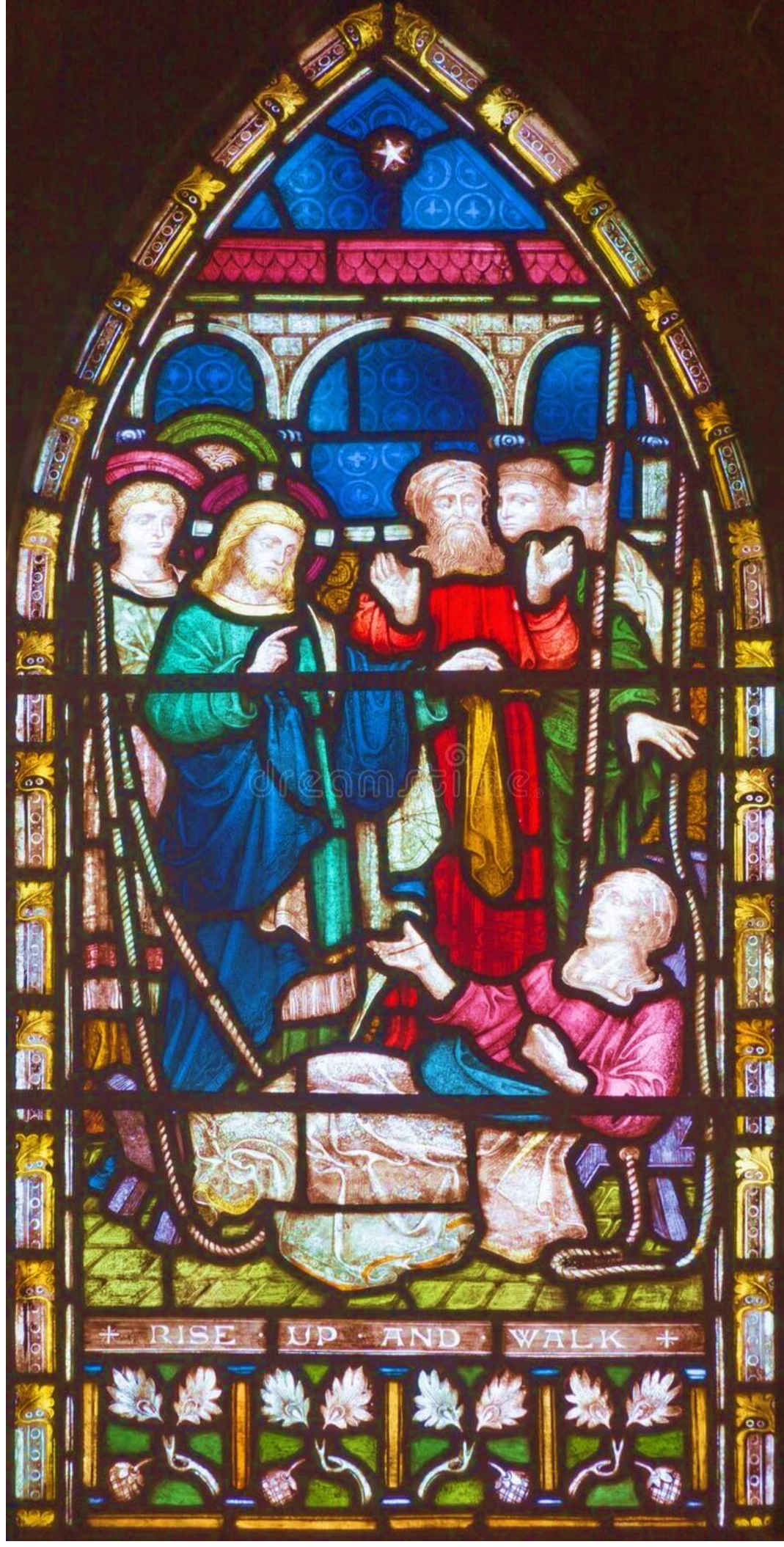
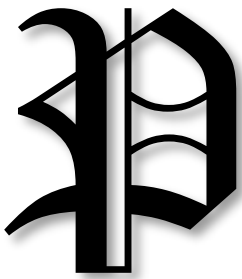


Trinitytide

OCTOBER 11, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





REPARING OUR HEARTS FOR HOLY MASS:

AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY MASS, LET US REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE THAT CHRIST HAS REDEEMED US, FORGIVEN OUR SINS, AND CALLED US INTO NEW LIFE. LIKE THE PARALYTIC WHO ENCOUNTERED JESUS, WE COME BEFORE HIM WITH OUR BURDENS, TRUSTING IN HIS MERCY AND HEALING POWER. LET US LAY ASIDE OUR FORMER WAYS, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HIS TRANSFORMING GRACE, AND ASK FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE IN TRUTH, RECONCILIATION, AND LOVE, SO THAT THE NEW LIFE WE RECEIVE IN CHRIST MAY BE REFLECTED IN ALL THAT WE SAY AND DO.

LET US PRAY.

MERCIFUL FATHER, YOU HAVE REDEEMED US THROUGH YOUR SON AND CALLED US FROM THE DARKNESS OF OUR OLD WAYS INTO THE FREEDOM OF NEW LIFE. FORGIVE OUR SINS, RENEW OUR HEARTS, AND HEAL ALL THAT IS BROKEN WITHIN US, THAT, STRENGTHENED BY YOUR GRACE, WE MAY WALK FAITHFULLY IN CHRIST AND BEAR WITNESS TO HIS LOVE IN THE WORLD; 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.

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

Meditation on "Gethsemane" - Prayer (Go to Dark Gethsemane LSB 436)

Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 842

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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:

SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL."

HAVE I TAKEN WHAT DOES NOT BELONG TO ME, MISUSED ANOTHER'S POSSESSIONS, TIME, TRUST, OR WORK, OR BEEN DISHONEST IN MY DEALINGS? HAVE I WITHHELD WHAT I OWE, FAILED TO PAY FAIRLY, OR ALLOWED GREED, ENVY, OR SELFISHNESS TO GOVERN MY CHOICES? HAVE I BEEN A GOOD STEWARD OF THE GIFTS AND RESOURCES YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO ME, AND HAVE I USED THEM TO SERVE OTHERS GENEROUSLY?

FORGIVE ME FOR EVERY ACT OF DISHONESTY OR SELFISHNESS, RESTORE WHAT I HAVE WRONGFULLY TAKEN OR WITHHELD, AND FORM IN ME A HEART OF INTEGRITY, CONTENTMENT, GENEROSITY, AND JUSTICE, THAT I MAY LOVE MY NEIGHBOR BY RESPECTING WHAT IS THEIRS AND SHARING FAITHFULLY WHAT YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO ME.

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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Liturgical Text; Psalm 78:1; antiphon: Liturgical Text



L I am the salvation of the people, saith | the Lord.*
In whatsoever distress they shall call up- | on me.

L I will | hear them,*
And I will be their Lord for- | ever.

C Give ear, O my people, | to My law:*
Incline your ears to the words | of My mouth.



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 I am the salvation of the people, saith | the Lord.*
In whatsoever distress they shall call up- | on me.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of 12 lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men."

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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.
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art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep from us all adversity, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may with free hearts accomplish the things that are Thine; 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

Isaiah 44:21–23

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

- A** Thus says the LORD God: “Remember this, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me! I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.

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

- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 141:2



- L** Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense, | O Lord,*
C And the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:22–28

- A** The Epistle is written in the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, the fourth chapter.
- A** Brethren: Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 117:1



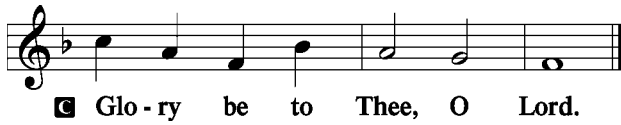
C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** Oh, praise the LORD, all ye nations: Praise Him, all ye people.



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

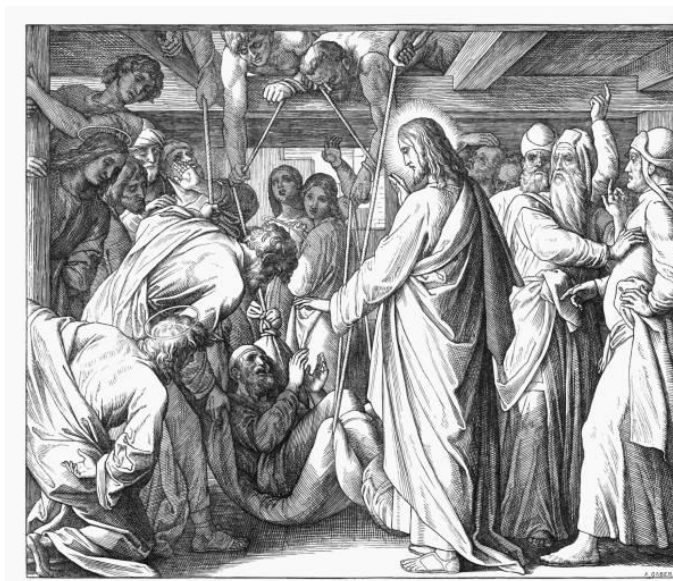
P The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



P At that time: Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to

say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" —then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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*

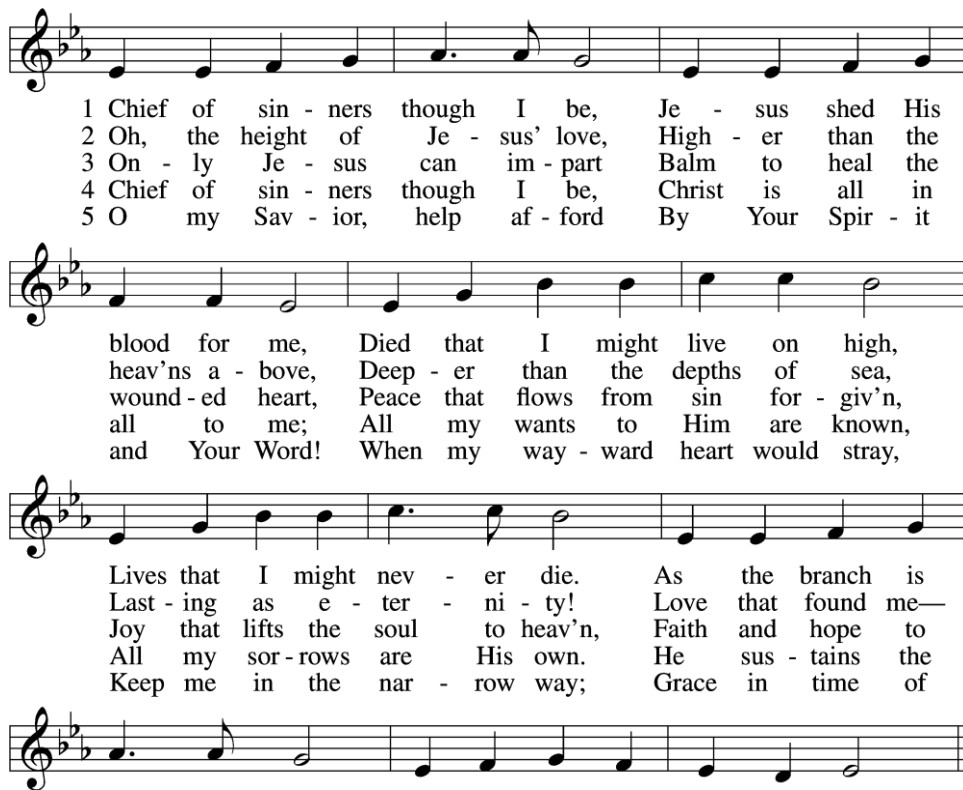
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 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 611

"Chief of Sinners"



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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SERMON

TAKE GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

THE READINGS PROCLAIM GOD'S POWER TO REDEEM, RENEW, AND RESTORE HIS PEOPLE, A PROMISE FULFILLED IN JESUS CHRIST. ISAIAH CALLS ISRAEL TO REMEMBER THAT GOD HAS REDEEMED THEM AND BLOTTED OUT THEIR SINS; IN CHRIST, THAT FORGIVENESS BECOMES TANGIBLE AS HE FORGIVES THE PARALYTIC AND RESTORES HIM TO WHOLENESS. EPHESIANS CALLS US TO LIVE OUT THIS NEW IDENTITY BY PUTTING AWAY OUR FORMER SINFUL WAYS AND BEING RENEWED IN CHRIST, REPLACING FALSEHOOD, ANGER, AND DESTRUCTIVE HABITS WITH TRUTH, RECONCILIATION, AND LIVES THAT HONOR GOD. TODAY, CHRIST CONTINUES TO CALL US FROM OUR OLD WAYS INTO THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS AND NEW LIFE: BECAUSE HE HAS REDEEMED US, WE ARE INVITED TO TRUST HIS AUTHORITY, RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND LET HIS TRANSFORMING GRACE SHAPE HOW WE THINK, SPEAK, AND LIVE WITH OTHERS.

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

Youth Chime Choir - *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth LSB 834*

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 Create in us clean hearts, O God, by the forgiveness of Your Son, that we may put off the old ways of sin and walk in the way of His commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We glorify You, Lord God, that You have given such authority to men to forgive sins in the name of Jesus Christ, whose blood has made atonement for the sins of the world. Focus every word and deed of Your ministers in the Church toward this Office of the Keys, that the Gospel may predominate in our worship and life together. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You call Your children to put off the old man of sin daily and live together in the forgiveness of Christ. Fill our homes with Your Holy Spirit. Leave no place for the devil, but work Your righteousness and holiness among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, preserve the lives of Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; and all our leaders. Even as You rule the world by Your mighty power, be pleased to give wisdom to our nation, that it may have peace and success in accordance with Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, Your Son healed the sick and the broken. Hear our prayers for those in need among us, [*especially* _____], and grant them healing now and resurrection at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Father, how awesome is this place, the very house of God and gate of heaven. Here, according to His Word, Your Son is bodily present with us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Bring us to eat and drink worthily at His Supper in repentance and faith, that through its forgiveness and healing, we may put off the old self and be renewed in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lover of mankind, You desire that all be saved and find forgiveness in Your Son. Inspire our witness to those we know and love, that we may bring them to His feet for true and eternal healing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Son, Jesus Christ, You mercifully helped the paralytic in body and soul. We implore You, be gracious to us also. Forgive our sins and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not be the cause of our own sickness or afflictions. Keep us in Your fear and strengthen us by Your grace, that we may escape wrath and punishment both temporal and eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13



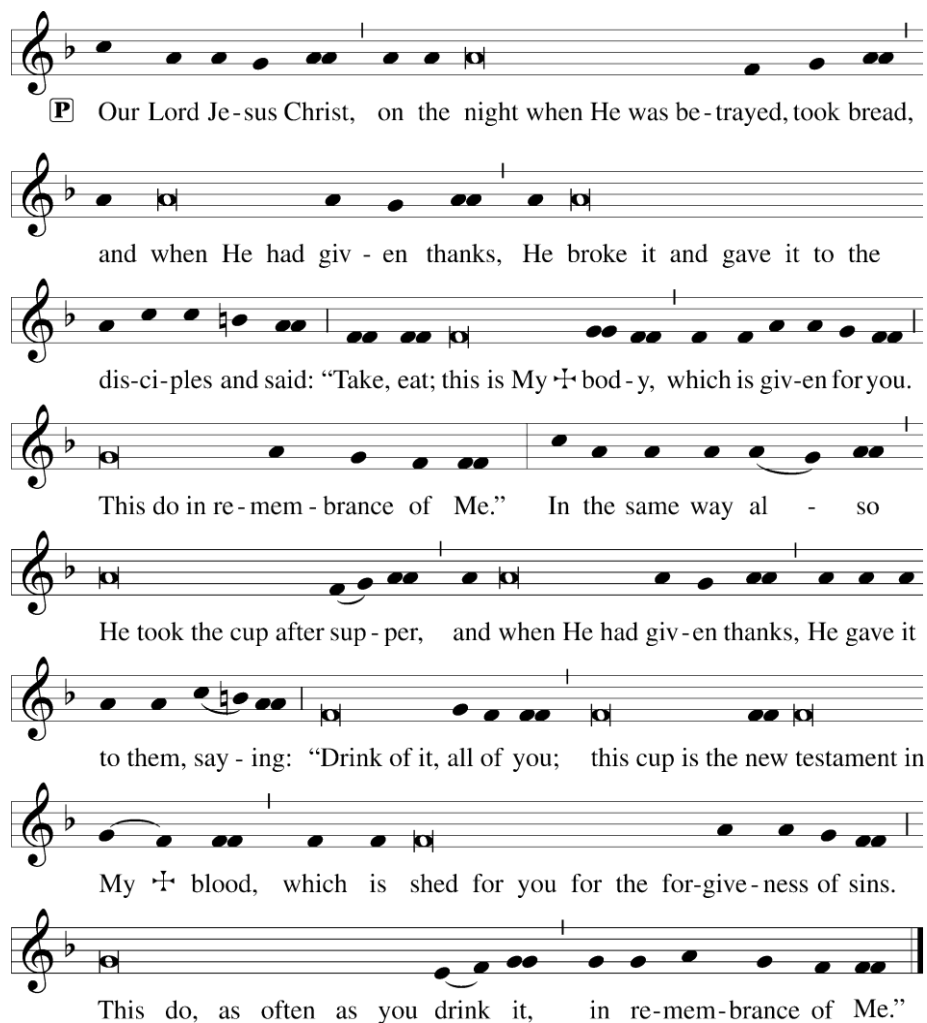
Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains a melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains a melody for the second line, which includes a long note for the word 'men.'.

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

A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

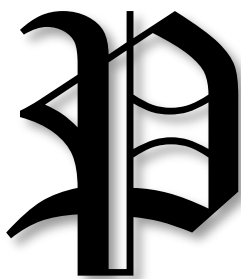
John 1:29

Five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is spread across five staves, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff includes a long note for the word 'men.'.

A 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.

MERCIFUL FATHER, AS WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, CLEANSE US FROM OUR SINS AND RENEW OUR HEARTS BY YOUR GRACE. HELP US TO LEAVE BEHIND OUR FORMER WAYS AND COME BEFORE YOU WITH HUMBLE AND TRUSTING HEARTS. MAY THIS HOLY COMMUNION UNITE US MORE DEEPLY TO CHRIST, HEAL WHAT IS BROKEN WITHIN US, AND STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE IN TRUTH, FORGIVENESS, AND LOVE AS PEOPLE REDEEMED BY YOUR MERCY; 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

Lord, Feed My Weary Soul!

1 Lord, feed my wear - y soul! Un - worth - y though I am,
2 "Re ceive this bread and eat, it is My bod - y true.
3 O per - fect Bread of Life, You give us strength a - new,
4 A - round Your gra - cious gifts, Your church u - nites as one,

You wel - come me, and let me feast up - on The Lamb!
Come, drink this cup, it is My blood I shed for you."
Your meal for - gives our sins be - cause Your word is true!
O Fa - ther, dwell in us as we re - ceive Your Son!

You bought me with His blood, and washed me in the same.
Through Je - sus' words You give true com - fort and true peace.
We can - not trust our eyes, we on - ly may be - lieve:
Pro - claim - ing Je - sus' death, un - til He comes a - gain,

He's sa - cri - ficed for me, Christ Je - sus bore my shame.
You quench all doubt and fear, and from all sin re - lease.
here, faith and life are gi - ven for us to re - ceive.
We join with those a - bove, all prais - ing You! A - men!

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Matthew 5:6, 26:26-28, Luke 22:19-20, John 6:35, 51, 53-57, 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:26, 1 John 4:11-19, Revelation 5:9-14

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I

love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of

pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own

love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er You com-mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life

Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day

When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

GRACIOUS FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHOM WE HAVE RECEIVED IN HOLY COMMUNION. HAVING BEEN NOURISHED BY HIS BODY AND BLOOD, RENEW OUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN US TO LEAVE BEHIND OUR FORMER WAYS AND WALK IN THE NEW LIFE OF GRACE. MAY THE FORGIVENESS WE HAVE RECEIVED MAKE US MERCIFUL, THE LOVE OF CHRIST MAKE US LOVING, AND HIS PRESENCE WITHIN US MAKE US FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO HIS REDEEMING GRACE; 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.

Standing

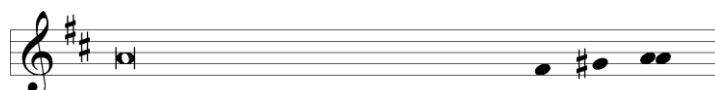
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

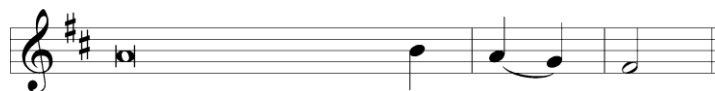
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to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

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Thy healing work both mercifully set us free from our waywardness: and make us ever to cleave unto Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



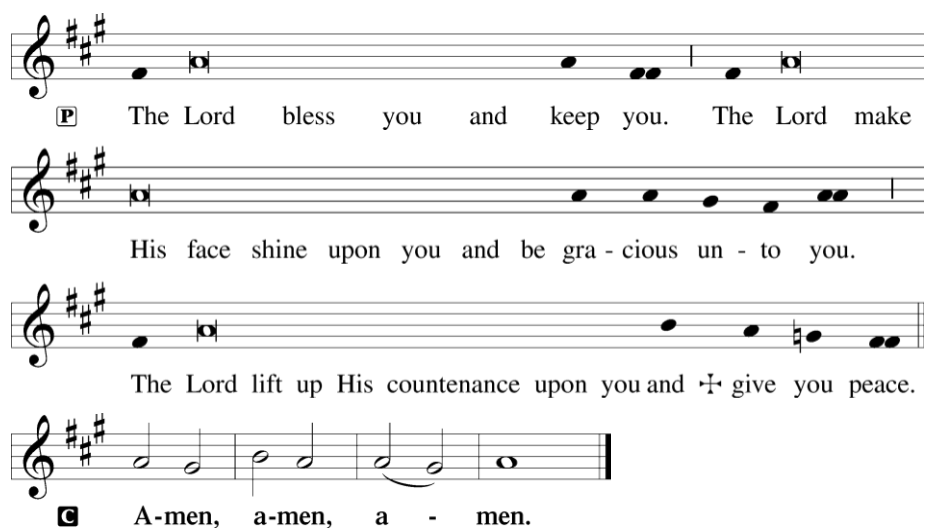
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 924

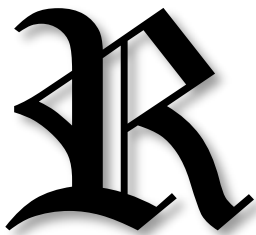
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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POSTLUDE



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

MERCIFUL GOD, HAVING RECEIVED YOUR GRACE IN THIS HOLY MASS, RENEW OUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE AS PEOPLE REDEEMED BY CHRIST. HELP US TO LEAVE BEHIND OUR FORMER WAYS, FORGIVE AS WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE, AND WALK EACH DAY IN THE NEW LIFE YOU HAVE GIVEN US. MAY THE GRACE OF THIS EUCHARIST TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS AND MAKE OUR LIVES A FAITHFUL WITNESS TO YOUR MERCY AND 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

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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

Youth Chime Choir:

Fred Durden

Jude Miller

Titus Miller

Katie Schoellen

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Eden Miller

Usher(s)

Greg Ison/Trevor Dunkel

(Tom Lawton)

Fellowship Host(s)

The Miller family

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 10/11	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>'Christ Is Risen Indeed'</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Altar Guild Cleaning Day 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 Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 10/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 10/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10/14	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 10/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 10/18	St. Luke, Evangelist Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Who Do You Say That I Am?"</i> Holy Mass Congregational Voters Meeting Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Baby Shower Book Club: <i>The Feast</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Voters Meeting Following Fellowship Hour 11:30 AM 3:30 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).

✝ **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 October 18.
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.

✝ **Altar Guild Cleaning Day**

Sunday, October 11 following Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

The Altar Guild will be staying after the service to clean and polish the appointments in the chancel. We are grateful for their care and dedication in helping to keep our worship space beautiful and ready for ministry.

✝ LCMS Young Adult Conference: *In the World, But Not of the World*

January 15-17, 2027
Faith Lutheran Church
1620 Pinehurst Road
Dunedin, FL 34698

In the World, But Not of the World is the 2027 LCMS Young Adults Conference, designed to equip young Christian adults (single or married, ages 18-35) to navigate today's cultural challenges through the lens of God's Word. Through biblical teaching and worship, thoughtful discussion, and practical application, all will be encouraged to stand firm in Christ while faithfully serving their neighbors.

Join other young adults for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and theology. Conference sessions will explore practical guidance for living out our faith in the home, the church, and the world. There will be time for fellowship with other young adults from across the country, and opportunities to worship together during Matins, Vespers, and the Divine Service on Sunday. Register by November 1, 2026 for an early bird discount! Registration: <https://faithdunedin.org/young-adults/>

The conference begins on Friday, January 15 at 6 PM. It concludes with the Divine Service on Sunday, January 17. Dinner will be provided on Friday, and meals will also be provided on Saturday. The full schedule will be released closer to the date of the conference.

Speakers include:

- The Rev. Andy Sorenson (Host)
Faith Lutheran Church, Dunedin, FL
- The Rev. Andrew Apple
First Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL
- The Rev. Roberto Rojas
Zion Lutheran Church, Winter Garden, FL
- The Rev. Luke Onken
Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer, MN

✝ Sermons on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta/videos>

Did you miss a Sunday service, want to revisit a sermon that especially spoke to you, or share God's Word with a friend or family member? Our weekly sermons are available on YouTube for your convenience. We encourage all members to subscribe to our YouTube channel and check back regularly for new sermon recordings. Whether you watch immediately after Sunday worship or revisit sermons throughout the week, we pray these messages continue to strengthen your faith and keep you rooted in God's Word.

✝ Private Confession and Absolution

Available by appointment

Have you considered making use of Private Confession and Absolution? Pastor Miller is available by appointment to hear confession and proclaim Christ's forgiveness personally and individually. While many Lutherans are familiar with corporate confession during the Divine Service, private confession has always been a treasured part of our Lutheran heritage. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages Christians to make use of confession and receive the comfort of absolution from their pastor. This gift is not something to fear or avoid—it is simply part of living the Christian life of repentance as a Lutheran. If you would like to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution, please contact Pastor Miller.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

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

✝ Congregational Voters Meeting

Sunday, October 18, following Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

Please stay after Divine Service for a brief congregational voters meeting. We will be electing new members to serve on the church board. Thank you for caring for your brothers and sisters in Christ and fulfilling your congregational responsibility!

✝ Baby Shower

Sunday, October 18 at 11:30 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

Ladies of Ascension, please join us in celebrating the upcoming births of babies Licht and Beckman. We will be celebrating the moms-to-be after church. Haley is having her first girl, and Margaret is keeping it a surprise! Although your presence is what's important, both moms will have use for diapers and wipes, if you're inclined to bring a gift. We can't wait to celebrate! RSVP to Christina Schoellen (christinaschoellen@comcast.net) or Laura Gollin (lauramgollin@gmail.com).

✝ **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.

✝ **Women's Group: Sip and Paint**

Saturday, October 24 at 1:00 P.M.

Church Fellowship Hall

Please come join us for an afternoon of painting, snacking, and fellowship! Painting materials, non-alcoholic drinks, and a charcuterie board will be provided. Please let Margaret Beckman know if you plan to attend to ensure enough supplies are brought.

✝ **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.

✝ Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, November 7 at 5:30 P.M.
Church fellowship hall

The sixth annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner is open to all those men and women who have served in our United States military, as well as their families. All veterans and their guests are invited to join us at no cost to them or their loved ones. Others, who are not veterans, are welcome to purchase a ticket to attend the dinner in celebration of our veterans. 100% of all proceeds go to benefit Warriors Set Free, which is a special ministry organization that helps veterans to heal from their emotional scars and find personal freedom in Jesus Christ.

The event includes a homemade Italian dinner, patriotic fellowship, special guest veterans, raffle prizes, and other great surprises. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is a can't-miss event! Be sure to mark your calendars.

Even more, please help get the word out to both veterans and non-veterans alike. You can visit the event website to RSVP free (for veterans and their families) or buy tickets (everyone else): vetsdinner.com. All questions may be directed to Jason Schoellen, whose information is in the church directory.

Ascension members, your help is also needed to ensure this event runs smoothly as the number of attendees grows each year! Please email Jason Schoellen to sign up as a volunteer for one of the following kitchen help roles: serving food to the veterans/attendees, help with food prep, handing out drinks, taking drink orders, other help as needed. Thank you so much!

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:

- ✝ Maddie Beckman, 10/11
- ✝ Richard Drachenberg, 10/14
- ✝ Isabella Floyd, 10/17
- ✝ Whitney Worthington, 10/17

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Christina Schoellen, 10/15

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Eden Miller, 10/13
- ✝ Jeni Miller, 10/13

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Robin Dempsey (mother-in-law of Matthew Licht)
- ✝ Roger Hill (friend of Jason Schoellen)
- ✝ Judy Kerver (sister-in-law of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Gerhard Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- ✝ Victoria Miller (sister-in law of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Claudia Rudolph (friend of Pastor Miller's brother)
- ✝ James Tavares (father of Chastity Tavares, an Open Arms teacher)

Special Requests

- ✝ All expectant mothers and their unborn children, especially Margaret Beckman, Haley Licht, Katie Licht, Mandy Kranzlein; 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
- ✝ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his pastoral formation.
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

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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