

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

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



AS WE GATHER

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians.

We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love.

So we gather here for Divine Service; that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who “loved the world” so much “that He gave His only Son” to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Seek Ye First* (arr. Nancy Raabe)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 792 – New Songs of Celebration Render

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der To Him who
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, Let ev - 'ry
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, Hon - or the

has great won - ders done; Love sits en - throned in age - less
 in - stru - ment and voice Peal out the praise of grace a -
 Lord with wild ac - claim; Moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; Come and a - dore the might - y One.
 bound - ing, Call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
 dor - ing, And find a voice to praise His name.

He has made known His great sal - va - tion Which
 Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion Such
 Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, Prais -

all His friends with joy con - fess. He has re - vealed to
 sounds as make the heav - ens ring; All things that live in
 es be His that nev - er cease: Just is our God, whose

ev - 'ry na - tion His ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
 earth and o - cean, Make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 truth vic - to - rious Es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

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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 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Leader: Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.



- C** Righteous are you, | O Lord,*
and right are your | just decrees.

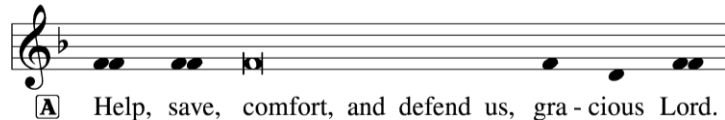
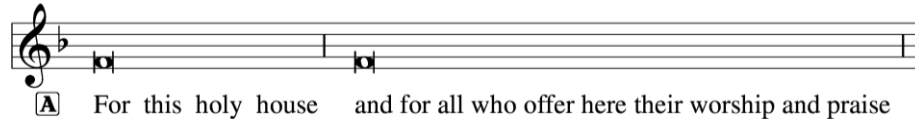
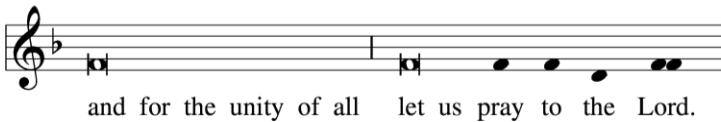
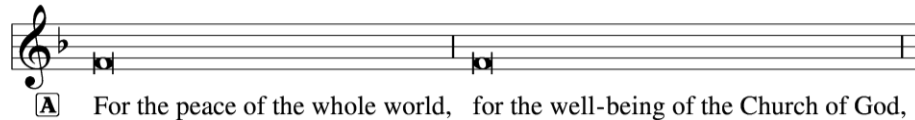
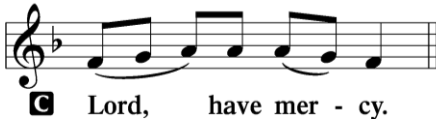
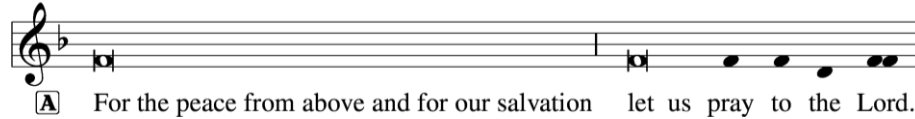
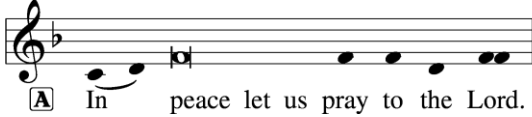
Leader: You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.

- C** My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.

Leader: Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.

- C** Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.
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.
Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47




A - men.

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:

[illegible]

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,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT – Amos 8:4-7 – The coming day of bitter mourning.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

A Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!

C Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE – 1 Timothy 2:1-15 – Pray for all people.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.

¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL – **Luke 16:1-15** – The parable of the dishonest manager

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



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

10:30 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 738 – Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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SERMON – *Faithful Stewardship* – Luke 16:1-15

8:00 am – NICENE CREED

G 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.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS



✝ Justin & Morgan Banks (Mack, Doc)
 ✝ Hal & Bev Cleveland
 ✝ Chris & Stacy England (Maddie, Lily)
 ✝ Joyce Nablo

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OFFERING – *You Are the Way; through You Alone* (arr. Healey Willan)

OFFERTORY – **LSB 159** – *Psalm 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.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continue with the **Lord's Prayer** (*page 11*)
and conclude with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (*pages 14-15*).

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠ beginning at LSB 160

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 singing:

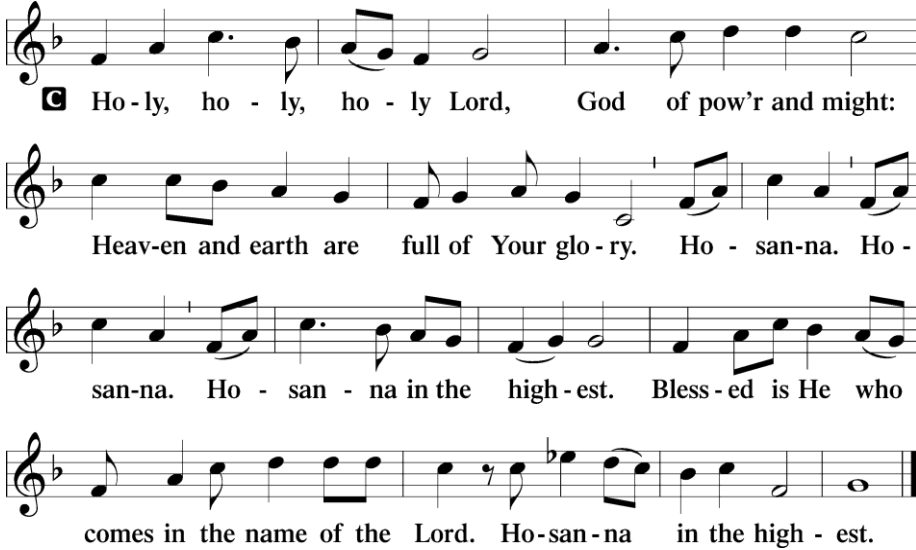
For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

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.

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** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... 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

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*

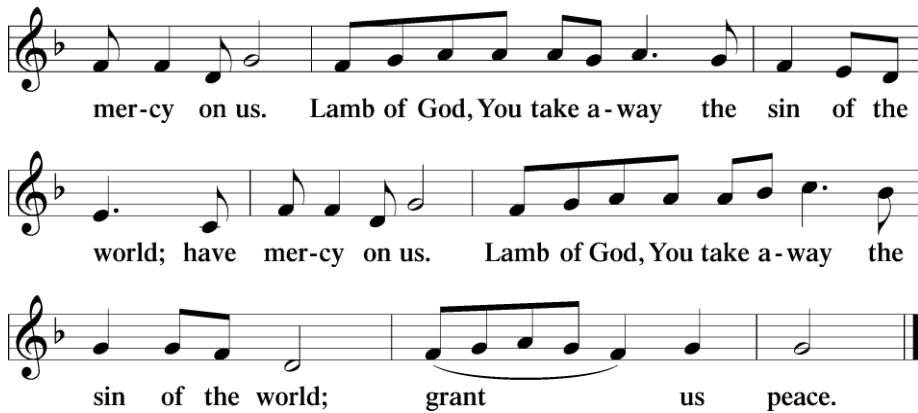


C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

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

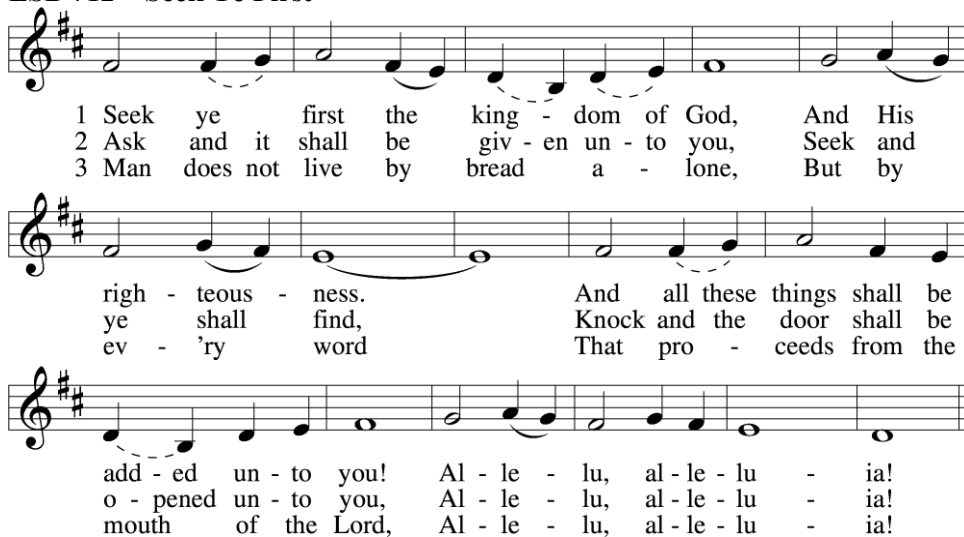


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem - Take My Life, That I May Be (arr. Scott Perkins)

LSB 712 – Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by
righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the
add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

LSB 730 – What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



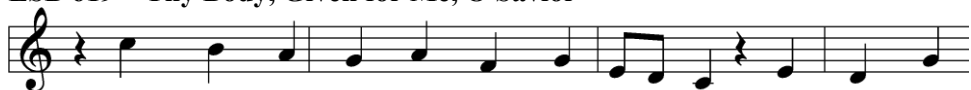
You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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LSB 619 – Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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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 526 – You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Today's altar
 flowers are given
 to the glory of
 God in
 celebration of the
 wedding of
**Josh & Katrina
 Grimes**
 yesterday.

SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *New Songs of Celebration* Render (arr. Jeffrey Blersch)



TODAY

6:00pm **FLY** (Egg Drop)

MONDAY- TUESDAY, September 22-23

Pastor Edwards attending Circuit Visitor Conference (Ft. Wayne)

TUESDAY, September 23

9:30am **Chinese Bible study** (Grand Hall)

2:00pm **Quilting** (kitchen)

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (ages 0-5)

5:45pm **Children's Ministry Team**

6:15 pm **Men's Softball** (Twin Lakes, Field 4)

6:30pm **PPC**

WEDNESDAY, September 24

10:00 am **Bible study**

7:00 pm **Senior Choir**

Scan the code for **Time & Talents**, or follow the link in Friday@Faith or at FaithBtown.org. Paper copies are also available.

Stewardship packets, including pledge forms and other information are available from an usher or in the narthex. Please return them on **Loyalty Sunday, September 28**.



SUNDAY, September 28 Loyalty Sunday
9:15am Mission presentation by Rev. Mark Surburg

Stewardship Under The Cross



Sept 7 - Luke 14:25-35 **Discipleship under the Cross**

Sept 14 - Luke 15:1-10 **The Stewardship of Souls**

Sept 21 - Luke 16:1-13 **Faithful Stewardship**

Sept 28 - Luke 16:19-31 **The Goal of God's Gifts**

Sunday, October 5

9:30am

- Sunday School for kids through 6th grade
- Youth/Adults set up for picnic



10:30am **Worship**

SINGLE service including Commissioning & Installation of Dr. Priscilla Gabriel as Director of Parish Music



to follow --

RSVP on the podium in the narthex or at FaithBtown.org

Walk for Life

OCTOBER 11
9AM-12PM

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+ Fall Fest

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