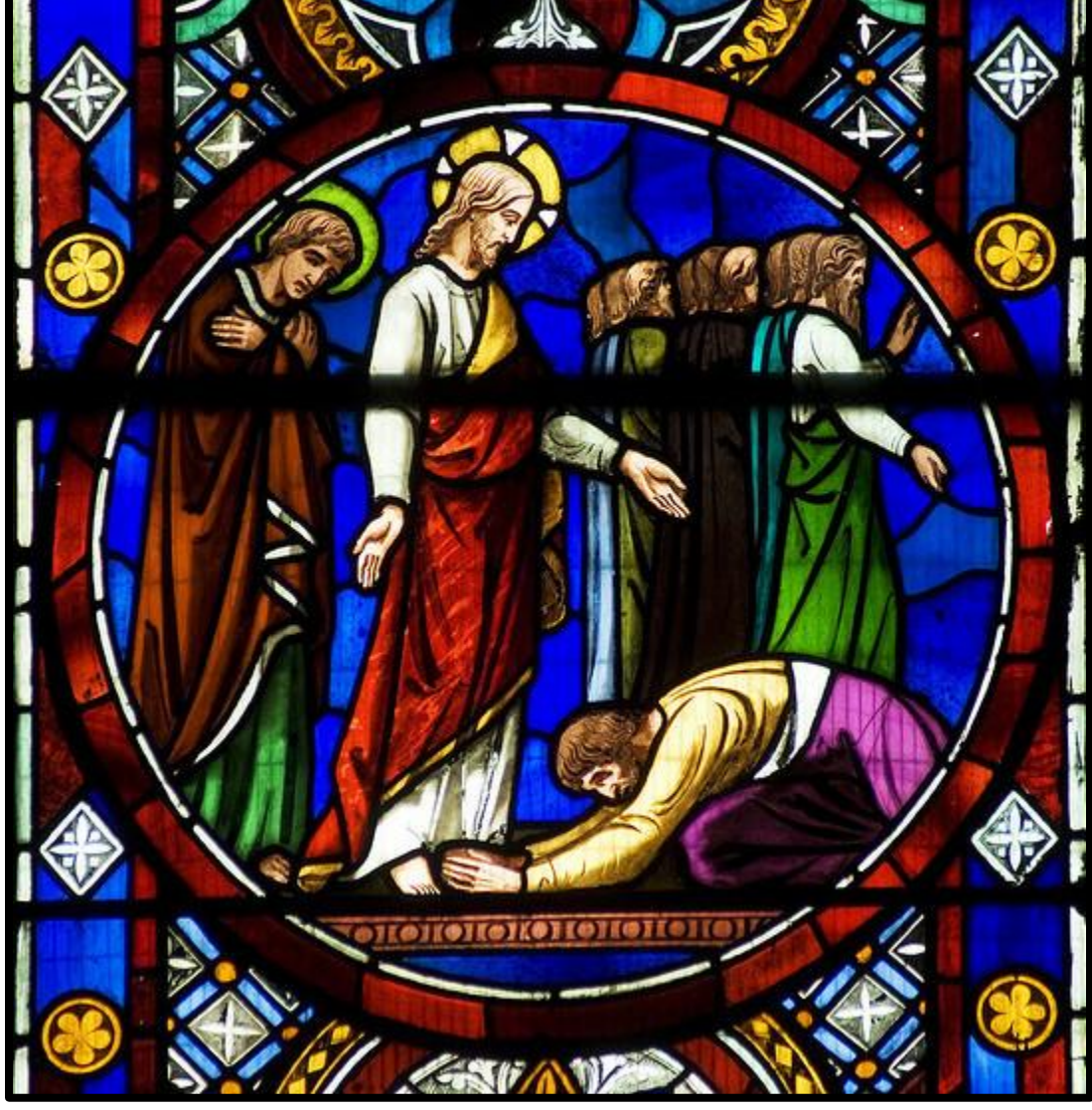


Trinitytide

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE TO ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST AT MASS, LET US QUIET OUR HEARTS AND TURN OUR ATTENTION TOWARD HIM. MAY WE ASK JESUS TO GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM ALL THAT DRAWS US AWAY FROM HIM, TO FILL US WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AND TO HELP US CHOOSE THE PATH OF WISDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. LIKE THE GRATEFUL LEPER WHO RETURNED TO JESUS, MAY WE RECOGNIZE THE MANY WAYS GOD HAS BLESSED AND RESTORED US, AND APPROACH THE ALTAR WITH HUMBLE HEARTS FULL OF FAITH, THANKSGIVING, AND LOVE. LET THIS EUCHARIST RENEW US SO THAT WE MAY

LEAVE MASS STRENGTHENED TO LIVE MORE FULLY IN CHRIST AND BEAR THE FRUIT OF HIS SPIRIT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

LET US PRAY.

HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU HAVE CALLED US TO WALK IN THE WISDOM OF YOUR WAYS AND TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT. GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM SIN, STRENGTHEN US TO FOLLOW CHRIST, AND FILL US WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR THE MERCY YOU HAVE SHOWN US. AS WE RECEIVE YOUR SON IN THE EUCHARIST, TRANSFORM US MORE FULLY INTO HIS LIKENESS, THAT OUR LIVES MAY BEAR THE FRUIT OF YOUR LOVE; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU 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

Sursum Corda ("Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness," LSB 788) Setting by Dennis Zimmer

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



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 820

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of
righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His
chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All
yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose
yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we
who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry
mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite
pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and
spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as
flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but
cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -



care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who
heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So
through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We
ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our



leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.
far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.
with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.
life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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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:

SECOND COMMANDMENT: "YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD."

LET US EXAMINE HOW WE HAVE USED GOD'S HOLY NAME AND HOW WE HAVE HONORED HIM IN OUR WORDS AND LIVES. HAVE I USED GOD'S NAME CARELESSLY, DISRESPECTFULLY, OR AS AN EXPRESSION OF ANGER OR FRUSTRATION? HAVE I CURSED, SWORN FALSELY, LIED, OR USED GOD'S NAME TO MAKE OTHERS BELIEVE SOMETHING UNTRUE? HAVE I SPOKEN ABOUT GOD, CHRIST, OR THE FAITH IN A WAY THAT DISHONORS HIM? CONVERSELY, HAVE

I REMEMBERED TO CALL UPON GOD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, PRAY TO HIM, PRAISE HIM, AND GIVE HIM THANKS? HAVE MY WORDS REFLECTED A GENUINE FEAR AND LOVE OF GOD, OR HAVE I TREATED HIS NAME AS SOMETHING ORDINARY?

LET US CONFESS NOT ONLY THE WAYS WE HAVE MISUSED GOD'S NAME, BUT ALSO THE TIMES WE HAVE FAILED TO USE IT RIGHTLY—TO TRUST HIM, PRAY TO HIM, PRAISE HIM, AND GIVE HIM THANKS.

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 84:10ab, 1-2a; antiphon: Psalm 84:9



L Behold, O God, | our Shield,*
and look upon the face of Thine a- | anointed.*

L For a day in | Thy courts*
is better than a | thousand.*

C How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O | LORD of Hosts!*
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts | of the LORD.



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 Behold, O God, | our Shield,*
and look upon the face of Thine a- | anointed.*

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 style are indicated by a 'P' (Piano) marking. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in bold. 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.

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** Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy, and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, let us, by Thy help, be ever drawn away from all things hurtful and directed to all things profitable for our 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.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Proverbs 4:10–23

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

- A** Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

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

- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 118:8-9



- L** It is better to trust | in the LORD*
than to put confidence | in man.
- C** It is better to trust | in the LORD*
than to put confidence in | princes.

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:16–24

- A** The Epistle is written in the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians, the fifth chapter.
- A** Brethren: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 95:3



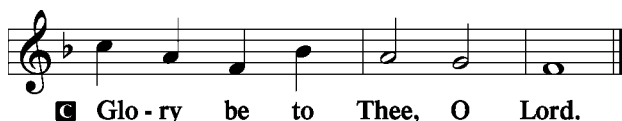
L For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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



P At that time: As Jesus went to Jerusalem He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when

he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has saved you."

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 846

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de-liv-'rer still,
Was strong to heal and save; It tri-umphed o-ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re-newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re-store and quick-en,
ills and death, O'er dark-ness and the grave.
fren-zy calmed Re-vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life-giv-ing breath.
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near eyes to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see
The pal-sied and the lame, The lep-ers in their
Al-might-y as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
Give wis-dom's heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and
mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev-er-more.

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SERMON

TAKE GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

PROVERBS 4:10-23, GALATIANS 5:16-24, AND LUKE 17:11-19 ALL CALL US TO A LIFE CENTERED ON CHRIST JESUS. PROVERBS TEACHES US TO GUARD OUR HEARTS AND WALK IN WISDOM, GALATIANS CALLS US TO WALK BY THE SPIRIT AND REJECT THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH, AND LUKE REMINDS US TO RESPOND TO JESUS' GRACE WITH FAITH AND GRATITUDE. IN CHRIST, WE RECEIVE THE WISDOM TO LIVE RIGHTLY, THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM OUR DESIRES, AND THE GRACE THAT GIVES US NEW LIFE. PERSONALLY, THESE PASSAGES CHALLENGE US TO GUARD WHAT INFLUENCES OUR HEARTS, SURRENDER OUR SINFUL DESIRES TO THE SPIRIT, CHOOSE GODLY ACTIONS, AND CONTINUALLY RECOGNIZE AND THANK JESUS FOR HIS GRACE IN OUR LIVES.

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

O Gott, Du Frommer Gott ("How Can I Thank You, Lord," LSB 703)

Setting 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 Heavenly Father, You have had mercy upon us by sending Your only begotten Son to atone for our sins on the cross. Grant that we may receive Your forgiveness, life and salvation with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, grant us true unity in the faith. Preserve us in pure doctrine; grant harmony in our congregation, district and Synod; and bestow on us charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of all, hear us on behalf of the fathers in Your Church. Impart to them the boldness of Solomon to exhort their sons in wisdom and justice, that they would persist in the way of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, grant Your protection upon our land and people. Deliver us from violence and discord. Grant safety to all who work to bring peace to our land, including those in law enforcement and members in the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The lepers came to Your Son for mercy. Send Your merciful hand upon the sick and needy *[including _____]*. Grant that their sicknesses would be turned to health and their troubles to joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord God, You gave Your Son once upon the cross, and You give to us His life-giving body in His Holy Supper. Teach us and strengthen us by this Sacrament to crucify our own flesh daily, that we may walk always according to His Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our thanks, O Lord, for *[_____ and]* all the saints who have walked before us according to the Spirit, resisting the lusts of the flesh. Inspire us after them to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit by the power of Christ crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of hosts, You have prepared the Church of Christ to be a lovely court in the midst of a troubled world. Form our hearts to long for the place where Your glory dwells, that we may find healing and peace at His feet. 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.

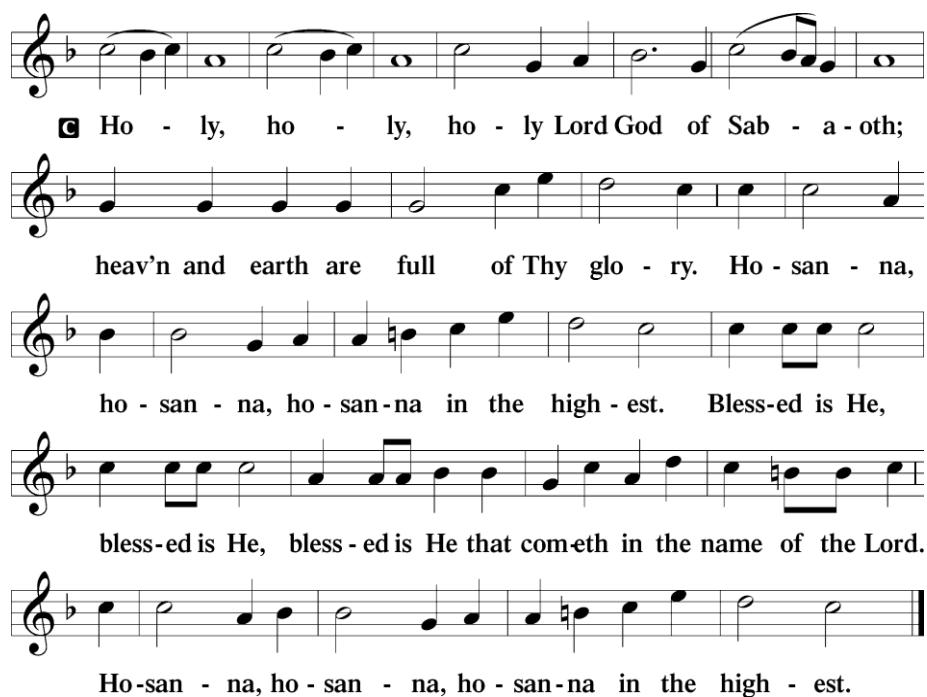
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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



G 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."

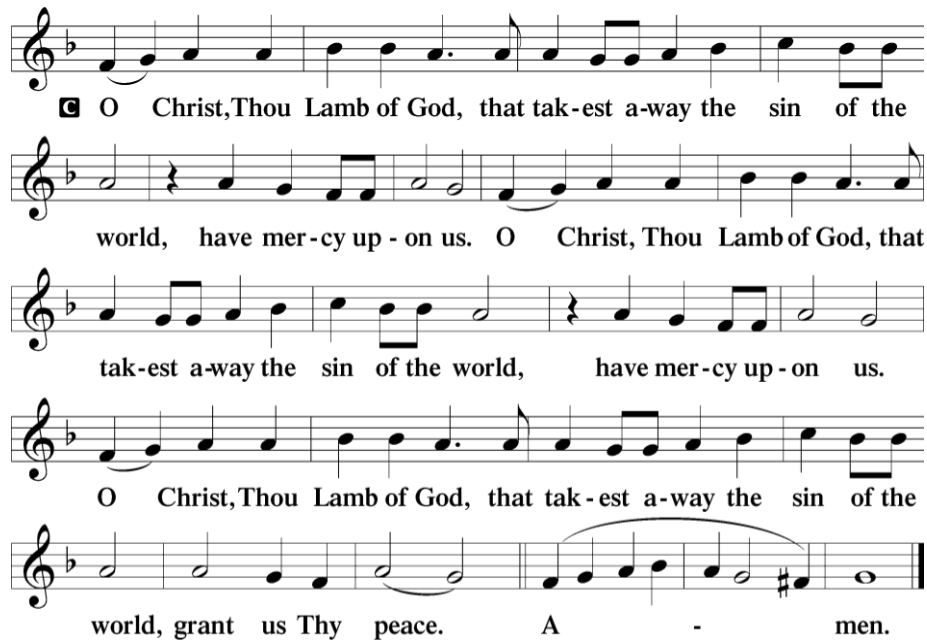
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

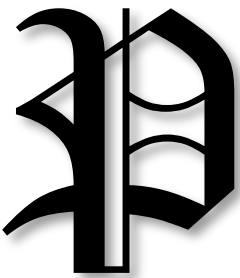
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

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.

MERCIFUL JESUS, AS YOU HEALED THE TEN LEPERS AND RESTORED THEM TO WHOLENESS, HEAL AND RENEW OUR HEARTS AS WE COME BEFORE YOU. REMOVE FROM US ALL THAT KEEPS US FROM YOUR LOVE, AND GIVE US THE FAITH TO TRUST IN YOUR MERCY. LIKE THE ONE WHO RETURNED TO GIVE YOU THANKS, MAY WE APPROACH THIS EUCHARIST WITH HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL HEARTS, RECOGNIZING YOU AS THE SOURCE OF OUR HEALING AND SALVATION. AS WE RECEIVE YOUR TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, MAKE US

WHOLE IN YOU AND STRENGTHEN US TO CARRY YOUR LOVE INTO THE WORLD; 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 788

"Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness"



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

**5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:**

**6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.**

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1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.
 O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.
 That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

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1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear

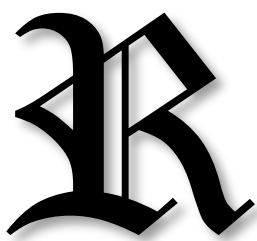
hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,

Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

cra - ting to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

GRACIOUS JESUS, WE THANK YOU FOR COMING TO US IN THE GIFT OF THIS EUCHARIST. LIKE THE ONE LEPER WHO RETURNED TO GIVE YOU THANKS, MAY WE NEVER TAKE YOUR MERCY FOR GRANTED. YOU HAVE TOUCHED US WITH YOUR HEALING LOVE AND NOURISHED US WITH YOUR VERY PRESENCE. RENEW OUR HEARTS, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, AND HELP US WALK IN THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. MAY THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED AT THIS ALTAR BEAR FRUIT IN OUR LIVES, SO THAT WE MAY LEAVE THIS PLACE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS AND SHARE YOUR LOVE, MERCY, AND PEACE WITH OTHERS; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

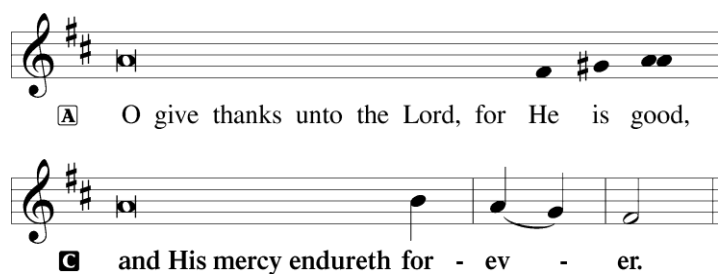
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalms 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God, let Thy Sacraments ever cleanse and defend us: and lead us to the fruit 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.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



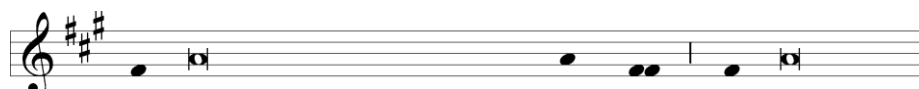
A Bless we the Lord.



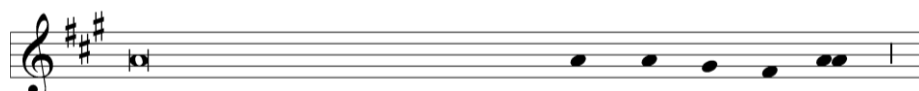
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

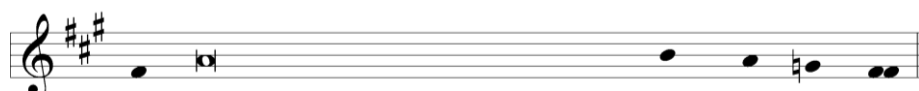
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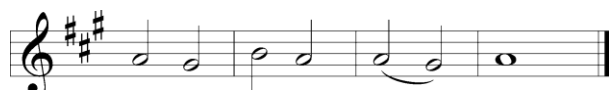
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 551

"When to Our World the Savior Came"



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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POSTLUDE



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

HEAVENLY FATHER, HAVING RECEIVED CHRIST IN THIS EUCHARIST, RENEW OUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN US TO WALK IN YOUR WAYS. GUARD US FROM THE DESIRES THAT LEAD US AWAY FROM YOU, AND FILL US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT OUR LIVES MAY BEAR THE FRUITS OF LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, AND KINDNESS. KEEP US MINDFUL OF YOUR MERCY, AND TEACH US TO RETURN TO YOU EACH DAY WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS. MAY WE CARRY THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD AND REFLECT HIS WISDOM, GRACE, AND LOVE IN ALL THAT WE DO; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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)

The Durden family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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TBD

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 9/6	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>'Christ Is Risen Indeed'</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice	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 9/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 9/10	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 9/13	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>'Christ Is Risen Indeed'</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Wedding Shower for Alexis Schelp & Will Chapman	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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).

✝ **New Time: Adult Choir Practice Every Sunday following Holy Mass**

✝ **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.”

✝ **Adult Bible Study: “Who Do You Say That I Am?” The Early Christological Controversies**

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

Join us for an exploration of one of the most important questions of the Christian faith: Who is Jesus Christ? Together, we will examine the major Christological controversies that shaped the early Church, including Docetism, Arianism, Nestorianism, and others, considering how Christians throughout the first centuries wrestled with the mystery of Christ’s full divinity and full humanity. This study will help us develop a fuller understanding of the person of Jesus Christ—and why what we believe about who He is matters profoundly for our faith, worship, and salvation. Come join us as we explore the history, Scripture, and theology behind these enduring questions.

✝ **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.

✝ **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.

✚ 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

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

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

✝ **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:

- ✝ None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Margaret Beckman, 9/6

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

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.
- ✝ 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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