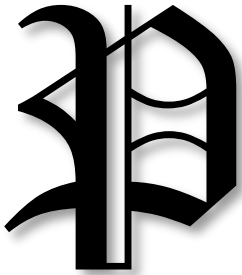


Trinitytide

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE FOR HOLY MASS, LET US PLACE OUR HOPE IN CHRIST, WHO FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISES AND BRINGS LIFE FROM DEATH AND HOPE FROM DESPAIR. LIKE THE WIDOW WHO RECEIVED HER SON BACK THROUGH ELIJAH AND THROUGH JESUS, WE ARE INVITED TO TRUST THAT GOD IS AT WORK EVEN WHEN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM HOPELESS. LET US APPROACH THE ALTAR WITH OPEN HEARTS, CONFIDENT IN CHRIST'S POWER AND LOVE.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, SOURCE OF LIFE AND HOPE, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN CHRIST, WHO CONQUERS DEATH AND FULFILLS YOUR PROMISES. HELP US TRUST YOUR GRACE AND RECEIVE THE NEW LIFE YOU OFFER US; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, 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

Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland ("Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior," LSB 627) Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 819

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!

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 FOURTH COMMANDMENT: "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER."

HAVE I HONORED MY PARENTS AND THOSE GOD HAS PLACED IN AUTHORITY OVER ME, TREATING THEM WITH RESPECT, PATIENCE, GRATITUDE, AND LOVE? HAVE I OBEYED RIGHTFUL AUTHORITY WILLINGLY, OR HAVE I BEEN STUBBORN, DISRESPECTFUL, RESENTFUL, OR REBELLIOUS? HAVE I FAITHFULLY FULFILLED MY RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD MY FAMILY AND THOSE ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE? HAVE I EXERCISED AUTHORITY WITH GENTLENESS AND JUSTICE RATHER THAN HARSHNESS OR SELFISHNESS? HAVE I FORGIVEN THOSE WHO HAVE HURT ME, PRAYED FOR MY FAMILY AND LEADERS, AND SOUGHT TO SERVE AND CHERISH OTHERS?

LORD JESUS, FORGIVE MY FAILURES, HEAL THE WOUNDS IN MY RELATIONSHIPS, AND RENEW MY HEART TO HONOR YOU BY HONORING AND LOVING THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE PLACED IN MY LIFE. AMEN.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 86:5, 1; antiphon: Psalm 86:3



L Be merciful unto me, | O Lord:.*
For I cry unto Thee | daily.*

L For Thou, Lord, art good and ready | to forgive;.*
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call up- | on Thee.*

C Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, | hear me:.*
For I am poor and | needy.



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



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

L Be merciful unto me, | O Lord:.*
For I cry unto Thee | daily.*

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 on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' in a square box, and the second staff begins with a 'C' in a square box. 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.

P Glory be to God on high; **C** 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** Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17-24

- A** The Prophecy is written in the first book of Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

- A** In those days: The son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

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

C Thanks be to God.



L The heathen shall fear the name | of the LORD,*
And all the kings of the earth Thy | glory.

C When the LORD shall build up | Zion,*
He shall appear in His | glory.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:13–21

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

A Brethren: I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in

love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 114:1-2



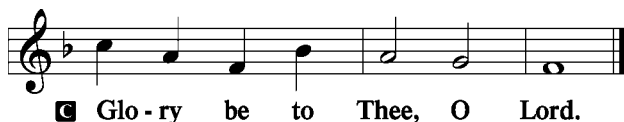
- L** When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:11–16

- P** The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



- P** At that time: Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He

came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

- 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 1:3; 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 552

“O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life” (stanzas 1, 7, 8, 4)

1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
2 The ranks of death with tro - phy grim Through
3 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life Stood
4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And

end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
an - cient streets once trod And sud - den - ly con -
face to face that hour; And You took up the
bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs

raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We
front - ed You, The might - y Son of God. A
age - old strife With words of awe - some pow'r. "Young
like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But

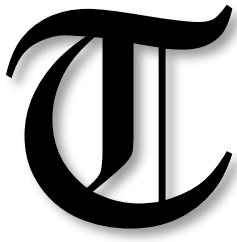
know our years on earth are few, That death is
wid - ow's tears e - voked Your Word; You stopped the
man, a - rise!" You or - dered loud, And death de -
You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a -

al - ways near. Come now to us, O
bear - ers' tread. "Weep not!" in pit - y
feat - ed lay. The wid - ow's son cast
way its sting. Re - store to life our

Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!
then You spoke To her whose son was dead.
off his shroud And strode from death a - way.
mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

Text: © 2003 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000947
Tune: © 2004 Kevin J. Hildebrand. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000947

SERMON



AKING GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

1 KINGS 17:17-24, EPHESIANS 3:13-21, AND LUKE 7:11-16 SHOW GOD'S POWER TO BRING LIFE AND HOPE OUT OF SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SITUATIONS. ELIJAH'S RAISING OF THE WIDOW'S SON POINTS FORWARD TO JESUS, WHO RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON IN LUKE 7, SHOWING THAT CHRIST FULFILLS THE PROPHETS AND IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH WITH POWER OVER DEATH. FOR US, THESE PASSAGES REMIND US TO TRUST CHRIST EVEN WHEN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM HOPELESS, KNOWING THAT HIS POWER AND LOVE ARE GREATER THAN WHAT WE CAN SEE. LIKE PAUL TEACHES IN EPHESIANS 3, WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD IS ABLE TO WORK BEYOND WHAT WE ASK OR IMAGINE.

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

Azmon ("Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death," LSB 697)

Setting by Jeffrey Blersch

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Brief silence

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

P O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful Father, when loss and heartache invade our homes and tempt us to doubt Your divine care, hear our cries and renew our faith and life in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life and death, You have given all things into the hands of Your Son. Inspire those who bear the sword in His stead to do so in faithfulness and love for their fellow man. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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

P Lord, You invite us again to Your table to receive the medicine of immortality in the body and blood of Christ, Your Son. May we receive this Sacrament rightly, that with faith strengthened and sins forgiven our lives may be lived in holiness and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, Your saints in heaven now know as they are known and comprehend the fullness of Your love in Christ. Conduct our way through this fallen world to join them in Your heavenly presence. 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



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 A - men.

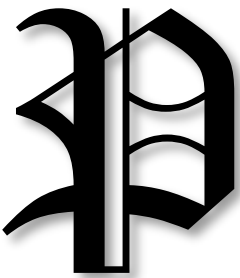
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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 GOD, SOURCE OF LIFE AND HOPE, PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE CHRIST, THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR PROMISES AND CONQUEROR OF DEATH. AS YOU RESTORED THE WIDOW'S SON, RENEW US THROUGH THE LIVING PRESENCE OF YOUR SON IN HOLY COMMUNION. STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, HEAL OUR HEARTS, AND FILL US WITH THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 627

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
And with the wine the blood He shed.
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

5 **Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

6 **Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.**

7 **Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.**

8 **"For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"**

9 **If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.**

10 **Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.**

Text (sts. 3, 6, 8, 10): © 1980 and 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000947
Text (sts. 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9) and tune: Public domain

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore taught;
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus

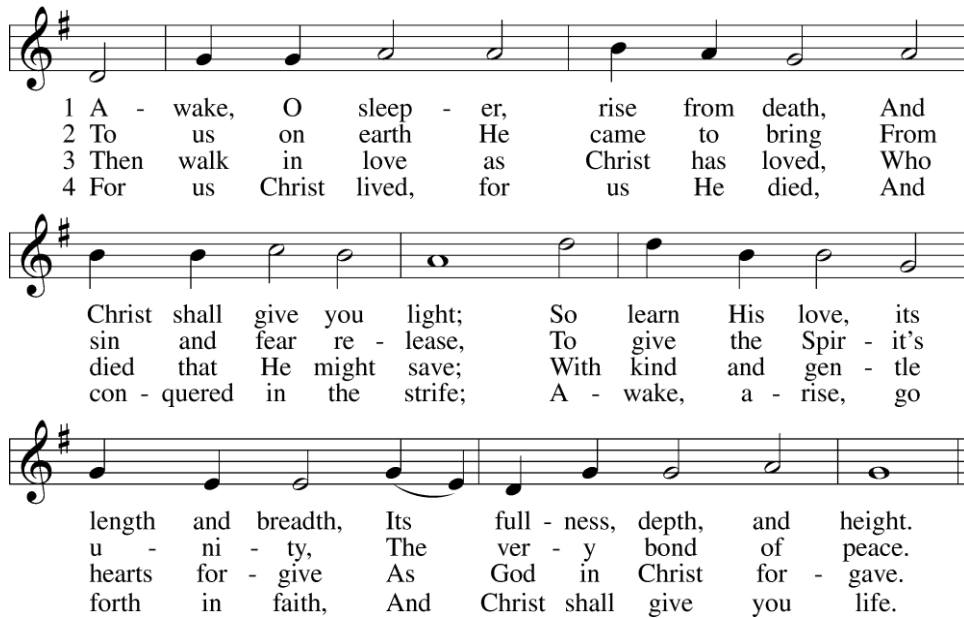
Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and evermore.

Text: Public domain

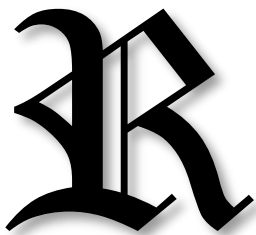


1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

Text: © 1980 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000947
 Tune: Public domain



RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, SOURCE OF LIFE AND HOPE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF CHRIST, WHO HAS COME TO BRING LIFE FROM DEATH AND FULFILL YOUR PROMISES. HAVING RECEIVED HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION, RENEW OUR HEARTS, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, AND HELP US TRUST YOUR POWER AND LOVE IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. MAY THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITHIN US BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR SAVING GRACE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

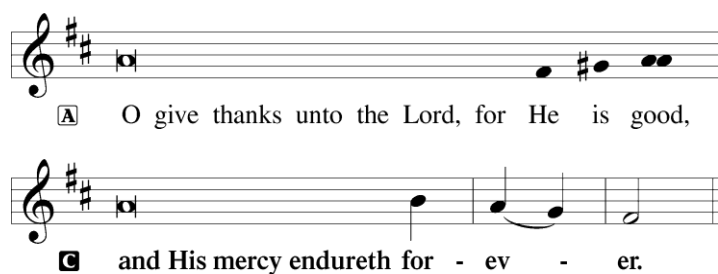
Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to cleanse our minds, and to renew them by Thy heavenly Sacraments: that we may receive help for our bodies and souls both now and in time to come; 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.



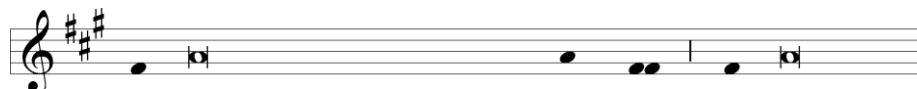
A Bless we the Lord.



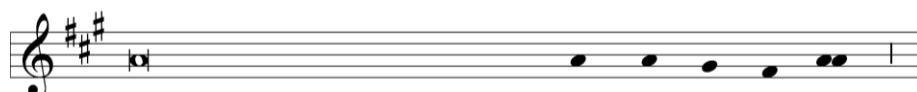
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

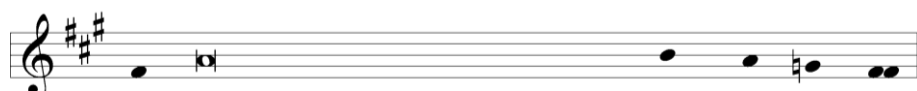
Numbers 6:24-26



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



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



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



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 742

"For Me to Live Is Jesus"



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me

A slumber soft and still,

No doubts to vex or haunt me,

Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving

When death shall come to me,

I fall asleep believing

And wake in heav'n with Thee!

Text and tune: Public domain

POSTLUDE



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, SOURCE OF LIFE AND HOPE, RENEW OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS HOLY MASS. MAY CHRIST, WHO BRINGS LIFE FROM DEATH AND FULFILLS YOUR PROMISES, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, DEEPEN OUR LOVE, AND SEND US FORTH WITH RENEWED HOPE. HELP US TRUST YOUR POWER IN EVERY TRIAL AND LIVE AS WITNESSES TO YOUR SAVING LOVE; THROUGH 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Steve Harmon, *Guest 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

Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Joel May/Chris Baxter

(Steve Harmon)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

SERVING NEXT WEEK

SEVENTEENTH 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

Whitney Worthington

Usher(s)

Joel May/Chris Baxter

(Steve Harmon)

Fellowship Host(s)

Nancy Grossberg

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 9/20	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Church Board Meeting	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 9/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 9/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 9/27	Seventeenth 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 Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour Following Fellowship Hour

LOVING THE LORD

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

✝ **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).

✝ **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:

- ✝ Adrian Popescu, 9/25

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ Bernie Diseka, 9/24

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ Isaac & Bekah Beckman, 9/22
- ✝ Brian & Darlene Beckman, 9/23

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

- ✝ Safe travels for Pastor David and Jeni Miller, as they celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary in Europe.
- ✝ 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



THE LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION

4000 ROSWELL ROAD · ATLANTA, GA 30342
404-255-0224 · 404-256-0037 FAX
WWW.ASCENSION-LCMS.COM