

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



HEN I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE AND HIM WHO WAS SEATED ON IT. FROM HIS PRESENCE EARTH AND SKY FLED AWAY, AND NO PLACE WAS FOUND FOR THEM. AND I SAW THE DEAD, GREAT AND SMALL, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED. THEN ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE. AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED BY WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY HAD DONE. AND THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD WHO WERE IN IT, DEATH AND HADES GAVE UP THE DEAD WHO WERE IN THEM, AND THEY WERE JUDGED, EACH ONE OF THEM, ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY HAD DONE. THEN DEATH AND HADES WERE THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH, THE LAKE OF FIRE. AND IF ANYONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

REVELATION 20:11-15

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

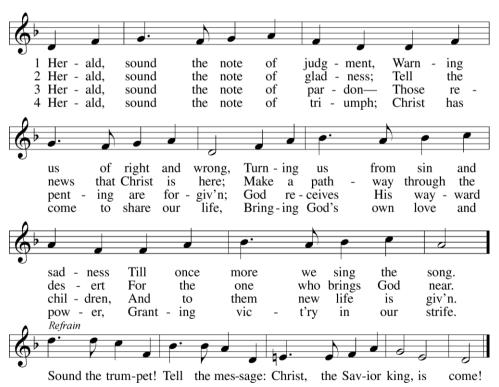
WELCOME

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 511

"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"



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The baptismal candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the entrance to the nave.

HOLY BAPTISM

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]
- Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

 Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

- Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **P** How are you named?
- **R** Magdalene Rachel.
- Magdalene Rachel, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your

 → forehead and upon your

 → heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Magdalene according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- **P** Is it your intention to serve Magdalene as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- **R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16 NKIV

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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 Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.
- C Amen.

Please remain standing.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 596

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"



- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 As faithful Christians, live and do
 Within your own vocation,
 Until that day when you possess
 His glorious robe of righteousness
 Bestowed on you forever!

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- P Magdalene, do you renounce the devil?
- **R** Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe 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?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you 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?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- P Magdalene, do you desire to be baptized?
- **R** Yes, I do.
- Magdalene Rachel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.
- Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- C Amen.

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C Amen.

Standing

- **P** Let us pray.
 - Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Magdalene the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Please remain standing.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 54:3-5, 7; antiphon: Psalm 54:1-2



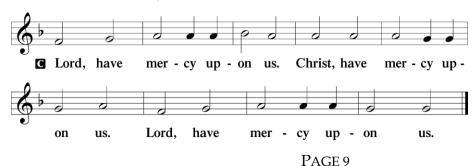
- O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.
 - O God, | hear my prayer;* give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- For strangers have risen a- | gainst me;* they do not set God be- | fore themselves.
- Behold, God is my | helper;*
 the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
- He will return the evil to my | enemies;* in your faithfulness put an | end to them.
- For he has delivered me from every | trouble,* and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.



- O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.
 - O God, | hear my prayer;* give ear to the words | of my mouth.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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 Daniel 7:9–14

A The Prophecy for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity is from Daniel, chapter seven.

- \mathbf{A} In those days the prophet Daniel spoke, saying: "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given
- to the burning flame. As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 50:4, 6



He calls to the heav- | ens above* and to the earth, that he may judge his | people.

The heavens declare his | righteousness,* for God him- | self is judge!

EPISTLE 2 Peter 3:3–14

- **A** The Epistle is from 2 Peter, chapter three.
- A Dearly Beloved: Know this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE Isaiah 35:10a



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



 \mathbf{P} At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry

- and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

Third Part of Holy Baptism

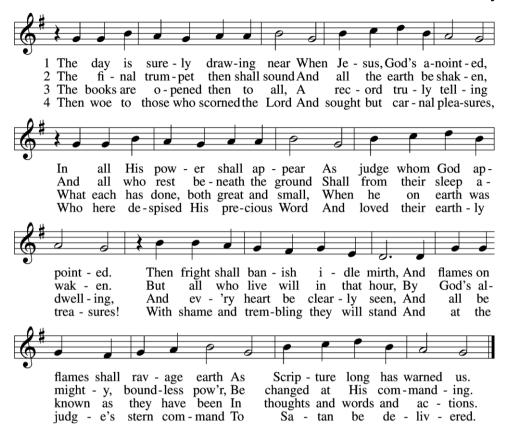
- P How can water do such great things?
- Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

Sitting



Lutheran Service Book 508

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

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7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, \mathbf{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 Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va from me.

tion, and up - hold me with

Psalm 51:10-12

Sitting

OFFERING

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Thy free spir-it.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- O Lord, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared. In love, You have forgiven the debt of our sin through the cross of Your Son. Create in us hearts that forgive our brother for his offenses against us, that Your love would lead to grateful love in us also. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, inspire Your Church by the mercies of Christ to live in forgiveness with one another and to hold out Your forgiveness for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You establish our families on the foundation of Your forgiveness toward us and of us toward one another. Fix our hearts together on the sacrifice of Christ, and lead us after His humble example. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You guide the nations and judge the peoples with equity. Give those who govern wisdom to enact laws without sinful bias and to foster charity among the citizens of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
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- Mighty God, You have shown us Your great mercy through the death of Your Son. May all who partake of His Supper come with repentant and humble hearts to taste the body and blood of Christ, which was given and shed for our life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy Father, our prayers are filled with joy because of the good work You have begun in us through Baptism, making us partakers of Your grace and adorning us with Christ's righteousness. By Your Holy Spirit, grant us to grow in knowledge and discernment of Your Word and to abound in love, that we may approve what is excellent and be pure and blameless before You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- O almighty God, we confess that we are poor sinners and could not give an answer if You should contend with us. Yet do we thank You with all our hearts that You have taken our guilt from us and laid it upon Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who has atoned for it. Graciously sustain us in this faith. Govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will in love and service to our neighbors. Do not let us give way to wrath or revenge, and so incur Your wrath, but let us always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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

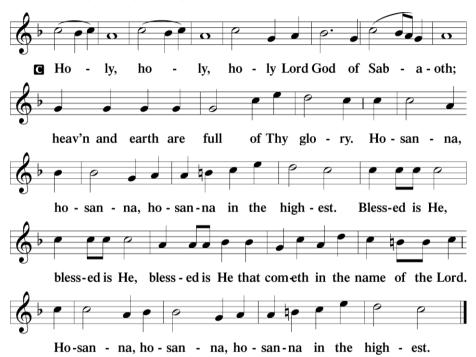
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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



Kneeling or sitting forward

 \mathbf{C}

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Our Father who art in heaven,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

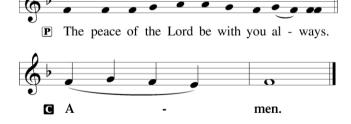
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

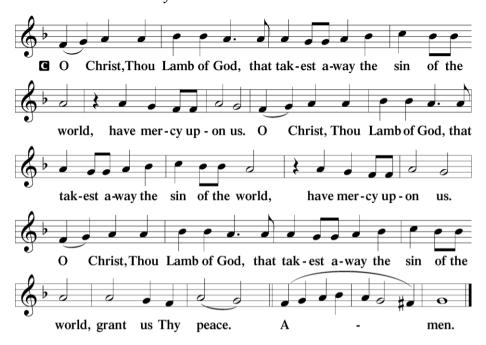
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PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19





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

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lutheran Service Book 512

"At the Name of Jesus"



- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him;
 There let Him subdue
 All that is not holy,
 All that is not true:
 Crown Him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
 Let His will enfold you
 In its light and pow'r.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
 And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.

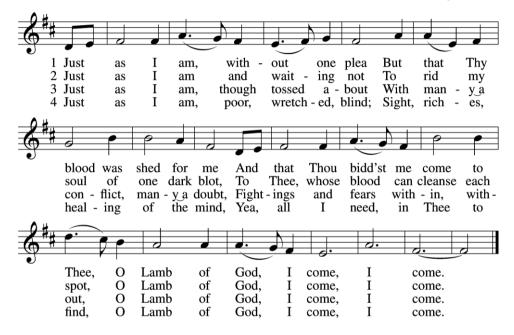
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△7 Glory then to Jesus,
Who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness
Brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father;
In the Spirit's love
Praise we all together
Him who reigns above.

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Lutheran Service Book 570

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"



- 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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Prayer after Receiving Holy Communion

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

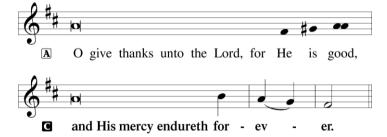
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

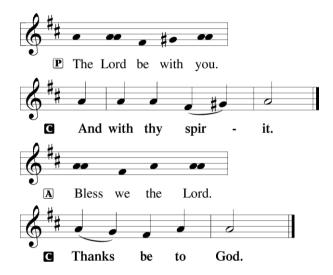
P Let us pray.

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.

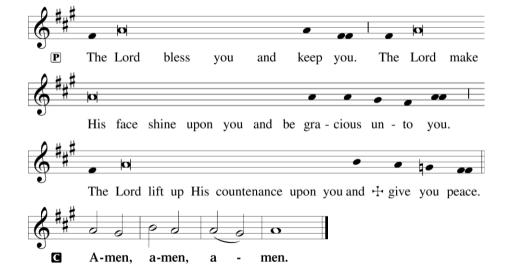
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 334

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"



- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessèd hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.

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Postlude



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, Pastor

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder* Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Pianist

Zac Lavender

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Trevor Dunkel (Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

The Schoellen family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, Pastor

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, Director of Music

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Linda Rathje/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Trevor Dunkel (Grayson Beckman)

Fellowship Host(s)

Nancy Grossberg



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 11/16	Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Tobit Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Private Baptismal Luncheon	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour
Monday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
11/17	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
11/18	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/19	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	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
11/20	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday	Open Arms LCDC	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
11/21	Church Office	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday	Open Arms LCDC	Closed
11/22	Church Office	Closed
Sunday 11/23	Last Sunday of the Church Year (Pledge Sunday) Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Tobit</i> Holy Mass (Pledges submitted) Fellowship Hour 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

LOVING THE LORD

- + 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).

+ The Nutcracker Ballet

Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29 at 2:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. Sunday, November 30 at 1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre at the Cobb Civic Center 548 S. Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060

The Ascension family and friends are invited to come out and see the classic ballet *The Nutcracker*, presented by Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre, on November 28-30 (Thanksgiving weekend). Ascension member Eden Miller will be dancing in all six shows, with two roles in the evening performances. The production takes place at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre in Marietta. For more details or to purchase tickets, please visit georgiametrodance.org/tickets.

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

→ Matthias Miller, 11/22

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ∔ Luka Beckman, 11/22
- **♣** Nat Taylor, 11/22

Confirmation Anniversary:

♣ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

♣ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

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)
- + Sandy Schneider and baby (friend of Jason Schoellen's mother)
- + Sarah Staebell (friend of Jason Schoellen)
- H Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

Special Prayers

- + Steady employment and fair wages for the unemployed, especially Jill Drachenberg.
- Thanksgiving for the gift of baptismal regeneration given to Magdalene Beckman this day.

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

ERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT.

- JAMES 2:13



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