

# Trinitytide

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



**I**T IS THE WORD (I SAY) WHICH MAKES AND DISTINGUISHES THIS SACRAMENT, SO THAT IT IS NOT MERE BREAD AND WINE, BUT IS, AND IS CALLED, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. FOR IT IS SAID: *ACCEDAT VERBUM AD ELEMENTUM, ET FIT SACRAMENTUM*. IF THE WORD BE JOINED TO THE ELEMENT, IT BECOMES A SACRAMENT. THIS SAYING OF ST. AUGUSTINE IS SO PROPERLY AND SO WELL PUT THAT HE HAS SCARCELY SAID ANYTHING BETTER. THE WORD MUST MAKE A SACRAMENT OF THE ELEMENT, ELSE IT REMAINS A MERE ELEMENT. NOW, IT IS NOT THE WORD OR ORDINANCE OF A PRINCE OR EMPEROR, BUT OF THE SUBLIME MAJESTY, AT WHOSE FEET ALL CREATURES SHOULD FALL, AND AFFIRM IT IS AS HE SAYS, AND ACCEPT IT WITH ALL REVERENCE, FEAR, AND HUMILITY.

-LARGE CATECHISM. PART V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR. 10-11.

# 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 908*

**“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”**

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the  
Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or  
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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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 Fourth Commandment**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

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

- *Do I submit to those whom God has put in authority over me?*
- *Have I been ashamed of, angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward my parents, teachers, employer, pastor, government or other authorities?*
- *Do I obey all the laws of the city, state and country, and pay my rightful share of all taxes?*

**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 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Psalm 70:1-2a*



- L** Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*
- O LORD, make haste to | help me!
- Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\*
- who | seek my life!
- L** Let them be | turned back\*
- and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!
- C** May all who seek | you rejoice\*
- and be | glad in you!
- L** You are my help and my de- | liverer;\*
- O LORD, do | not delay!



- L** Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*
- O LORD, make haste to | help me!
- Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\*
- who | seek my life!


## 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. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in bold. The score consists of 12 lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are:   
1. Glory be to God on high; **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward   
2. men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,   
3. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.   
4. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.   
5. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;   
6. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,   
7. that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.   
8. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.   
9. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -   
10. on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.   
11. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,   
12. art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

**Isaiah 29:17–24**

**A** The Prophecy for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity is from Isaiah, chapter 29.

**A** Thus says the Lord God: Is it not yet a very little while till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off—who make a man an offender by a word, and lay a snare for him who

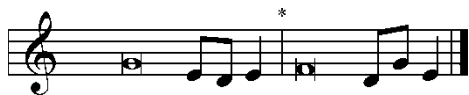
reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just by empty words. Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale; but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will learn doctrine,” says the Lord Almighty.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 34:1-2*



- L** I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- C** My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.

## EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 3:4–11

- A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter three.
- A** Brethren: We have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.



## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 88:1



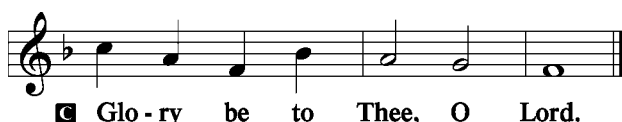
- L** Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



- P** At that time: Departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He

sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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



**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

## Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

**P** What is the Third Petition?

**C** Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

**P** How is God's will done?

**C** God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 841

"O Son of God, in Galilee"



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of  
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each

made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall

blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

## 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.

## OFFERING

### FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism this young person was born again as God's child and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sin. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." This candidate has received instruction and has been examined by the pastor regarding her sin and her understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

*1 Corinthians 11:28, 26*

*The pastor addresses the candidate:*

**P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

*Acts 2:42*

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of the Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

**P** Parents, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of this young person. I now ask you, will you intercede for her in prayer and, as much as you are able, give her your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We Will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

*Standing*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless Johanna. Strengthen her in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that she may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His Holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*We give God thanks for our new altar fellowship with Johanna (JoJo) May.*

*Please remain 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, as the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' glory, we cannot gaze on Your glory in heaven unless Jesus takes our condemnation and gives us His righteousness. Receive our thanks for Christ's redeeming work, and grant that we may confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that You raised Him from the dead to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord God, because none can call on Him in whom they have not believed and none can believe in Him of whom they have never heard, send preachers who will speak Your good news to all. By the message that Jesus lived, died, rose and ascended for us, turn those who do not know You to faith in our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Gracious Lord, strengthen all families, and bless the children entrusted to their care. Be with those widowed and orphaned, that they may be protected and cared for; and be with the aged and infirm, that we may surround them with God's love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Almighty God, You are over all things. We pray for nations and governments, for leaders and civil servants, and for peace and justice here in our own land and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Father in heaven, Your Son healed the senses of many and opened them to Your grace. Bless [\_\_\_\_\_and] all in need of health, and draw them nearer to Him in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Grant, Holy Father, that all who eat today of this feast of joy may find in the Savior's body and blood a blessed foretaste of the feast to come, for the strengthening of their faith and the growth of their love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious God, those who die in Christ rest in Him. With them we await the day when we are received into Your everlasting presence to the life that death cannot end. Receive our thanks for the mighty saints of old and for their witness preserved through the ages. Keep us in Christ, that we may be reunited with all who have gone before us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty God, You have done great things for us, delivering us from death to life through Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, 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** 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.  
**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 620*

**"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"**



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

**5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,**

**Whose own feast of love I savor,**

**Bidden by His gracious call.**

**Wedding garments He provides me,**

**With a robe of white He hides me,**

**Fits me for the royal hall.**

**6 Now have I found consolation,**

**Comfort in my tribulation,**

**Balm to heal the troubled soul.**

**God, my shield from ev'ry terror,**

**Cleanses me from sin and error,**

**Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

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5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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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

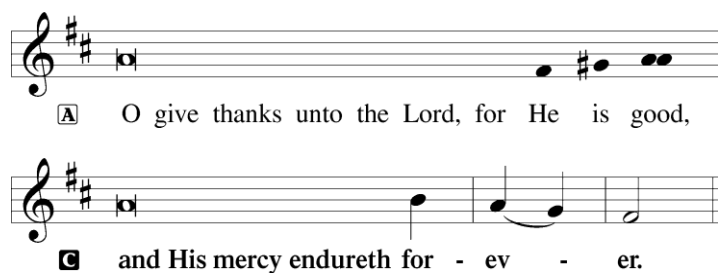
Luke 2:29-32



**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

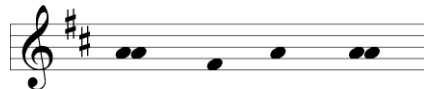
*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



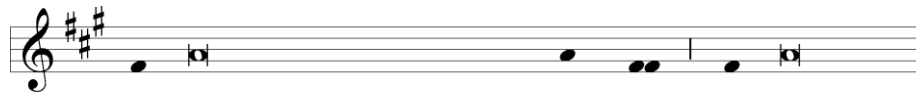
**A** Bless we the Lord.



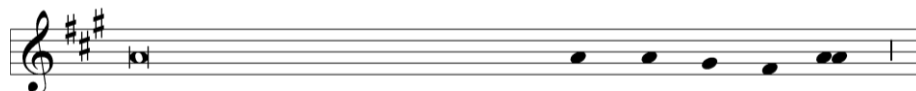
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

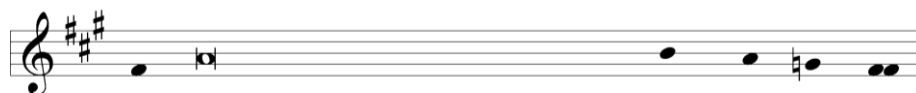
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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 923

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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





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

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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

## 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 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
Monday 9/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 9/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/10	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 9/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Women's Brunch & First Responder Baskets	Closed Closed 10:30 AM
Sunday 9/14	<b>Holy Cross Day</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 Seventh 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

## ✝ 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

### ✝ **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

### ✝ **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.

### ✝ **Baby Shower for Margaret Beckman and Baby**

Saturday, October 5 at noon

Church fellowship hall

Grayson and Margaret Beckman are excited to welcome their new baby into the world. Please help them celebrate by coming to a baby shower for their family. They are registered on Amazon. And in lieu of greeting cards, they request that you please bring a book that they can read to their little one that has been signed by you, so they can remember you every time they read it. That would be very meaningful to them. Thank you!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ None this week

### *Confirmation Anniversary:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Tom & Judy Russell, 9/13

## Recent Requests

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

- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ Katie Schoellen
- ✝ 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 Carol Sneider (aunt of Linda Rathje), 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



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