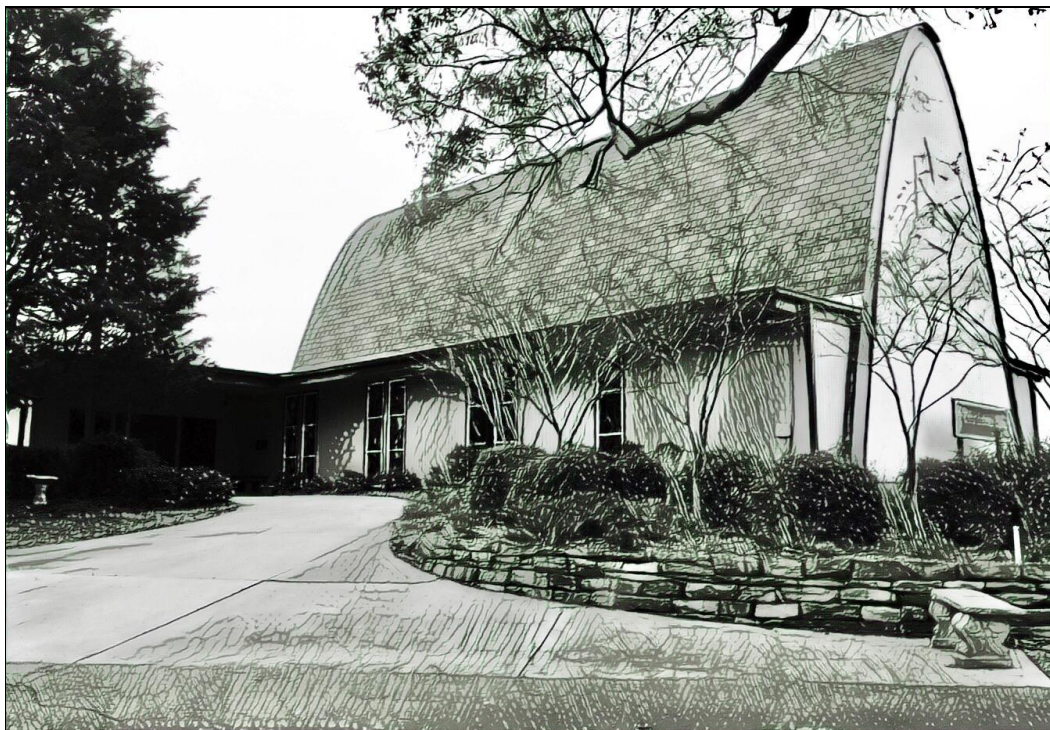


# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Rev. George Fields, Pastor**

**Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess**

Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: **10:30 a.m.**

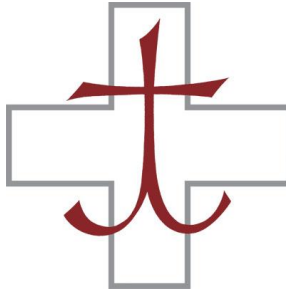
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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**+ June 25, 2023 +**

***“I Will Acknowledge You”***



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,  
and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the  
worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.  
Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.  
We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available  
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

**WELCOME:**

“Tremble, O Death, before man, for through a servant, the yoke of his dominion reigns  
over all creatures.”

–St. Ephrem the Syrian, *Nisibene Hymns*

“Safe?’ said Mr Beaver ...’Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But  
he’s good.”

–C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE III

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.*

## OPENING HYMN

## The Son of God Goes Forth to War

(Tune #444)

- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war  
A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar;  
Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below—  
He follows in His train.
- 2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye  
Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw his master in the sky  
And called on Him to save.  
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue  
In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for those who did the wrong—  
Who follows in his train?
- 3 A glorious band, the chosen few,  
On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew  
And mocked the cross and flame.  
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,  
The lion's gory mane;  
They bowed their necks their death to feel—  
Who follows in their train?
- 4 A noble army, men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,  
In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n  
Through peril, toil, and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n  
To follow in their train!

# CONFESSION & 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.

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT: MISERERE MEI, DEUS, QUONIAM** *Psalm 56 :3-4, 10-11 ; Ant. Psalm 56 :13*



For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

**When I | am afraid,\***

**I put my | trust in you.**

**In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\***

**What can flesh | do to me?**

In God, whose | word I praise,\*

in the LORD, whose | word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*

What can man | do to me?

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

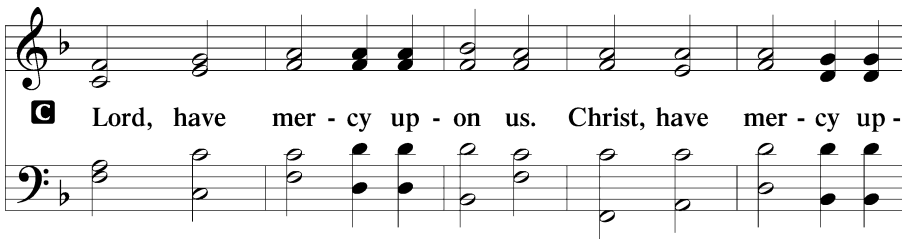
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

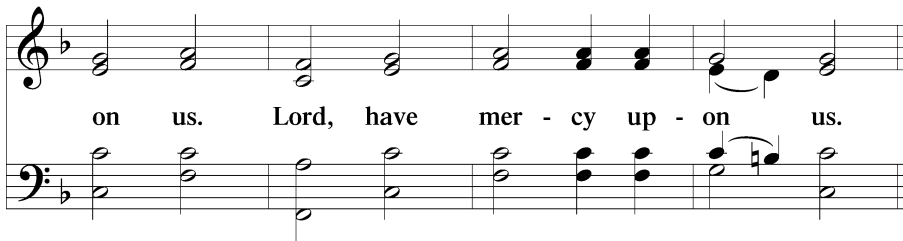
## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*



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

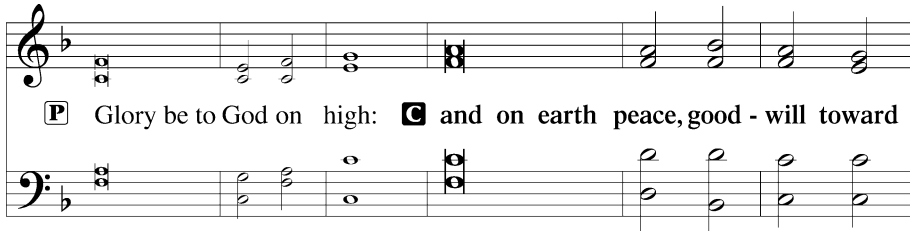


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

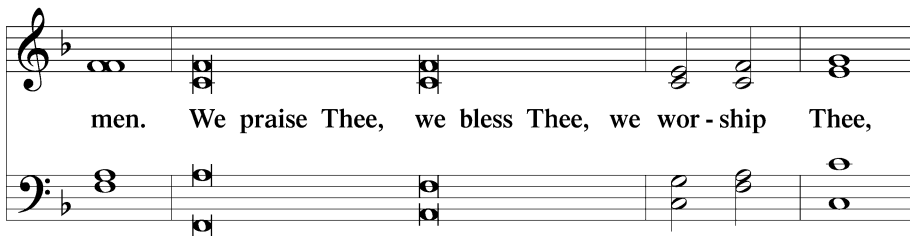
**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

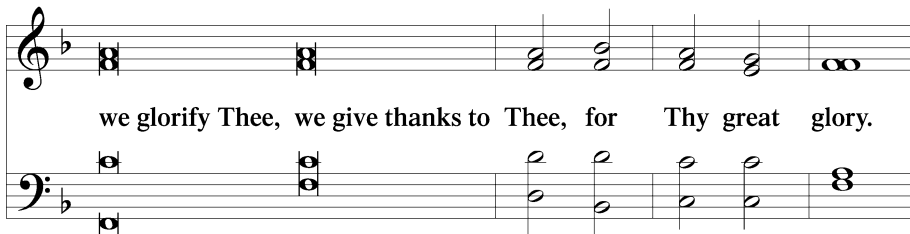
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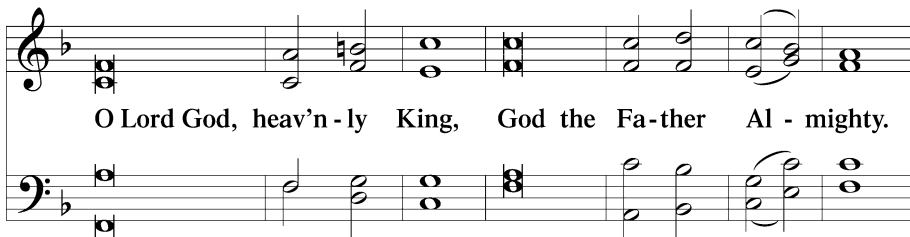
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;

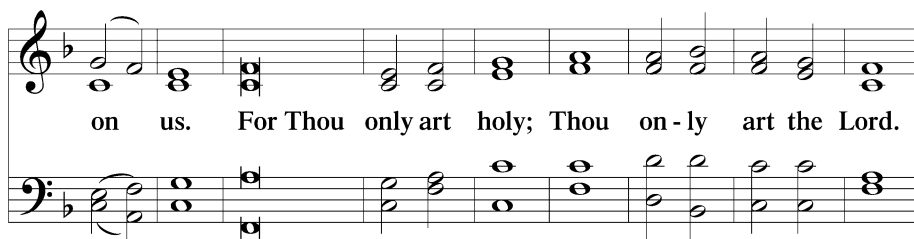
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

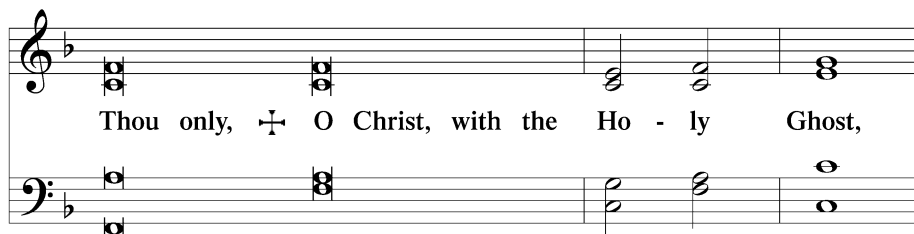
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

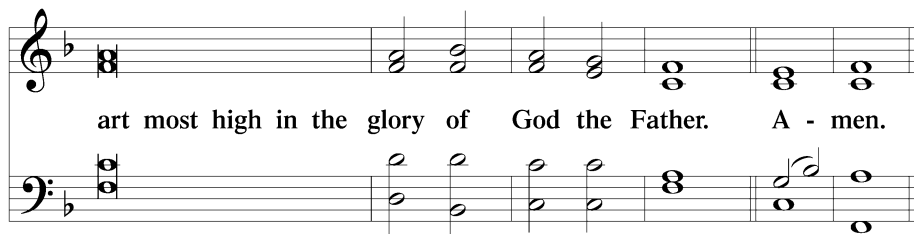




on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



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



**P** The Lord be with you.

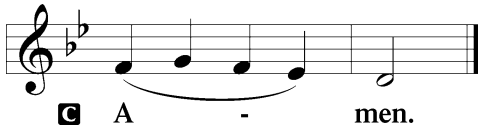


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

☐ O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, “I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,”  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
“Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.”  
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL

*Psalm 145:3, 5, 6*



**Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.**

#### EPISTLE READING

*Romans 6:12-23*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to

which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### ALLELUIA



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

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

**P** The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans...

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called

the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**OFFICE HYMN**

**Christ Is the World's Redeemer**

**#539**

**SERMON**

*Fear Him*

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)  
the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)  
maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)  
and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)  
the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)  
God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)  
very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)  
being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)  
by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)  
who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)  
came down from heaven (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)  
and was made man; (Jn 1:14)  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)  
He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 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 (Mt 26:64)  
to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)  
whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)  
the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)  
who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)  
Amen. (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition of the prayer:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*For comfort, health, and recovery:* **Hunter Burkhalter, Pippa Marie Lorence, Daveen Parish, Yvonne Townes;**

*For those who mourn:* the family and friends of **Jaqueline Estrella, Cathy McDonald;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Sara Fields, Will Nelson;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;**

*For foreign missionaries:* **especially Rev. Vance & Linda Becker;**

*This week's prayer family:* **The Agent Family** and their loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

# OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*

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.



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

☐ *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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

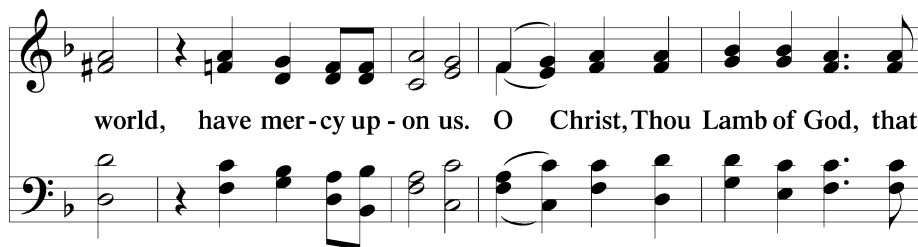
## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts.*



**C** 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.

*Please be seated*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**

**#534**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**#621**

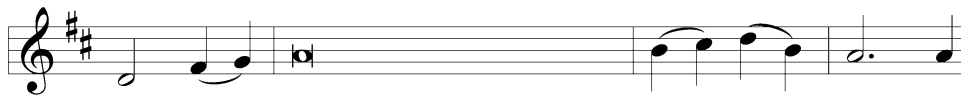
**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word**

**#655**

*Please stand following distribution of communion*

# NUNC DIMITTIS

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

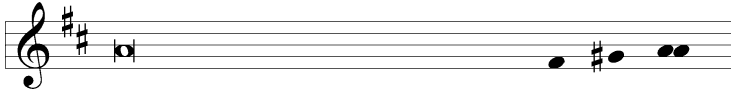


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

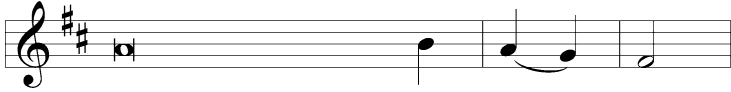


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** 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 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** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



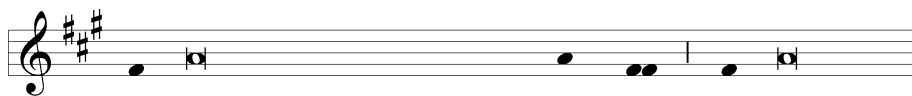
**A** Bless we the Lord.



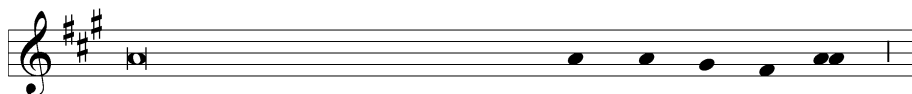
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

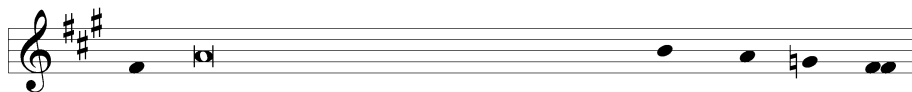
Numbers 6:24-26



**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.

## CLOSING HYMN

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### Today's Worship Servants:

**Celebrant:** Rev. George Fields

**Acolyte:** William Held

**Interpreter:** Denee Smith

**Altar Guild:** Mary Atchley

**Elder:** Gary Atchley

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

**Cantor:** Natalie Rudsenske

**Altar Flowers:** This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by the Fields in celebration of Elysia's baptismal anniversary.

**VBS This Week!** Christ Lutheran's VBS is fast approaching! This week, from June 27-29, our children will be learning about the "Three R's": our Rebellion, our Rescue, and our Reunion. All kids are welcome! To learn more, volunteer, or contribute, contact Lesley Dickens at [jaxhershey@yahoo.com](mailto:jaxhershey@yahoo.com).

**Communio Tonight:** Join us once more as we sojourn through various and sundry topics relevant to Christian life today! We shall dine and discuss at the Hansford Home tonight at 5:00. See you there!

**Readings for next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:**

Introit Ps. 89:15-18; Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42.

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*This week at Christ Lutheran Church: June 26 – July 2*

**Tuesday** 4:30 p.m. VBS  
**Wednesday** 4:30 p.m. VBS  
**Thursday** 4:30 p.m. VBS  
**Friday** 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky  
**Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. **Divine Service – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**



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