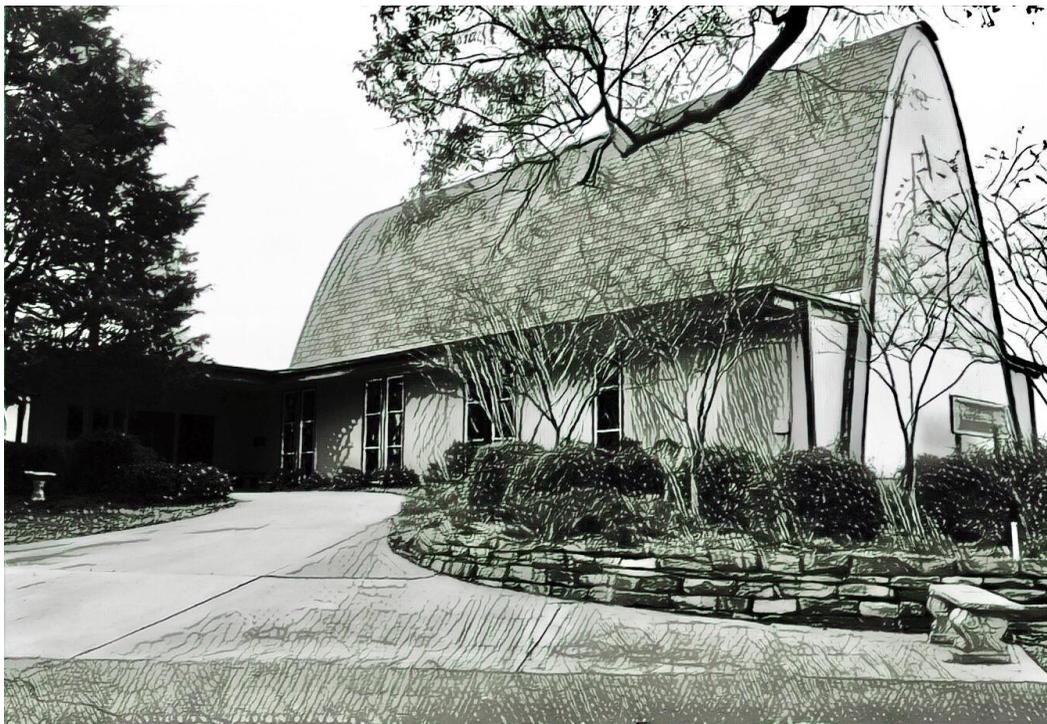


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Rev. George Fields, Pastor

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

Sunday School for all ages: 9:00 a.m.

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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ August 17, 2025 +

“Peace Upon the Earth”



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 worshipping with us today!

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

WELCOME:

“It also seems suitable to explain this meaning with a mystical interpretation. One man is one house, because each is the house of either God or the devil. A spiritual man is a spiritual house, as we have in the Apostle Peter. ‘*Be also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.*’ In this house, two are divided against two, and three against two.”

—St. Ambrose, *Exposition of the Gospel of Luke*

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 Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², 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 meal³. 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 faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE III

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

#868

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: EXAUDI DEUS

Psalm 55:1, 12-14, 16; Ant. Psalm 55:22



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you; *
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

**Give ear to my prayer, | O God, *
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it; *
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.

**But it is you, a man, my | equal, *
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether; *
within God's house we walked | in the throng.

**But I | call to God, *
and the LORD will | save me.**

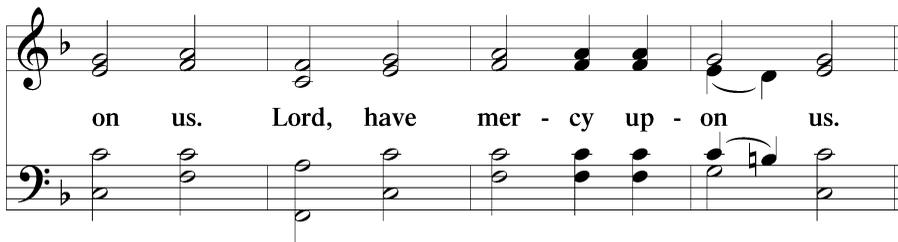
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you; *
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KYRIE

Mark 10:47

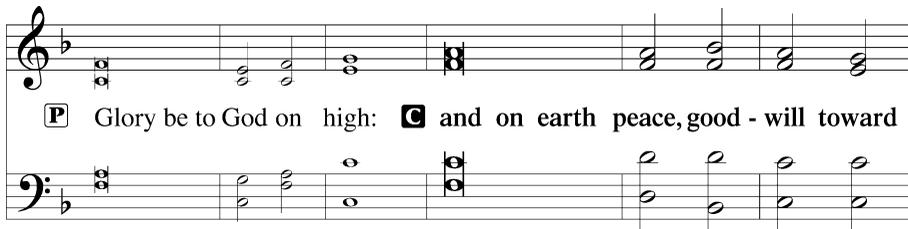
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



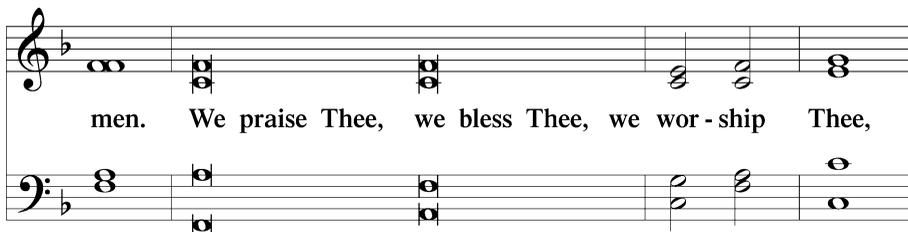
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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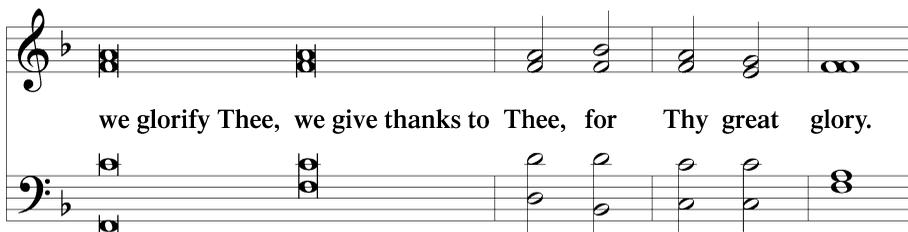
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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



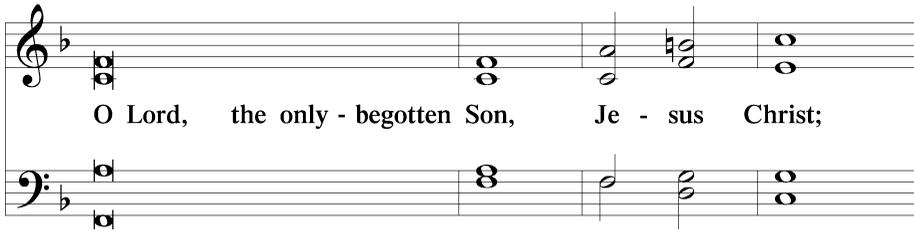
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



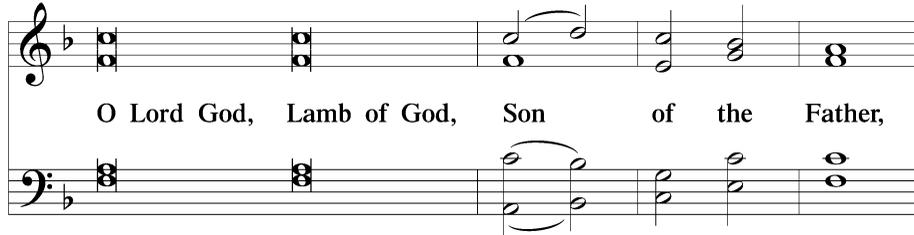
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



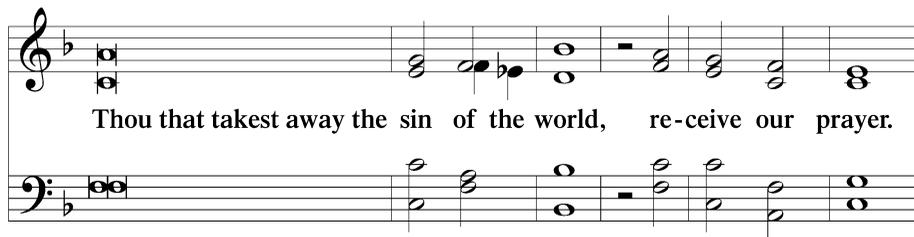
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



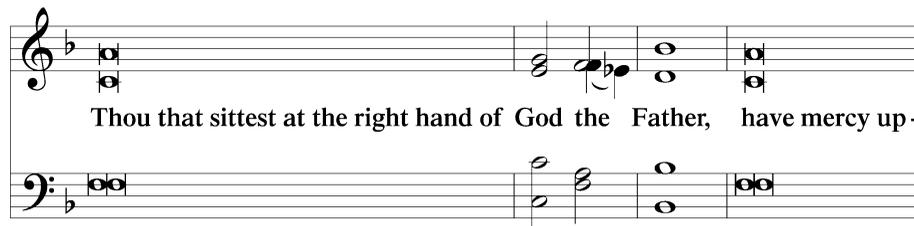
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



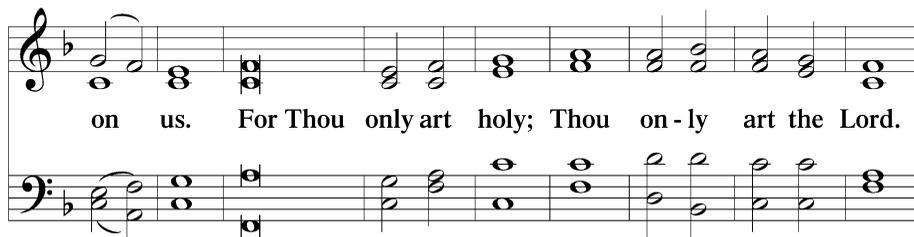
that take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.



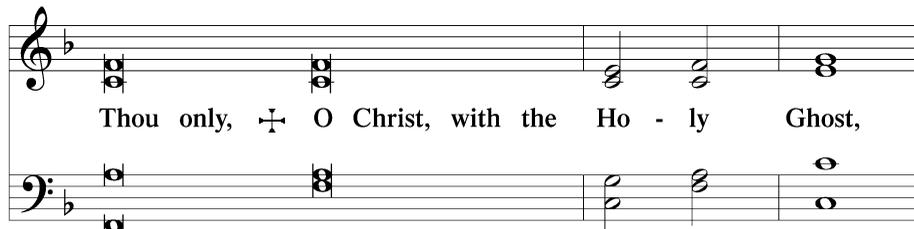
Thou that take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.



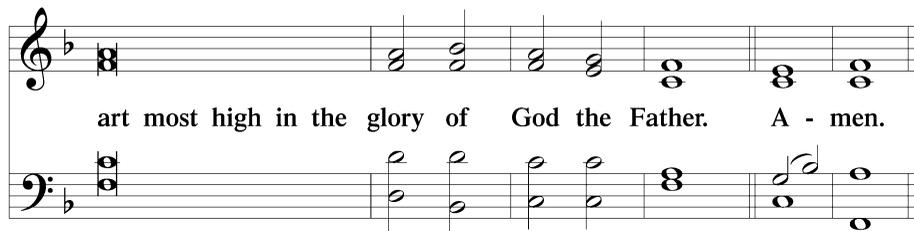
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.



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

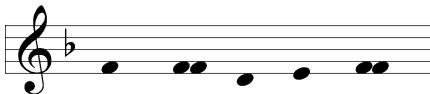


Thou only, † O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

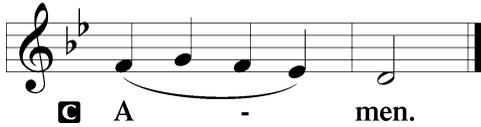


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 23:1629

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,

or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back

until he has executed and accomplished

the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven

Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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.

The musical score for the Alleluia consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the top staff, with a 'C' time signature indicating common time.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' are written below the treble staff. A square box containing the letter 'C' is placed at the beginning of the first line of the lyrics.

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

#647

SERMON

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

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: **Ed Boger, Larry Carson, Nancy Daniels, Gracelyn Foster, MariLynn Fuhrer, Betty Hansford, Natalie Rudsenske, Barry Rudy, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Maxem Vanlandingham, Matt Wiloughby;**

For those who are ill or distressed: **Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Nancy Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Sróng Le, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler;**

For college and graduate students: **Sara Fields, James Hansford;**

For military servants and their families: **Gabriel Escude, Glen Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;**

For foreign missionaries

This week's prayer family: **Matt Stewart** and his loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

As the offering is collected, you may sign the red fellowship pad.

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Psalms 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the second phrase of the preface, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The accompaniment consists of chords: G4-Bb4, A4-Bb4, G4-Bb4, F4-Bb4, E4-Bb4, D4-Bb4.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the fourth phrase of the preface, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The accompaniment consists of chords: G4-Bb4, A4-Bb4, G4-Bb4, F4-Bb4, E4-Bb4, D4-Bb4.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

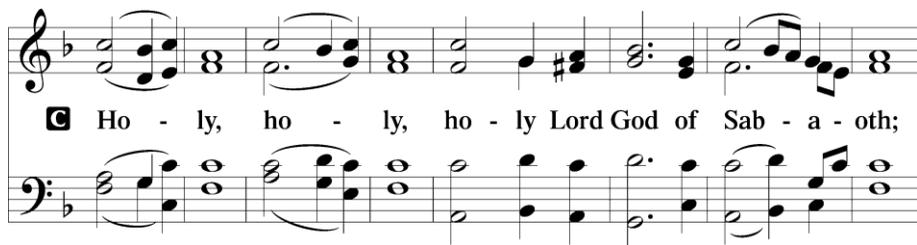
Musical notation for the sixth phrase of the preface, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The accompaniment consists of chords: G4-Bb4, A4-Bb4, G4-Bb4, F4-Bb4, E4-Bb4, D4-Bb4.

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, 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



† bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** *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.*

C 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

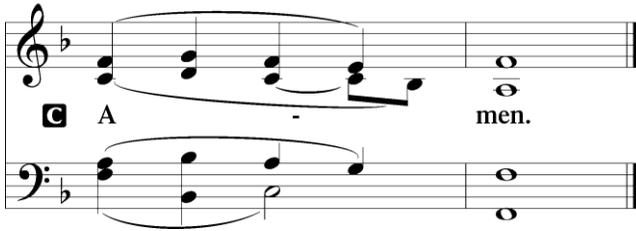
My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



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



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

God Has Spoken by His Prophets	#583
Jesus Sinners Doth Receive	#609
Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	#619

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,

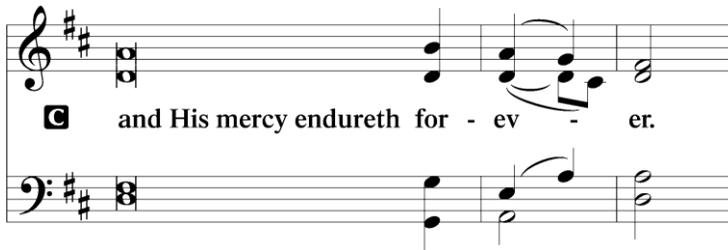


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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



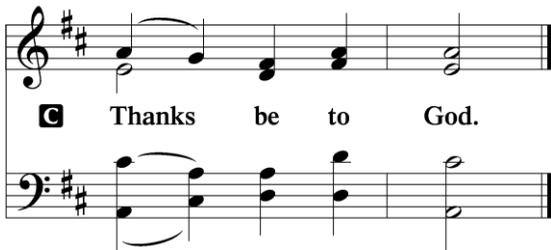
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



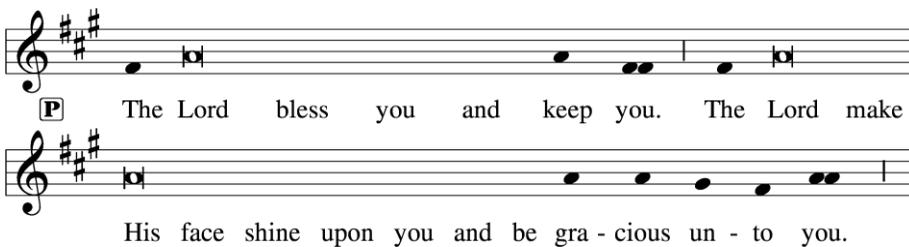
A Bless we the Lord.



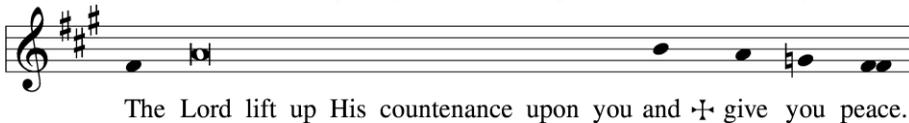
C Thanks be to God.

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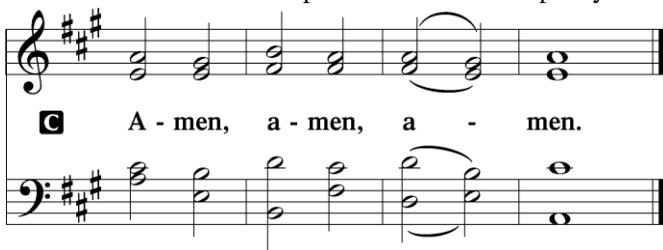
Numbers 6:24-26



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.



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Acknowledgments

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Serving Today:**Celebrant:** Rev. Bob Pfaff**Acolytes:** Nathan Hansford**Interpreter:** Denee Smith**Altar Guild:** Margaret Haynes**Elder:** Eric Held**Music:** Emily Held, Christa Kettler**Cantor:** Keith Martin

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Nancy Teal in memory of her parents.

Thank you to Rev. Pfaff and all who are helping as the Fields are on vacation!

Church-wide Communion Next Sunday: Join us for a special Communion this month! Next Sunday, all are invited to hear about "Liturgical Architecture & Act," an explanation of how sanctuaries are built, why, and what we do in them. This subject is particularly pertinent as the council contemplates the addition of kneelers in our worship space. Come with your questions and learn about the historic importance and use of kneelers (among many architectural elements) in the Lutheran church, **next Sunday, August 24th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. The dinner will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share!

Christmas in July Food Drive: The Stewpot is celebrating Christmas in July with its annual festive food drive this month. If you can contribute some non-perishable food items, bring them to church anytime until **August 24th** (see the bin in the narthex). Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for next Sunday, August 24th, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 55:1, 12-14; Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 23:16-29; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 49-53.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: August 18 – August 24

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Quilting**Thursday 9:00 a.m.** Quilting**Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School for All Ages**10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost****5:00 p.m.** Communion: Liturgical Architecture & Act