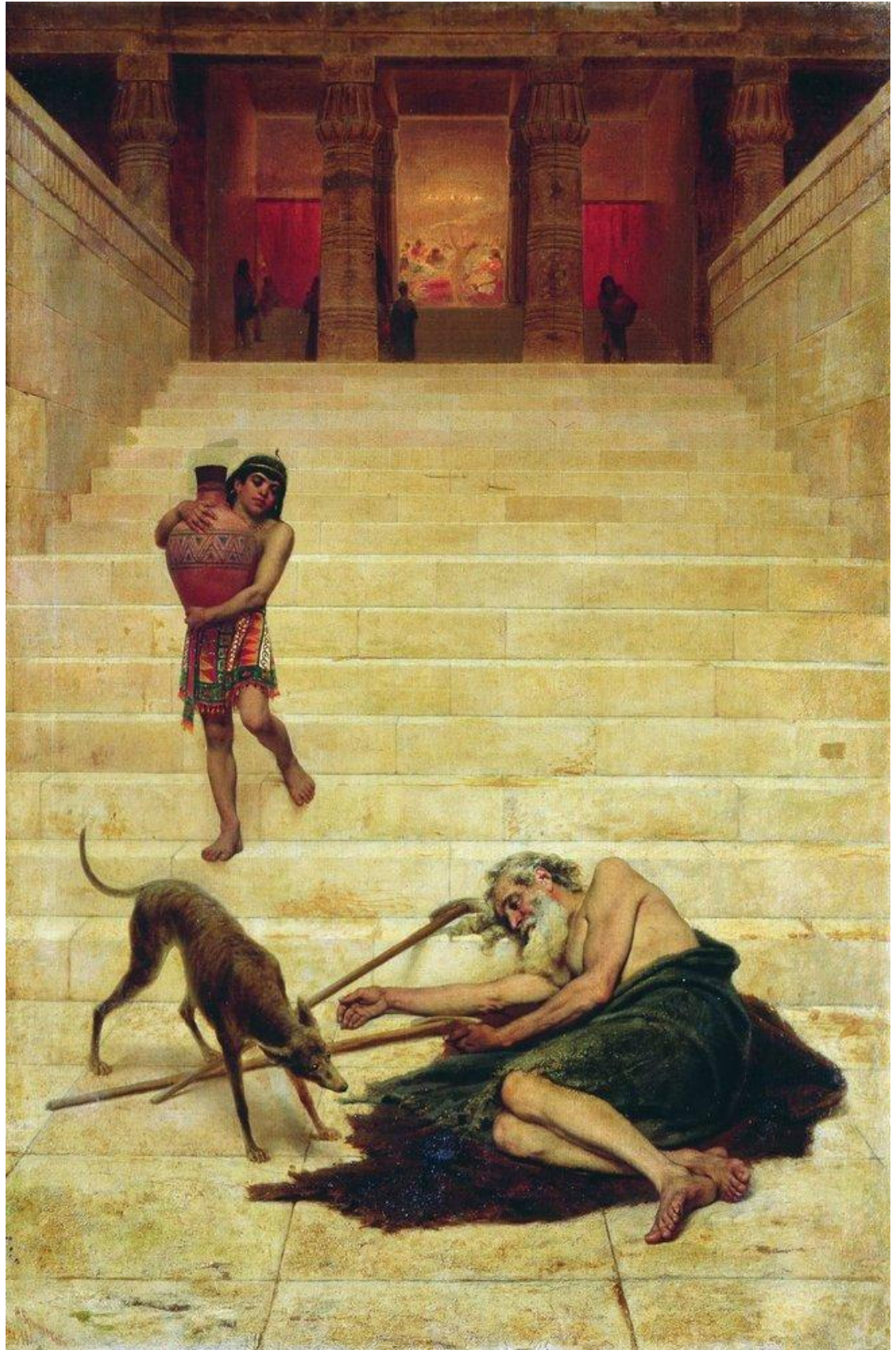


# Trinitytide

JUNE 22, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



*Lazarus at the Rich Man's Gate* (1886). Fyodor Andreyevich Bronnikov (1827 – 1902).

**I**T IS EVIDENT THAT LAZARUS LIVED IN FAITH AND LOVE. NONE CAN COME INTO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM, BUT BY FAITH. HE WAS CONSCIOUS THAT GOD LOVED HIM. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF SUCH POVERTY AND MISERY, HE EXPECTED EVERY GOOD THING FROM GOD, HE CHEERFULLY TRUSTED ON HIM AND ENDURED ALL THINGS WITH A PATIENT SPIRIT, INSOMUCH THAT NOTHING WAS TOO HEAVY OR TOO MUCH TO SUFFER AND TO DO. HE DID NOT MURMUR ON ACCOUNT OF HIS CONDITION; HE DID NOT CURSE THE RICH MAN AND WISH THAT HIS HOUSE MIGHT BURN DOWN, BUT HE PRAYED FOR HIM.

FROM HIS FAITH FLOWS ANOTHER VIRTUE: THE LOVE OF HIS NEIGHBOR, BY WHICH HE WAS READY AND WILLING TO SERVE EVERYBODY; BUT BECAUSE HE WAS POOR AND MISERABLE, HE HAD NOTHING WHEREWITH TO SERVE. BUT THIS WANT OF A BODILY SERVICE HE RICHLY SUPPLIES BY A SPIRITUAL SERVICE. FOR NOW, AFTER HIS DEATH, HE SERVES THE WHOLE WORLD WITH HIS SORES, HUNGER AND MISERY, WHEREBY HE COMFORTS US BY HIS EXAMPLE, HOW GOD IS PLEASED WITH US WHEN WE FARE BADLY ON EARTH, IF WE HAVE FAITH: AND HE ALSO WARNS US, THAT GOD IS ANGRY WITH US WHEN WE FARE WELL IN UNBELIEF.

-MARTIN LUTHER. *LUTHER'S EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE GOSPELS*, P. 239.

# 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

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 875*

**“Father, We Praise Thee”**



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our  
△ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.  
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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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.*

## **The Fifth Commandment**

*You shall not murder.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fifth Commandment:**

- *Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?*
- *Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?*
- *Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?*
- *Am I abusive (in word or deed) toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?*
- *Have I ignored the plight of the helpless or been callous toward genuine need?*

**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 13:1-4; antiphon: Psalm 13:5-6*



**[L]** [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

**[L]** How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever.\*  
How long will you hide your | face from me?

**[C]** How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?\*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

**[L]** Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

**[C]** lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"\*  
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.



**[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]** [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
because he has dealt bountifully | with 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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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 spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## PROPHECY

### Deuteronomy 6:4–13

**A** The Prophecy for the First Sunday after Trinity is from Deuteronomy, chapter six.

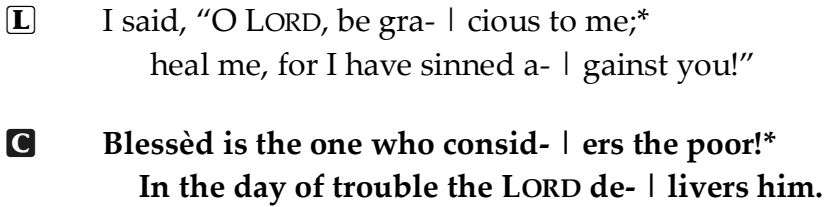
**A** In those days Moses spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on

your gates. So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 41:4, 1*



## 1 John 4:8b–21

- believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

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## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 7:1



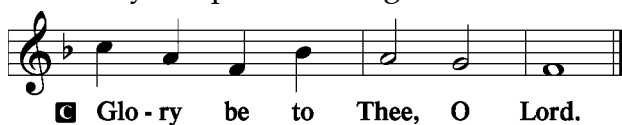
- L** O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



- P** At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you

received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

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



# NICENE CREED

**C** **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*

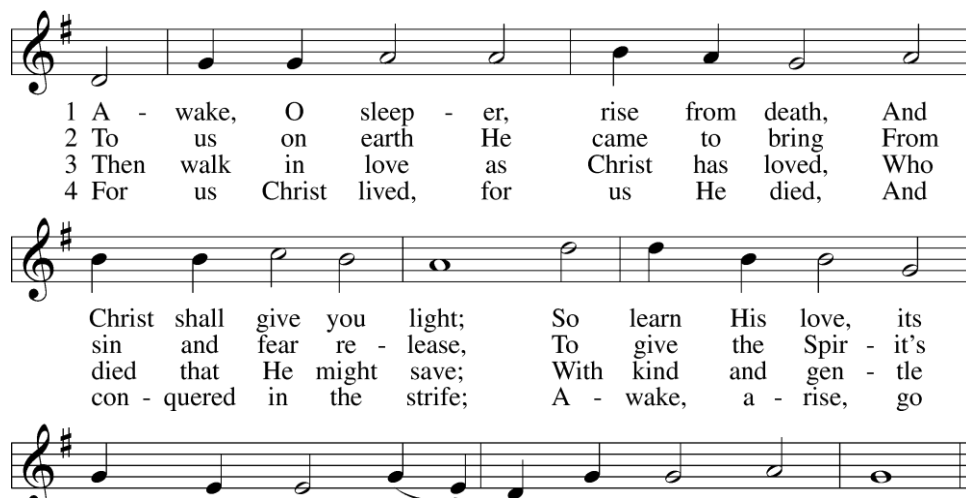
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who 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.** *Psalms 106:48*

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 697

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”



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

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

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

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## SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalms 51:10–12



**C**re - 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

*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** O Lord God, You have given Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our Bishop; David, our circuit visitor; and our pastor so that we may hear Moses and the prophets and be convinced by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Make their proclamation fruitful among us in repentance and faith, that we may not fall into the torments of hades but be carried by the angels to Abraham's side in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord God, be the defender and shield of all in need: the poor, the hungry and those without homes or proper employment. Provide for their needs, and give them hope in the face of their trials. Stir up in us fervent love for one another, that we would be charitable to bring care and comfort to those around us, since You have shown us perfect charity in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord God, have mercy on those who desire the gift of children and yet remain childless. Help them to trust Your unfailing promises and, if it be Your will, satisfy the longing of their hearts with offspring to raise up in the fear and knowledge of You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord God, Your Word teaches that a great army cannot save the king and a war horse is a false hope for salvation. Grant that our nation would not put its hope in the strength of our warriors, but in You. Bless and keep those who serve in our military, and use them as Your arm to guard and deliver us from all our enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord God, give to Your servants all that is needed for this body and life. Heal, strengthen and comfort the sick, the suffering, the sorrowing and the dying, and hear the prayers of all who call upon Your saving name [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Teach us to pray so that our hearts may not be undone by anxiety and fear but rejoice in Your grace sufficient for our every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord God, give repentance and faith to all who come to Your altar. Grant that we would not come seeking earthly food, but instead discern Your body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and receive it in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not, like the rich man, hear Your Word in vain and become so devoted to things temporal that we forget things eternal. Grant that we may serve those who are in need readily and according to our ability, not defiling ourselves with carousing or pride. In trial and misfortune, keep us from despair, and let us trust in Your fatherly help and grace, that in faith and Christian patience we may overcome all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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*

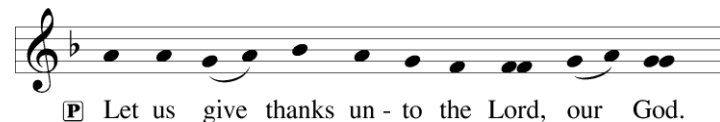
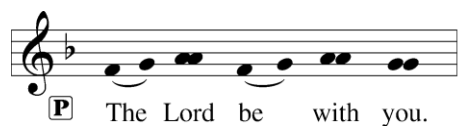
*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE


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



- P** 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:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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

*Sitting*

*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.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## Lutheran Service Book 623

## "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

## Lutheran Service Book 626

## "Come, Let Us Eat"



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

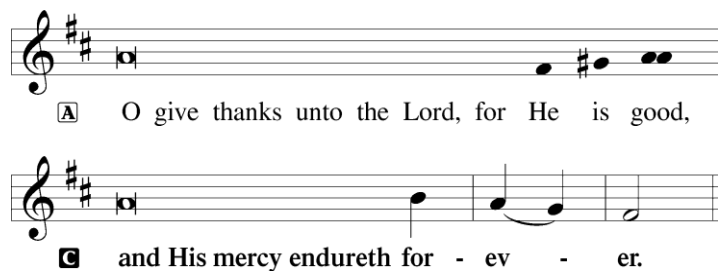
Luke 2:29-32



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

## THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



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

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We 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*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



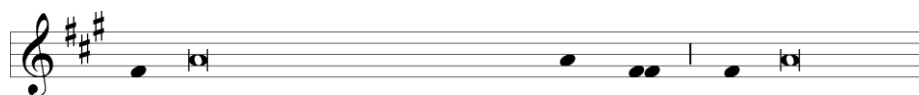
**A** Bless we the Lord.



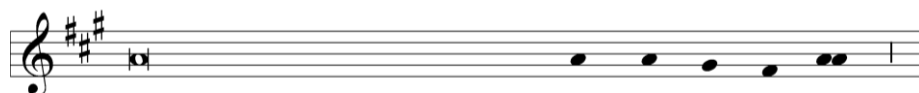
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

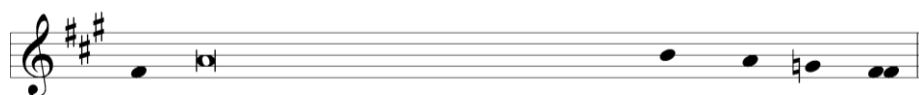
*Numbers 6:24-26*



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



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



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



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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 832*

**“Jesus Shall Reign”**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -  
ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with  
shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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## POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. Dr. James A. Clark, *Guest Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Musician(s)**

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, French horn/trumpet

### **Altar Guild**

Linda Rathje/Margaret Beckman

### **Usher(s)**

Nathan May/Joel May

(Trevor Dunkel)

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Margaret & Grayson Beckman

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. Dr. James A. Clark, *Guest Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

### **Pianist**

Zac Lavender

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Ryan Licht/

Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Eli May/Joel May

(Trevor Dunkel)

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Nancy Grossberg

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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 6/22	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 6/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 6/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 6/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 6/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 6/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 6/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 6/29	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

# LOVING THE LORD

✝ No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study June 22, 29, or July 6.

✝ Summer Adult Bible Study: *The Books of the Church*

Sundays, beginning July 13 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website (cph.org). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via apocrypha.org.

✝ 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

## ✝ Ascension Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 13 following Holy Mass (Rain Date: July 20)  
Church front lawn

This summer, Ascension is excited to host her first ever annual summer picnic! All are welcome to join us! Tables and chairs will be set up on the front drive. Various lawn games and activities will be made available for all ages. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as cold beverages, will also be provided. Participants are asked to please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. Thank you to the Men's Group for helping to cook, set up, and tidy up after the event!

## ✝ Men's Bible Breakfast: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, July 26 at 9:00 A.M.  
Church overflow room

Join the guys for a time of fellowship over breakfast, as well as feasting on God's Word. This time we'll be looking closely at the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are laid out in Isaiah 11:1-3. Considering these gifts, does the Holy Spirit give these gifts to us as believers? If so, how and why? Consider the power of the Holy Spirit already at work in you! We will talk about these things and more. Please join us!

## Coming Soon:

- ✝ Men's Group Tubing on the Chattahoochee
- ✝ Men's Group Atlanta Braves Event

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ The Rev. David V. Miller, 6/22

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ Isaac Beckman, 6/23
- ✝ Keith Worthington, 6/23
- ✝ Eden Miller, 6/24

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

## Recent Requests

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Corey Gaither (nephew of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Gail Grimes (grandmother of Laura Gollin)
- ✝ Hellen Kaale
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- ✝ Samantha Scaglione (sister-in-law of Margaret Beckman)
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- ✝ Evan Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman)
- ✝ Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kalugendo)

## Special Prayers

- ✝ Health and safety of all expecting mothers and their children, especially Margaret Beckman and baby.
- ✝ Steady employment and fair wages for the unemployed, especially Jill Drachenberg.
- ✝ Growth in faith and sanctification for all confirmands and adult catechumens, especially those currently going through Christian instruction at Ascension.

## Ongoing Requests

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.

### *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

**A**BRAHAM'S BOSOM IS NOT THE BODILY BOSOM; FOR ABRAHAM'S BODY IS BURIED AND TURNED TO CORRUPTION IN THE LAND OF CANAAN; BUT THE SOUL HAS NO BOSOM. THEREFORE, THIS BOSOM IS THE GOSPEL; THE PROMISE GIVEN TO ABRAHAM IS CALLED ABRAHAM'S BOSOM, BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM. INTO THIS WE MUST ALL ENTER WHEN WE DIE; FOR THE SPIRIT OF MAN HAS NO REST OR PLACE IN WHICH TO REMAIN, EXCEPT IN THE WORD OF GOD, UNTIL AT THE LAST DAY HE COMES TO THE CLEAR VISION OF GOD.

-MARTIN LUTHER. *LUTHER'S EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE GOSPELS*, P. 239.



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