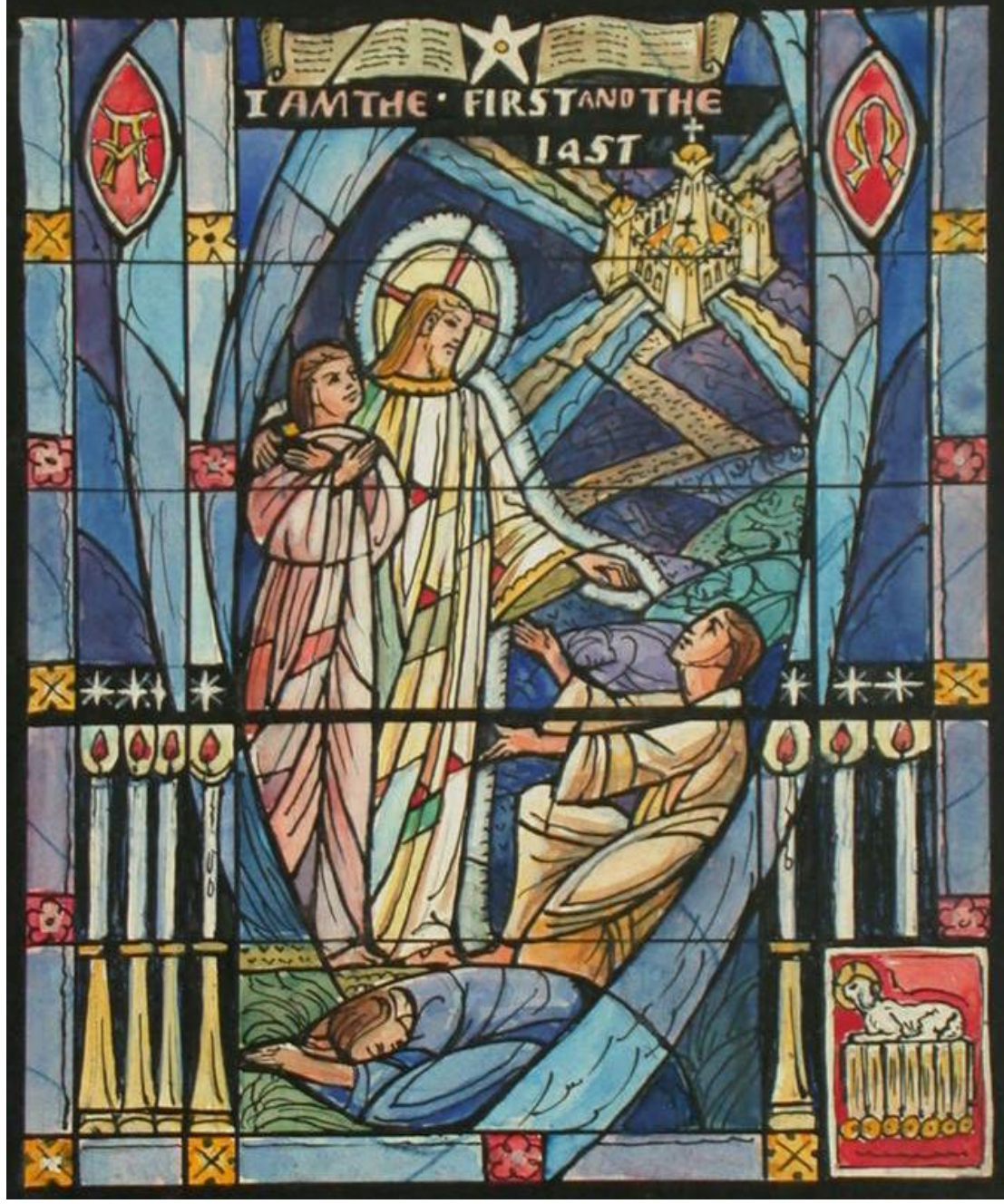


Trinitytide

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



B

EHOLD, I AM COMING SOON, BRINGING MY RECOMPENSE WITH ME, TO REPAY EACH ONE FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE. I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END.”

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WASH THEIR ROBES, SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE AND THAT THEY MAY ENTER THE CITY BY THE GATES.

- REVELATION 22:12-14

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

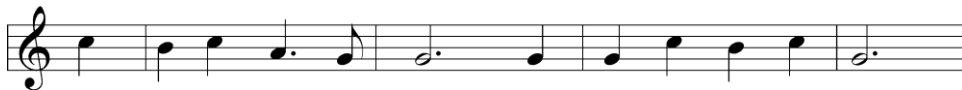
Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 807

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com-pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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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 Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Ninth Commandment:

- *Do I have strong wants, desires, or cravings that consume my thoughts?*
- *Do I resent or envy those who have more than I?*
- *Do I neglect my marriage, family, church, and other relationships in a desperate attempt to satisfy the wants and desires of my flesh?*
- *Have my wants kept me from being happy with and thankful for what God has given 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 31:1-2a, 5, 24; antiphon: Psalm 31:9a, 15b, 17a



L Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,*
for I call up- | on you.

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

C In your righteousness de- | liver me;*
incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!

L Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

C Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!



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 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,*
for I call up- | on you.

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

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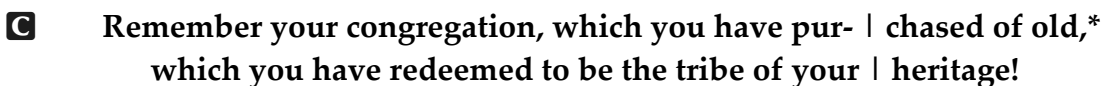
2 Timothy 4:22

C Amen.

Job 14:1–6

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 74:4, 2a



A The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter four.

A Brethren: I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are

asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

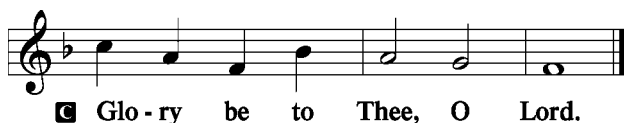
Psalm 46:4



L There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.



- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.



- P** At that time: When Jesus was asked by the disciples concerning the end of the age, He said, "When you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this

time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

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



NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalm 106:48*

P What benefits does Baptism give?

C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P Which are these words and promises of God?

C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:16

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 658

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"



1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
 2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
 3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
 4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,
 5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
 Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
 Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
 The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
 As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
 Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
 Be - al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
 Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,
 Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
 Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
 When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
 Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.
 Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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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 Lord God, heavenly King, the whole world is in Your power. We thank You for the many blessings of creation, which You sustain despite every ravage of sin, death and the devil. Help us to receive Your benefits with gratitude, knowing they come through Jesus' merits and not our own. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, bless and uphold Matthew, our Synod president; Jeffrey, our bishop; Aaron, our circuit visitor; all pastors and congregations; and our parish. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O God, our Creator, You ordered this world according to Your good and gracious will, crowning Your creation with man and woman. Give us faith to cherish the holy estate of marriage, its union of husband and wife, Your call to be fruitful, and the promise that You will bless what You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, You entrusted Your creation to man to tend, subdue and keep. Bless the farmers who tend the land for its increase. Grant them a rich harvest and so provide for us also, as each lives out his particular calling according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You have said by Your apostle that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers over this present darkness and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Lead us to respect godly authorities, to oppose what stands against Your Word and to see every unbelieving person as Your creature for whom Christ has died. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful God, *uphold Your servants [especially _____]*. Hold before our eyes the crucifixion of Your Son, that trusting in Him, we may see past trials, sickness and loss through the lens of His steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son on the night He was betrayed took bread and wine, the fruits of Your creation, and made them His body and blood. Help us to receive these fruits of His new creation worthily for the healing of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

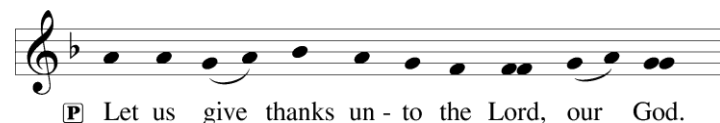
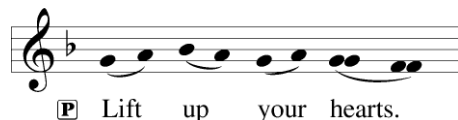
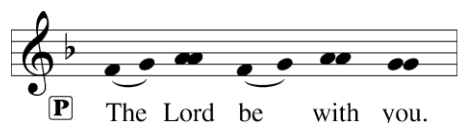
Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

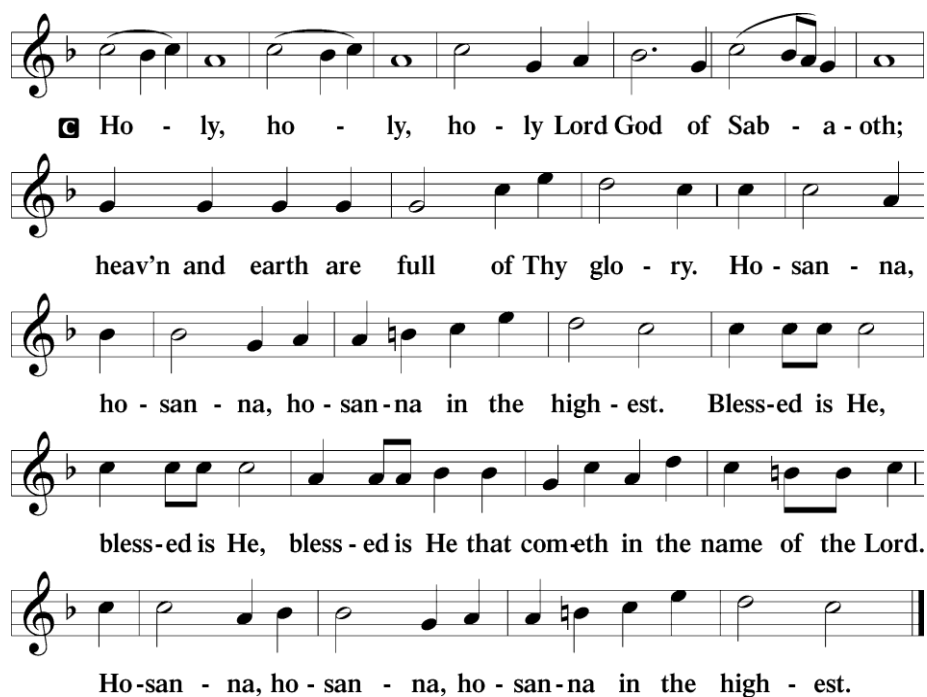
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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



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

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

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

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called me to be a Christian and granted me the 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 509

"Christ Is Surely Coming"

1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
 2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
 3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!

Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
 All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;

Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
 Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
 Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:

Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
 Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
 "Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

Lutheran Service Book 621

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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 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.

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

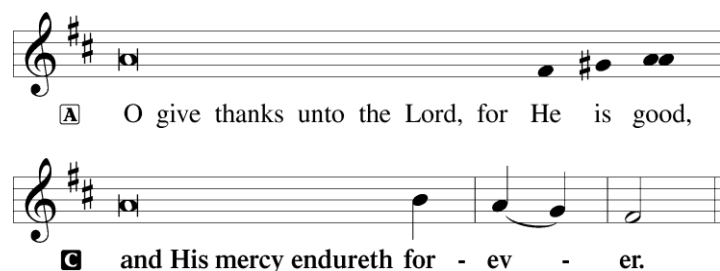
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.



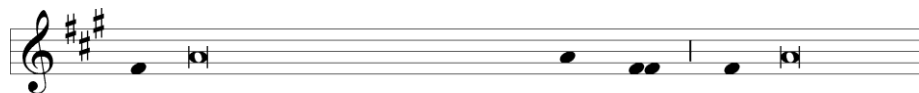
A Bless we the Lord.



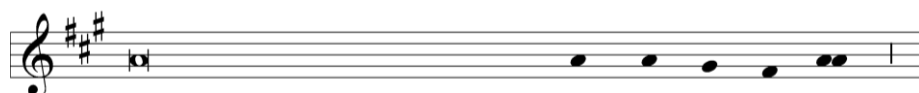
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

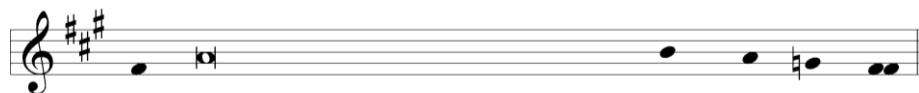
Numbers 6:24-26



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 714

"Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode"

1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will

earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
scorn as - sail us, While You are
stand se - cure ly; Temp - ta - tion's

love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us

press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our

hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right

woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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POSTLUDE



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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Pianist

Zac Lavender

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Trevor Dunkel
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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,
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COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.”

-MATTHEW 22:37-39

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 11/9	Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Tobit</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting Confirmation: <i>First Article</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 11/10	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 11/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/12	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 11/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Veterans Appreciation Dinner	Closed Closed 5:30 PM
Sunday 11/16	Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Tobit</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

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **CANCELLED: No Children's Sunday School or Adult Bible Study 11/30.**

✝ **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). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, we are taking time to discuss them in Adult Bible Study.

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray"***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., TBD

Church fellowship hall

Many Christians struggle with prayer even though it's an essential part of the Christian life. "What should I pray for?" they may wonder. "How should I pray?" "What if my mind wanders?" "What if I get stuck praying the same thing every day?"

When asked by his barber and good friend Peter Beskendorf for some practical guidance on how to pray, Martin Luther responded by writing this brief treatise, first published in 1535. This edition is a modern translation that brings us Luther's practical instruction, using his ITCP method:

1. Instruction
2. Thanksgiving
3. Confession
4. Prayer

This method anchors prayer in the catechism or other biblical texts, but allows the Holy Spirit to prompt thoughts via the Word, which may be chased more freely by the mind at prayer. Readers will find their prayer lives refreshed and invigorated as they become more comfortable raising supplications to God.

✝ **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!

✝ **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.

✝ **Holy Mass for the Observance of Thanksgiving Day**

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

✝ **Advent Midweek Mass – Sermon Series: *The Canticles of Christmas***

Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17, (& 24, Christmas Eve) at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

A canticle is a hymn lifted straight from Scripture. Interestingly, most of our canticles happen to come from Luke's Gospel around the time of Christ's advent. These include the Magnificat (Song of Mary), Benedictus (Song of Zechariah), Gloria in Excelsis (Song of the Angels), and Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon). Join us as we unpack these canticles and the hope they give us this advent season!

✝ Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass (with Carols by Candlelight): Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Mass: Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 A.M.

Church sanctuary

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ 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.

✝ Angel Tree

Ascension has adopted a few children in need this Christmas. Jason Schoellen, our evangelism chair, has taken it upon himself to do the shopping for these children. If you would like to participate in making Christmas special for these two boys and two girls (ages 9-12), please consider donating toward our Angel Tree fund. Please either write "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your personal check, or please mark the cash envelope with the same. That way, it's sure to get to the right place. Deadline for monetary donations is November 23. If you would like to donate specific items, the deadline for that is December 7. Please contact Jason Schoellen for more details (information in the church directory).

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ Richard Drachenberg, 11/10
- ✝ Malcolm Abrahamman, 11/11

Confirmation Anniversary:

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Thomasena Gaither (sister of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Sam Gollin
- ✝ Gerhard (Gary) Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)
- ✝ Shirley Lee (friend of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Adam & Laura Lamb (friends of Pastor Miller)
- ✝ Sami Malak (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law)
- ✝ Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- ✝ Suzanne Powell (mother of Bekah Beckman)
- ✝ Carol Scheid (mother of Pastor Miller's friend)
- ✝ Sarah Staebell (friend of Jason Schoellen)
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

Special Prayers

- ✝ Steady employment and fair wages for the unemployed, especially Jill Drachenberg.
- ✝ Family and friends of Douglas Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans), that they may be comforted by the mercy of Jesus.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ John & Felista Kaale (uncle & aunt of Hellen Kaale)
- ✝ 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)
- ✝ Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kaale)

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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EN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING INTO HEAVEN? THIS
JESUS, WHO WAS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME IN
THE SAME WAY AS YOU SAW HIM GO INTO HEAVEN.”

- ACTS 1:11



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