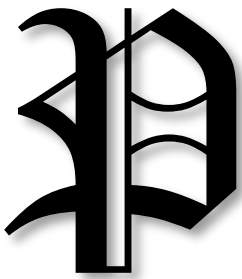


Trinitytide

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE FOR HOLY MASS, LET US LAY ASIDE PRIDE AND THE DESIRE FOR RECOGNITION AND COME BEFORE CHRIST WITH HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEARTS. JESUS, WHO HUMBLING HIMSELF TO SERVE AND SAVE US, CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM IN HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND LOVE, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND SEEKING THE UNITY HE GIVES HIS CHURCH. LET US APPROACH THE ALTAR READY TO RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND TO SERVE OTHERS AS HE HAS SERVED US.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, SOURCE OF ALL HUMILITY AND UNITY, HUMBLE OUR HEARTS AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST. FREE US FROM PRIDE, UNITE US IN LOVE, AND TEACH US TO SERVE OTHERS WITH GENTLENESS AND JOY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, 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

Magdalen (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, LSB 575)

Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 906

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.



XAMINING OUR HEARTS BEFORE CONFESSION:

FIFTH COMMANDMENT: "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER."

HAVE I HONORED AND PROTECTED THE LIFE AND WELL-BEING OF OTHERS, OR HAVE I HARMED THEM BY MY WORDS, ACTIONS, ANGER, HATRED, OR NEGLECT? HAVE I HELD RESENTMENT, SOUGHT REVENGE, OR WISHED HARM UPON ANYONE? HAVE I FAILED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED OR STOOD BY WHEN I COULD HAVE PROTECTED OR COMFORTED THEM? HAVE I TREATED OTHERS WITH PATIENCE, KINDNESS, MERCY, AND COMPASSION, REMEMBERING NOT TO HURT OR HARM OUR NEIGHBOR BUT HELP AND SUPPORT HIM IN EVERY PHYSICAL NEED?

LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR THE WAYS I HAVE FAILED TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AND RENEW MY HEART, THAT I MAY PROTECT LIFE, FORGIVE READILY, SHOW MERCY, AND SEEK THE GOOD OF OTHERS AS CHRIST HAS LOVED ME. 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 124a, 1; antiphon: Psalm 119:137



L Righteous art Thou, | O LORD,*
And upright are Thy | judgments.*

L Deal with Thy | servant*
According unto Thy | mercy.*

C Blessed are the undefiled | in the way,*
Who walk in the law | 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 Righteous art Thou, | O LORD,*
And upright are Thy | judgments.*

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** O Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to avoid the infections of the devil and with pure minds to follow Thee, the only God; 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 25:6–14

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

- A** Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it

expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters. Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

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

- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 33:12, 6



- L** Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD;*
And the people whom He hath chosen for His own in- | heritance.
- C** By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made;*
And all the host of them by the breath | of His mouth.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1–6

- A** The Epistle is written in the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, the fourth chapter.
- A** Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you to walk worthy of the
calling with which you were called, with
all lowliness and gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with one another
in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is
one body and one Spirit, just as you
were called in one hope of your calling;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one
God and Father of all, who is above all,
and through all, and in us all, who is
blessed forever and ever. Amen.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 115:11



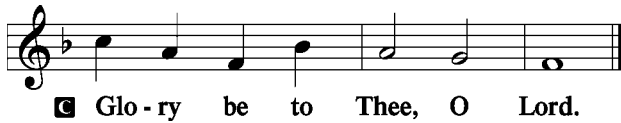
C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: He is their help and their shield.



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

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



- P** At that time: As Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were

invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

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

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

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

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 684

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



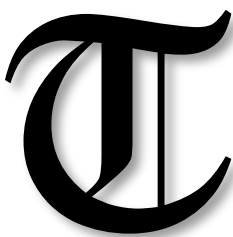
It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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SERMON



AKING GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

PROVERBS 25:6-14, EPHESIANS 4:1-6, AND LUKE 14:1-11 ALL CALL US TO HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND A LIFE THAT PUTS OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES. PROVERBS TEACHES US NOT TO SEEK HONOR FOR OURSELVES, EPHESIANS URGES US TO WALK IN HUMILITY AND PRESERVE UNITY, AND JESUS TEACHES THAT THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED. CHRIST PERFECTLY FULFILLS THIS TEACHING BY HUMBLING HIMSELF IN LOVE AND SERVING OTHERS, ULTIMATELY GIVING HIMSELF FOR OUR SALVATION. AS HIS FOLLOWERS, WE ARE CALLED TO LAY ASIDE PRIDE AND THE DESIRE FOR RECOGNITION, PATIENTLY BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND SEEK UNITY AND SERVICE RATHER THAN STATUS, TRUSTING THAT GOD HIMSELF WILL LIFT UP THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES.

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

Picardy (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, LSB 621)

Arranged by Phil Lehenbauer

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 King of kings, Your Son came as a servant to save mankind, receiving all authority at Your right hand. Give Your Church, destined to share His throne, faithful hearts, that we may serve the world in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O God, preserve and give success to the preaching of Your Holy Word. Through pastors, missionaries, church workers and the priesthood of all believers, send forth Your Son's gracious invitation to repent and believe and cause it to be received with joyful faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, You have given Your gift of holy marriage, and You preserve this estate against the forces of sin and Satan. Bless all married couples. Keep them faithful to each other in their vows and ready to welcome Your gift of children in their union, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, Your Son teaches authorities to receive their positions with patience and not grasp them for themselves. Raise up humble and wise leaders for the good of all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father in heaven, look in kindness upon those who have been humbled by the troubles of this life [*especially* _____]. Lift them up in healing, and renew their strength to serve You in what You have called them to do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Divine Master, You graciously invite us to join You in the feast of this Sacrament. Grant that we would come, taking the lowest place in repentance and pleading Your mercy, that our hearts may be lifted up to the honor of receiving Christ's very body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, author of all concord, You will that Your people be one. Knit together Your Holy Church, that according to our vocations, we may join in humble service to the world and jubilant praise of You, the only God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the 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.

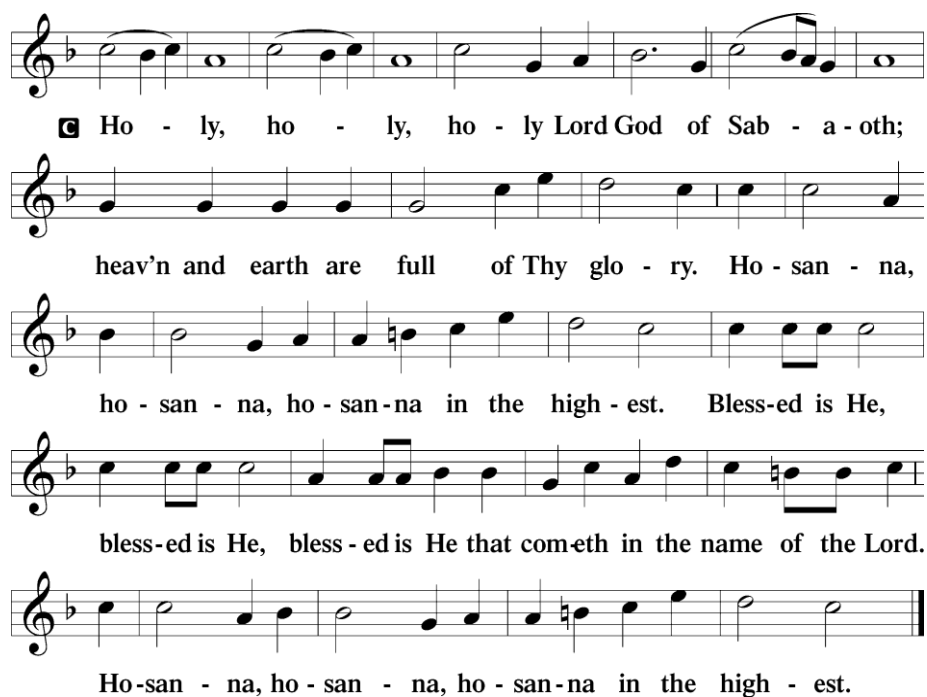
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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



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."

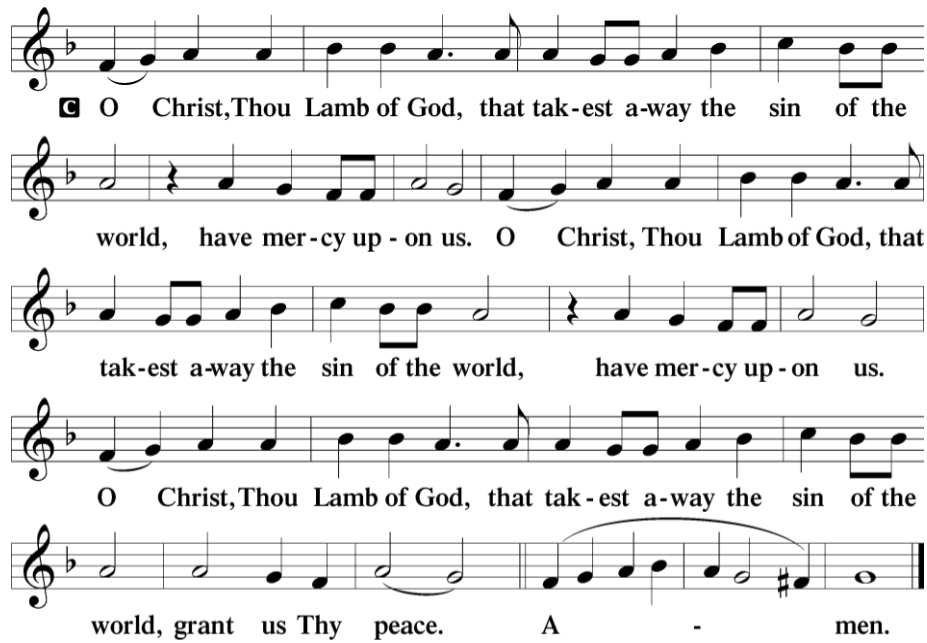
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

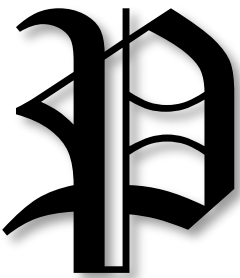
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

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.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, HUMBLE AND LOVING SAVIOR, PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE YOU IN HOLY COMMUNION. DELIVER US FROM PRIDE AND SELF-SEEKING, AND FILL US WITH YOUR HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND LOVE. UNITE US MORE CLOSELY TO YOU AND TO ONE ANOTHER, THAT HAVING RECEIVED YOUR GRACE, WE MAY GLADLY SERVE OTHERS AS YOU HAVE SERVED 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 621

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

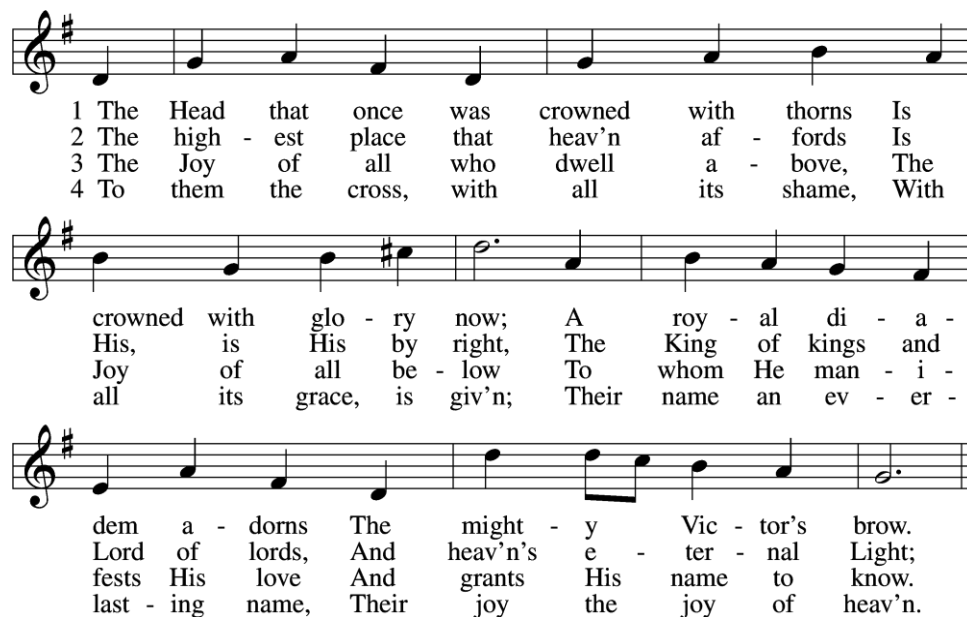


1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard
4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with
trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing
sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence
For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-
In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
scend-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.
faith-ful His own self for heav'n-ly food.
van-quish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

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Lutheran Service Book 532

"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high-est place that heav'n af-fords Is
3 The Joy of all who dwell a-bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
crowned with glo-ry now; A roy-al di-a-
His, is His by right, The King of kings and
Joy of all be-low To whom He man-i-
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev-er-
dem-a-dorns The might-y Vic-tor's brow.
Lord of lords, And heav'n's e-ter-nal Light;
fest His love And grants His name to know.
last-ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

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5 They suffer with their Lord below,
 They reign with Him above,
 Their profit and their joy to know
 The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
 Though shame and death to Him:
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,
 Their everlasting theme.

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Lutheran Service Book 575

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"



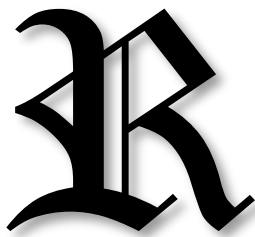
1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain
 On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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 HOLY BODY AND BLOOD. RENEW US IN YOUR HUMILITY AND LOVE, THAT WE MAY LAY ASIDE PRIDE, SEEK UNITY, AND SERVE OTHERS WITH JOYFUL HEARTS. HAVING RECEIVED YOU, MAY WE GO FORTH AND REFLECT YOUR SELF-GIVING LOVE IN ALL THAT WE DO; FOR YOU LIVE AND REIGN WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

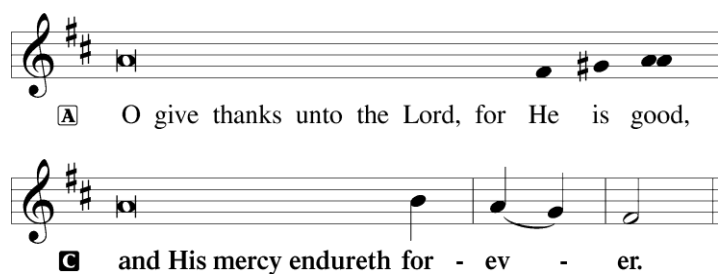
Luke 2:29-32



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.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that by these Thy means of sanctification both our vices may be cured and everlasting remedies spring up for us; 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.



G And with thy spir - it.



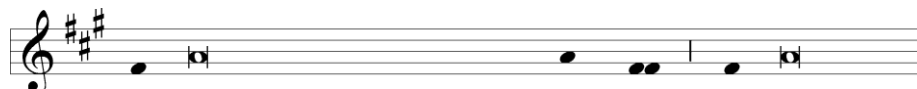
A Bless we the Lord.



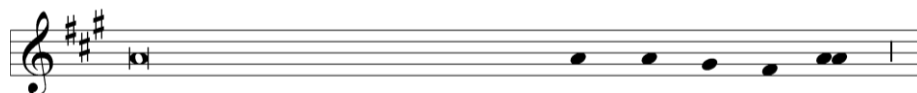
G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

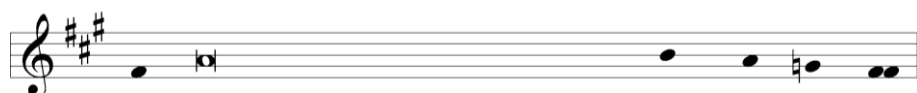
Numbers 6:24-26



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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 917

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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POSTLUDE



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, WHO EXALTS THE HUMBLE, RENEW OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE GRACE WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS HOLY MASS. CONFORM US TO THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST, THAT WE MAY SET ASIDE PRIDE, SEEK UNITY, BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, AND GLADLY SERVE THOSE AROUND US. MAY OUR LIVES REFLECT THE LOVE AND HUMILITY OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Emilie 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)

Greg Ison/Trevor Dunkel

(Tom Lawton)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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
Monday 9/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/29	St. Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas) Open Arms LCDC Church Office Holy Mass	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/30	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 10/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 10/4	Eighteenth 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

LOVING THE LORD

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

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

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

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

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

✝ **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).

✚ **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:

- ✝ Tom Russell, 9/28

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Elijah May, 9/27

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ Tom Russell, 9/27
- ✝ Chris Baxter, 9/29

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ John & Nancy Reichmann, 9/30

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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