FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him.

At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

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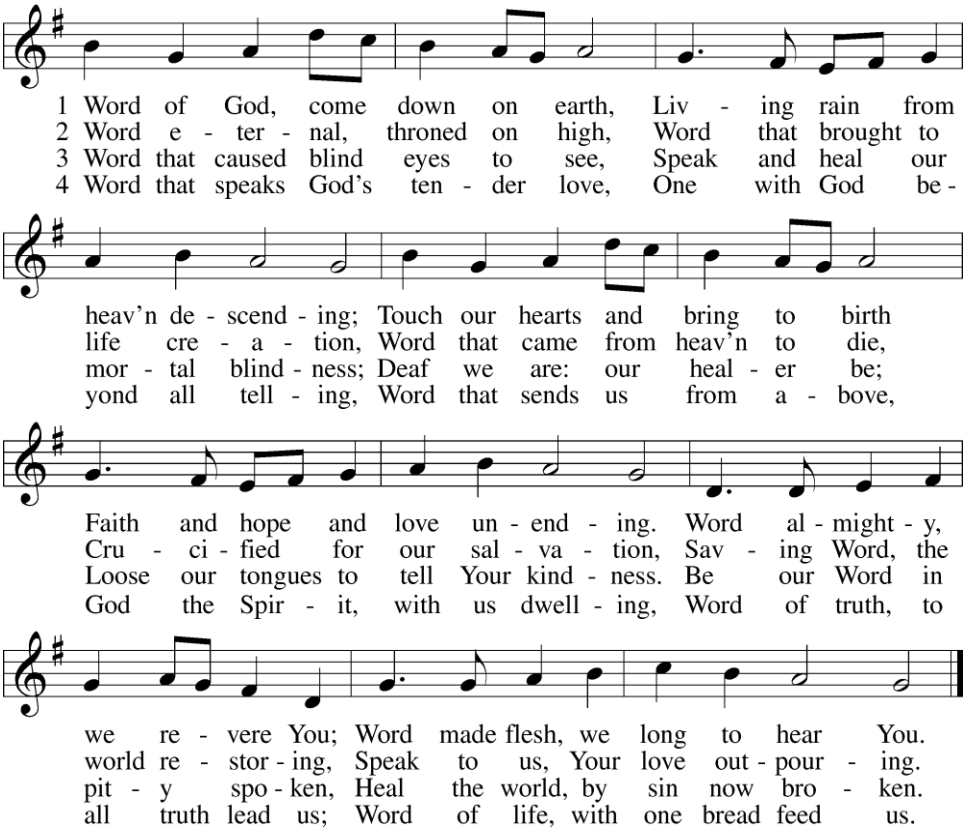
✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

We thank Pastor Mitchell for leading our worship today, while Pastor Edwards is out of town.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 545 – Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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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)

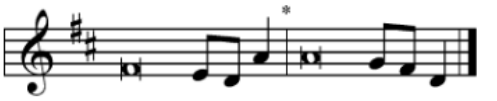
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 ✢ ✢ ✢

PSALM – Psalm 121; antiphon: vv. 1-2

Leader: [1]I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
[2]My help comes | from the Lord,*
who made | heaven and earth.

C **[3]He will not let your | foot be moved;***
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
[4]Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

Leader: [5]The Lord is your | keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.
[6]The sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.

C **[7]The Lord will keep you from all | evil;***
he will | keep your life.
[8]The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
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.
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who made | heaven and earth.

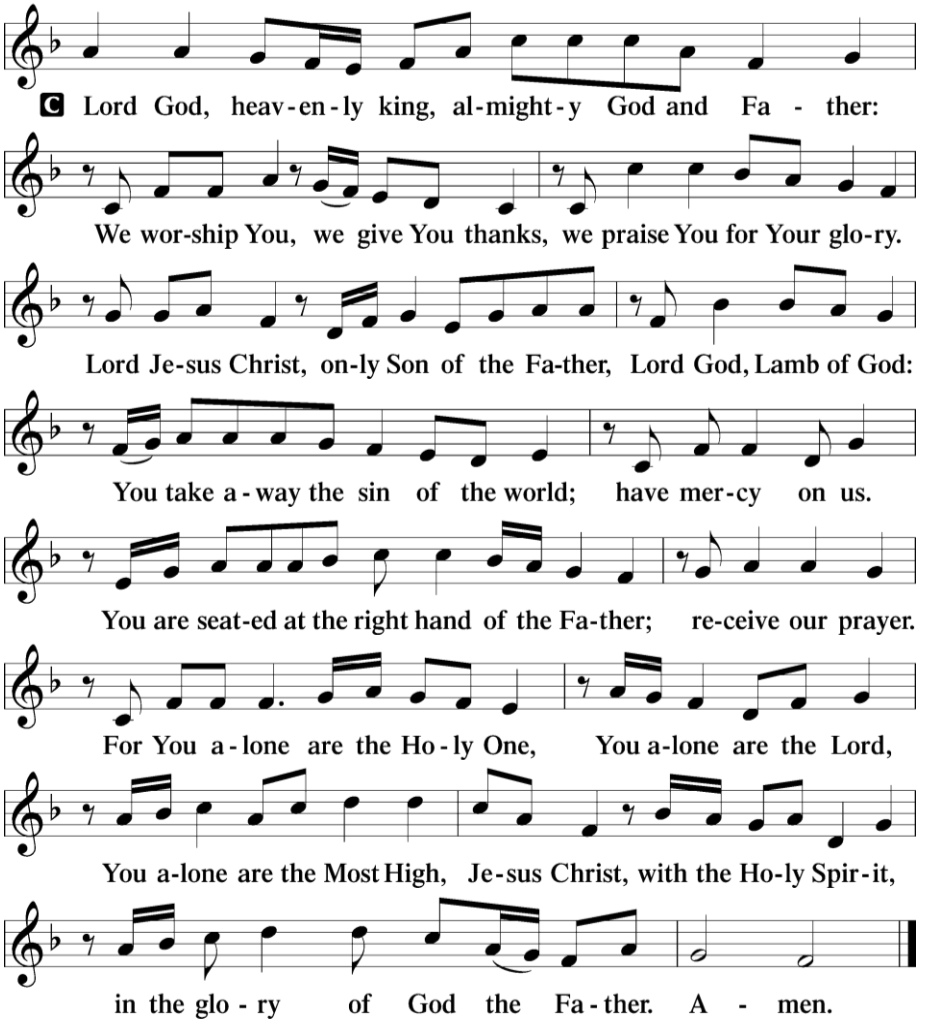
KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*

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.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

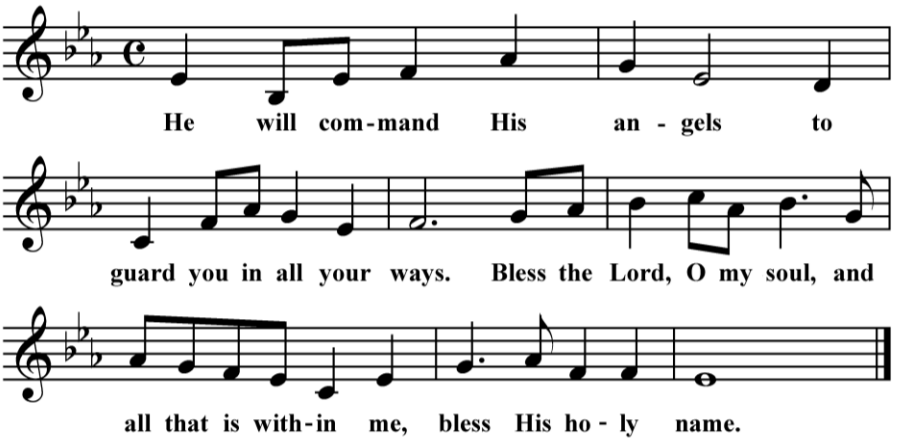
P …one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 32:22-30 – Jacob wrestles with God.

22The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven
children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and
everything else that he had. 24And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the
breaking of the day. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip
socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, "Let me go, for the
day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27And he said to him,
"What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called
Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked
him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed
him. 30So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet
my life has been delivered."

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Sung by congregation. *Psalm 91:11; Psalm 103:1*



EPISTLE – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 – Continuing in and preaching the Word

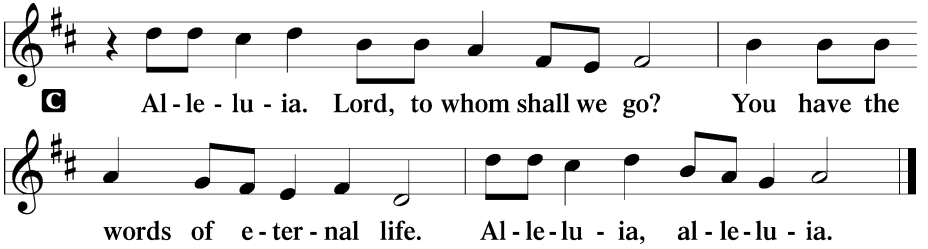
14As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom
you learned it 15and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are
able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17that the man
of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

1I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the
dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;

reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. [3]For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, [4]and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. [5]As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

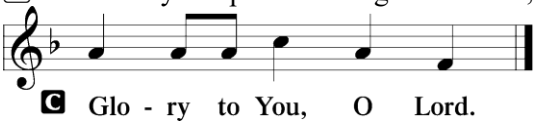
A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



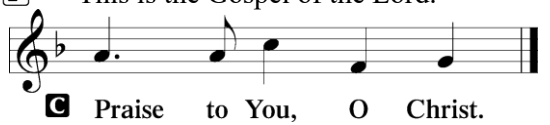
HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 18:1-8 – The parable of the persistent widow

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

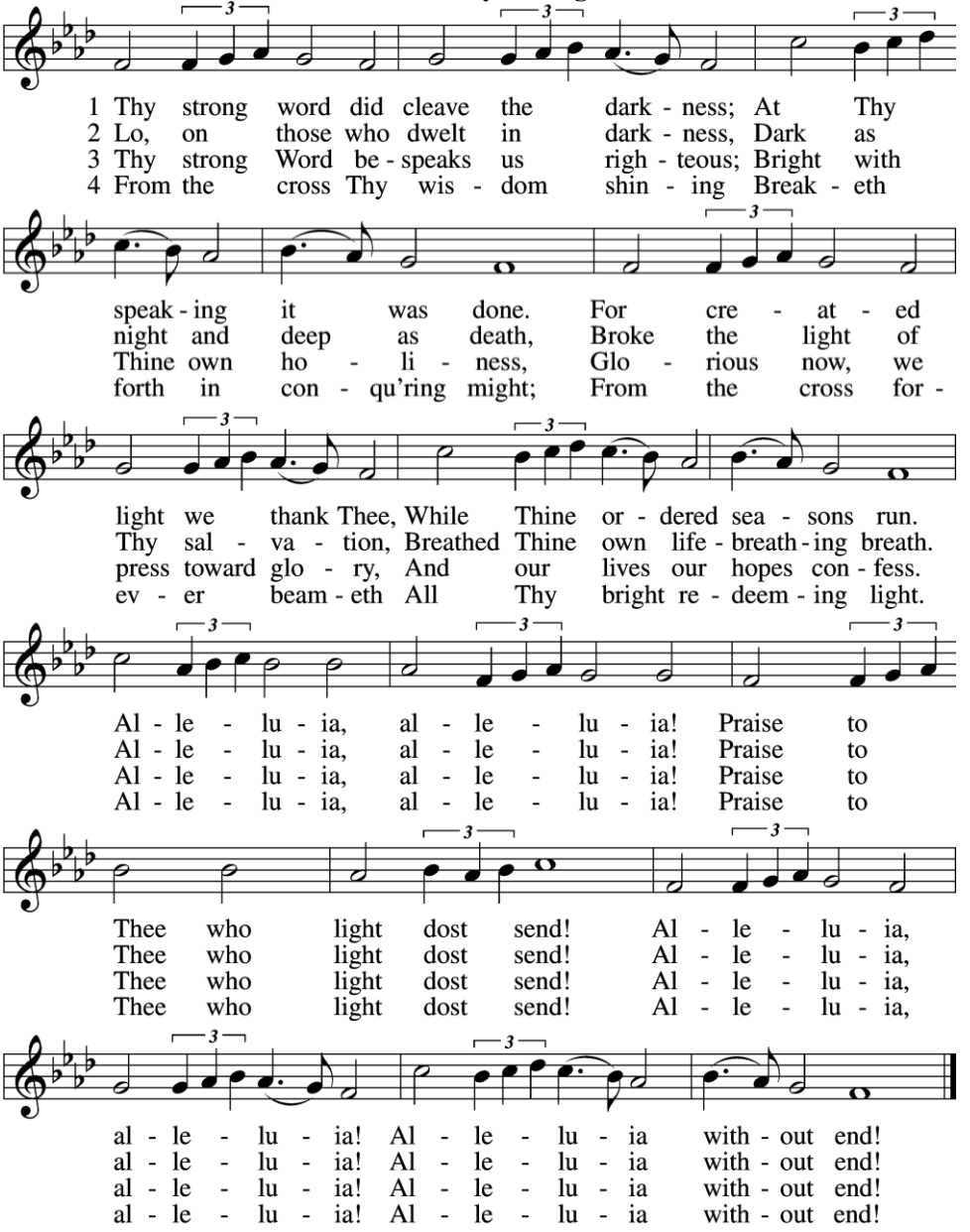


[1][Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. [2]He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. [3]And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' [4]For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, [5]yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" [6]And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. [7]And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? [8]I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



10:30 am – CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 578 – Thy Strong Word

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end! *con't.*

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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SERMON – *From Where Does My Help Come?* – Psalm 121

8:00 am – 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.

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.

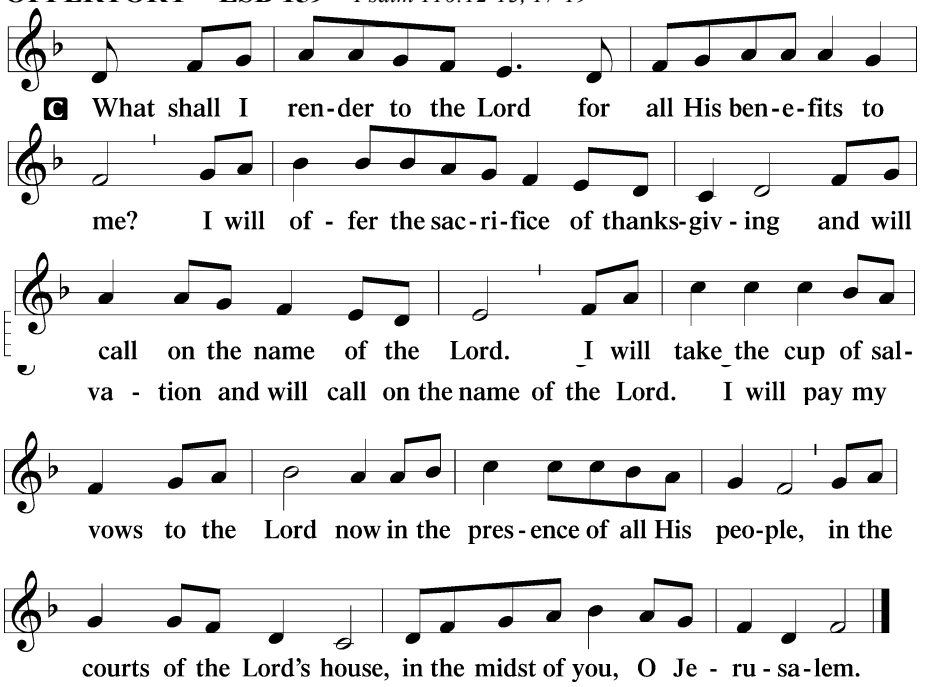
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P … one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



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

✢ ✢ ✢ 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.**

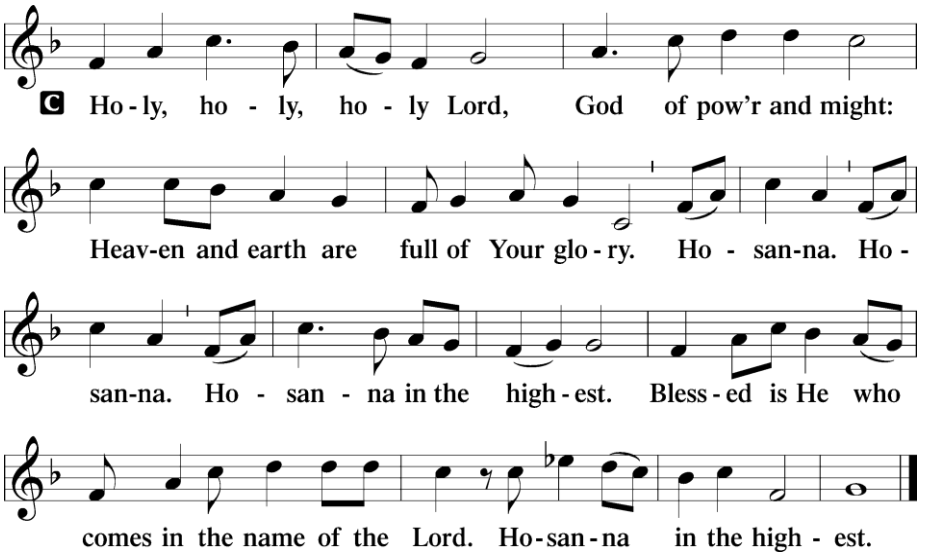
P It is truly good, right, and salutary …evermore praising You and singing:

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

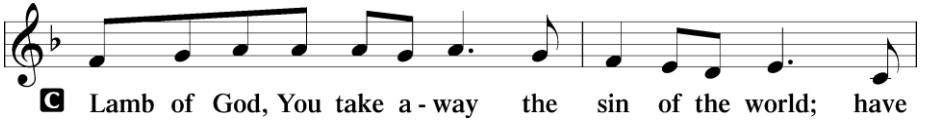
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is 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*

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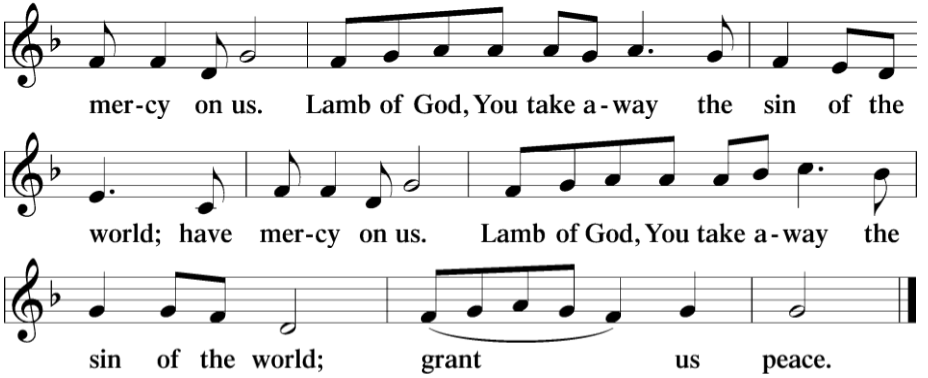
If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

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



O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

-Psalm 34:8

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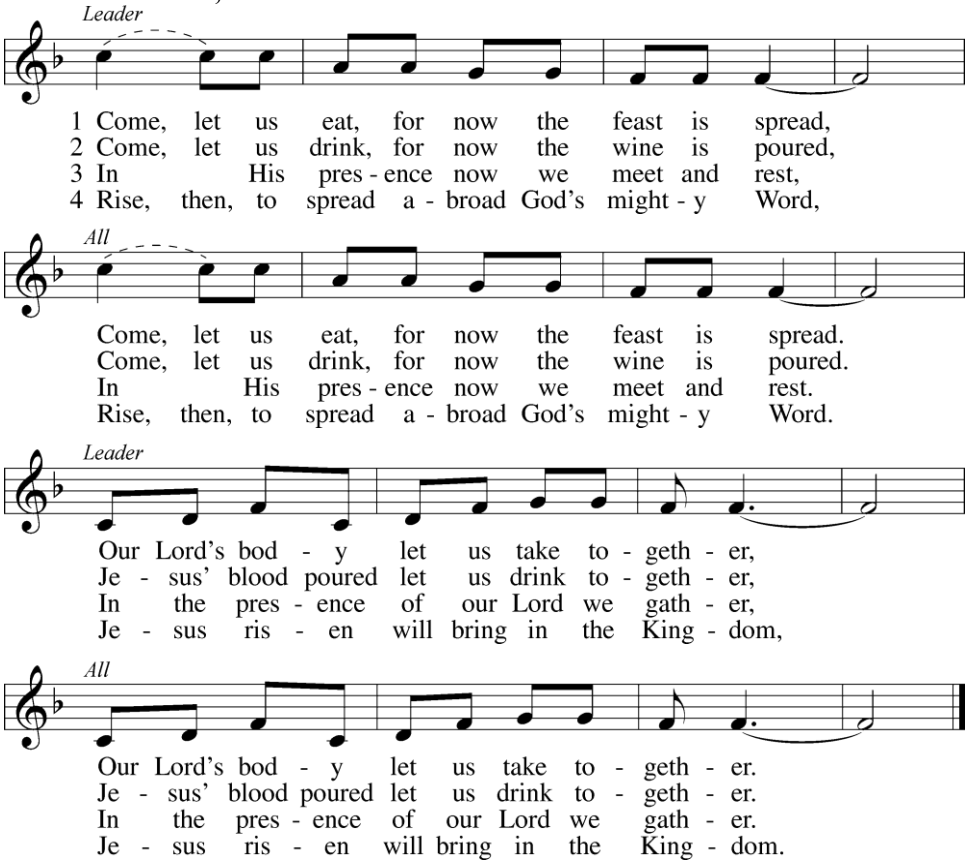
Anthem – *O Taste and See* (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

LSB 626 – Come, Let Us Eat



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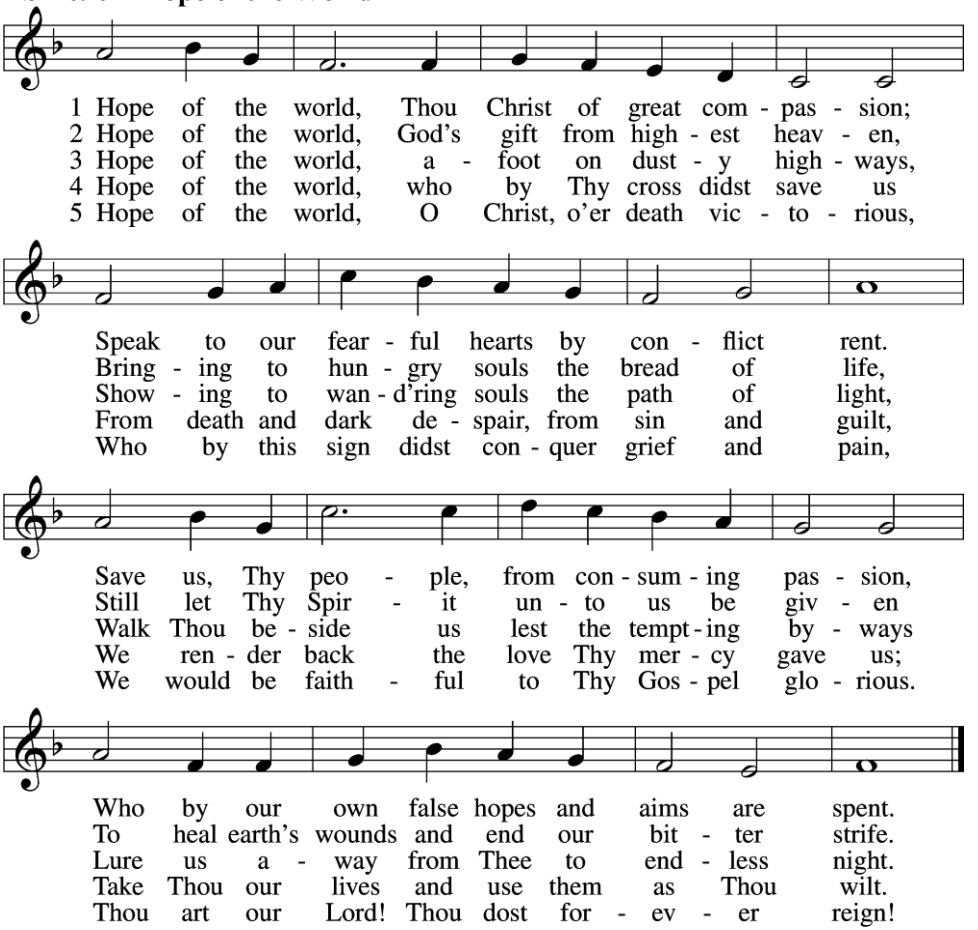
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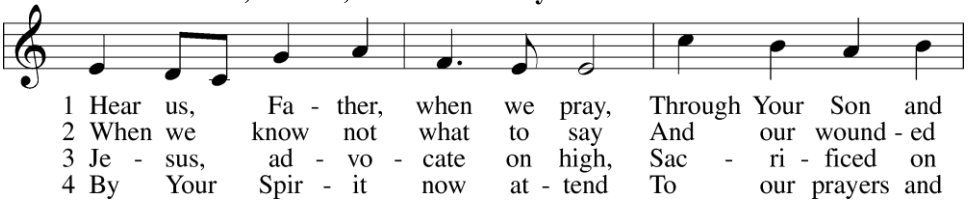
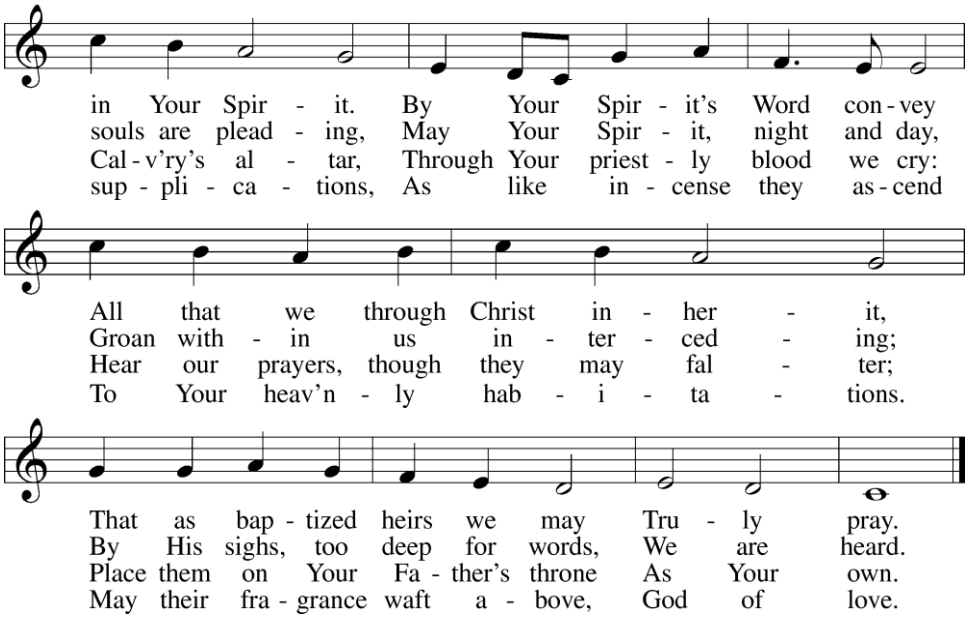
LSB 773 – Hear Us, Father, When We Pray





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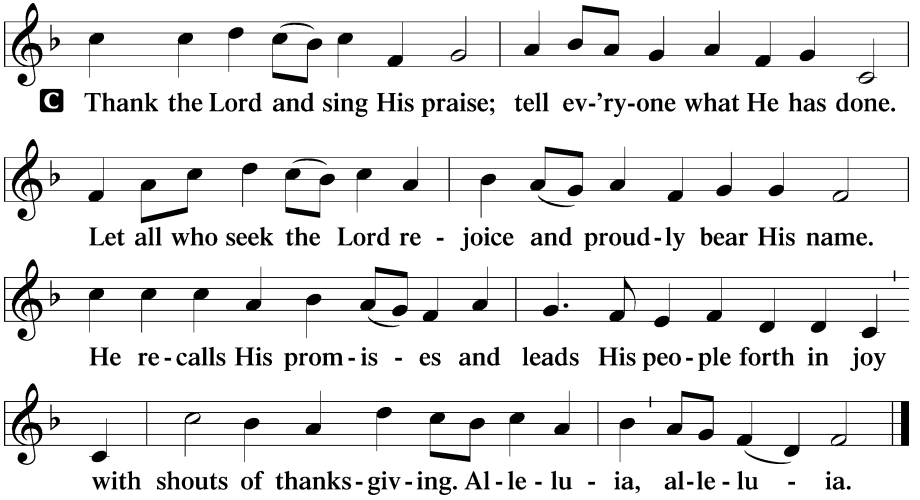
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

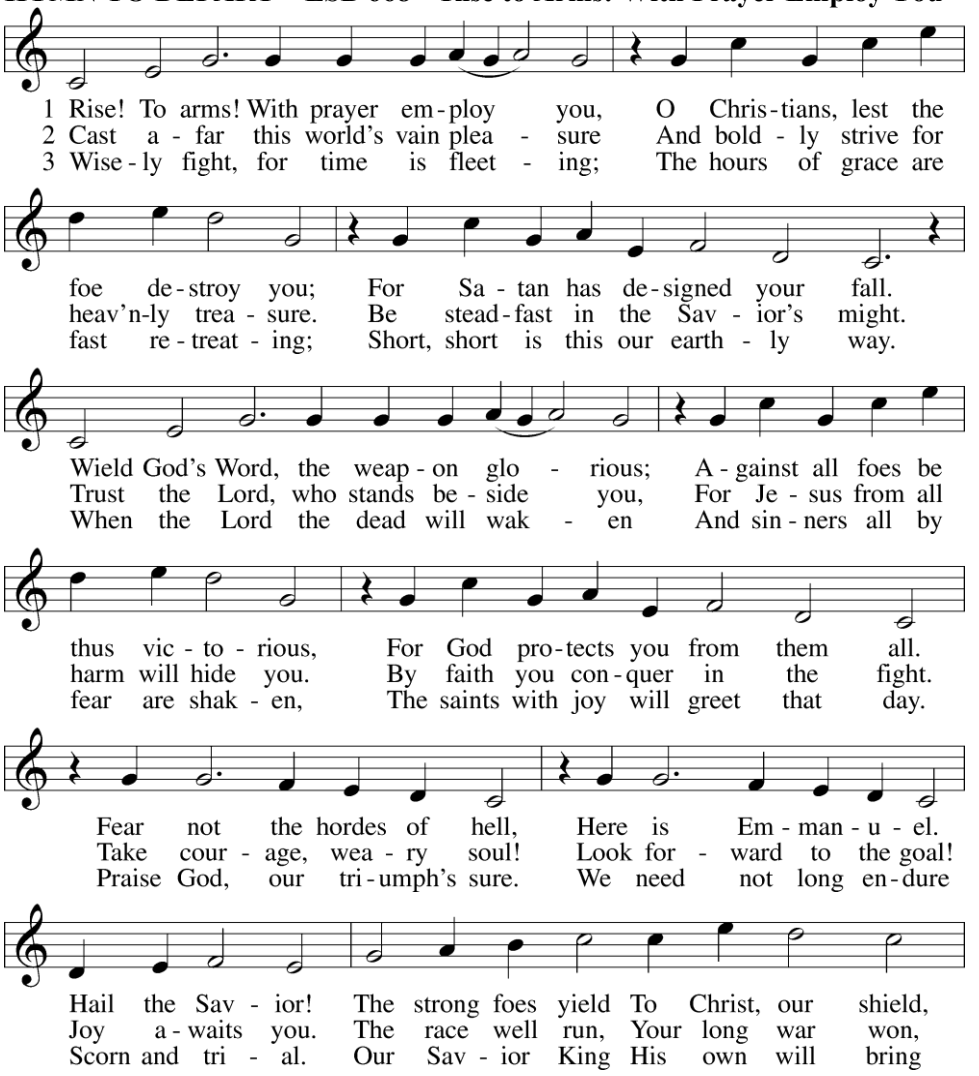
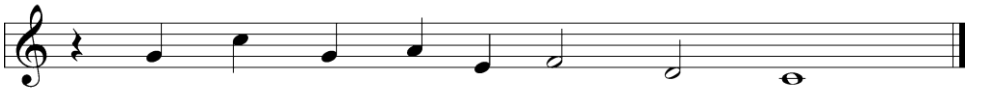
P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

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 668 – Rise to Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Jim Suelflow** in loving memory of **Helen**, and of his parents' birthdays.

MON - TUES, October 20-21 Pastors attending **Indiana District Pastors' Conference**

MONDAY, October 20
8:25pm **Men's Softball –** makeup from Oct. 7 (Twin Lakes, Field 4)

TUESDAY, October 21
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (ages 0-5)
8:25pm **FINAL Men's Softball** (Twin Lakes, Field 2)

WEDNESDAY, October 22
10:00 am **Bible study**
11:15 am **Lunch & Learn** – ***Pass on the Faith*** (Dave Ebeling, Ed.D.)
7:00 pm **Senior Choir**

SATURDAY, October 25
9:00am **LWML Fall Gathering** / Columbus Zone (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Martinsville)
"Living as a Good Samaritan" *(guest speaker: Pastor Nathan Janssen)*

Ingathering for the Homeless Shelter:
- paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates)
- hand soap
- K cups & ground coffee

Donations may be left in the marked plastic tote in the donations hallway (last call is 4pm on October 24).

If anyone would like to attend and wants to carpool, contact *Megan DeMoss*: (260) 433-1213 or missabbott04@hotmail.com

SATURDAY, November 8 **Spiritual Respite Companion Care Workshop** (Seymour)
Visit Voice of Care (voiceofcare.org) or contact *Janet Hitzeman* for more information and/or a ride.

SATURDAY, November 15
10:00am **Altar Guild – annual meeting**

NOW though SUNDAY, November 16
Pathway of Hope **Thanksgiving Meal Drive** *See FaithBtown.org for more information.*

Instant mashed potatoes
Gravy (jar)
Green beans
Corn pumpkn pie mix or apple pie filling
Graham cracker pie shell
2 cans of fruit or cranberry sauce
Turkey or ham

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