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OUR SAVIOR**

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# *Lutheran Church of Our Savior*

***Divine Service***

**Sundays**

**10:00 a.m.**

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*"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42*

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**GUESTS! Welcome!** We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

## ***HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...***



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who – prior to the service – inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew

during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.*

***COMMUNION in the PEW...*** If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

## ***Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You***

### ***Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day***

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “*bear his own cross*” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “*all that he has*” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “*his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life*” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “*life and good, death and evil*” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “*choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him*” (Deut. 30:19-20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “*that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord*” (Philemon 14).

# ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

## Setting Two

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN ..... # 813



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

#### *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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| <p>5 Still lift your standard high,<br/>         Still march in firm array,<br/>         As pilgrims through the darkness wend<br/>         Till dawns the golden day. Refrain</p> | <p>6 At last the march shall end;<br/>         The wearied ones shall rest;<br/>         The pilgrims find their home at last,<br/>         Jerusalem the blest. Refrain</p> |
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△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore. Refrain

*The sign of the cross (✠ ) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **INVOCATION**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

## **EXHORTATION**

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

## *The Service of the Word*

## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*



- P** *Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.*
- C** **My soul melts away for | sorrow;\***  
**strengthen me according | to your word!**
- P** *Put false ways | far from me\*  
and graciously teach | me your law!*
- C** **I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\***  
**I set your just decrees be- | fore me.**
- P** *I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;\**  
*let me not be | put to shame!*
- C** **I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\***  
**when you en- | large my heart!**
- C** **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.**
- P** *Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.*

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

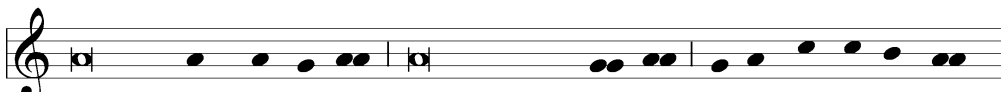
*Mark 10:47*



- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



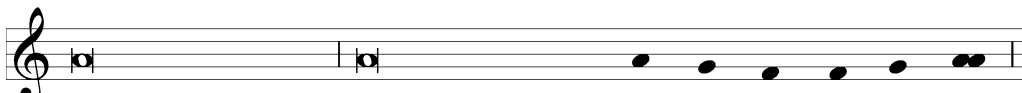
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



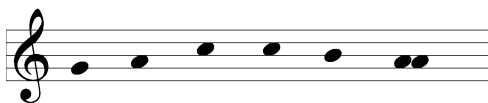
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



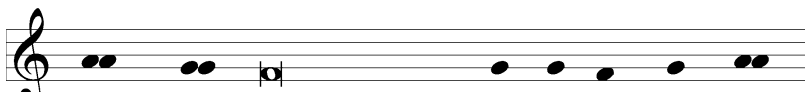
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**G** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



### SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A-men.

### READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Old Testament:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call



heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm:*

*Psalm 1*

<sup>1</sup>*Blessèd is the man who walks not  
in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;*

<sup>2</sup>*but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates | day and night.*

<sup>3</sup>*He is like a tree planted by streams of water that  
yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.\*  
In all that he does, he | prospers.*

<sup>4</sup>*The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.*

<sup>5</sup>*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;*

<sup>6</sup>*for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.*

**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.**

*Epistle:* Philemon 1–21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus  
our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of  
your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints,

<sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia:*

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel:** Luke 14:25–35

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.*



<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



THE CREED ~ *Nicene Creed*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.  
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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## SERMON

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or **P** "Let us pray to the LORD"  
**C** "Hear our prayer!" **C** "LORD, have mercy."

# OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



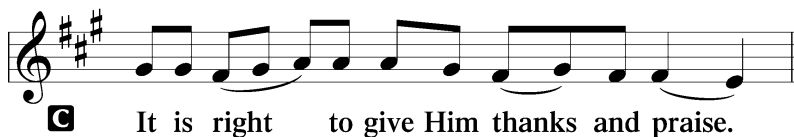
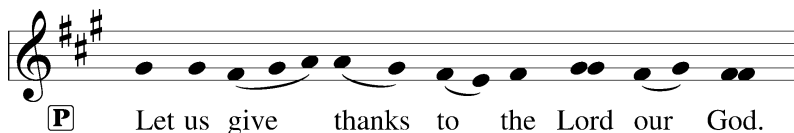
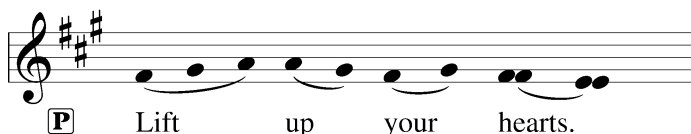
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

# *The Service of Holy Communion*

- ✠ **Guests** (*both returning and first-time*), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✠ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

## PREFACE

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



## PROPER PREFACE

- P** *It is truly good, 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:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.*

**C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

(\*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

**C** \*Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;

\*give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.\*



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

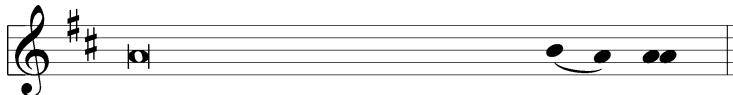
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



### PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



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



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



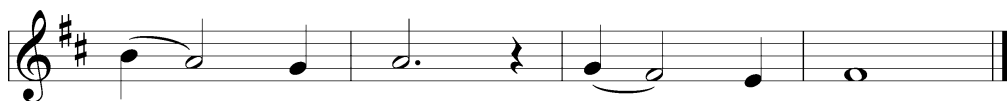
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



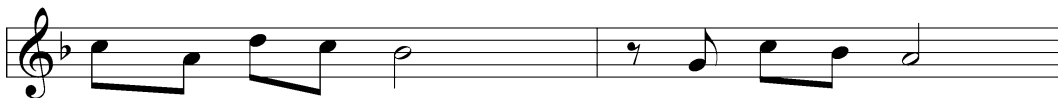
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight  
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will  
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am  
 5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.  
 May be great; They will not de - feat me.  
 Trust Him still, When He sends me sad - ness.  
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.  
 Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son  
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows  
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,  
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood  
 Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?  
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.  
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.  
 For my good, By His death to save me.  
 Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!



- 1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -
- 2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh
- 4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find; Their



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.  
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

- 5 How will they bear to stand  
Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?
- 6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go;  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,

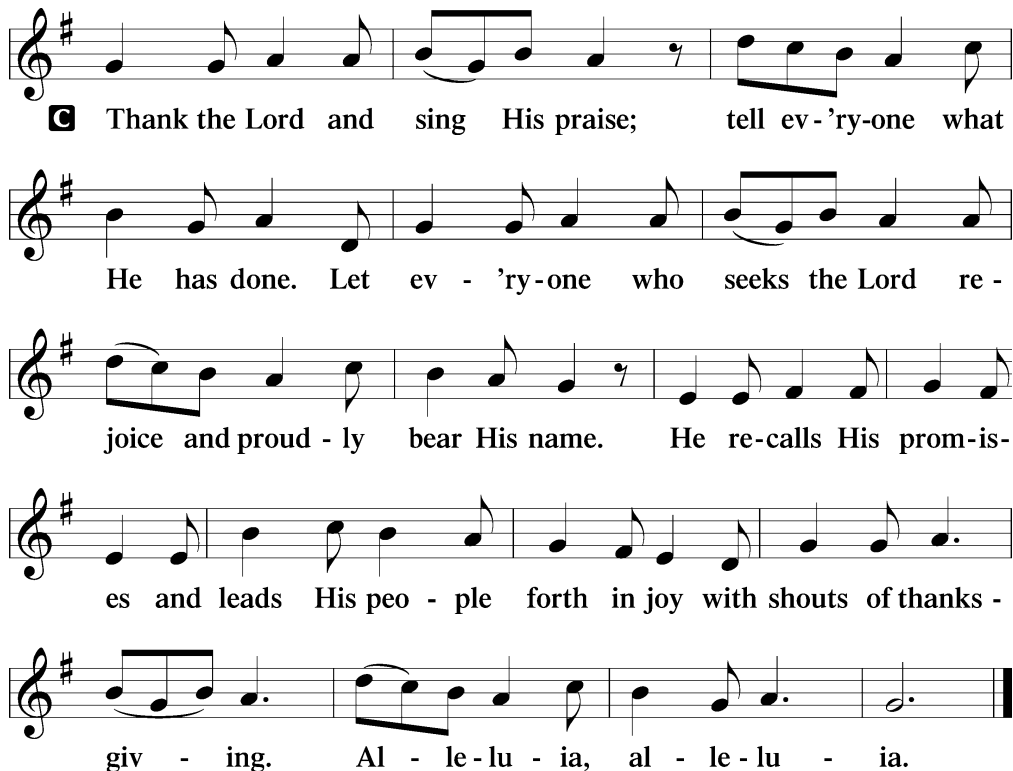


O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** ~ *Thank the Lord* [Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**C** **Amen.**



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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## ~ Announcements ~

### ♦ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ♦

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

**YOUTH CLASS** ... *Grade 6-High School* – Topic: *"Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments Against Christianity."* Class meets in Fireside Room.

**ADULT CLASS** ... Topic: *"The Psalms: Precious & Beloved."* Class meets in Parish Hall. Child care room available with video/audio of class.

*COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.*

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Mon:** 8:30 am – **Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy** – Meets Mon-Fri

9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

**Tue:** 10:00 am – **Circuit Pastors Conference** – Meets in Fireside Rm

7:30 pm – **Board of Elders** – Meets in Fireside Rm *(or online by arrangement)*

**Wed:** 9:00 am – **LCOS Homeschool Together Day** – Meets until 3:00 pm

10:00 am – **Morning Chapel**

**Sat:** 10:00 am – **Tischreden: Study of Lutheran Confessions** – Meets in Fireside Rm

**Sun:** 8:30 am – **Christian Education** *(See above for class meeting locations)*

10:00 am – **The Divine Service**

**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD" ...**

- ♦ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers. [Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ♦ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

**WORDS OF WISDOM** ... "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22



**SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO BEGIN ANEW ...** In an article published in a paper or periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the author tells the account of a visiting foreigner to the United States who attended a packed Sunday morning Bible study. Looking around at all those gathered to study God’s word, the visitor said to the pastor, “You have no idea what you have here. Where I come from, there is no custom of gathering Sundays for Bible study.” The new season of Sunday Christian Education began today, with the following offerings...

- ◆ **Adult Bible Class:** *“The Psalms: Precious & Beloved”*
- ◆ **Youth Bible Class:** *“Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments Vs Christianity”*
- ◆ **Sunday School:** *This year, students study accounts of the New Testament/Acts*

**SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING** ... At the call of the pastor(s), the Board of Elders, or the President of the Congregation, a special meeting of the Voters Assembly may be held. In order to (1) elect a chairman for the Board of Trustees, (2) ratify members to the Nominations Committee, and (3) attend to matters pertaining to a forthcoming Circuit Forum, the president of LCOS is calling a Special Meeting of the Voters Assembly, to be held today, 11:45 a.m., in the Fireside Room. If, Voters, for reason of illness, extended leave, or business conflict, you are unable to attend, please notify the Assembly.

**WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO** ... Ever wonder why the church's bell rings three times during the Lord's Prayer? It's an old Lutheran custom which allowed the ill, homebound, and harvest workers in a community to pause and reverently join in praying the Prayer with their congregation while reminding the congregation of those physically unable to be with them for the Divine Service. May it do the same for us as we pray "OUR Father..."

**ALL SAINTS BIBLE CLASS TO RESUME** ... All Saints Bible Class, an in-depth study of the Holy Scriptures led by Pastor D. Bestul, is scheduled to resume Thursday, September 18. All Saints Bible Class meets throughout much of the year, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LWML MITES BOX** ... The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Mites Box is in the narthex next Sunday to receive contributions for LWML projects.

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING** ... In preparation for next Sunday morn...  
*Occasion:* Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; *Lessons:* Ezekiel 34:11-24, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10; *Hymn of the Day:* 609, “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive.”

<b>SERVING:</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>September 14</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Marting, M. Stephens, D. Bestul	D. Pries, E. de Vries
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joseph Bestul	Benjamin Bestul
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sally Jo Pries, Kathy Matulewicz	Stephanie Bestul, Susan Larkin
<b>Comm. Music</b>	Walter Mitby	Walter Mitby
<b>Greeters</b>	Tim & Dana Marting	Joona & Senja Kiiski & family
<b>Counters</b>	Team 5	Team 1