

Trinitytide

AUGUST 10, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TO BE SURE, IT IS TRUE THAT THOSE WHO DESPISE THE SACRAMENT AND LIVE IN AN UNCHRISTIAN WAY RECEIVE [HOLY COMMUNION] TO THEIR HURT AND DAMNATION [1 CORINTHIANS 11:29-30]. NOTHING SHALL BE GOOD OR WHOLESOME FOR THEM. IT IS JUST LIKE A SICK PERSON WHO ON A WHIM EATS AND DRINKS WHAT IS FORBIDDEN TO HIM BY THE DOCTOR. BUT THOSE WHO ARE MINDFUL OF THEIR WEAKNESSES DESIRE TO BE RID OF IT AND LONG FOR HELP. THEY SHOULD REGARD AND USE THE SACRAMENT JUST LIKE A PRECIOUS ANTIDOTE AGAINST THE POISON THAT THEY HAVE IN THEM. HERE IN THE SACRAMENT YOU ARE TO RECEIVE FROM THE LIPS OF CHRIST FORGIVENESS OF SIN. IT CONTAINS AND BRINGS WITH IT GOD'S GRACE AND THE SPIRIT WITH ALL HIS GIFTS, PROTECTION, SHELTER, AND POWER AGAINST DEATH AND THE DEVIL AND ALL MISFORTUNE.

-LARGE CATECHISM. PART V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR. 69-70.

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 913

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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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 First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the First Commandment:

- *What or whom do I fear most?*
- *In what or whom do I trust most for financial security, physical safety, or emotional support?*
- *Do I fear God's wrath and therefore avoid every sin?*
- *Is my love of God evident in my daily life?*
- *Do I expect only good from God in every situation, or do I worry, doubt, complain, or feel unfairly treated when things go wrong?*

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 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Psalm 48:9-10



L We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

L Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

C **Within her | citadels***
God has made himself known as a | fortress.

L Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

C **This is God, our God forever and | ever.***
He will guide us for- | ever.



G 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 We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



G 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

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

PROPHECY

Jeremiah 23:16–29

A The Prophecy for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

A Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD. They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace” ’; and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ” For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have

turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD. “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. “Is not My word like a fire?” says the LORD, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” says the LORD Almighty.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 31:2b, 1a



L Be a rock of ref- | uge for me;*
a strong fortress to | save me!

C **In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12–17

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter eight.

A Brethren: We are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to

fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 78:1



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

☐ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15–23

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

☐ At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Third Article

P What is the Third Article?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 745

“In God, My Faithful God”



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,
5 “So be it,” then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12



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 God, You have brought us, Your people, into the city and holy mountain of Your Church. Rejoicing in Your judgments and promises, we come before You boldly with our petitions through the merits and mediation of Christ, our righteousness who sits at Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, apart from Your Son and without Your Spirit, we can do nothing good. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, that our lives and teaching may please You and bear abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, You have purchased us as Your flock by the shedding of Christ's blood. Fill all governing authorities with fear of You, and let their service foster and preserve peace. Have mercy on our people and country. Let our youth be brought up in discipline and in right knowledge of You, that they may recognize both Your Law and the way of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You are a fortress to Your people. In Your temple, we think on Your steadfast love in Christ. Hear us on behalf of all who need healing, strength and comfort [*especially* _____]. Defend them from the attacks of the evil one, and cause them to join in Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, through Your Son, our Good Shepherd, You care for Your flock in this world. Direct, defend and bless all pastors as they care for the Church, which Christ obtained with His own blood. Strengthen them as faithful shepherds and overseers, especially as they feed Your flock the very body and blood of Christ, that there would be no division among Your sheep but all would be united by Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy One of Israel, You have called us by the Gospel, and You remain steadfast to us always. Increase our faith, and bring Your elect through the weariness of this world to the unwearying joy of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Word is like fire, and You fill heaven and earth. You are not far off, but You are in our midst, announcing the salvation accomplished by Your living Christ, the crucified. Grant to Your Church the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

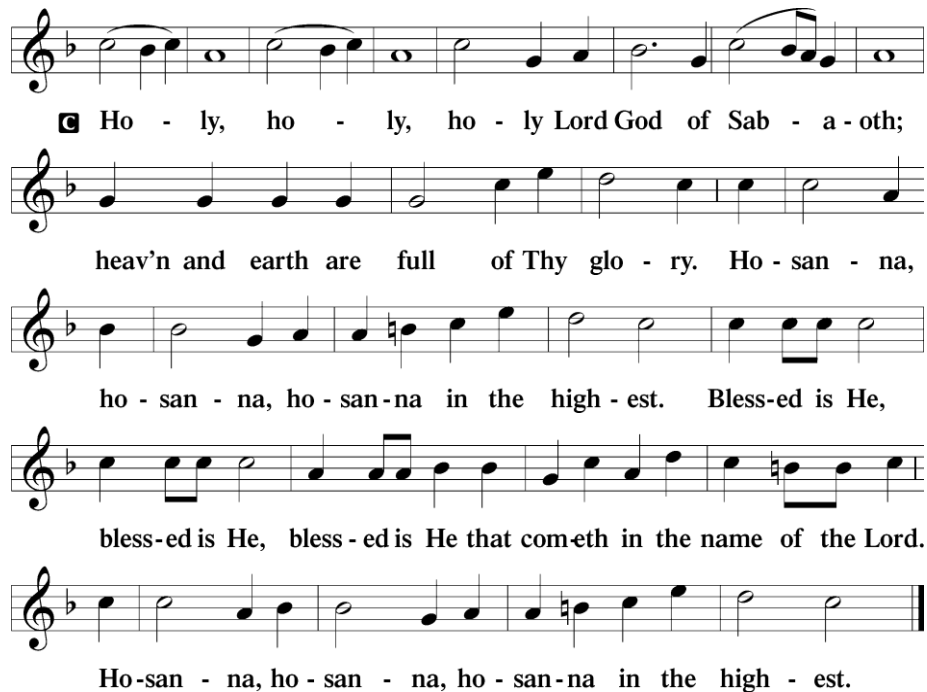


C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, 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



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."

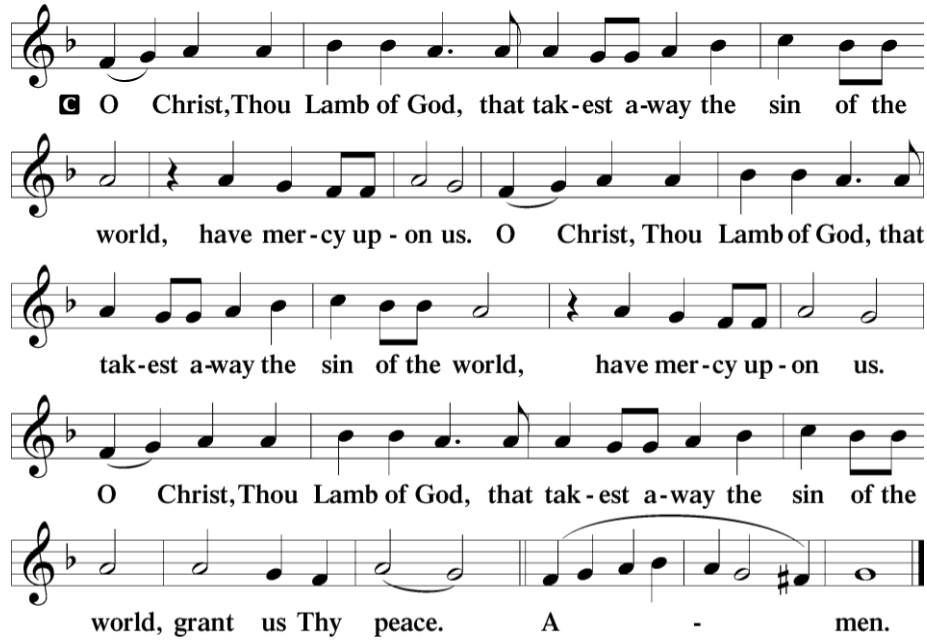
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

I do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink His blood, that I may evermore dwell in Him and He in me; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 681

"Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit"



1 Send, O Lord, Your Ho - ly Spir - it On Your ser - vant
2 You, O Lord, Your - self have called him For Your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help him nour - ish All our chil - dren



now, we pray; Let him prove a faith - ful shep - herd
lamb to care; But to pros - per in his call - ing,
with Your Word That in fer - vent love they serve You



That no lamb be led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
He the Spir - it's gifts must share. Give him wis - dom from a -
Till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, To ex - tol Your ho - ly name, And to feed Your
bove, Fill his heart with ho - ly love; In his weak - ness,
stow On his faith - ful toil be - low Till by grace to



lamb, dear Sav - ior, Make his aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near him, In his prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear him.
him be giv - en His re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

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Lutheran Service Book 865

"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's— doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
sin and from it turn In faith to You and
help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

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1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

Refrain

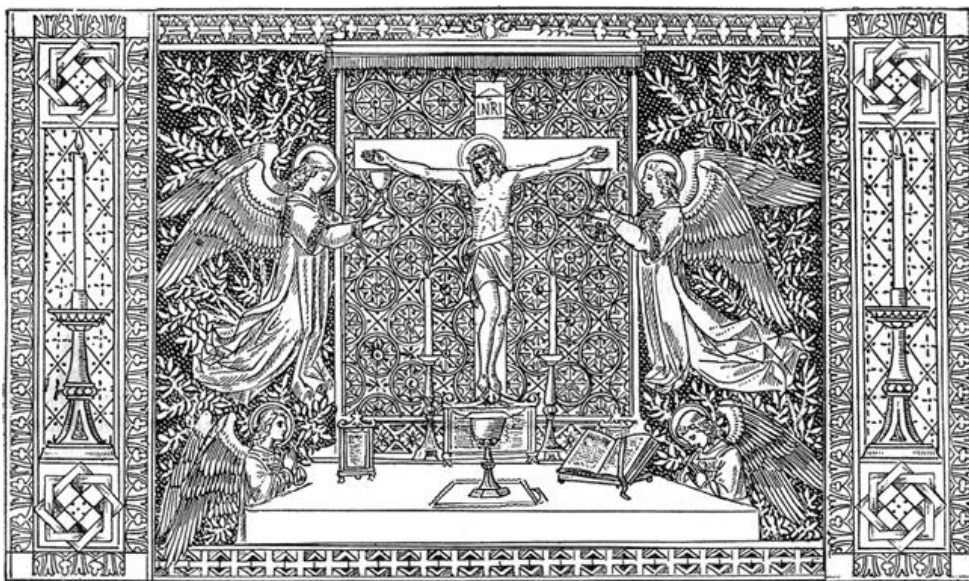


O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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Prayer after Receiving Holy Communion

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Grant that I who have received the Sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in me, that I may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

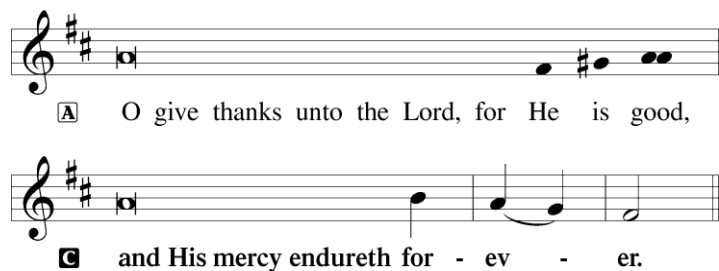
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalms 107:1



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



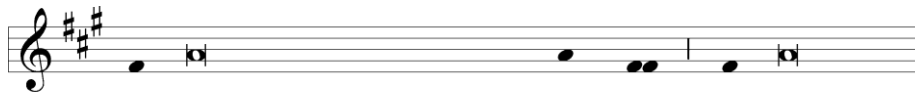
A Bless we the Lord.



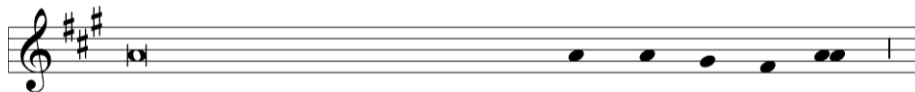
C Thanks be to God.

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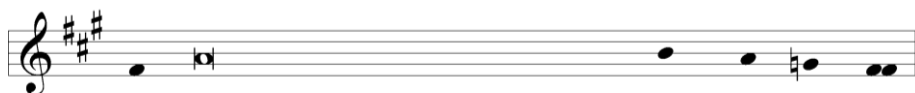
Numbers 6:24-26



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 834

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
al - scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
To bring the great good news to man!
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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POSTLUDE



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Cantor

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Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, French horn/trumpet

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Usher(s)

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Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

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The Schoellen family

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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 8/10	Eighth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Books of the Church: Judith</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 8/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 8/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 8/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM Noon
Thursday 8/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 8/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 8/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 8/17	Ninth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Books of the Church: Judith</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 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.

✝ **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

✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

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

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ **Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell**

Deadline for donations: Sunday, 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!

✝ **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:

- Band-Aids (200 total count).
- Used *but clean* suitcases with rollers/wheels.

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, 8/13

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)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ Gail Grimes (grandmother of Laura Gollin)
- ✝ Hellen Kaale
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Samantha Scaglione (sister-in-law of Margaret Beckman)
- ✝ Joshua Schoellen (brother of Jason Schoellen)
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Family and friends of Sherri Lynn Gerecke (niece of Darlene Beckman), 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.
- ✝ 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

THE POWER OF THE KEYS ADMINISTERS AND PRESENTS THE GOSPEL THROUGH ABSOLUTION, WHICH IS THE TRUE VOICE OF THE GOSPEL. WE ALSO INCLUDE ABSOLUTION WHEN WE SPEAK OF FAITH, BECAUSE “FAITH COMES FROM HEARING,” AS PAUL SAYS IN ROMANS 10:17. WHEN THE GOSPEL IS HEARD AND THE ABSOLUTION IS HEARD, THE CONSCIENCE IS ENCOURAGED AND RECEIVES COMFORT. BECAUSE GOD TRULY BRINGS A PERSON TO LIFE THROUGH THE WORD, THE KEYS TRULY FORGIVES SINS BEFORE GOD. ACCORDING TO LUKE 10:16, “THE ONE WHO HEARS YOU HEARS ME.” THEREFORE, THE VOICE OF THE ONE ABSOLVING MUST BE BELIEVED NO DIFFERENTLY THAN WE WOULD BELIEVE A VOICE FROM HEAVEN. ABSOLUTION CAN PROPERLY BE CALLED A SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE, AS EVEN THE MORE LEARNED SCHOLASTIC THEOLOGIANS SAY.

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