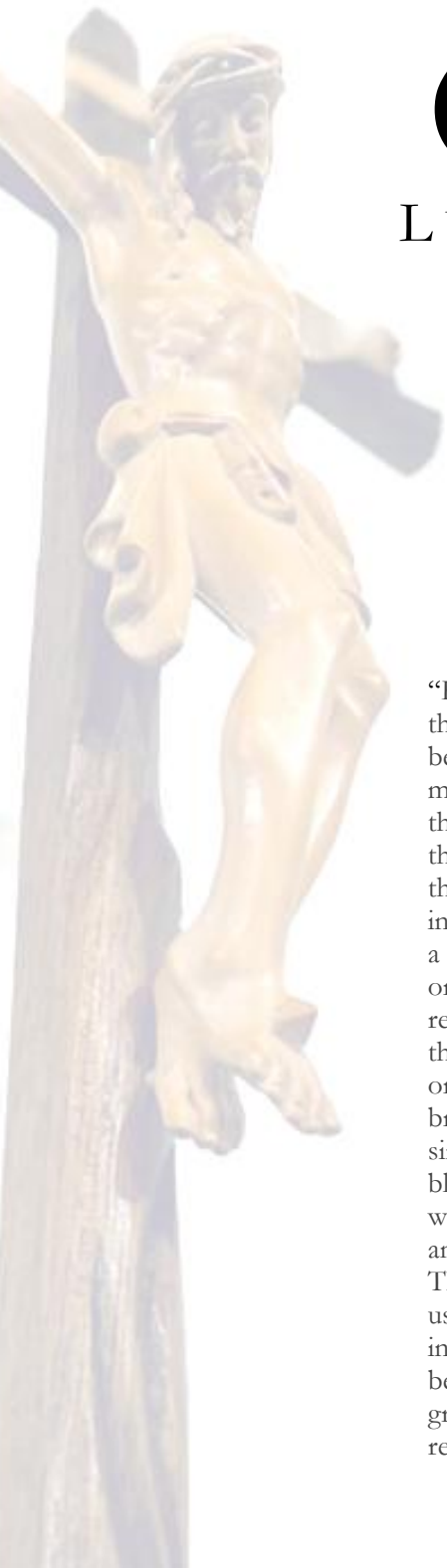




CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 15th Sunday
after Pentecost

Divine Service

✠ September 6, 2026 ✠

“Blessed Is the One Whose Transgression Is Forgiven”

“Here the Lord not only repressed the apostles’ thoughts but also checked the ambition of believers throughout the whole world, so that he might be great who wanted to be least. For with this purpose Jesus used the example of the child, that what he had been through his nature, we through our holy living might become—innocent, like children innocent of every sin. For a child does not know how to hold resentment or to grow angry. He does not know how to repay evil for evil. He does not think base thoughts. He does not commit adultery or arson or murder. He is utterly ignorant of theft or brawling or all the things that will draw him to sin. He does not know how to disparage, how to blaspheme, how to hurt, how to lie. He believes what he hears. What he is ordered he does not analyze. He loves his parents with full affection. Therefore what children are in their simplicity, let us become through a holy way of life, as children innocent of sin. And quite rightly, one who has become a child innocent of sin in this way is greater in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives such a person will receive Christ.”

—Theodore of Heraclea, *Fragment 102*

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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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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

Psalm: *Beati quorum*

Psalm 32:1-7; Ant. Psalm 32:1



Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you
forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time
when you | may be found;*

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

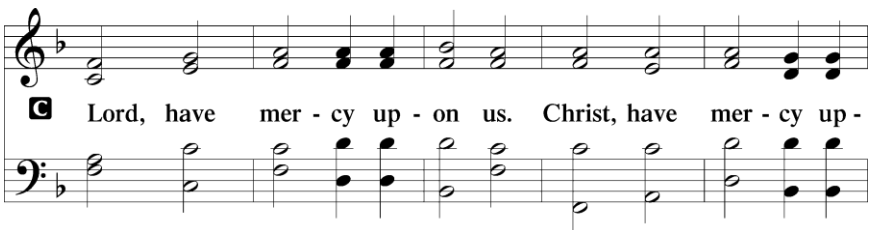
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

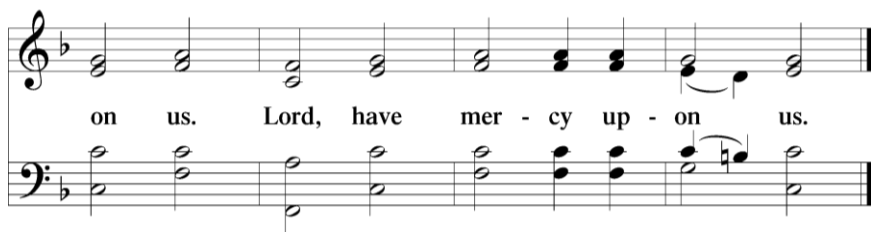
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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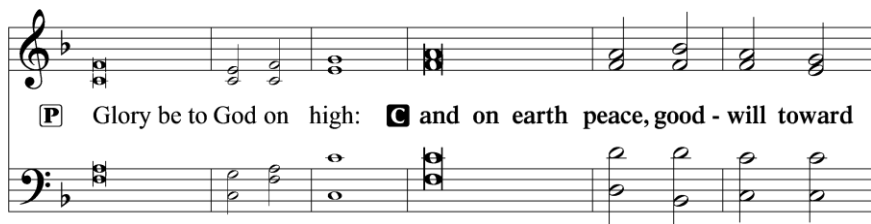


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

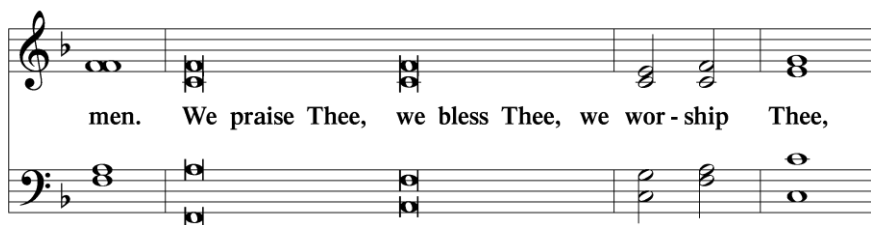
Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

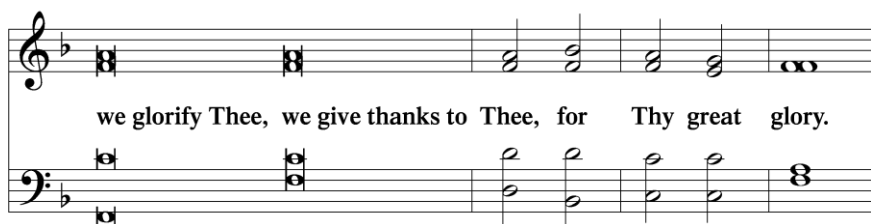
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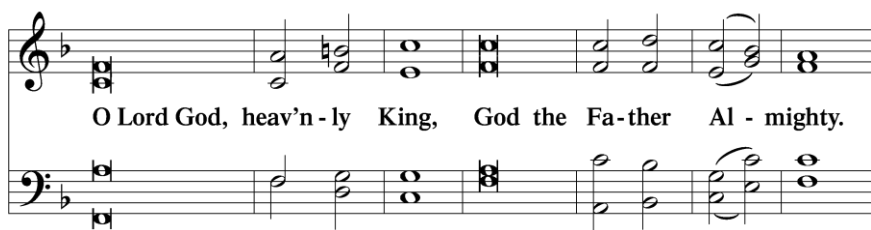
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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.

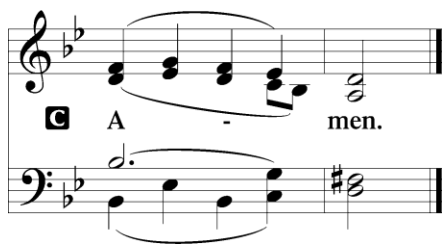
Salutation & Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 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



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

The Alleluia is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

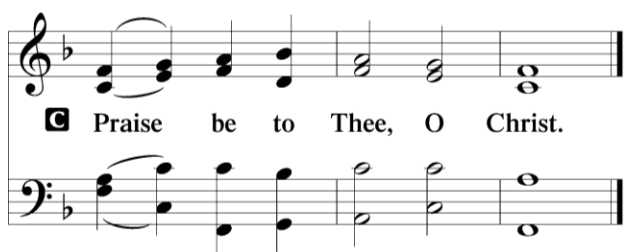
“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Office Hymn My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

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Sermon As Children

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: Roger Lindsey, Nicholas Martinez, Beulah Nunnery, Charles Pickering, Sr., Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Eileen Held, Mark Weddle;

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: The Ben Rudzenske Family and their 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.

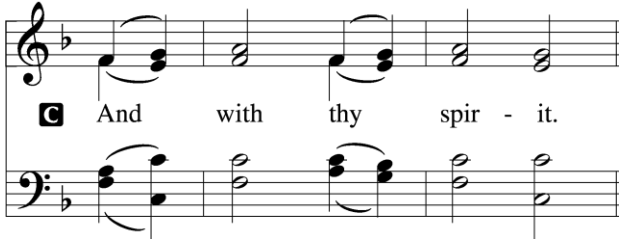
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



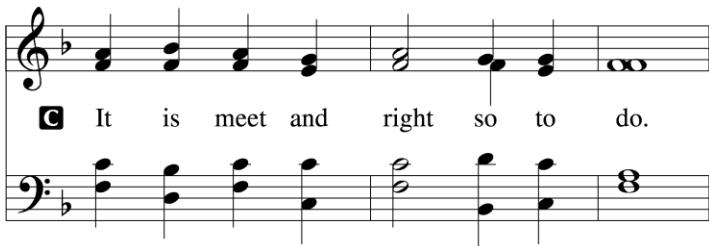
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



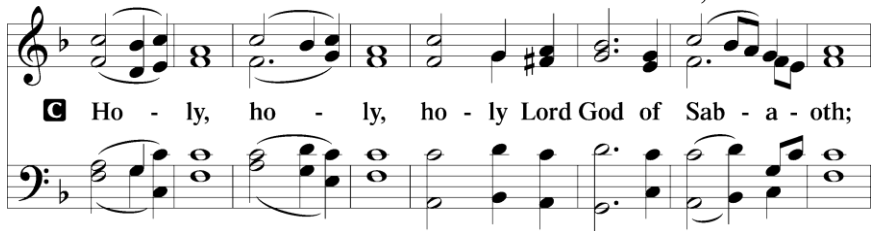
C It is meet and right so to do.

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

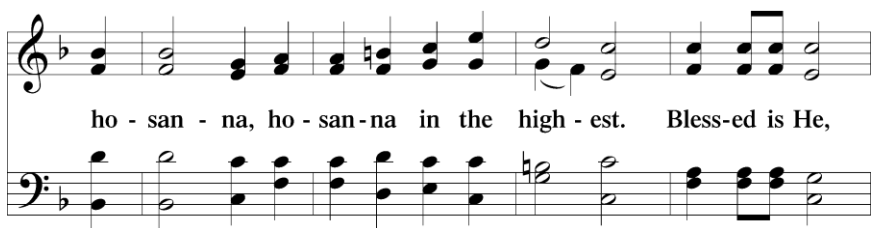
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



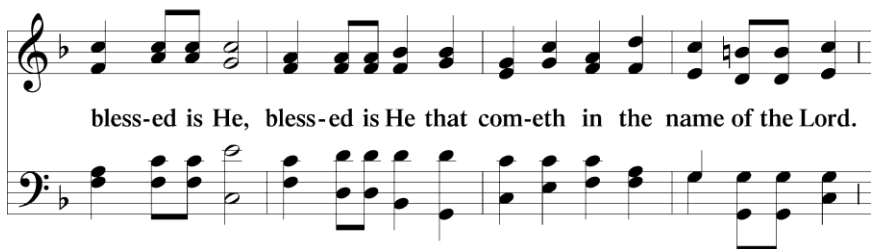
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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-sed is He, bles-sed 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

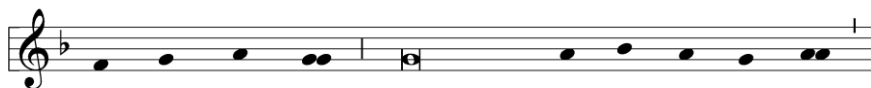
Matthew 6:9-13



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.

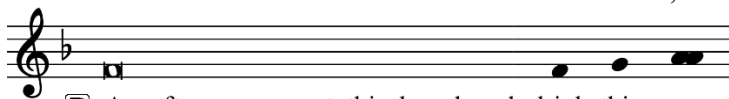
We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, 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.



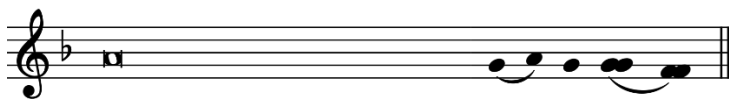
C A - men.

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20



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



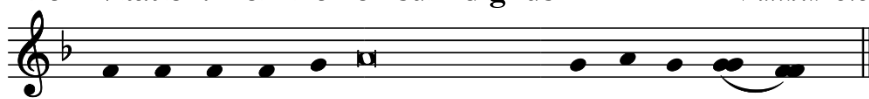
we proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.



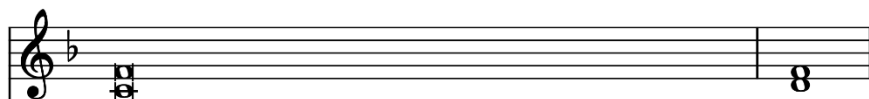
C Amen. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The Invitation: Domine non sum dignus

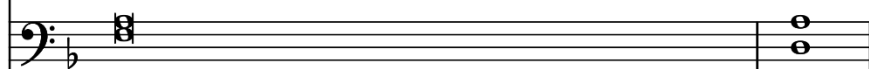
Matthew 8:8



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.



A men.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.



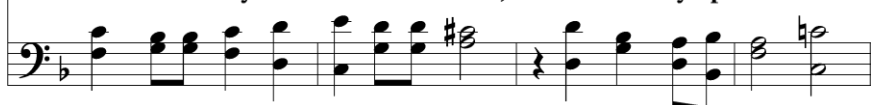
A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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





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.

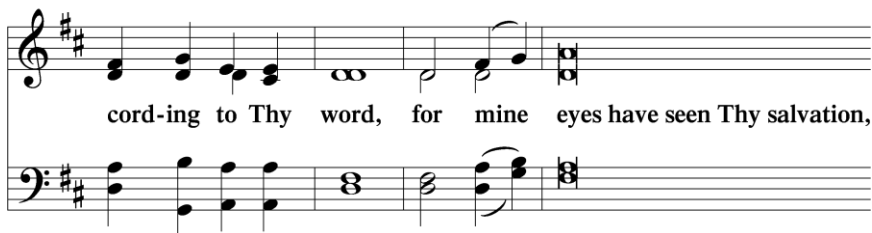
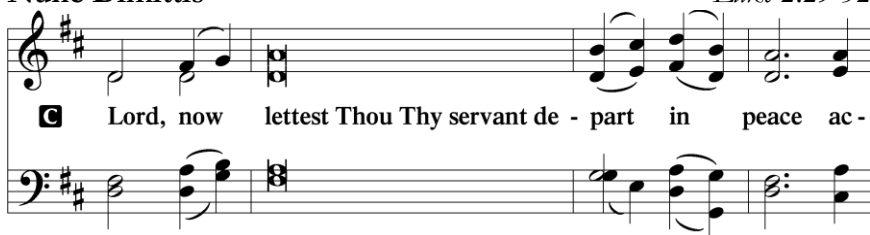
Distribution Hymns

Lord, to You I Make Confession	#608
Let Me Be Thine Forever	#689
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me	#683

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

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The first staff contains a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5) followed by a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5). The second staff contains a whole note chord (G3, B3, D4) followed by a whole note chord (G3, B3, D4). The lyrics are: [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.

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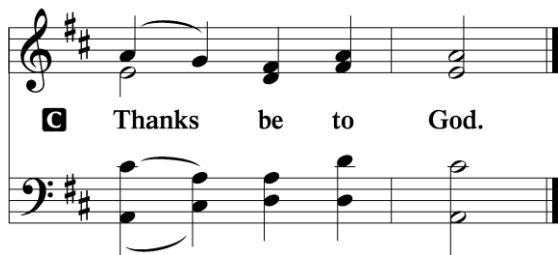
Salutation & Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22

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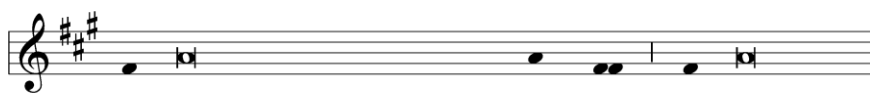
A Bless we the Lord.



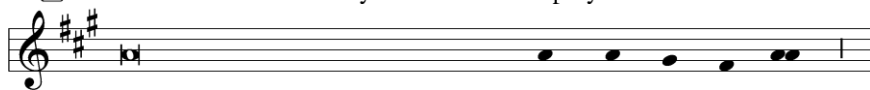
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

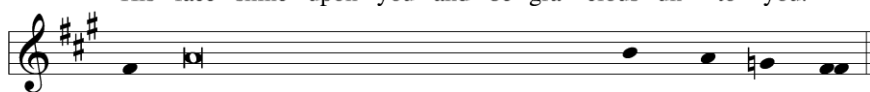
Numbers 6:24–26



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



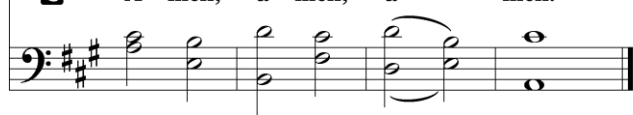
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



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



Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields

Elder: Keith Martin

Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Cecelia Dorsey.

Water Woes & Suspended Sunday School: Having lost the ultimate battle, Satan nonetheless has taken it upon himself to be a thorn in our side... or at least, under our parking lot. Our sewer line has collapsed, meaning that we cannot use any of the plumbing at church till further notice. This predicament means that **Sunday school is canceled** until the line is fixed. But we will not give up meeting together! **Come for regular Divine Service at 10:30 a.m.** (and remember to use the restroom before you arrive)!

Special Voters Meeting: The Church Council calls a special congregation meeting immediately after the service on **September 20** for the sole purpose of considering, approving, and ratifying the payment of the cost of repairing the church's collapsed and broken sewer line and to amend the current budget to add that amount.

We cannot wait for the congregation meeting to begin the sewer line repair because that may delay the repair for several weeks.

A video scope of the sewer line located under the parking lot south of the church shows the line is broken and collapsed. The line is seven feet or so down and will require an excavator to dig up the parking lot to repair the line.

We have an estimate of \$6,000 plus tax for the sewer line repair but that does not include replacement of the asphalt for the parking lot.

We will get a second estimate for the sewer line repair and an estimate for the cost of restoring the parking lot.

We will then select the best estimate and schedule the repair as soon as possible.

No Matins This Week: For our usual Wednesday morning attendees, let us spare the plumbing system by paring down the length of our morning activities. We will suspend Matins for now, but continue with LifeLight at 8:30 a.m. And alas, it will be BYOC – bring your own coffee!

Readings for next Sunday, September 13th, the 16th Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 143:1-2; Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-25.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: September 7 – September 13

Wednesday	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 – 16 th Sunday after Pentecost



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Why is there a rail in the front of the church?

That railing you see up near the altar is the altar rail. Some churches might even have a chancel rail a few steps away from the altar rail nearer to the congregation. **Does your church have both of these rails?**

What are these rails used for?

The chancel rail divides the church into two important parts: the “nave,” which is the largest part of the church where the congregation sits; and the “chancel,” which is the part of the church where the altar is located. The altar rail separates the altar from the rest of the chancel. It used to be, back in the Middle Ages, these rails were important for separating the congregation from the pastor or priest. As our understanding of the Lord’s Supper changed, the rails began to be used for more practical purposes. They became helpful places for God’s people to kneel and receive His wonderful gifts. They are also used for confirmation, marriages, and other events in the church.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children’s attention to the chancel and altar rails. Allow them to walk up to the rails in order to get a better look. Encourage them to make the sign of the cross, kneel and pray. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy place.



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