

# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Missouri Synod*

## **The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

July 23, 2023

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**10:30am – livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)**



## **AS WE GATHER**

God's plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus' disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God's plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall "shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling* (arr. Stephen R. Johnson)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 804 – O Worship the King




1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust  
 and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust,  
 nor find Thee to fail.  
 Thy mercies, how tender,  
 how firm to the end,  
 Our maker, defender,  
 redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
 ineffable Love,  
 While angels delight  
 to hymn Thee above,  
 Thy humbler creation,  
 though feeble their lays,  
 With true adoration  
 shall sing to Thy praise.

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## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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 and for self-examination)*

- 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.  
**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.

## ✠ ✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

### INTROIT – Psalm 86:11-15; antiphon: v. 6

- P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.  
**C** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.  
**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.  
**C** For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.  
**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,  
and they do not set you before them.  
**C** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

### KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 44:6-8 – No one compares to God.

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL – Romans 11:33, 36

**A** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**C** For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON – Romans 8:18-27 – The Holy Spirit intercedes as we wait for the end of this troubled world.

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of

the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *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, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL – *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43* – The parable of the wheat and weeds

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 8 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 827 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, “Who will go and work to - day?  
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;  
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,  
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”  
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;  
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.  
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?  
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.  
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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## SERMON – *Future Glory, Present Grace* – Romans 8:18-27

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

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

**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.**

**A** ...let us pray to the Lord:      **C** Lord, have mercy.

**OFFERING** – *Almighty Father, Bless the Word* (arr. Robert Lind)

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**8 am** – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (*page 10*)  
and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (*page 15*).

## ✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠ beginning at LSB 160

### For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

### PREFACE

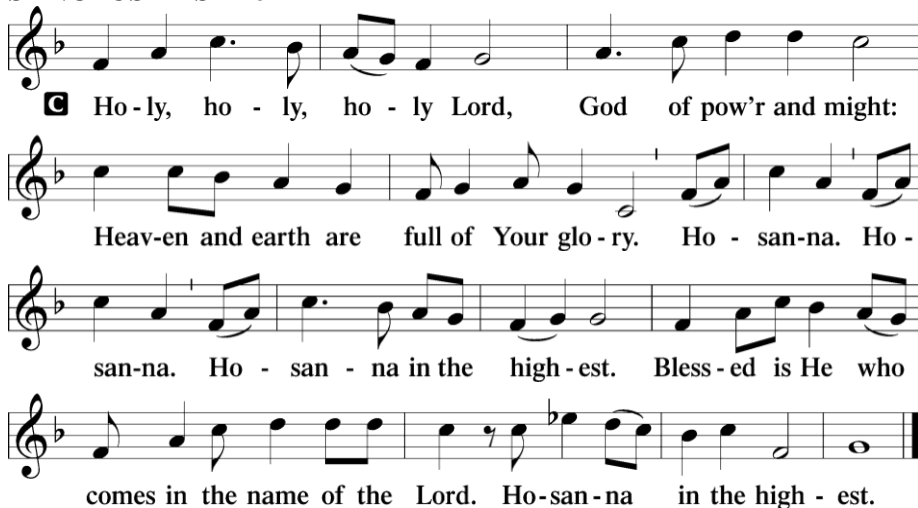
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS – LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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** ... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

### 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

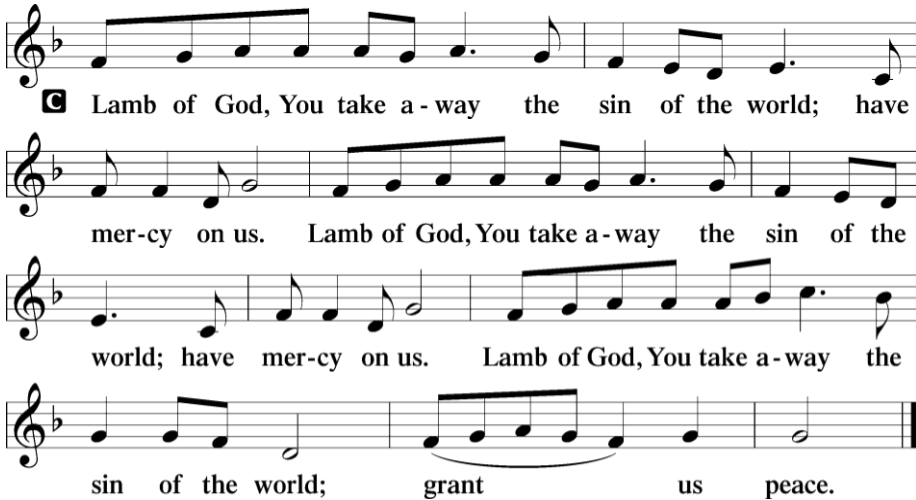
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✙}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

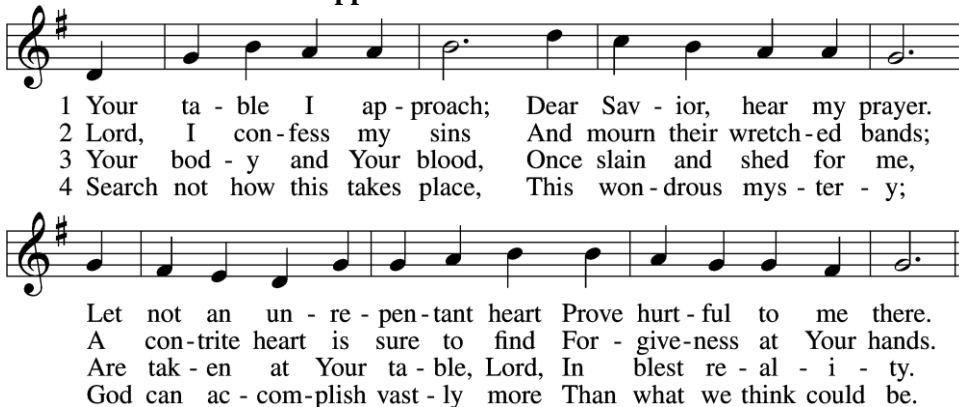
### AGNUS DEI – LSB 163 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



**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.

### DISTRIBUTION

#### LSB 628 – Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys - ter - y;  
Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

#### Distribution Notes:

If you need  
**gluten-free wafers**,  
please let one of the  
pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape  
juice, containing *a*  
*trace amount of*  
*wine*, is available in  
the center of the tray.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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# LSB 652 – Father, We Thank Thee



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly  
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -  
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.  
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst  
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the  
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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# LSB 636 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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** Let us pray... 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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 923 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *O Worship the King* (arr. Paul Soulek)



## TODAY

- 9:15am Sunday School & Bible Class
- 6:00-8:00pm FLY (bonfire)

## Saturday, July 29

- 9:30am-4:00pm Feast of Saint Olaf (at University Lutheran)
- 1:00-7:00pm FLY (Go-Karting)

## Sunday, July 30 (11:30am) – Confirmation Class Orientation & Family Pitch-in

**Sunday, August 6 – Christian Education Sunday**

**Sunday, August 13 (12:00-2:30pm) – Jesus Company Pool Party & Kick-Off Event**

**Friday, September 8 (6:00pm) – Sojourn House 5K**



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