

# Trinitytide

AUGUST 31, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



**A**ND HERE YOU SEE THAT BAPTISM, BOTH IN ITS POWER AND SIGNIFICATION, COMPREHENDS ALSO THE THIRD SACRAMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN CALLED REPENTANCE, AS IT IS REALLY NOTHING ELSE THAN BAPTISM. FOR WHAT ELSE IS REPENTANCE BUT AN EARNEST ATTACK UPON THE OLD MAN [THAT HIS LUSTS BE RESTRAINED] AND ENTERING UPON A NEW LIFE? THEREFORE, IF YOU LIVE IN REPENTANCE, YOU WALK IN BAPTISM, WHICH NOT ONLY SIGNIFIES SUCH A NEW LIFE, BUT ALSO PRODUCES, BEGINS, AND EXERCISES IT. FOR THEREIN ARE GIVEN GRACE, THE SPIRIT, AND POWER TO SUPPRESS THE OLD MAN, SO THAT THE NEW MAN MAY COME FORTH AND BECOME STRONG. THEREFORE, OUR BAPTISM ABIDES FOREVER; AND EVEN THOUGH SOME ONE SHOULD FALL FROM IT AND SIN, NEVERTHELESS WE ALWAYS HAVE ACCESS THERETO, THAT WE MAY AGAIN SUBDUE THE OLD MAN. BUT WE NEED NOT AGAIN BE SPRINKLED WITH WATER; FOR THOUGH WE WERE PUT UNDER THE WATER A HUNDRED TIMES, IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE ONLY ONE BAPTISM, ALTHOUGH THE OPERATION AND SIGNIFICATION CONTINUE AND REMAIN. REPENTANCE, THEREFORE, IS NOTHING ELSE THAN A RETURN AND APPROACH TO BAPTISM, THAT WE REPEAT AND PRACTICE WHAT WE BEGAN BEFORE, BUT ABANDONED.

-LARGE CATECHISM. PART IV. BAPTISM. 74-79.

# 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 915*

**“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”**



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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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 Third Commandment**

*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

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

- *Do I despise the Word by neglect or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?*
- *Am I faithful in the Divine Service, or do I attend sporadically, preferring to be elsewhere when the Church is at worship?*
- *Do I pray for my pastor and support his efforts to guard Christ's flock from error?*

**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 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Psalm 68:5b, 6a, 35b*



- L** God is in his holy habi- | tation;\*  
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.  
The God of Israel—he | is the one\*  
who gives power and strength to his | people.
- L** God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\*  
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!
- C** But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;\*  
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
- L** O God, when you went out before your | people,\*  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.
- C** Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;\*  
God is our sal- | vation.



- L** God is in his holy habi- | tation;\*  
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.  
The God of Israel—he | is the one\*  
who gives power and strength to his | people.


## 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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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## PROPHECY

## Genesis 4:1–15

**A** The Prophecy for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity is from Genesis, chapter four.

**A** In those days: Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is

Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." And the Lord said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 28:7b; 1a, 2a*



**C** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

## 1 Corinthians 15:1–10

brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 90:1



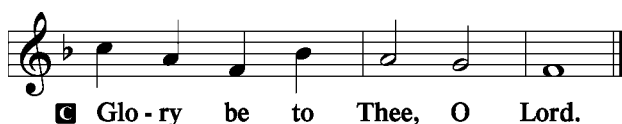
**L** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 18:9–14**

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



**P** At that time: Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I

give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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



# NICENE CREED

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

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

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

**P** What is the Second Petition?

**C** Thy kingdom come.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** God's kingdom certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

**P** How does God's kingdom come?

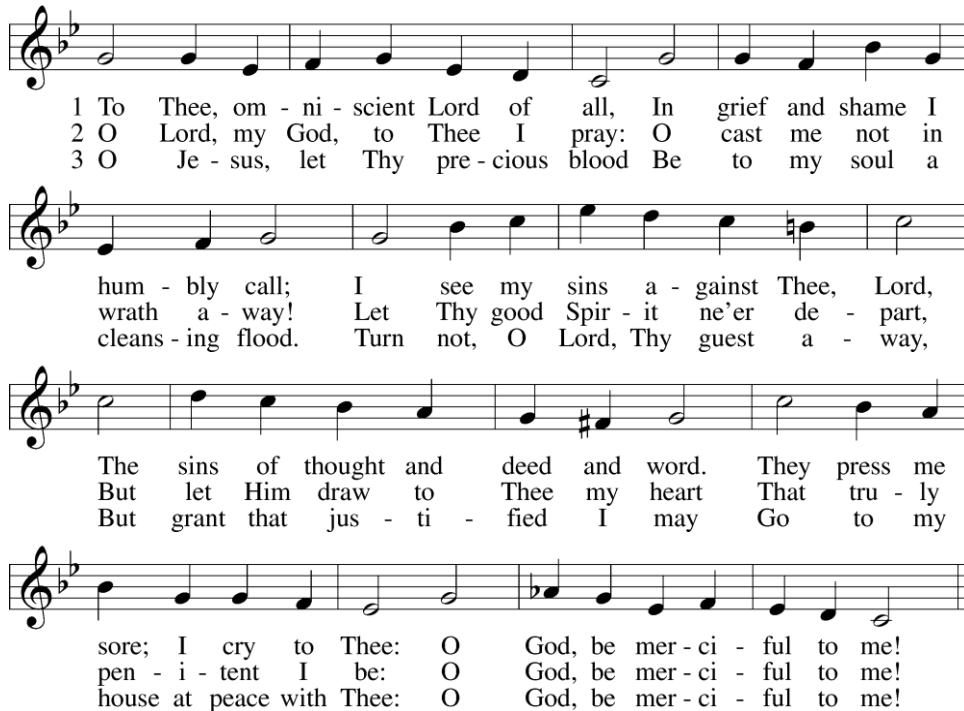
**C** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*Sitting*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 613*

**"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"**



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a  
hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,  
The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my  
sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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## 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** O Lord, our God, who raised Your Son from the dead, raise up men in Your Church with the humble conviction of St. Paul to labor abundantly for the sake of preaching Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Father, You have built Your Church on the witness of Paul and the apostles, that Christ is risen and that we, too, shall rise. Fortify us by this preaching to labor abundantly in our life and conversation for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Father of all, build up the families of Your Church, that they may share Your own love and provide for their own, in Your name and with Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Righteous God, rule for the cause of the needy and the outcast. Set the world's rulers against oppressors and all evil, that we may live together in peace, joy and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of all those in need, settle the solitary into the family of Your Church, and go before all Your people in their trials [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them to rejoice in Your goodness and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, be merciful to those who commune this day, that they may receive the forgiveness of their sins in this blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, as You marked Cain and gave him Your protection despite his sin, we thank You that You have marked us in Holy Baptism and still protect us from spiritual harm despite our sin. We praise You for washing away our sins. Deliver us when sin and Satan attack us, and renew us in faith and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

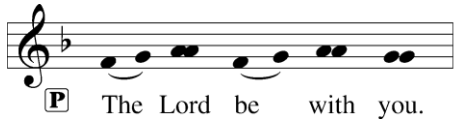
*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

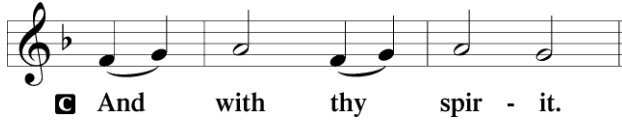
# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

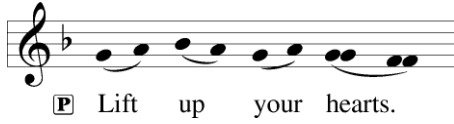
*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



The Lord be with you.



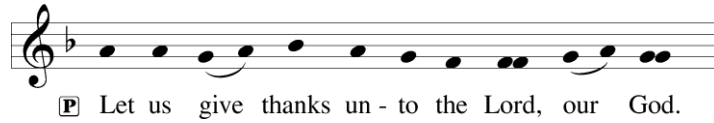
And with thy spir - it.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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.)*

### **Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion**

*Lord Jesus, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. I now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children on earth. Preserve me from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse me from my unrighteousness, and clothe me with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forever and ever. Hear me, Jesus, for Your own sake. Amen.*

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

### *Lutheran Service Book 565*

### **"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"**



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;  
2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;  
5 Thy righteous-ness, O Christ, A-lone can cover me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.  
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.  
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.  
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee.



To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

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### *Lutheran Service Book 606*

### **"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"**



1 I lay my sins on Je-sus, The spot-less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je-sus; All full-ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je-sus, This weary soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.



I bring my guilt to Je-sus To wash my crimson stains  
I lay my griefs on Je-sus, My burdens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je-sus, Im-man-uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

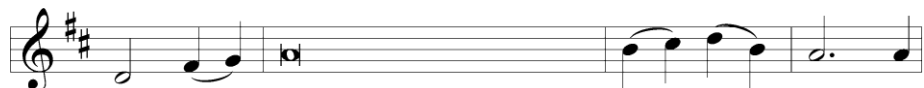
### Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

Standing

## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



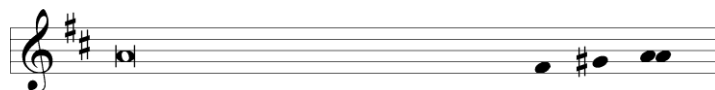
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



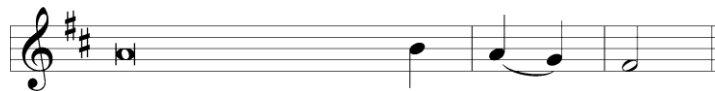
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 107:1*



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



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

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  $\dagger$  give you peace.  
**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 744*

*"Amazing Grace"*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Musician(s)**

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, French horn/trumpet

### **Altar Guild**

Margaret Beckman/Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Malcolm Abrahamman/Grayson Beckman  
(Trevor Dunkel)

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

Nancy Grossberg

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Eddie Durden, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Musician(s)**

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, French horn/trumpet

### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Joel May/Nathan or Eli May  
(Greg Ison)

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

TBD



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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 8/31	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 9/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel <b>Midweek Prayer</b>	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM <b>Noon</b>
Thursday 9/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's Group: Tubing on the Chattahoochee	Closed Closed Noon
Sunday 9/7	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Books of the Church: Judith</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The Sixth Commandment</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

# LOVING THE LORD

✝ **CANCELLED: No adult Bible study or children's Sunday school on Sunday August 31, due to the holiday.**

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

Sundays 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](http://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](http://apocrypha.org).

✝ **New Sunday School Year**

Begins Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 A.M.

Church overflow room; library; and fellowship hall.

Growing in Christ is a lifelong joy. Get your family involved in studying God's Word!

- Pre-Kindergarten: Ages 3-6. Taught by Mrs. Kati Durden in the overflow room.
- Elementary: Ages 7-12. Taught by Mrs. Lauren Morr in the church library.
- Teens: Ages 13-18. Taught by Pastor Miller in adult Sunday school in the fellowship hall.

### ✝ **Confirmation Class**

Resumes Sunday, September 7 at 11:30 A.M.  
Church fellowship hall

### ✝ **New Worship Opportunity: Midweek Prayer**

Wednesdays at noon  
Church sanctuary

Whether on your lunchbreak or just need a break in your day, we invite you to join us for prayer and meditation on God's Holy Word. Every Wednesday at noon, parents and teachers of Open Arms, as well as anyone from the congregation, are encouraged to come into God's presence. We will hear Him speak through His Word, and we will pray for the world, our nation, and the deeper needs of the church and school communities. This service is simple and brief. But it will allow you to walk away refreshed and ready to finish out the week strong!

### ✝ **Michaelmas: The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

Holy Mass on Monday, September 29 at 7:00 P.M.  
Church sanctuary

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### ✝ **Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell**

Deadline for donations: Sunday, August 31

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!

### ✝ **Men's Group: Tubing on the Chattahoochee**

Saturday, September 6 at noon

Will Davis' apartment (see directory for details)

Calling all men of the sea! It's time for the annual men's group tubing excursion down the Mighty Chattahoochee. Tubes, life jackets, and some snacks will be provided. So, just bring yourself, some sun protection, and any cold beverages you'd like to sip and share, as we travel from the Cochran Shoals Drop in point to the Paces Mill exit. Three hours of fun, plus a possible stop at the world-famous jumping rock! (Jumping is optional.)

It's recommended that you eat a meal beforehand, or bring something substantial to consume while lazing down the river. Let's meet at Will Davis' apartment, and drive to the river from there. Please RSVP Grayson Beckman (details in directory) for headcount and supplies.

### ✝ **Women's Brunch & First Responders Baskets**

Saturday, September 13 at 10:30 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

All ladies of Ascension—and their friends!—are invited for a lovely time of great food and conversation, with a side of community service! First up is brunch—please bring a breakfast-ish item to share. (Will there be mimosas? Come and find out! Spoiler: yes, there will.) Next we'll put together baskets for our local Buckhead first responders and will deliver them together. More details to come soon, so stay tuned. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jeni Miller by September 6 (see directory for phone and email address).

### ✝ **Stepping Stone Mission: Feed the Homeless Day & Care Packages**

Saturday, September 20 at 8:00 A.M.

Woodruff Park

91 Peachtree Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30303

Please help us pass out sundry items to the needy of our community. Please also help donate said items for the event. All supplies may be left in the church office, and must be received by Sunday, September 14. If you plan to volunteer for the event, please park along the street, such as Auburn Avenue. Thank you for your care and service to neighbor!

Items requested include:

- Lightly used, *clean* coats, jackets, and other clothes.
- Lightly used, *clean* suitcases with rollers/wheels.

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ Elijah May, 9/2

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ Margaret Beckman, 9/6

### *Confirmation Anniversary:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Rev. David & Jennifer Miller, 9/2
- ✝ Tom & Judy Russell, 9/5

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Maddie Abi, 9/4
- ✝ Malcolm Abrahamman, 9/4
- ✝ Hellen Kaale, 9/4
- ✝ Rev. Jasson Kalugendo, 9/4

## Recent Requests

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

- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ Gail Grimes (grandmother of Laura Gollin)
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ Samantha Scaglione (sister-in-law of Margaret Beckman)
- ✝ Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kaale)

## 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.
- ✝ Thanksgiving for answered prayer from Nancy Reichmann (wife of John Reichmann), after receiving good test results.
- ✝ Family and friends of Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu), for resurrection hope and peace.

## Ongoing Requests

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

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Corey Gaither (nephew of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- ✝ Evan Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman)

### *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







**I**T IS WELL KNOWN THAT WE HAVE SO ELUCIDATED AND EXTOLLED [THAT WE HAVE PREACHED, WRITTEN, AND TAUGHT IN A, MANNER SO CHRISTIAN, CORRECT, AND PURE] THE BENEFIT OF ABSOLUTION AND THE POWER OF THE KEYS THAT MANY DISTRESSED CONSCIENCES HAVE DERIVED CONSOLATION FROM OUR DOCTRINE; AFTER THEY HEARD THAT IT IS THE COMMAND OF GOD, NAY, RATHER THE VERY VOICE OF THE GOSPEL, THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE THE ABSOLUTION, AND REGARD IT AS CERTAIN THAT THE REMISSION OF SINS IS FREELY GRANTED US FOR CHRIST'S SAKE; AND THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE THAT BY THIS FAITH WE ARE TRULY RECONCILED TO GOD [AS THOUGH WE HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN]. THIS BELIEF HAS ENCOURAGED MANY GODLY MINDS, AND, IN THE BEGINNING, BROUGHT LUTHER THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION FROM ALL GOOD MEN, SINCE IT SHOWS CONSCIENCES SURE AND FIRM CONSOLATION.

-APOLOGY. ARTCILE XI. CONFESSION. 59.



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