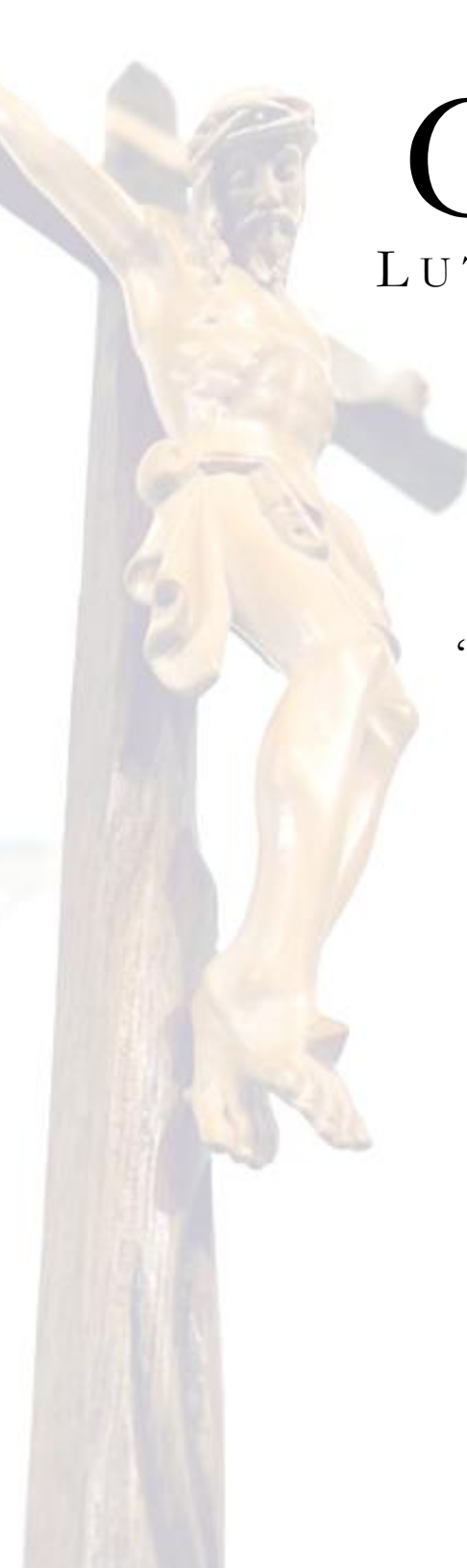




CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 14th Sunday
after Pentecost

Divine Service

✠ August 30, 2026 ✠

“Must Suffer Many Things”

“When contrary to what he had hoped, Peter heard [of Christ’s passion] he was troubled. For the revelation had exhibited Christ as Son of God and the living God, one the one hand. Yet on the other hand, he was found to be preparing for the dreadful events of the Passion. In rebuking Peter, Christ brings to light his own righteous judgment. When Peter confessed Christ, Christ praised him. But when he was irrationally terrified, Christ rebuked him, acting without respect to persons.”

—Theodore of Heraclea, *Fragment 102*

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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.

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

DIVINE SERVICE III

Preservice Music

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

Opening Hymn Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands #458
St. 1-3

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: *Noli contendere*

Psalm 37:5-7; Ant. Psalm 37:4



Delight yourself | in the LORD*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;
trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over
the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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.

But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the Lord!

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

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:

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

The first system of musical notation for the first part of the song. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,".

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

The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "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.

The fourth system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.".

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

The fifth system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "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,

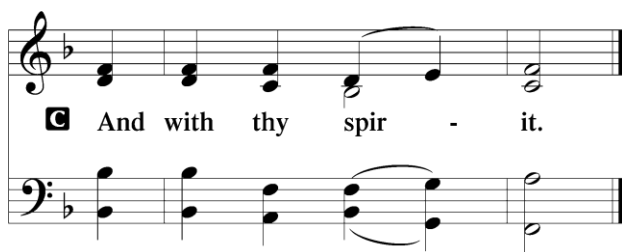


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation & Collect



P The Lord be with you.

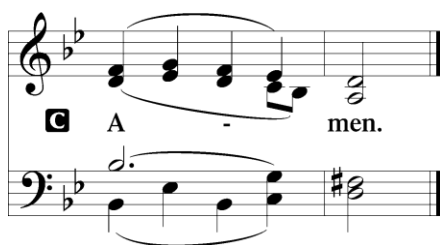


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the Lord:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19



Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

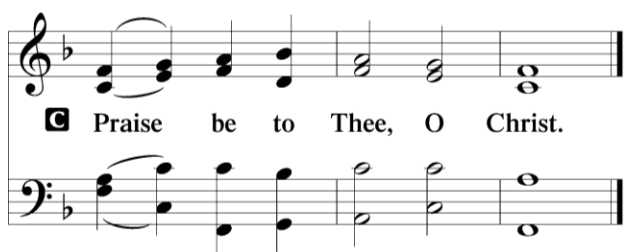
P The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Office Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

#332,
St. 1-6, 8

Sermon

The Meditation of the Heart of God

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
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)

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:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, health, and recovery: Lisa Arnold, Carole Barber, Michael Boudreaux, Phil Cameron, Kyle Hilken, Elmer Held, Linda Kirtley, Roger Lindsey, Joanne Pedersen, Charles Pickering, Sr., Elaine Shank, Eloise Springer, Vicky Sturgis, Nicole Tatum;

For those who are ill or distressed: Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Martha Clark, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Fawn Fields, George Fields, Hal Grote, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Elmer Held, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, John Koster,

Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Kaye Reid, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitz, Barbara Zeigler;

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

For military servants and their families: Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Eion Kemp, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;

For foreign missionaries

This week's prayer family: Chuck Rubisoff and his loved ones.

Please be seated

Offering

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

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:

The musical score is written for two parts, likely Soprano and Bass, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first system covers the lyrics "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -". The second system covers "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -". The music consists of simple, homophonic chords and single notes, suitable for congregational singing.

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with chordal accompaniment.

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment throughout the line.

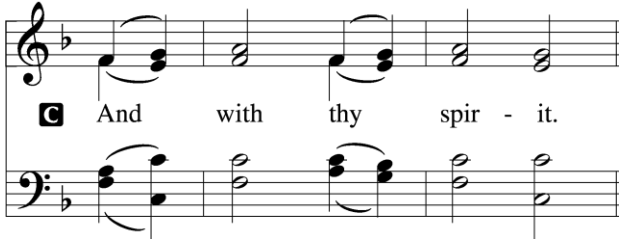
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



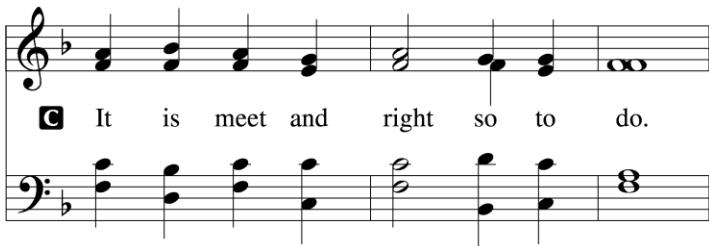
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



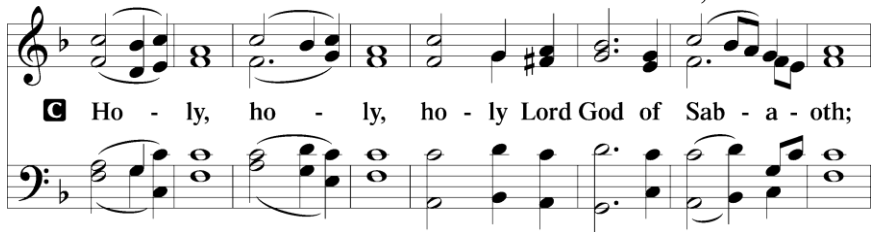
C It is meet and right so to do.

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

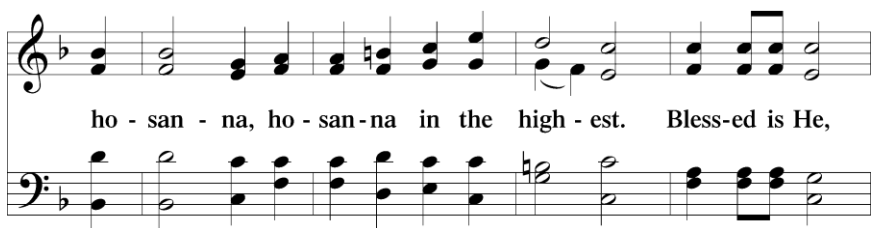
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



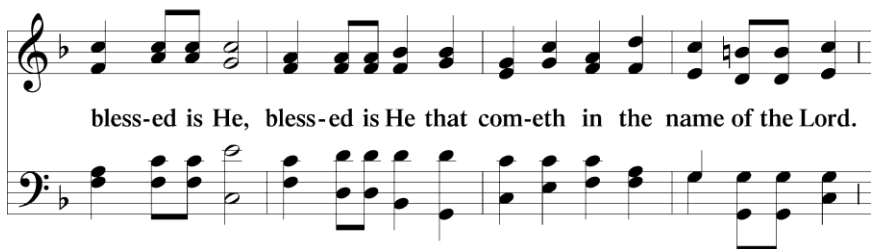
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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,



bles-ed is He, bles-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

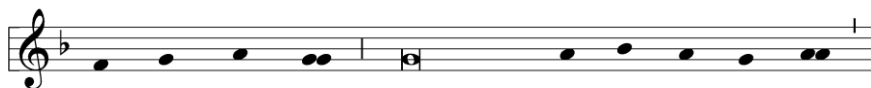
Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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



Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Assembled in His name and in the communion of all saints, we pray You send down Your Holy Spirit on us, and through Him to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ,

Who, 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."

Remembering therefore His whole work of redemption, His conception and birth, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His glorious coming again, we here present before You the remembrance which Your Son has commanded us to make, beseeching You graciously to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

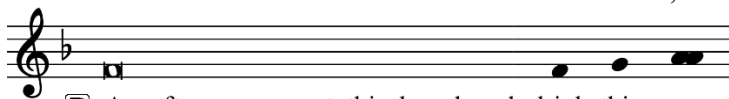
We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, O Father Almighty, forever and ever.



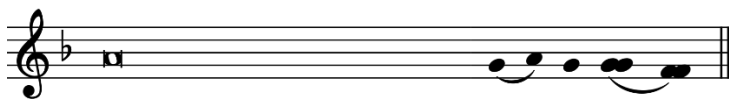
C A - men.

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20



P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,



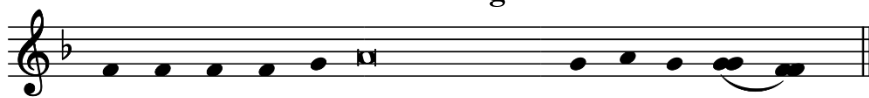
we proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.



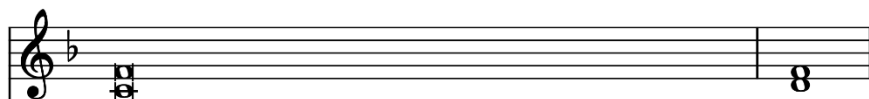
C Amen. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The Invitation: Domine non sum dignus

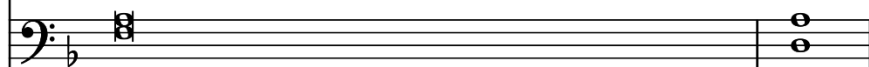
Matthew 8:8



P The ho - ly things of God for the holy peo-ple of God.



C Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.



But only speak a word, and I will be healed.



Pax Domini

John 20:19



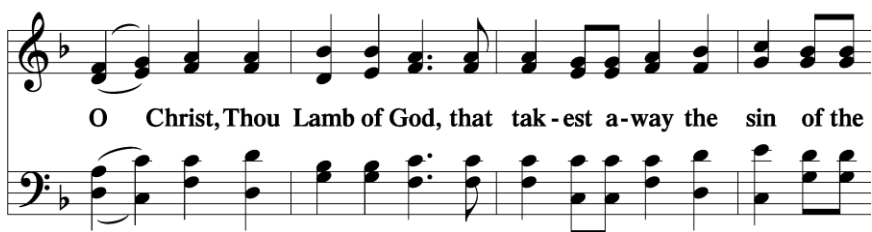
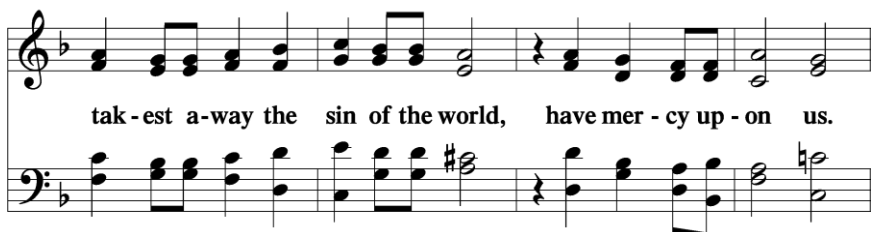
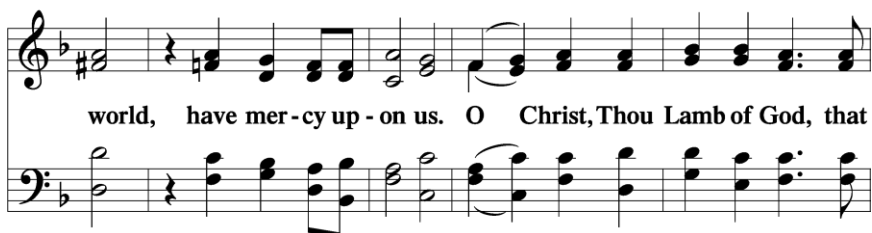
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.





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.

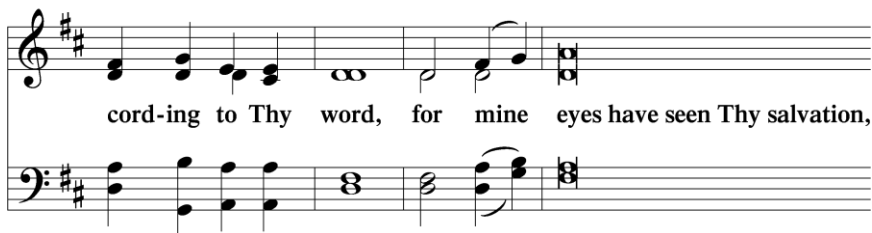
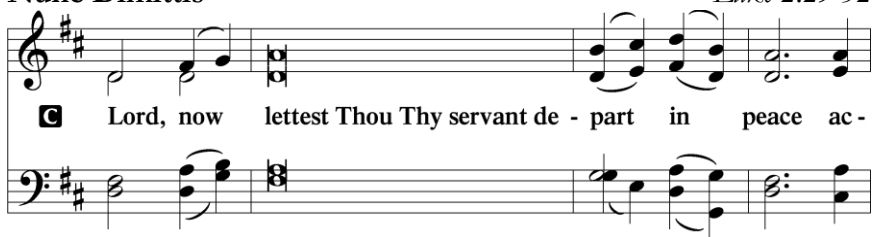
Distribution Hymns

Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	#746
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus	#531
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine	#815

Please stand following distribution of communion

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



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

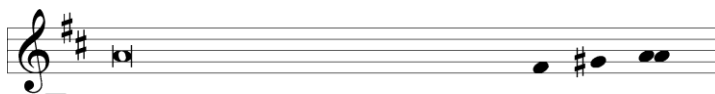
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

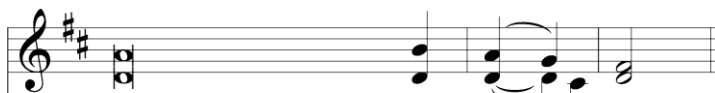
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

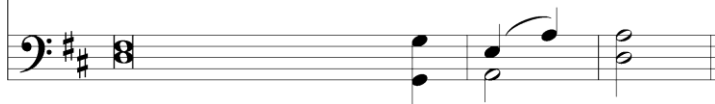
Psalm 107:1



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 & Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.

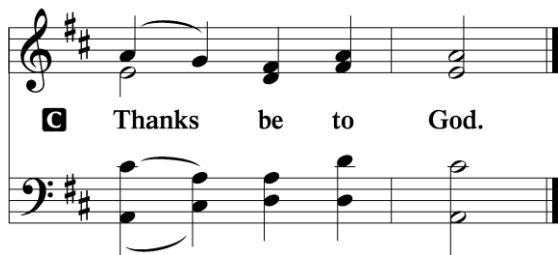


C And with thy spir - it.





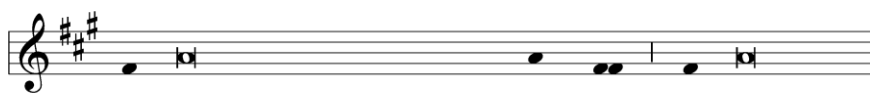
A Bless we the Lord.



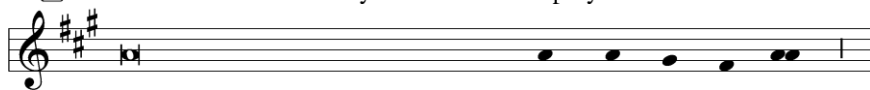
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

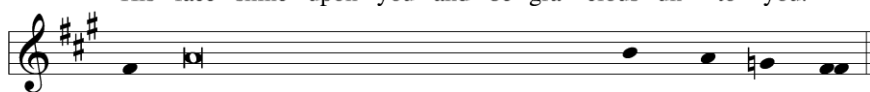
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



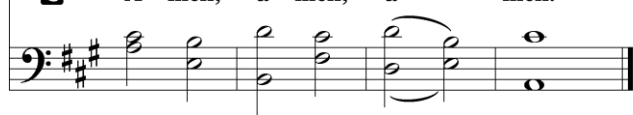
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A - men, a - men, a - men.



Closing Hymn Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands #458 St. 4-7

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields

Acolyte: Nathan Hansford

Altar Guild: Linda Kirtley

Elder: Eric Held

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Cantor: Christa Kettler

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers were given for the glory of God by Keith and Anita Martin.

Communion Tonight: Join us tonight as we continue *Will the Real Church Please Stand Up? 7 False Churches*, by Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard. We will convene at church for a potluck at 5:00 p.m., and discussion of chapter five at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Thank you! To all who led, helped, and participated in the Fields' plague-addled absence last Sunday, thank you!

Readings for next Sunday, September 6th, the 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 92:1-4; Psalm 32:1-7; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: August 31 – September 6

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Matins
	8:30 a.m.	LifeLight
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – 15 th Sunday after Pentecost



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “parament”?

A parament (pronounced PAIR-uh-ment) is a colored piece of cloth that hangs on the important items of furniture in the sanctuary. **Can you**

find the altar? You may see a colored piece of cloth hanging on it. This parament is called the “frontal” or “superfrontal.”

Can you find the pulpit? The pulpit has a parament, too, as do many of the important furniture items in the sanctuary. Look around to see how many paraments are in your church.

Why do we use paraments?

Paraments honor God and beautify His sanctuary based on the seasons of the Church Year. For example, during the season of Pentecost, the paraments are green. During Lent, the paraments are purple. The word “parament” comes from the Latin word “parare” which means “to decorate or adorn.” The paraments are not silent decorations. Each parament helps to proclaim the wonderful news of salvation through Jesus Christ!



Parents: Before or after worship, allow your child to get a closer look at the paraments in the sanctuary. (Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places.) Instruct them that the colors might be different than what they would expect at certain times in the Church Year. For example, the paraments are red on Reformation Day even though it falls during the season of Pentecost.



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