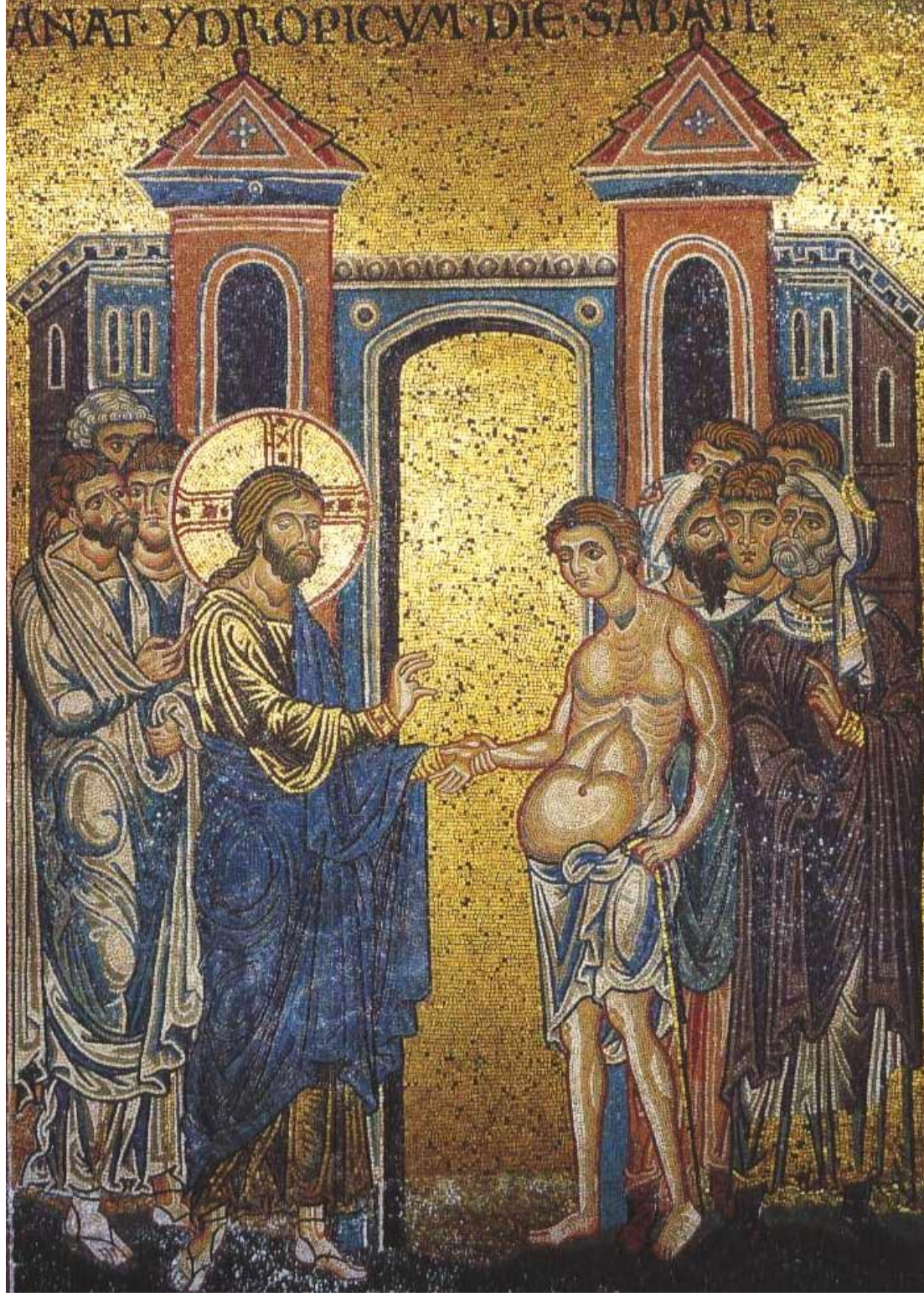
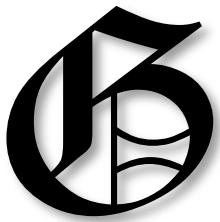


# Trinitytide

OCTOBER 12, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY





OD OPPOSES THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

-JAMES 4:6

# 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 906*

**“O Day of Rest and Gladness”**

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,

O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.

This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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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 Eighth Commandment**

*You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

*What does this mean?*

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

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

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

*Standing*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Psalm 119:137, 124*



**L** Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.

**L** Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
who seek him with their | whole heart.

**C** Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping your | statutes!

**L** Then I shall not be | put to shame,\*  
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

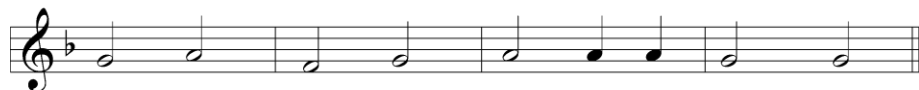
**L** Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

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.

## 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.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

## Proverbs 25:6–14

**A** The Prophecy for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity is from Proverbs, chapter 25.

**A** Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it

expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters. Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Psalm 33:12, 6



- L** Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- C** By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,\*  
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

## EPISTLE

### Ephesians 4:1–6

- A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter four.
- A** Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord,  
beseech you to walk worthy of the  
calling with which you were called, with  
all lowliness and gentleness, with  
longsuffering, bearing with one another  
in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of  
the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is
- one body and one Spirit, just as you  
were called in one hope of your calling;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one  
God and Father of all, who is above all,  
and through all, and in us all, who is  
blessed forever and ever. Amen.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Standing*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 116:1



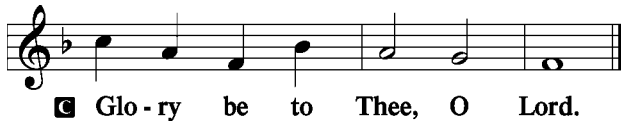
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.



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

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



**P** At that time: As Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were

invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever 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 Seventh Petition?

**C** But deliver us from evil.

**P** What does this mean?

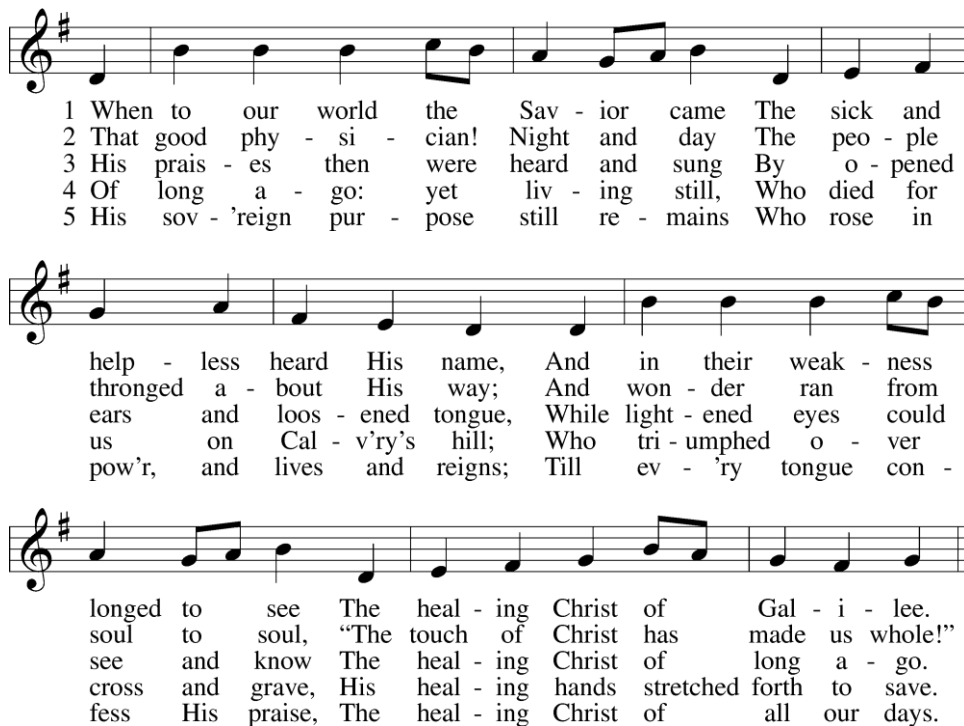
**C** We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*Sitting*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 551*

**"When to Our World the Savior Came"**



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in

help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -

longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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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** Gracious Father, grant to us a humble faith and joy in Your mercy that has raised up the poor and undeserving and given us a place at Your table. Bestow on us Your Spirit, that we would be brought to repentance and kept from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, preserve and give success to the preaching of Your Holy Word. Through pastors, missionaries, church workers and the priesthood of all believers, send forth Your Son's gracious invitation to repent and believe and cause it to be received with joyful faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, grant that we, as Your children by Baptism, would fulfill our calling to love You above all and love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us grace in our vocations as husbands, wives, parents and children. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You have ordered the nations and brought up their rulers for the punishment of wickedness and the praise of goodness. Pour out a spirit of wisdom, that all those mired in disputes among us would pursue justice, godliness and the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, look in kindness upon those who have been humbled by the troubles of this life [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lift them up in healing, and renew their strength to serve You in what You have called them to do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, Author of all concord, You will that Your people be one. Knit together Your Holy Church, that according to their vocations, they may join in humble service to the world and jubilant praise of You, the only God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through the Holy Word You have called us to Your great Supper. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through 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*

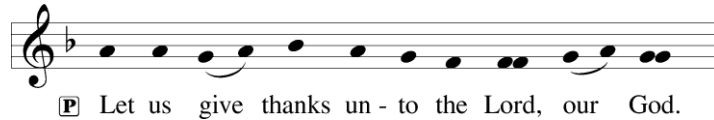
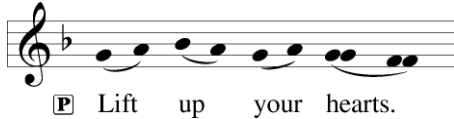
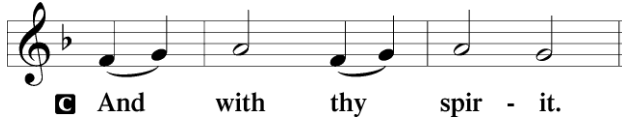
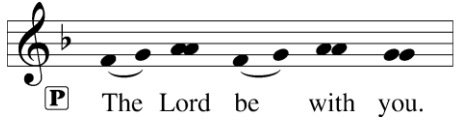
*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

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



**P** 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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** - 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.)*

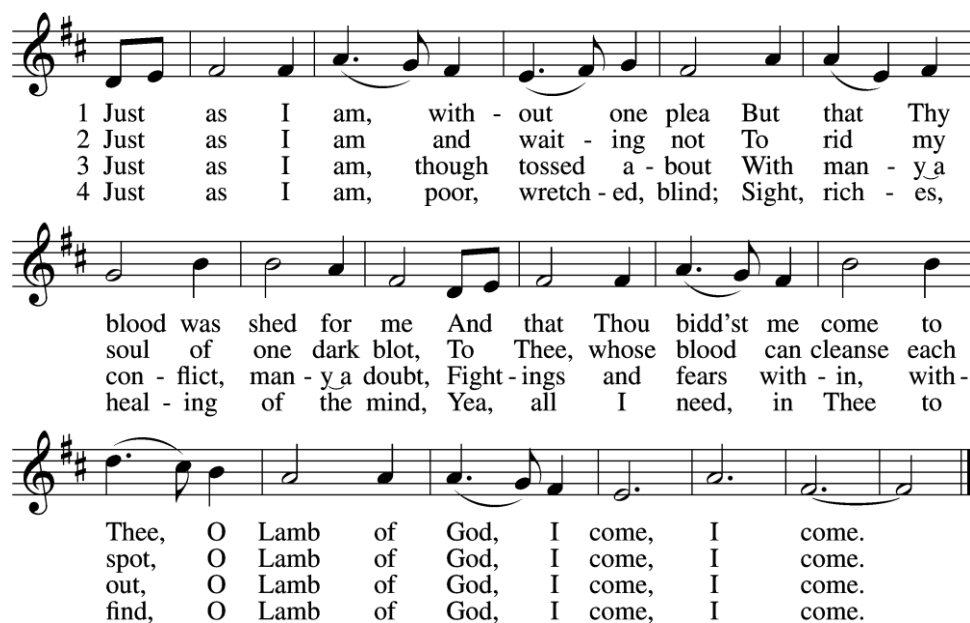
### **Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion**

*O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called me to be a Christian and granted me remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins, and grant me a grateful heart that I may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 570*

**“Just As I Am, without One Plea”**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

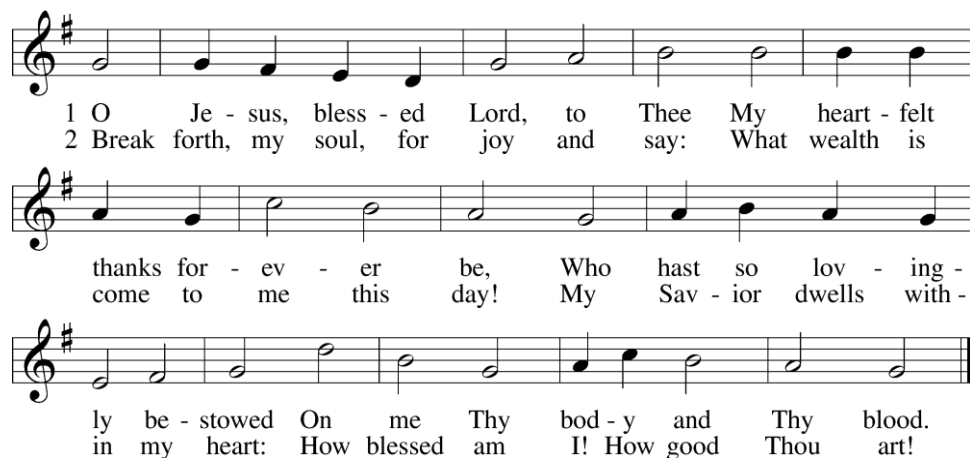
**5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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*Lutheran Service Book 632*

**“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”**

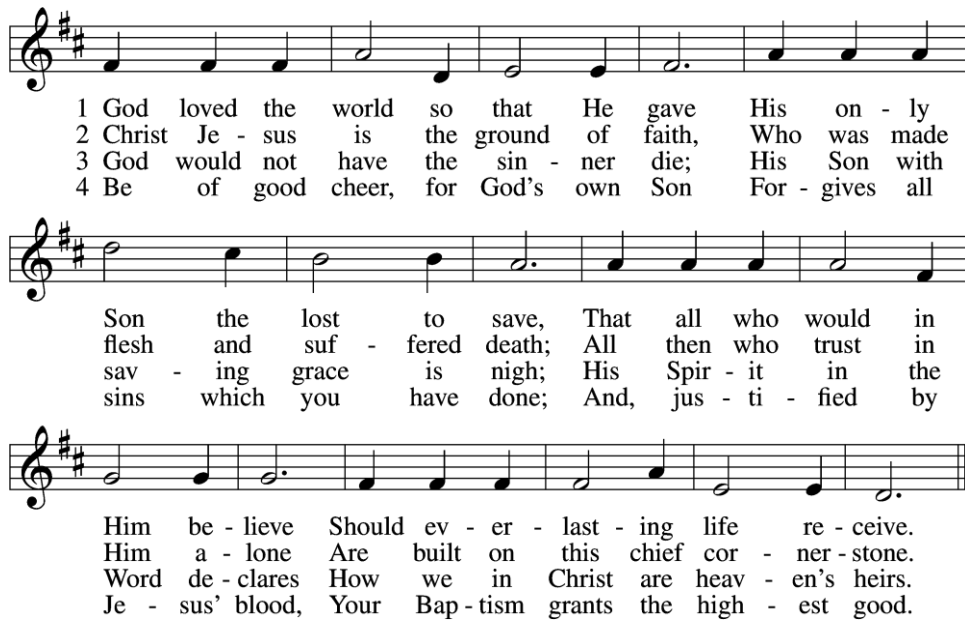


1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -

ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

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**Prayer after Receiving Holy Communion**

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You even as You live in me. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear me for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

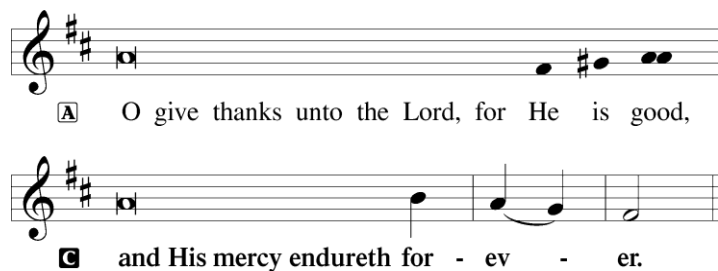
Luke 2:29-32



**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.



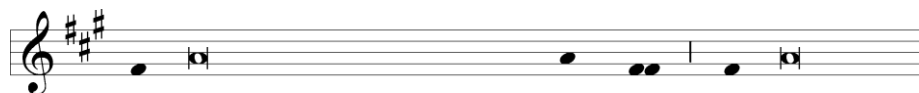
**A** Bless we the Lord.



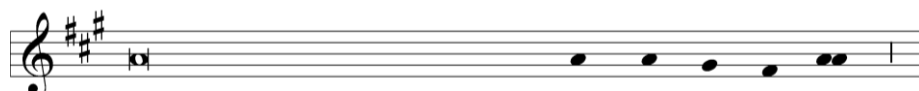
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

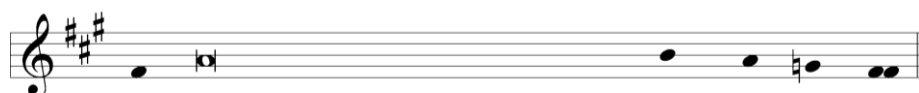
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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 738*

**"Lord of All Hopefulness"**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Emilie 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

### **Usher(s)**

Ryan Licht/Isaac Beckman

(Tom Lawton)

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

TBD

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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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.”

-MATTHEW 22:37-39

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 10/12	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Wisdom of Solomon</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The Ninth and Tenth Commandments</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 10/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 10/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10/15	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 10/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 10/19	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Wisdom of Solomon</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Congregational Meeting 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 Holy Mass Following Meeting

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ 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).

## ✝ 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!

### ✝ **Reformation Festival: Service of Scripture and Song/Bratwurst Banquet**

Sunday, October 26 at 3:30 P.M.

Church sanctuary/fellowship hall

We are recipients of a blessed inheritance! Because of the Reformation, we have Christ—and Christ alone—preached to us. Never are we without the comfort and consolation of the saving Gospel. We have our forefathers in the faith to thank for that. The Atlanta tri-circuit churches of the Florida-Georgia District and the Georgia circuit of the English District are coming together to celebrate a service of Scripture and Song; with readings, hymns, and preaching that emphasize Reformation themes. Please join us for this blessed occasion and bring all your family and friends. Then, stay after and fellowship with one another for a bratwurst banquet.

### ✝ **Pledge Sunday**

Sunday, November 23 at 10:00 A.M.

Church sanctuary

As we approach Pledge Sunday, we are reminded that stewardship is an expression of our gratitude and faithfulness—returning to God a portion of all that He has graciously given us. Let us prayerfully prepare our hearts for this special time of commitment. Each household will receive a stewardship packet containing a letter, devotional, other helpful materials, and a pledge card. Please take time in the coming days to reflect on God's blessings and how you can joyfully support the ongoing mission and ministry of our church.

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### ✝ **Men's Group: Fall Festival**

Saturday, October 25, from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Morr's home (see address in printed bulletin)

The men of the congregation are invited to enjoy the backyard of the Morr's new home. For all in attendance, beer and burgers (from the Big Green Egg, of course!) will be provided. There will also be opportunity to enjoy conversation over a cigar, but it's up to you to bring your own (BYOC). Before the event is over, there might even be a bonfire if the weather cooperates. This is an event you won't want to miss!

### ✝ **Veterans Appreciation Dinner**

Saturday, November 8 at 5:30 P.M.  
Church fellowship hall

The fifth annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner is open to all those men and women who have served in our United States military, as well as their families. All veterans and their guests are invited to join us at no cost to them or their loved ones. Others, who are not veterans, are welcome to purchase a ticket to attend the dinner in celebration of our veterans. 100% of all proceeds go to benefit Warriors Set Free, which is a special ministry organization that helps veterans to heal from their emotional scars and find personal freedom in Jesus Christ. Each year, the event has grown in size, and we hope to make this year's event the biggest one yet!

The event includes much more than a delicious dinner, but also features patriotic fellowship, special guest veterans, raffle prizes, and other good surprises. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is a can't-miss event! Be sure to mark your calendars. Even more, please help get the word out to both veterans and non-veterans alike. To help you in this effort, we have printed fliers that are available in the narthex which you may pass out. You can visit the event website to RSVP free (for veterans and their families) or buy tickets (everyone else): [vetsdinner.com](http://vetsdinner.com). All questions may be directed to Jason Schoellen, whose information is in the church directory.

#### ✝ Twelfth Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday November 23, following Holy Mass  
Church fellowship hall

For its twelfth year, the Chili Cook-Off is back! Contestants have the opportunity to win one of three awards: Tastiest; Spiciest; and Most Original. Anyone may enter their chili. If you would like to register, please bring your chili entry on the day of the cook-off, and on the registration sheet print your first and last names, as well as the name of your chili. The number next to your name on the signup sheet is the number by which you should place chili on the day of the Cook-Off. Numbers will be set up. Anyone may also attend the event to taste the chilis and vote as a judge. One suggestion for all contestants: please bring your chili in a crock-pot to keep it warm and ready to serve.

## LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ Richard Drachenberg, 10/14
- ✝ Whitney Worthington, 10/17

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ Christina Schoellen, 10/15
- ✝ Jude Miller, 10/18

### *Confirmation Anniversary:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Eden Miller, 10/13
- ✝ Jennifer Miller, 10/13
- ✝ Jude Miller, 10/18

## Recent Requests

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

- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ Shirley Lee (friend of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Adam Lamb (friend of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Sami Malak (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ 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 Violet Redner, for comfort in the Gospel for all who mourn.

## Ongoing Requests

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

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ 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



**F**OR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH.”

-MATTHEW 12:8



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