


Trinitytide

JULY 13, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





GOOD WORKS ARE TO BE DONE BECAUSE OF GOD'S COMMAND AND FOR THE EXERCISE OF FAITH—CONFESSING THE FAITH AND GIVING THANKS. GOOD WORKS MUST BE DONE FOR THESE REASONS. THEY ARE DONE IN THE FLESH, WHICH IS NOT AS YET ENTIRELY RENEWED. THE FLESH HINDERS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MOTIVES AND ADDS SOME OF ITS UNCLEANNESS TO THE WORKS. YET, BECAUSE OF CHRIST, THEY ARE HOLY, DIVINE WORKS, SACRIFICES, AND ACTS BELONGING TO THE RULE OF CHRIST, WHO IN THIS WAY DISPLAYS HIS KINGDOM BEFORE THIS WORLD.

-APOLOGY. ARTICLE V (III). LOVE AND FULFILLING THE LAW. 68.

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 500

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y

first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who

pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -

set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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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.

Psalms 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

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

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Eighth Commandment:

- *Do I speak the truth or have I lied in any way?*
- *Do I gossip or take pleasure in talking about the faults and mistakes of others?*
- *Do I uphold and defend the name and reputation of others?*
- *Have I judged others without being duly authorized to do so?*
- *Have I gladly and willingly found ways to explain in the best way the words or actions of those who hurt 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.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Psalm 27:1-2



L The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

L Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

C One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.

L For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.



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KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



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, but the notation suggests a moderate, steady pace. 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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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 Lord, grant that the course of this world may be peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:6–12

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity is from Isaiah, chapter 58.

A Thus says the LORD God: “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the

pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In,” says the LORD Almighty.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 79:9-10a



- L** Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!*
- Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"
- C** Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
- for the glory of your name de- | liver us.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–23

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter eight.
- A** Brethren: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalms 9:4b, 9



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

- L** You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:36-42

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

- P** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the

ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye."

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



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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*

P What is the Tenth Commandment?

C You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 696

"O God, My Faithful God"



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.

SERMON

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

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 Lord God, as Your mercy is poured out in rich measure, so open the mouths of all ministers in the Church to preach Your blessed and saving Gospel. Open the mouths of Christians to proclaim the marvels of Him who called us from darkness into His marvelous light. Let our works of mercy attest to the love we have received from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, teach all Your children true humility, that we would learn to confess our sin rather than excuse or deny it. Keep us safe from all pride, which would lead us to disdain our fellow Christians who have received Your mercy. Lead us, rather, to rejoice at the patience You have shown to each of us in forgiving our many trespasses. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, as You have granted us to live in a nation where Your people may still gather without fear, bless our leaders with Your wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land, that Your Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive the groanings of Your Church, dear Father, as we await the redemption of our bodies and the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Turn away the corruption of sin, the futility of our fallen state, and every ill of body and soul. *[We pray especially for _____.]* Comfort us in the midst of these sufferings with the certain hope of Your incomparable glory, which at last will be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, keep us from the self-idolatry that seeks to avenge ourselves on our enemies by repaying evil with evil. Help us instead to overcome evil with good and live peaceably with all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, clear away all grudges, unbelief and impenitence from us, that we may eat and drink Your Son's body and blood with lively faith in His promises and receive the forgiveness You give in this blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we give You thanks for all who have died in the faith and now abide with You in glory. Hear our inward groans, and sustain us in faith as we long for the redemption of our bodies at the return of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, You are merciful and through Christ have promised that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive all our sins and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. By Your Holy Spirit, establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy. Teach us in turn to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through the same 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

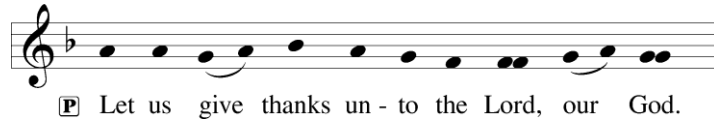
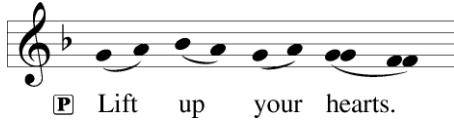
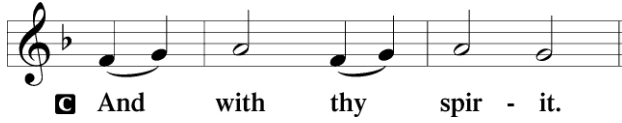
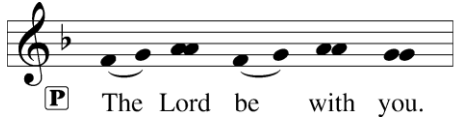
Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

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



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

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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

Sitting

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.]

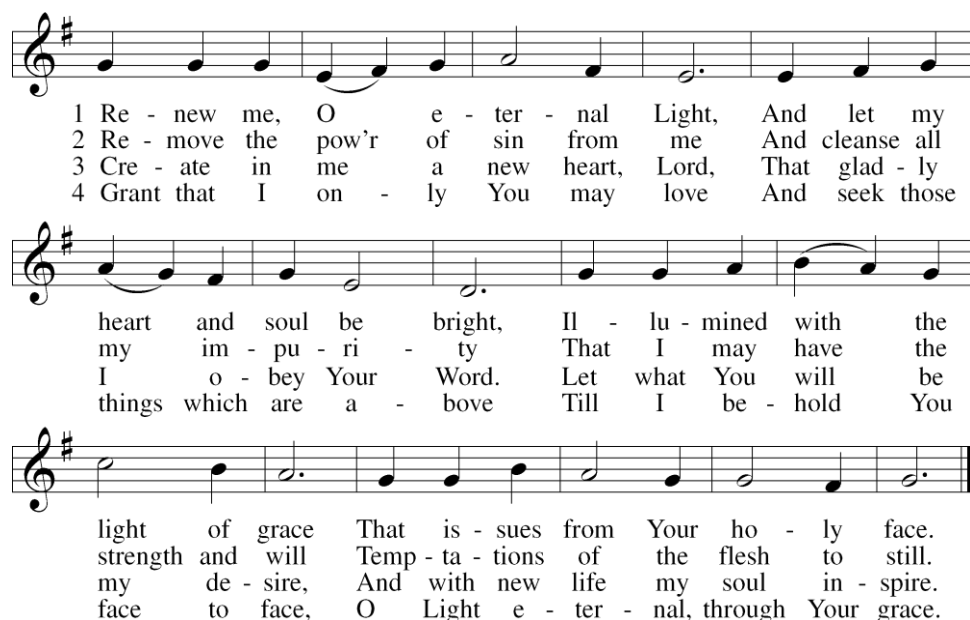
For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(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 704

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those

heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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Lutheran Service Book 719

"I Leave All Things to God's Discretion"



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the

both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter

fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -

and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

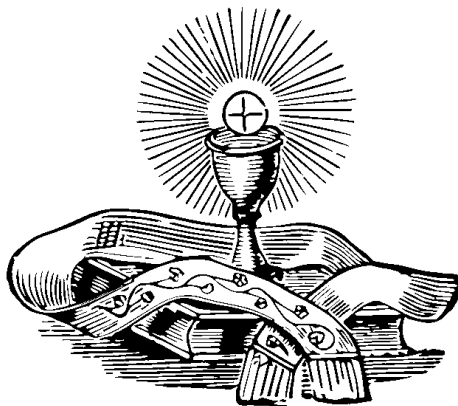
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

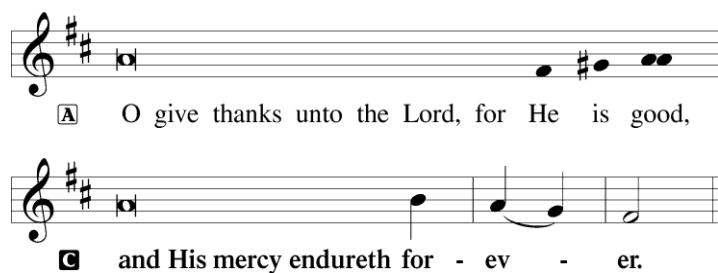
Luke 2:29-32



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

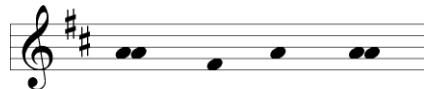
2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



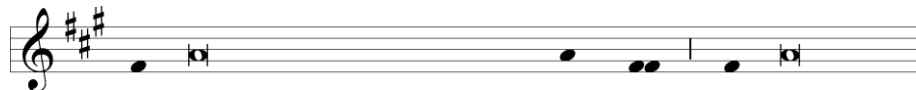
A Bless we the Lord.



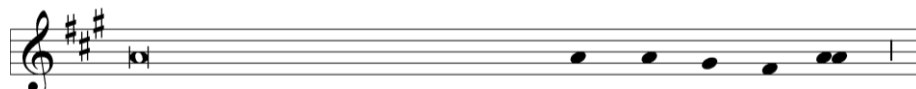
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

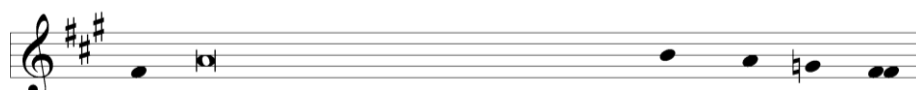
Numbers 6:24-26



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 707

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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POSTLUDE



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SERVING NEXT WEEK

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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 7/13	Fourth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Development of the Canon: Old Testament</i> Holy Mass Congregational Summer Picnic	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 7/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 7/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 7/16	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 7/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 7/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 7/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 7/20	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Development of the Canon: New Testament</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **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, we are taking time to discuss them in Adult 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!

✝ Women's Group: Treat Your Feet!

Sunday, July 27 at 12:30 P.M. (following fellowship hour)
Treat Your Feet Buckhead (2 miles from church)
3275 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta

It's high time the ladies of Ascension got together for some food, fun, service, and great conversation! First up, join us for a relaxing post-church outing to Treat Your Feet in Buckhead for a one-hour foot massage (yes, seriously!) Women (and girls) ages 10 and up are welcome to join, and the cost is \$45 per person. Please RSVP by July 13 via text at (847) 401-0479 or email to jenikaiser@aol.com as an accurate head count is needed to make and confirm the reservation.

Other Upcoming Women's Group Events:

- *August 16: Women's Brunch + First Responders Care Baskets (all ages)*
- *September 27: Floral Arrangement Workshop + Treats (ages 10+)*
- *October 18: Escape Room (ages 13+)*
- *December 6: Ladies' Advent Tea (all ages)*

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ Linda Rathje, 7/14

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ None this week

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

IF I HAVE ALL FAITH . . . BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING" [1 CORINTHIANS 13:2]. . . IF ANYONE SHOULD CAST AWAY LOVE, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS GREAT FAITH, HE DOES NOT KEEP HIS FAITH. FOR HE DOES NOT KEEP THE HOLY SPIRIT. . . [PAUL] WRITES TO THOSE WHO, AFTER THEY HAD BEEN JUSTIFIED, SHOULD BE URGED TO BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT LEST THEY LOSE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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