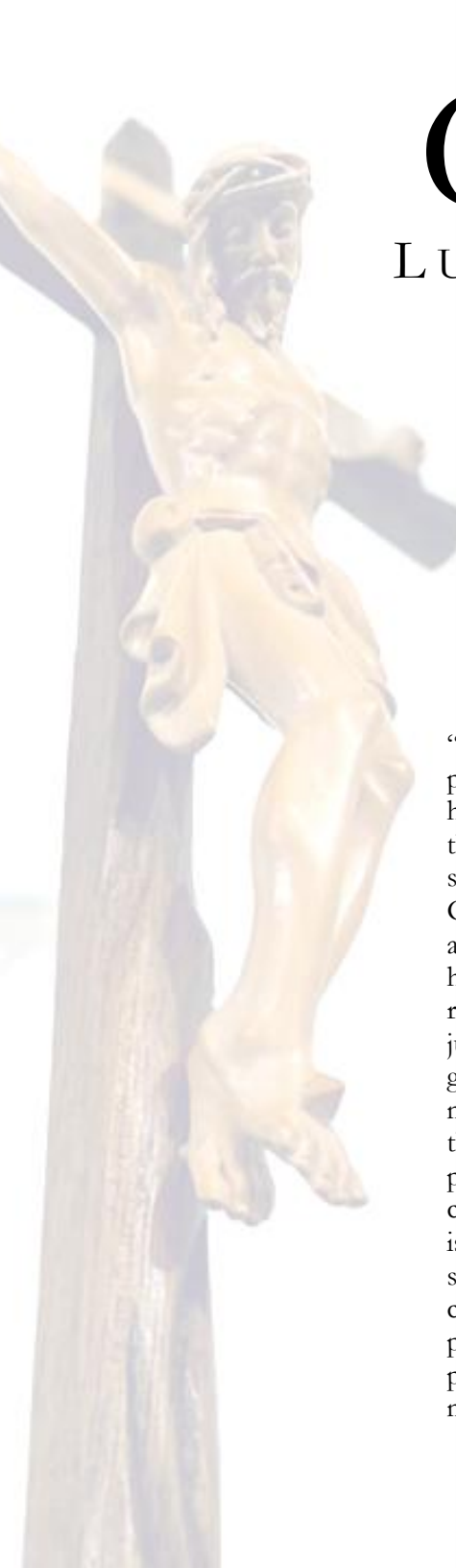




CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Divine Service

✠ October 4, 2026 ✠

“Let Me Sing
For My Beloved”

“The Lord planted the Israelites in the promised land, flowing with milk and honey, so that they would bear the fruit of the commandments of God. ‘He surrounded it with a hedge’ means that God fortified it with the protection of angels. The wine press he dug signifies the holy church, where the fruit of righteousness and holiness is gathered; just as the grapes are pressed only with great toil and effort, so also the holy martyrs are crushed like grapes and shed their blood only through great persecutions and tortures. The tower constructed in the middle of the vineyard is the Lord Himself, who appeared like a strong tower in the midst of the holy church through the Virgin. Because of His presence, all the saints and martyrs are protected with spiritual weapons from the most wicked enemy, who is the devil.”

—Epiphanius the Latin
Interpretation of the Gospels

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 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion #559

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: *Alleluia, Confitemini Domino* Psalm 118:22-24 ; Antiphon v. 1



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

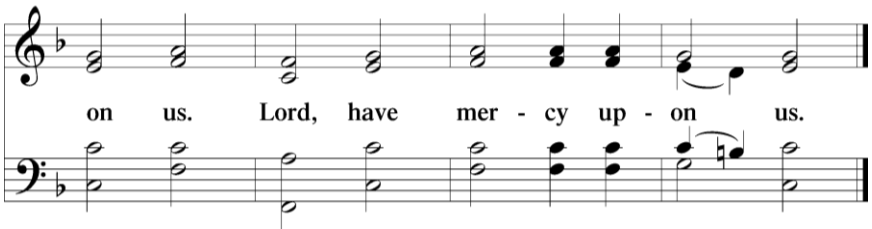
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



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

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.

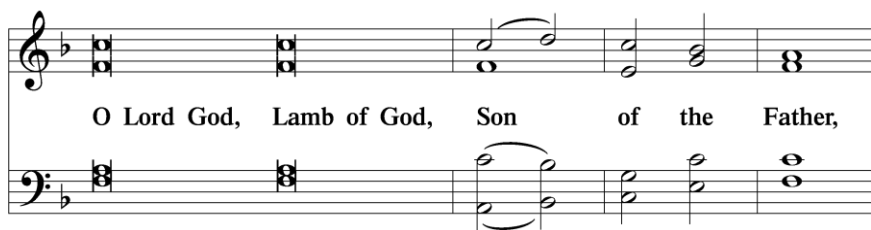
The third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.".

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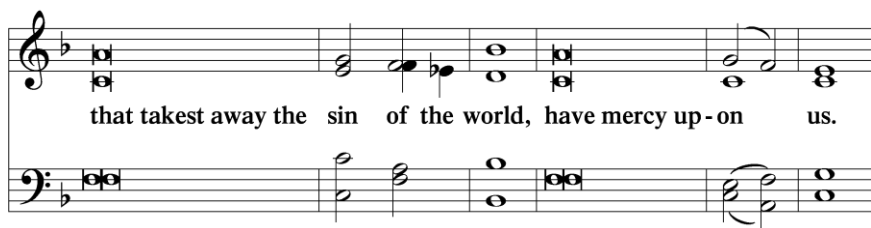
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O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

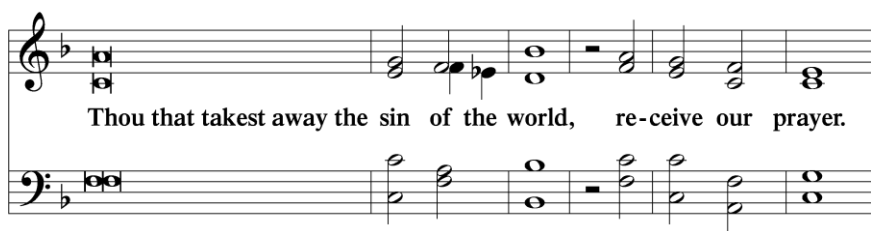
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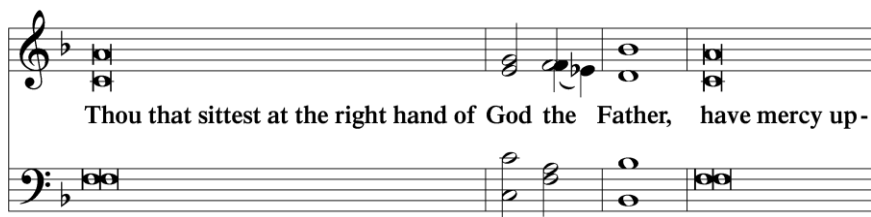
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



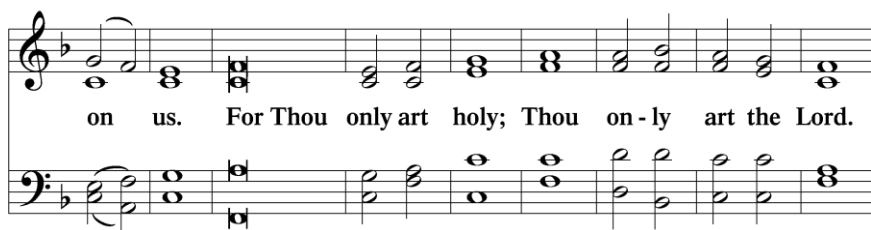
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



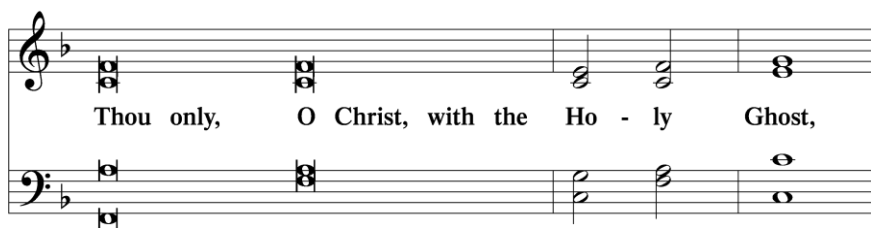
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

This musical score is for a hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.'

Salutation & Collect

P The Lord be with you.

This musical score is for the Salutation. It features a treble staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you.'

C And with thy spir - it.

This musical score is for the Collect. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And with thy spir - it.'

P Let us pray.

This musical score is for the Collect. It features a treble staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Let us pray.'

P Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.

This musical score is for the Collect. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'A - men.'

Please be seated

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

[T]hough I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia & Gospel Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

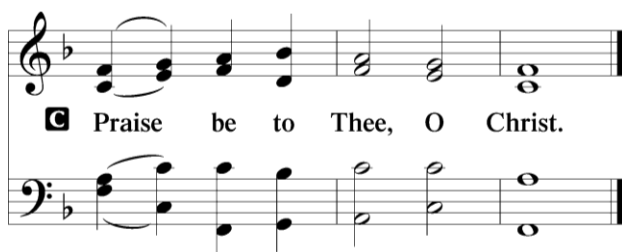
Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Office Hymn

O Love, How Deep

#544

Sermon

Come, Let Us Kill 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

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: Carole Barbour, Charlie Bourne, Deborah Hall White, Krista Hansford, Linda Kirtley, Roger Lindsey, Hutton Montgomery, Beulah Nunnery, Bruce Prather, Timothy Ross, Natalie Rudsenske & Charlotte, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Laura Koster;

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, Nicholas Martinez, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Kaye Reid, Jon Sandberg, Christian Schultz, 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 Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, James Hansford, Emily Held, Hudson Maxwell;

For military servants and their families: Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Eion Kemp, 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, please sign the red fellowship pad.

Please stand

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.

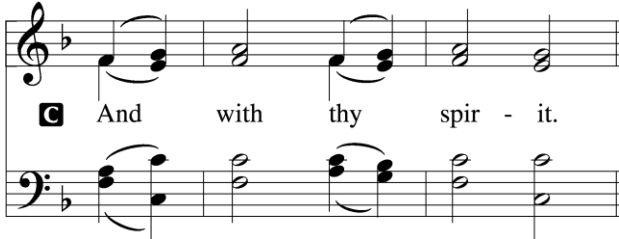
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



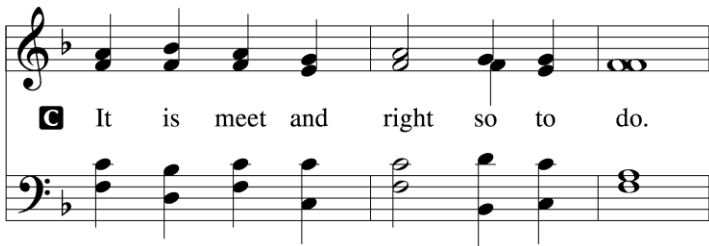
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



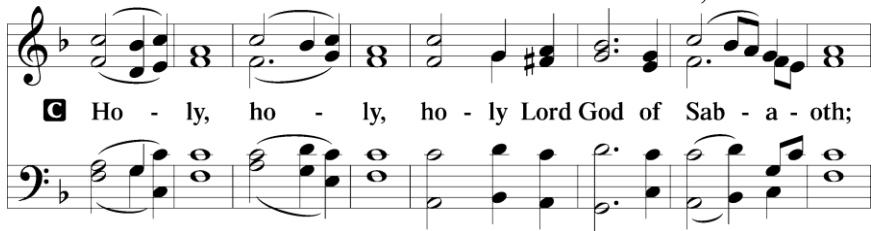
C It is meet and right so to do.

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

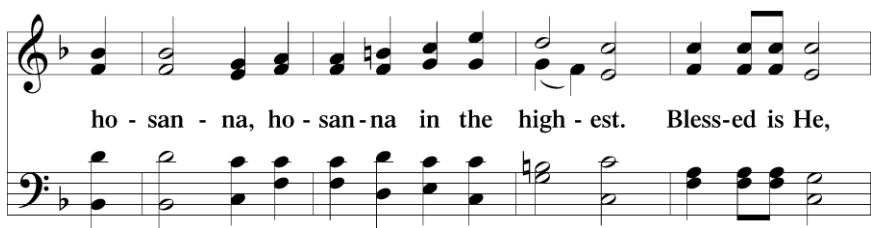
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



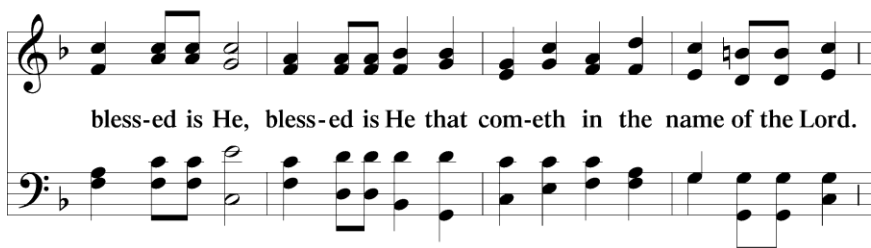
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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

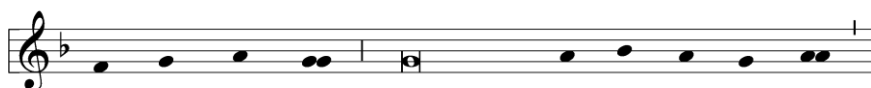
Matthew 6:9-13



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.

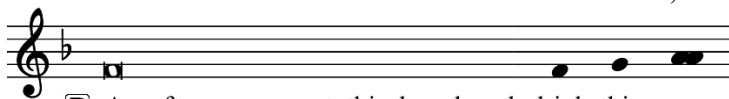
We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses,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



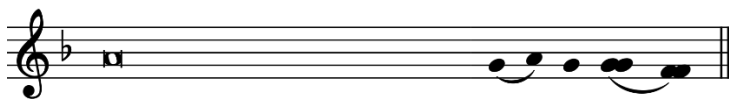
C A - men.

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20



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



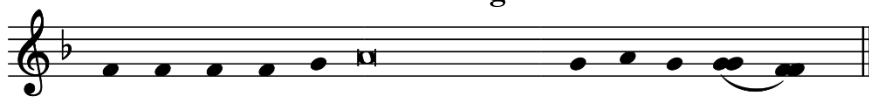
we proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.



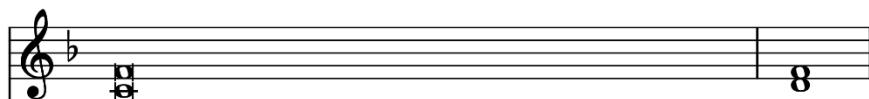
C Amen. Come, Lord Je - sus.

The Invitation: Domine non sum dignus

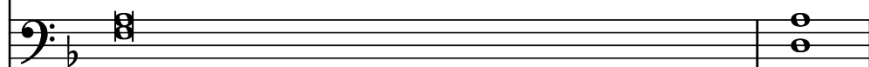
Matthew 8:8



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.

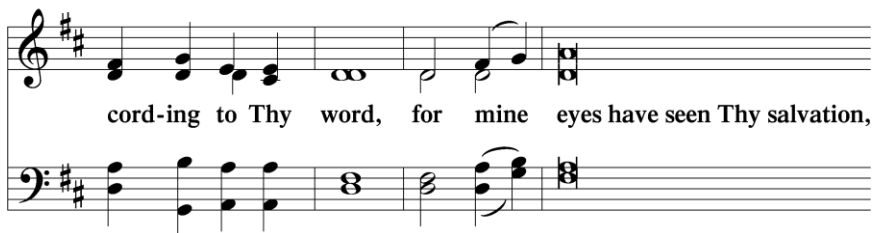
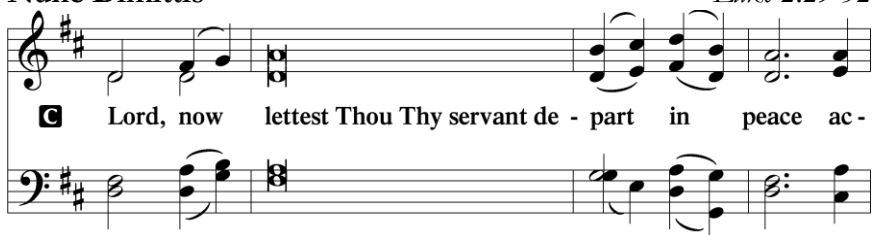
Distribution Hymns

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All	#613
Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blest	#560
God Loved the World So That He Gave	#571

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 a key signature of one sharp. It contains a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. Below the first staff is the text "A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good," and below the second staff is the text "C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er."

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.

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. Below the first staff is the text "C A - men." and below the second staff is the text "C A - men."

C A - men.

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Salutation & Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22

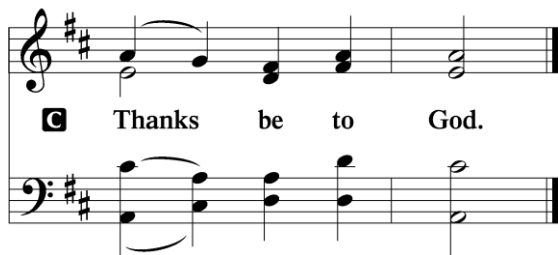
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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



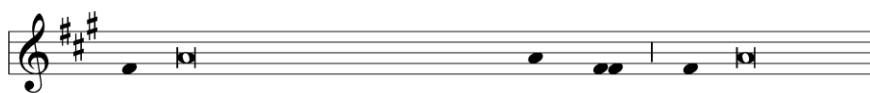
A Bless we the Lord.



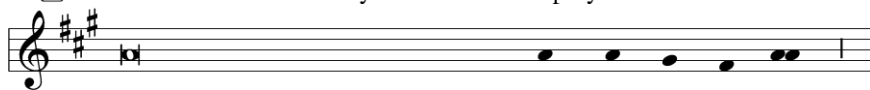
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

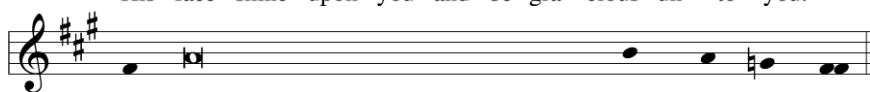
Numbers 6:24–26



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



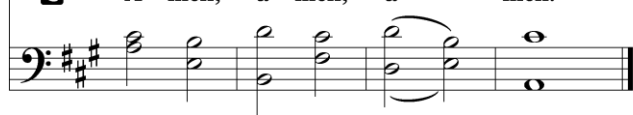
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



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



Closing Hymn

In God, My Faithful God

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Pastor: Rev. George Fields

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Acolyte: Westin Ramsey

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Rudsenske Meal Train: Ben, Natalie, and JT have welcomed sweet little Charlotte into world! If you would like to send them some love, join the meal train at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r84ked> or ask Sister Sara for details.

Southern District Conference: Due to the church worker conference in New Orleans this week, there will be **no Confessions Study or Matins**. Our normal schedule will resume next week.

Oktoberfest: Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at the annual Christ Lutheran Oktobertest! Bring your beer, don your lederhosen, and join us at the Goodlett Home on **Saturday, October 24th, from 3-6 p.m.** See the sign-up in the Fellowship Hall and bring a Deutsch dish to share; brauts will be provided.

Readings for next Sunday, October 11th, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Isaiah 61:10; Psalm 23; Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 5 – October 11

Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – The 20 th Sunday after Pentecost

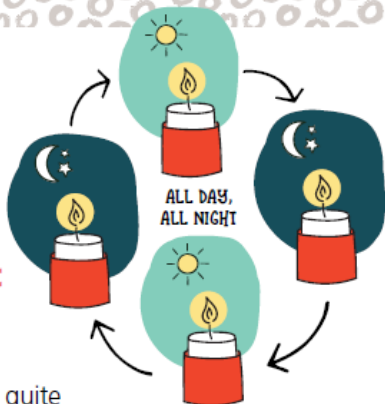


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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the candle in the sanctuary that stays lit all the time?

I'll bet you can count all of the candles in the church. There are quite a few. If you decide to try, don't forget to count the one that stays lit all the time. That's right, that little light in there is a candle! This particular candle is called an "eternal flame." This candle burns all the time. **Look close from where you are sitting. When you find it, maybe you can see it glowing.**



Why do we have a candle that stays lit all the time?

When we see the eternal flame we are reminded that God is always present in our lives, and He promises to never leave us. God is especially present in His sanctuary where we hear His living Word and receive his wonderful Sacraments. If the candle burns out, we re-light it or put another one in its place. In other words, we do our best to keep it lit 24 hours-a-day.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your child's attention to the eternal flame hanging above the altar. Remind them that this candle stays lit all year. Allow them to walk up to the altar in order to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy place.



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