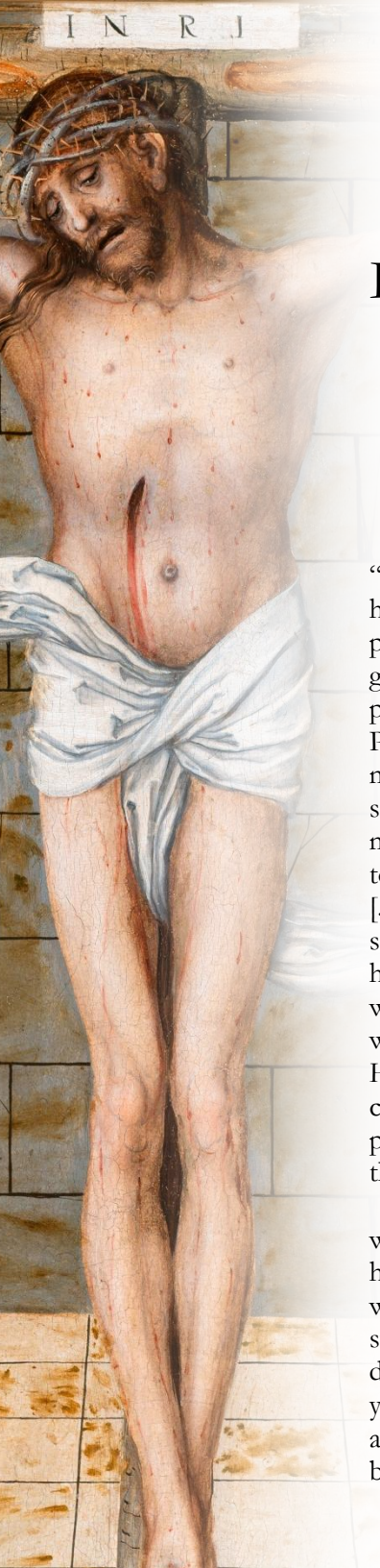


CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Feast of the Reformation

Divine Service

✢ October 25, 2026 ✢

"Christ is risen from the dead, has ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of God in divine power and honor. Nevertheless He is hiding His greatness, glory, majesty, and power. He allows His prophets and apostles to be expelled and murdered: Paul to be beheaded, Peter to be crucified, His holy martyrs to be flung into bonds and prison, to be scourged, stoned, hacked, and stabbed to pieces and miserably done away with. He allows His Christians to suffer want, trouble, and misfortune in the world [...] So Christians, baptized in His name, must hold still, must permit people to walk over them and must have patience. For in the kingdom of faith, God wants to be small, but in the kingdom of sight He will not be small but great. Then He will show that He saw the misery of His people and heard their crying and had a will inclined to help them, and power to help. For this appearance of the glory of the great God, we must wait.

"God help us as He has helped our ancestors and will also help our descendants to the praise and honor of His divine name throughout eternity! For we are, after all, not the sort of people who could sustain the church [...] But the Lord has done it, is doing it now, and will do it. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Yes, that is His name; and it is the name of no other Man; nor should it be."

—Dr. Martin Luther

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 LITURGY

Based on the *Deutsche Messe*

Processional Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #656

The congregation stands to face the back of the church.
As the processional cross passes, the congregation turns to face the cross.

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: *Deus noster refugium* Psalm 46; Antiphon v. 7

Cantor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Congregation: ***Refrain***



God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

Refrain

The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.

he makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.

"Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

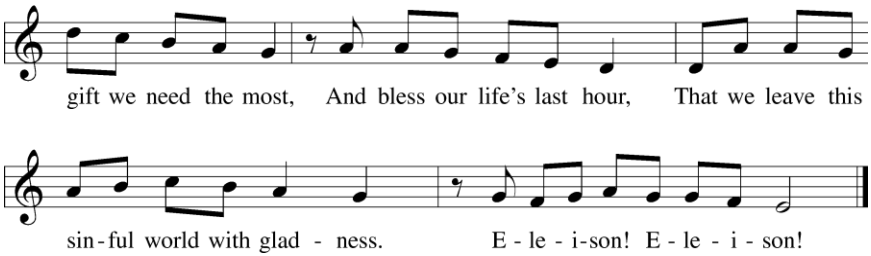
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Kyrie Kyrie! God, Father #942

"Kyrie Eleison" is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the Kyrie we come before the King of Mercy with the prayer that was on the lips of blind beggars, whom Jesus healed. We approach our Merciful Savior and King as citizens of heaven, seeking his mercy for our salvation





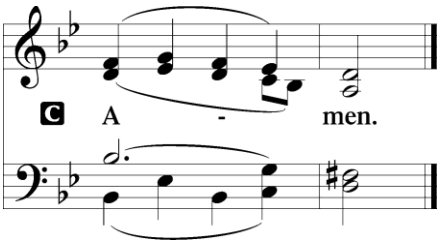
Gloria in Excelsis All Glory Be to God Alone #948



Salutation & Collect



P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

First Reading Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 48:1, 12-14



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Procession Luke 12:32

As the Word of God is brought down into the congregation, so our Lord Jesus Christ comes and speaks graciously in the midst of His people. The congregation may stand and face the crucifix.

Congregation:



*Cantor: Fear not, | little flock,**
for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the | kingdom.

Congregation:



Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

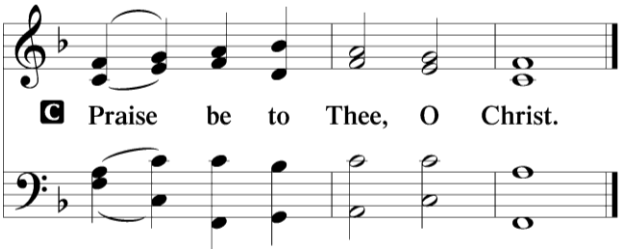
P The Holy ☩ Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



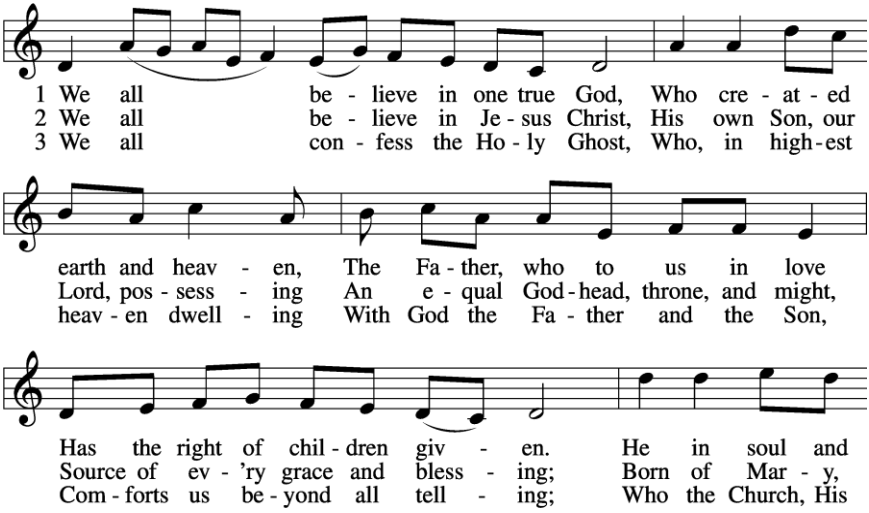
Please be seated

Office Hymn Built on the Rock #645

Sermon *He Is Watching*

Please stand

Creed We All Believe in One True God #954





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: Greg Collins, Linda Kirtley, Luke Lyons, Beulah Nunnery, Bob Pedersen, Helen Smith, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Cynthia Widlitze;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Jenning Clement, Jo Ann Ginn, 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: Nancy Teal and her 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:



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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

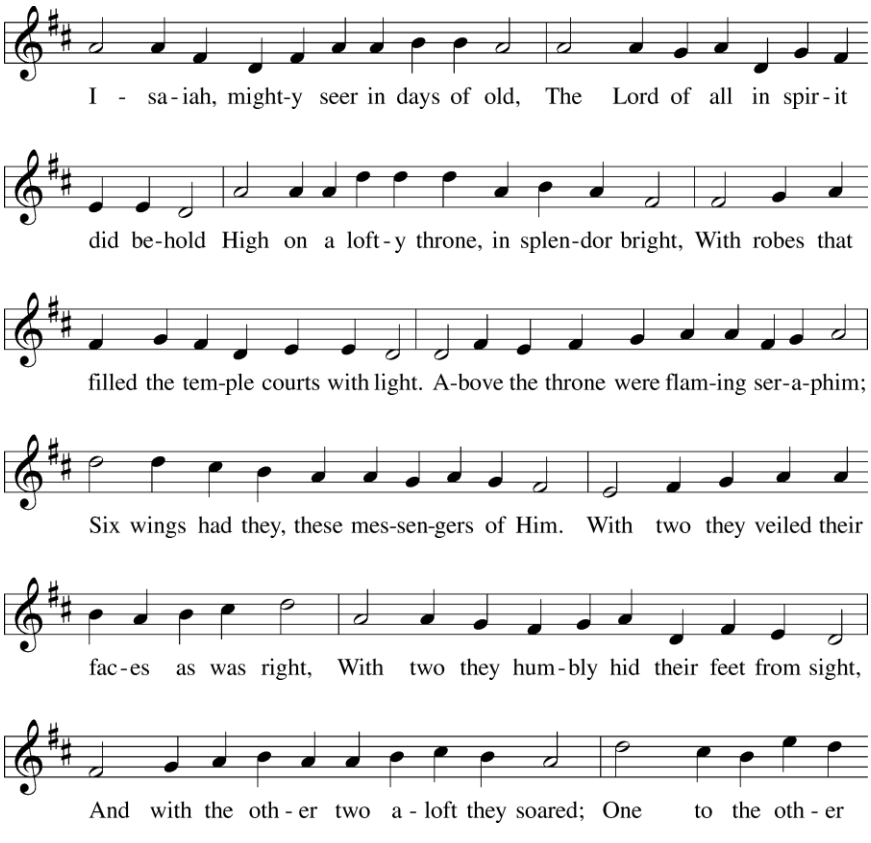


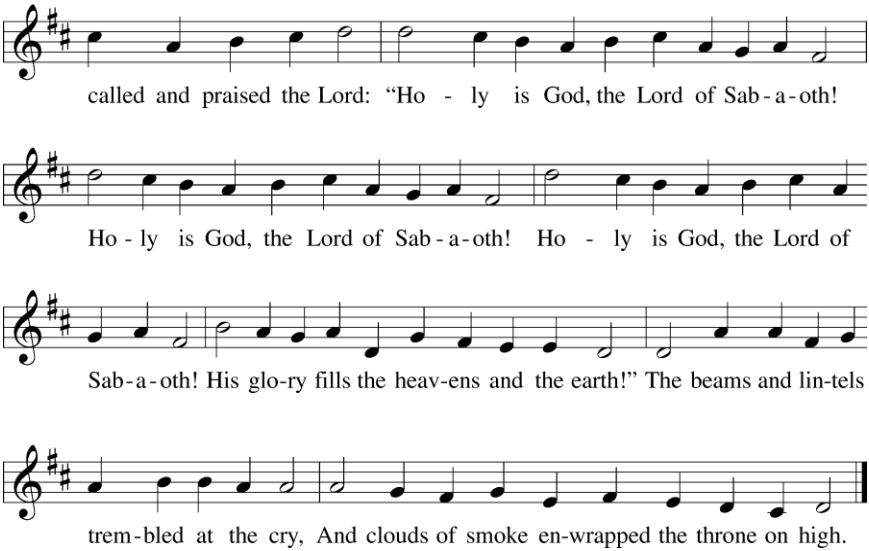
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may

give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

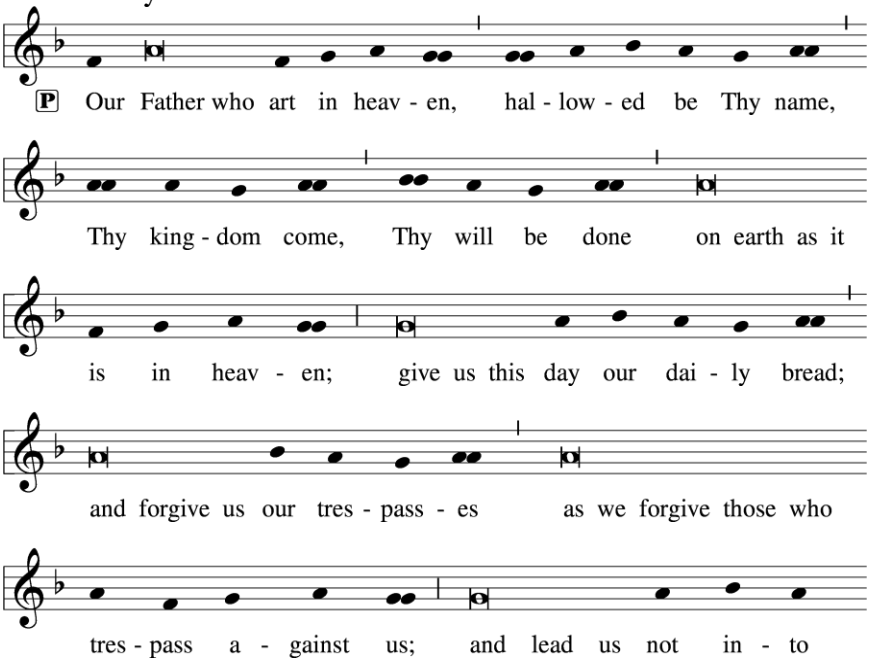


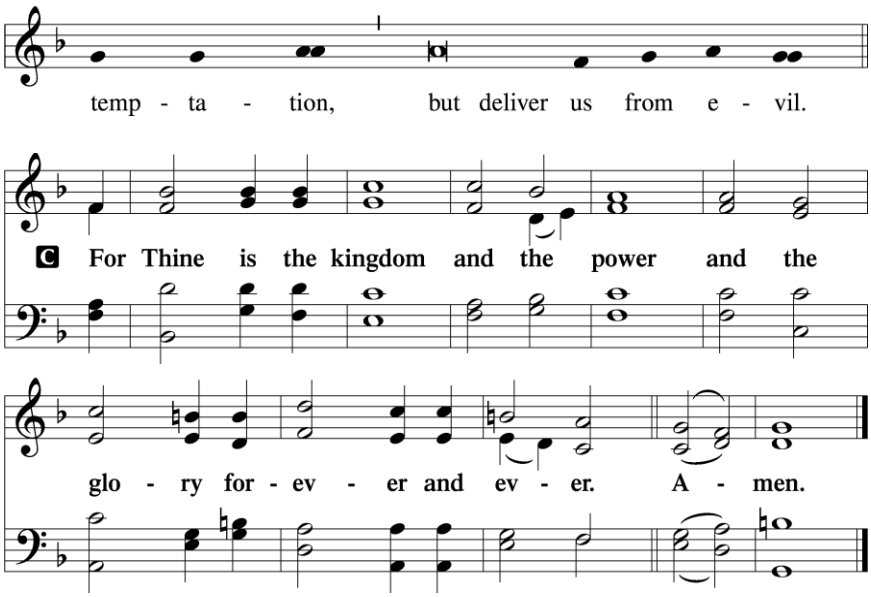
Sanctus Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old #960





Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*





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,

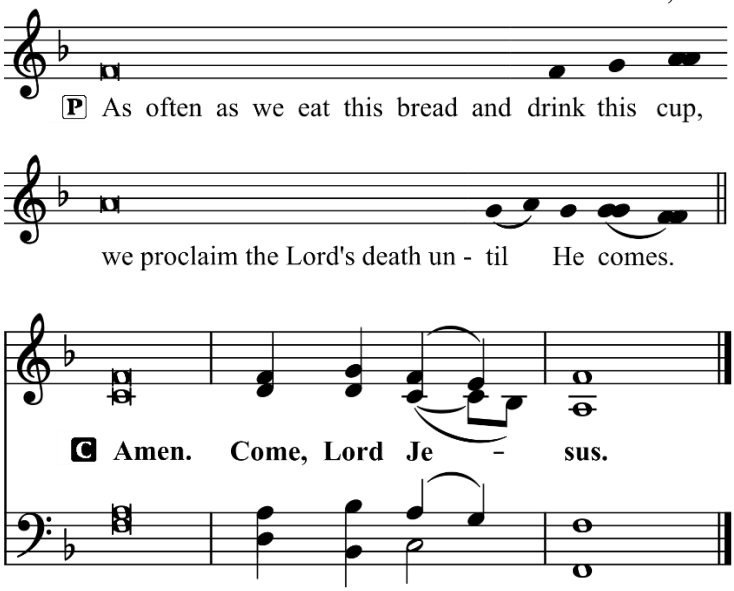
> Who, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
>
> In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, 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.

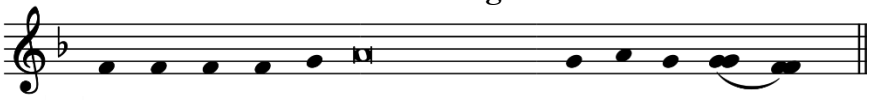
We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses,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

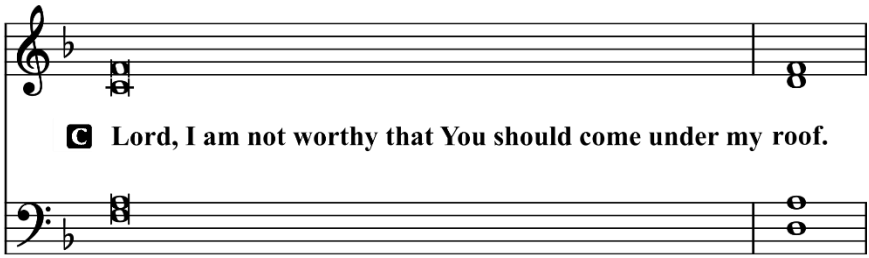


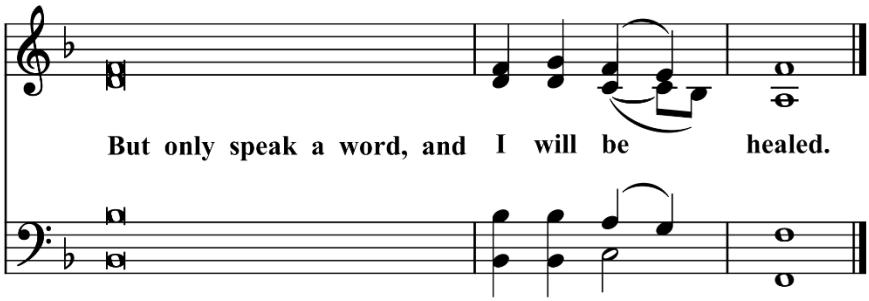
Proclamation of Christ *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*



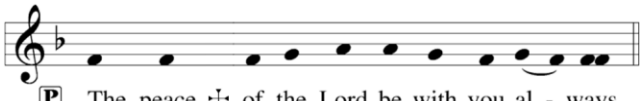
The Invitation: Domine non sum dignus *Matthew 8:8*







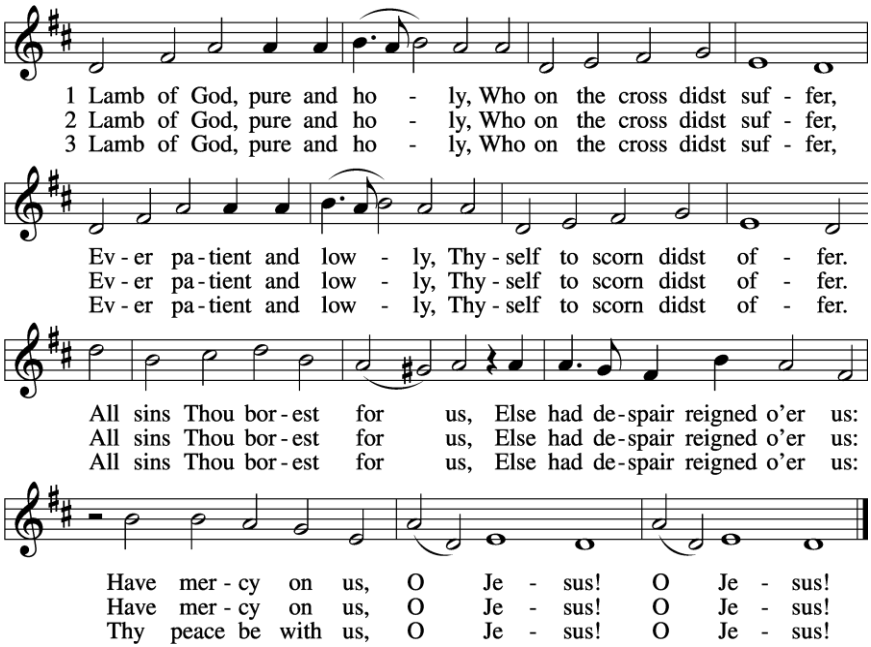
Pax Domini *John 20:19*





Agnus Dei Lamb of God, Pure and Holy #434

The congregation is invited to sing in parts (found in hymnal)



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

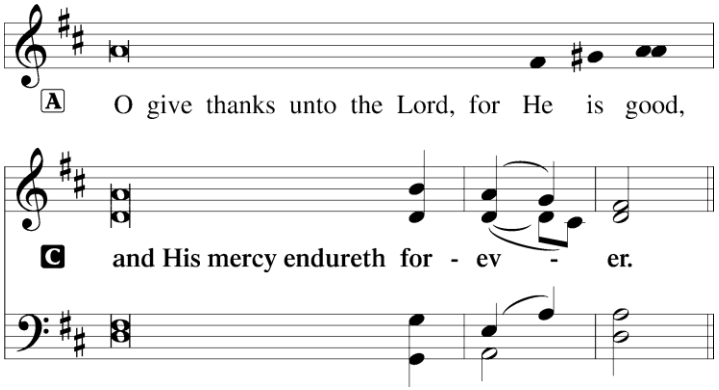
Lord, to You I Make Confession #608
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word #655

Please stand following distribution of communion

Nunc Dimittis In Peace and Joy I Now Depart #938

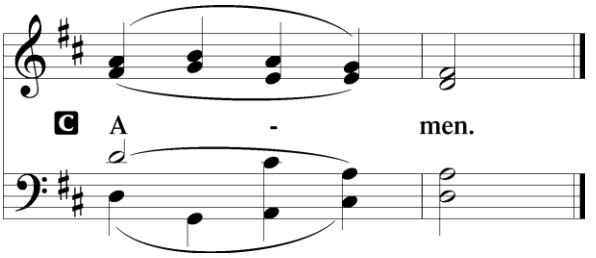


Thanksgiving *Psalm 107:1*

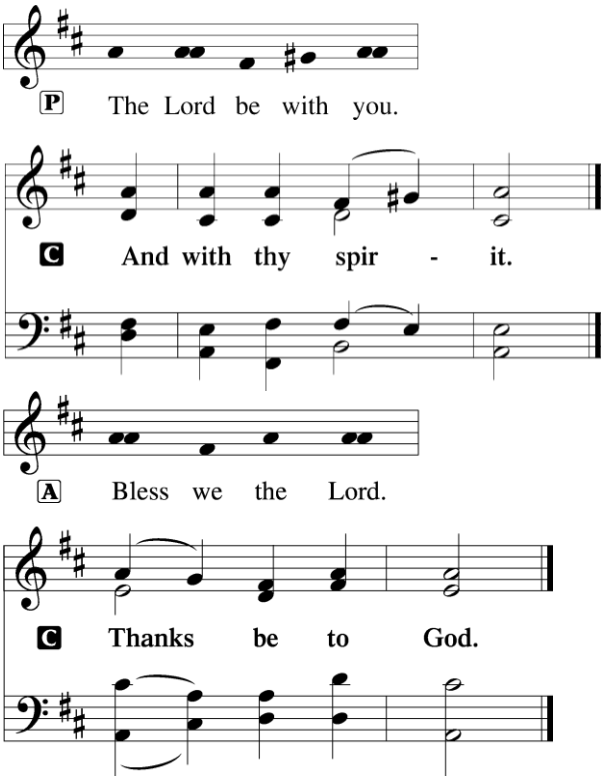


Post-Communion Collect

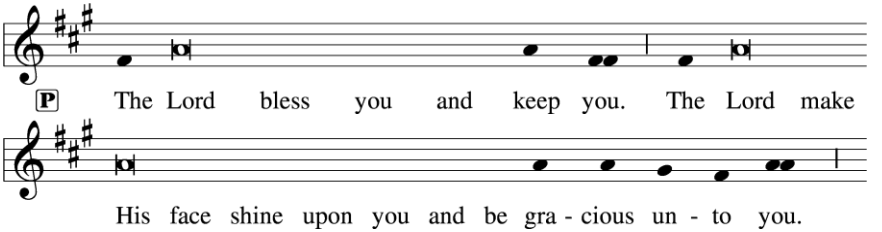
A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

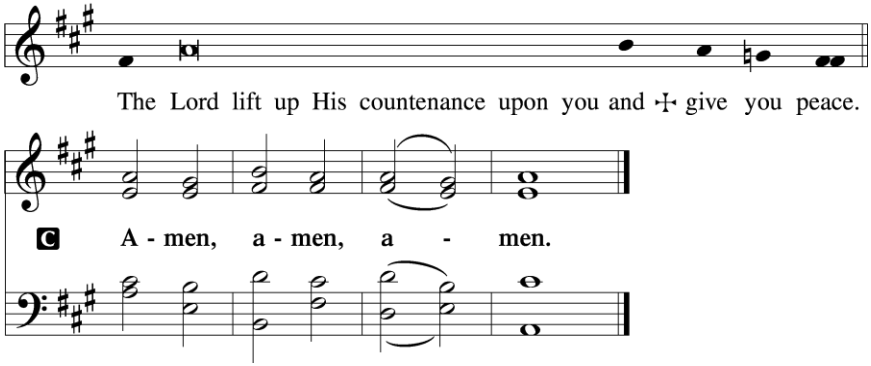


Salutation & Benedicamus *2 Timothy 4:22*



Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*





Closing Hymn Lord of Our Life #659

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields
Acolytes: Nathan Hansford & Westin Ramsey
Altar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett
Elder: Glen Hansford
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields
Cantor: Keith Martin

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Jo Miller in memory of her husband, David Miller, Sr.

Communio Tonight: This evening we continue with our book *Will the Real Church Please Stand Up? 7 False Churches*, by Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard (chapter 7). Join us here at church for a potluck and discussion beginning at 5:00 p.m.!

Remembering our Loved Ones: During the celebration of the Feast of All Saints on **Sunday, November 1st**, we shall remember our loved ones who have died. The list from last year is posted in the Church Narthex (entryway). Please add names of those baptized Saints who have died in the faith during the past year whom you would like to have remembered in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Readings for next Sunday, November 1st, the Feast of All Saints: Introit Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 26 – November 1

Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Matins
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – The Feast of All Saints



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