

JUNE 30, 2024 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





HEREVER THE CHURCH IS, THERE IS THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE GOSPEL. THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE CHURCH TO RETAIN THE AUTHORITY TO CALL, ELECT, AND ORDAIN MINISTERS. THIS AUTHORITY IS A GIFT THAT IN REALITY IS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH. NO HUMAN POWER CAN TAKE THIS GIFT AWAY FROM THE CHURCH. AS PAUL TESTIFIES TO THE EPHESIANS, WHEN "HE ASCENDED . . . HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN" (EPHESIANS [4:8]). HE LISTS

AMONG THE GIFTS SPECIFICALLY BELONGING TO THE CHURCH "PASTORS AND TEACHERS" [4:11], AND ADDS THAT THEY ARE GIVEN FOR THE MINISTRY, "FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST" [4:12]. SO WHEREVER THERE IS A TRUE CHURCH, THE RIGHT TO ELECT AND ORDAIN MINISTERS NECESSARILY EXISTS. IN THE SAME WAY, IN A CASE OF NECESSITY EVEN A LAYMAN ABSOLVES AND BECOMES THE MINISTER AND PASTOR OF ANOTHER. AUGUSTINE TELLS THE STORY OF TWO CHRISTIANS IN A SHIP, ONE OF WHOM BAPTIZED THE CATECHUMEN, WHO AFTER BAPTISM THEN ABSOLVED THE BAPTIZER.

HERE BELONG THE STATEMENTS OF CHRIST THAT TESTIFY THAT THE KEYS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHURCH, AND NOT MERELY TO CERTAIN PERSONS, "WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME . . . " [MATTHEW 18:20].

FINALLY, PETER'S STATEMENT ALSO CONFIRMS THIS, "YOU ARE . . . A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD" [1 PETER 2:9]. THESE WORDS APPLY TO THE TRUE CHURCH, WHICH CERTAINLY HAS THE RIGHT TO ELECT AND ORDAIN MINISTERS, SINCE IT ALONE HAS THE PRIESTHOOD. -POWER AND PRIMACY OF THE POPE, THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF BISHOPS, 67-69.

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.



Prelude

Beautiful Savior

Welcome

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 905



"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Unknown

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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.			
С	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 o Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.			
	rather, beseeching rinn in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant	[Hebrews 10:22]		
P C	Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.	Psalm 124:8		
P C	I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, 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.

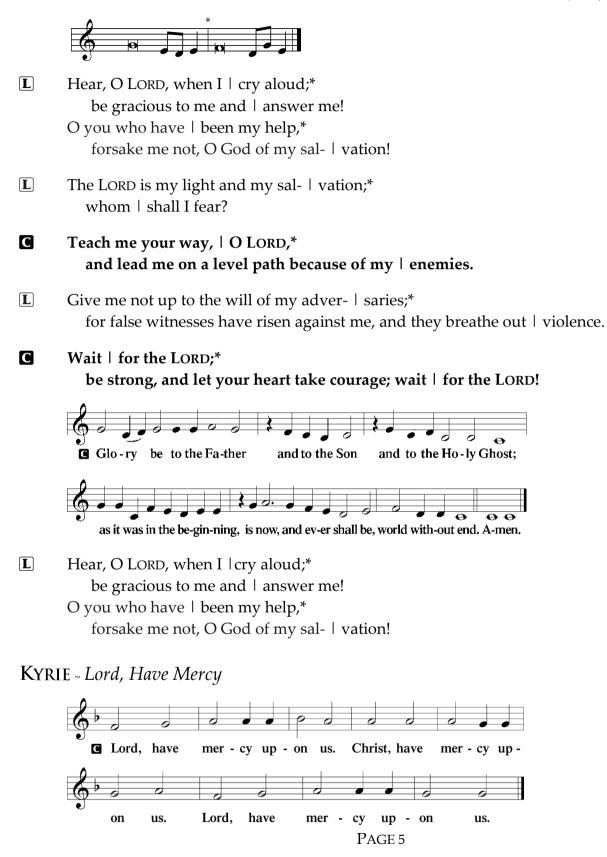
	xth Commandment shall not commit adultery.
Wes	does this mean? should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love I honor each other.
Prepar	ration for Confession and Absolution according to the Sixth Commandment:
•	Have I held in highest regard God's gift of sexuality or have I debased it in any way by my thoughts, words, or conduct? Am I guilty of lust, indecency, or the use of pornography?
•	Have I reserved my sexual activity for the pleasure and consolation of my spouse, and when God wills, the proecreation of children?

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.
- 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 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Psalm 27:7, 9b

Mark 10:47

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest



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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:11-21

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The Old Testament Reading for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity is from 1 Kings, chapter 19.

In those days the LORD spoke to Elijah, saying: "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



E Behold our shield, | O God;* look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;* give ear, O God of | Jacob!

EPISTLE

- **A** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter three.
- A Dearly Beloved: All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let
- A This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

Psalm 84:9, 8

1 Peter 3:8–15a

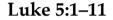
Alleluia and Verse



L O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults!



HOLY GOSPEL



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.



P At that time: As the multitude pressed about Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Psalm 21:1

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

С I believe in one God, Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4 the Father Almighty, Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 maker of heaven and earth Genesis 1:1: John 1:1 and of all things visible and invisible. Colossians 1:16 And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 10:9 the only-begotten Son of God, John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 begotten of His Father before all worlds, John 1:2 God of God, Light of Light, John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 very God of very God, Colossians 2:9 begotten, not made, John 1:2 being of one substance with the Father, John 10:30 by Whom all things were made; Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 Who for us men and for our salvation 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23 came down from heaven John 6:41; Luke 15:20 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary Luke 1:34-35 and was made man; John 1:14 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 He suffered and was buried. John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6 and ascended into heaven Acts 1:9 and sits at the right hand of the Father. Acts 7:55 And He will come again with glory Matthew 26:64 to judge both the living and the dead, Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 Whose kingdom will have no end. 2 Peter 1:11 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 the Lord and giver of life, Genesis 1:2; John 3:6 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, John 15:26 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14 Who spoke by the prophets. Ezekiel 11:5 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, Ephesians 4:5 and I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and the life + of the world to come. Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42 **Amen.** Psalm 106:48

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

- **P** What sins should we confess?
- **C** Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.
- **P** Which are these?
- Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 853



Sermon

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

OFFERTORY



Sitting

OFFERING

Come to the Water

Standing.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Brief silence

- Lord God of hosts, cast the cloak of ministry upon a new generation of pastors in our midst, that we may continue to hear Your Word and receive Your gifts, and that other lost souls may be caught up in the gracious nets of the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hosts, You speak to us in the low whisper of Your Word. Do not let us despise it, but make us hear it gladly with reverent and holy awe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Psalm 51:10–12

John B. Foley

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord God of hosts, prepare us in our daily vocations always to make a defense to anyone who asks us the reason for the hope of Christ that is in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord God of hosts, bless all who suffer for righteousness' sake, and keep them in Christ from fearing or being troubled by those who persecute them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Lord God of hosts, bless [_______ and] all who suffer in body or mind in our midst. Since Christ is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Make their flesh dwell securely, and give them peace in the promise that You will not abandon their souls to Sheol. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hosts, Your Son is our chosen portion and our cup, forgiving and nourishing us with His body and blood. Grant that we may receive Him humbly and in faith, that You may hold our lot secure in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord God of hosts, You have caused the lines to fall in pleasant places for us and given us a beautiful inheritance through Your Son. Keep us faithful, that we may enjoy its fullness with all the saints who now rest in Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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.

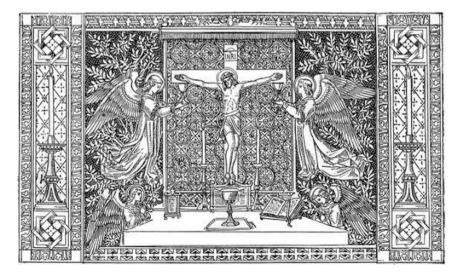
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



■ 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

0 0 Ο ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; C Ho ly, ho ly, full heav'n and earth are of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He, 0 10 . . bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh 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

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

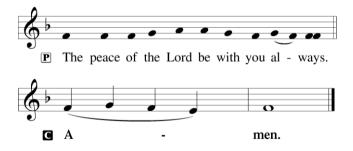
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

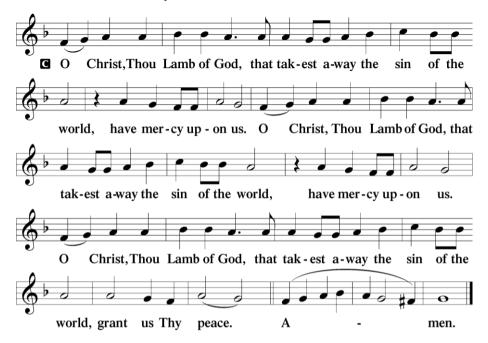


PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord



John 20:19

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God



Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

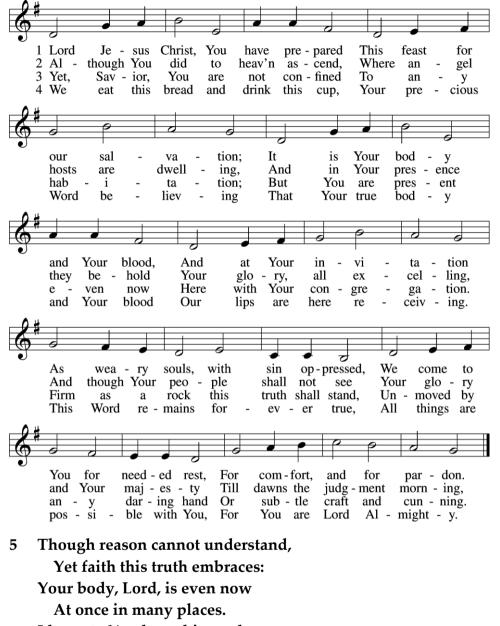
(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

John 1:29

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 622

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"



I leave to You how this can be;

Your Word alone suffices me;

I trust its truth unfailing.

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Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears

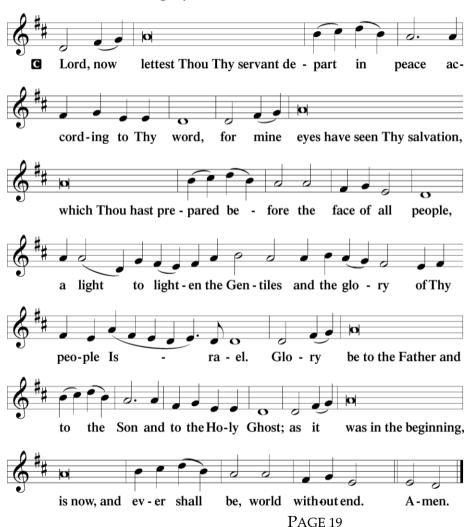
And is my priceless treasure.

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- Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

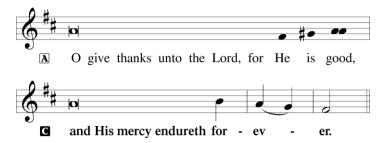
Standing





Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING



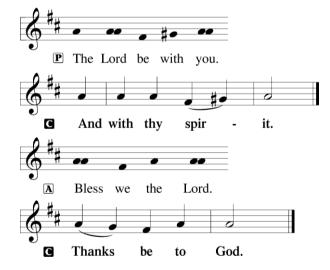
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

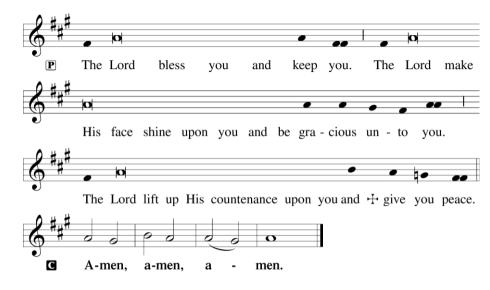
C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1

BENEDICTION



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 920



Postlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

"Forth In the Peace of Christ We Go"

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Henry William Baker

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Al Oren, *Guest Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s) Jason Schoellen, Elder Maddie Abi, Acolyte Fred Durden, Gospel Bearer

Organist Laura Darden, *Director of Music*

Cantor Briana Darden

Musician(s) Briana Darden, violin Will Davis, trumpet

Altar Guild Mark Saldaña

Usher(s) Tom Lawton/Trevor Dunkel

Fellowship Host(s) Darlene Beckman SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s) Grayson Beckman, Chair of Elders Edie Durden, Acolyte Jude Miller, Gospel Bearer

Organist Laura Darden, *Director of Music*

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Altar Guild Whitney Worthington

Usher(s) TBD/TBD

Fellowship Host(s) Nancy Grossberg



OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

-Jesus Christ (Mt. 22:37-39)

This Week's Calendar				
Sunday 6/30	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass		
Monday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM		
7/1	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM		
Tuesday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM		
7/2	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM		
Wednesday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM		
7/3	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM		
Thursday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM		
7/4	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM		
Friday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM		
7/5	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM		
Saturday	Open Arms LCDC	Closed		
7/6	Church Office	Closed		
Sunday 7/7	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass		

LOVING THE LORD

+ CANCELLED: No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School June 30 and July 7.

+ Adult Bible Study: "The Singing Church": Five Hundred Years of Lutheran Hymnody

Beginning Sunday July 14, at 9:00 A.M. Church fellowship hall

It is the five-hundredth anniversary of the First Lutheran Hymnal (*and* the first ever congregational hymnal in history, for that matter)! This being the case, join us as we answer the following questions: 1.) Which events paved the way for the first Lutheran hymnal? 2.) Why do we sing congregational hymns in church? 3.) What makes only certain hymns distinctively Lutheran? And, of course, many more. No doubt, you'll come away with a greater appreciation of the rich musical heritage that has been passed down to us.

+ Adult Bible Study: The Riddles of God: Solving the Discrepancies of Scripture

Beginning Sunday August 4, at 9:00 A.M. Church fellowship hall

At first glance, the Bible is full of riddles. For example, Paul wrote, "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law," but James wrote, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." Trying to solve such riddles was what led to the Reformation. Join us as we work to solve such riddles by the fullness of Holy Scripture with clarity from the Lutheran Confessions. Don't be left in the dark!

+ Book Club: *The Water Is Wide* by Pat Conroy

Sunday July 28, at 3:30 P.M. Tom and Linda's home (see directory for address)

A "miraculous" (Newsweek) human drama, based on a true story, from the renowned author of The Prince of Tides and The Great Santini

The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence unless, somehow, they can learn a new way. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher—until one man gives a year of his life to the island and its people.

+ Sermons on YouTube

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

+ Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell

Deadline for donations: Sunday, July 28

A former son of the congregation, Charles Schnell, will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in the fall. While seminary tuition is prepaid for students at this time, Charles will still require money for room and board, as well as his textbooks. Please consider adopting Charles and supporting his studies. Please be sure to note "Charles Schnell" in the memo line to distinguish your gift from regular plate offerings. We are accepting donations through the end of the summer so that we, as a congregation, may give a donation that matches the total sum of private donations. Thank you for supporting Charles!

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

+ Ann LaVan, 7/2

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

+ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

+ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

+ None this week

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

🕂 Nigeria

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- + Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- + Zachary Harmon (grandson of Bill and Patty Harmon, friends of Ascension)
- + Barbara Collins-Hopkins (Director of Open Arms LCDC)
- + Betty Licht
- Donald Licht
- + Claire Pak (friend of Laura Darden)
- + Jackie Sherwood (grandmother of Bekah Beckman)
- + Bryan Williams (friend of J.P. Morr)

For those requesting special prayers:

- + Gainful employment for all those in this congregation who are actively seeking meaningful work and a fair wage.
- + The health and wellbeing of all unborn children, especially those of expectant mothers Haley Licht and Lauren Morr.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

+ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)

- 🕂 🛛 Brian Beckman
- + Ruth Henry
- + Donald Licht (friend of the congregation)
- + Michelle Noel
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- + Bill Vester

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 Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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