afterward for a Chili Cook-Off. See how your chili stacks up against the offerings of other congregations, and come taste the entries of fellow Lutherans from around the Atlanta area.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories:

- Tastiest
- Spiciest
- Most Original

Come celebrate the Reformation with Scripture, song, fellowship—and plenty of chili!

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:

- ✝ Eli May, 9/2

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Billy Chen, 9/2

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Maddie Abi, 9/4
- ✝ Malcolm Abrahamian, 9/4
- ✝ Hellen Kaale, 9/4

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ The Rev. David & Jennifer Miller, 9/2
- ✝ Tom & Judy Russell, 9/5

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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