FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

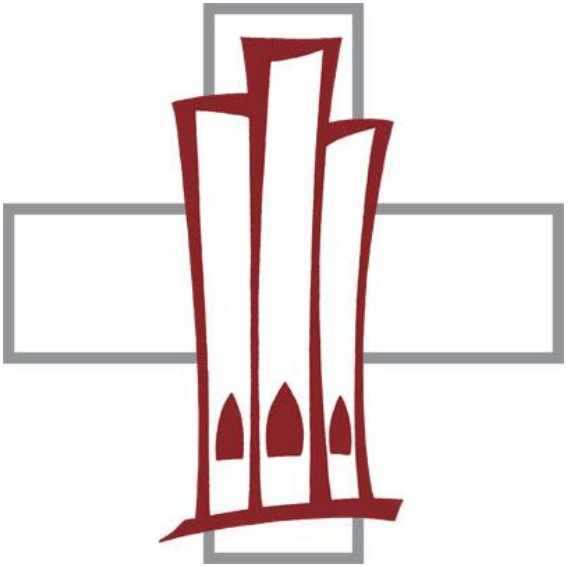
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Commissioning and Installation of Dr. Priscilla Gabriel

October 5, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30 am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

Our long-awaited special Sunday is here!

Today we gather as a whole congregation for this SINGLE worship service. Included in our regular service is also the Commissioning and Installation of Dr. Gabriel as *Director of Parish Music*.

Yes, Dr. Gabriel has been our organist/cantor for 10 years already! But, having completed the colloquy program through Concordia University Chicago earlier this year, she will now be commissioned as a rostered church worker in the LCMS, and we have "called" her to this new position/title. The Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch (president of the Indiana District) is with us for this occasion.

Following the service please join us upstairs/outside for the annual church picnic.

Rev. Eric J. Edwards ✢ ***Rev. Liwei Sui***

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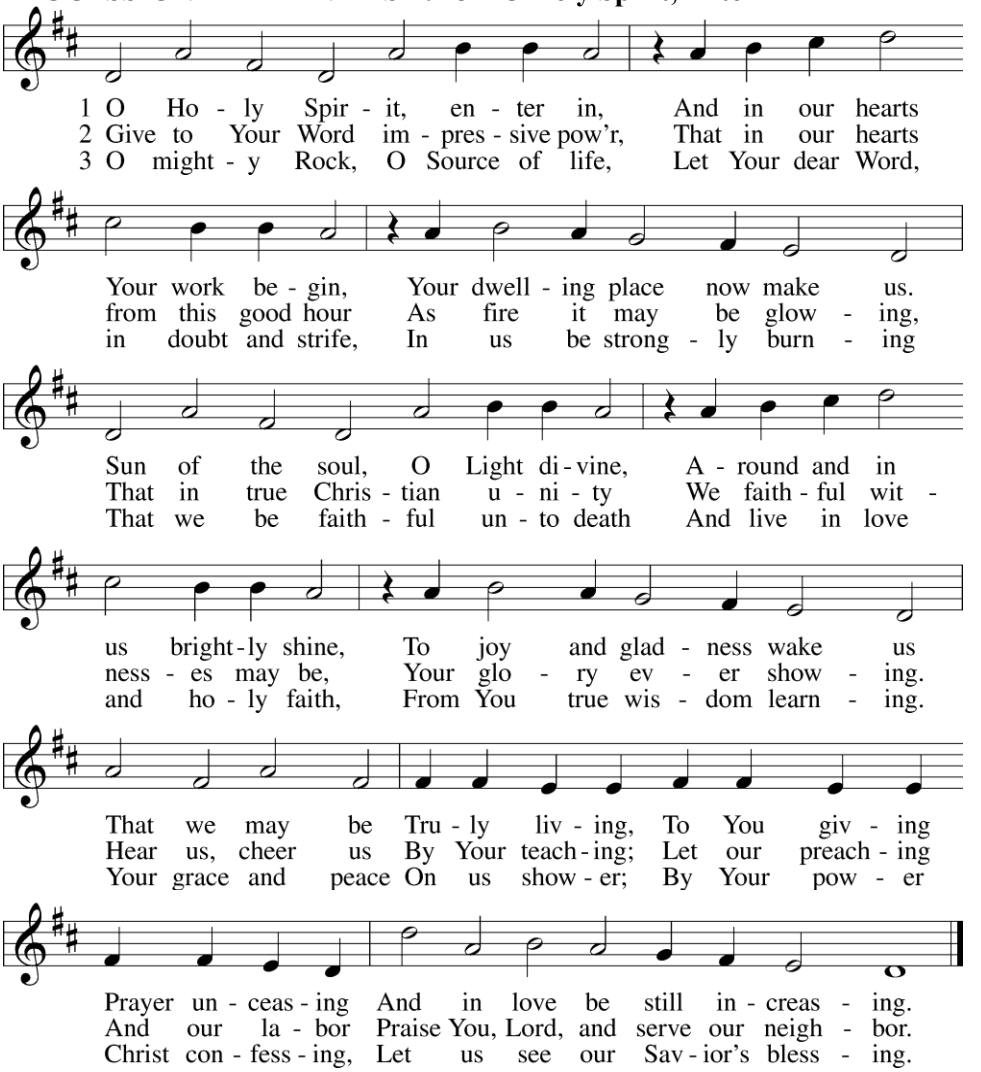
✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Fantasia in C Minor* (J. S. Bach)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 913 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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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 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

Choir: I hope for your salvation, | O Lord,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

C **I rejoice | at your word***
like one who | finds great spoil.

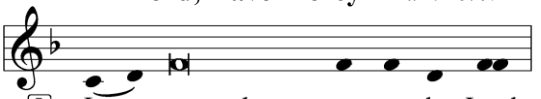
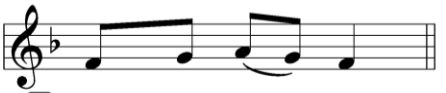
Choir: Seven times a day I | praise you*
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.

C **Great peace have those who | love your law;***
nothing can make them | stumble.

Choir: My soul keeps your testi- | monies;*
I love them ex- | ceedingly.

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.
I hope for your salvation, | O Lord,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

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



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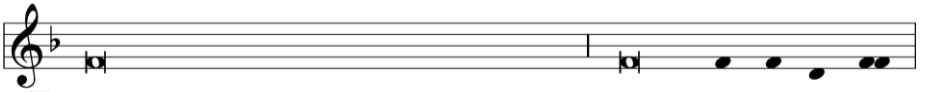
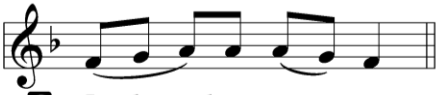


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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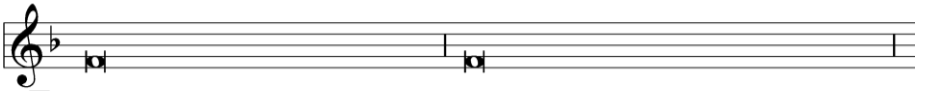
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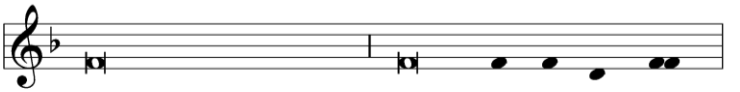
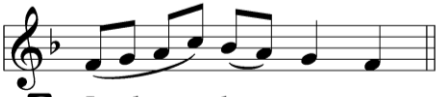

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

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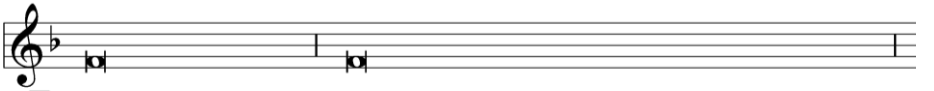
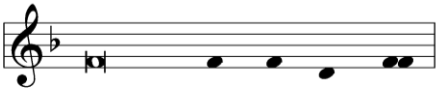


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

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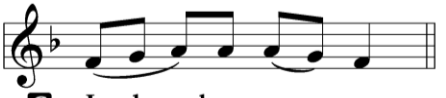
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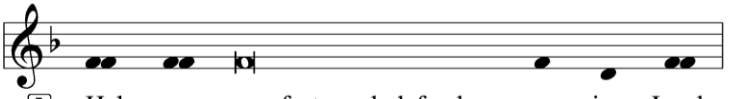
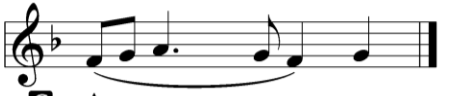
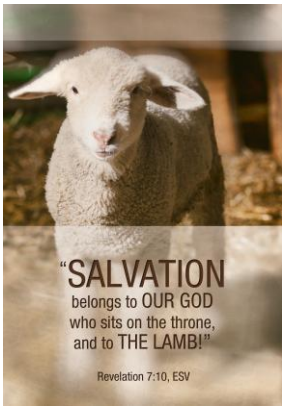


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE – This Is the Feast



Refrain

C **This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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 – Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4 – Though evil seems to prevail, "The righteous shall live by his faith."

[1]The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

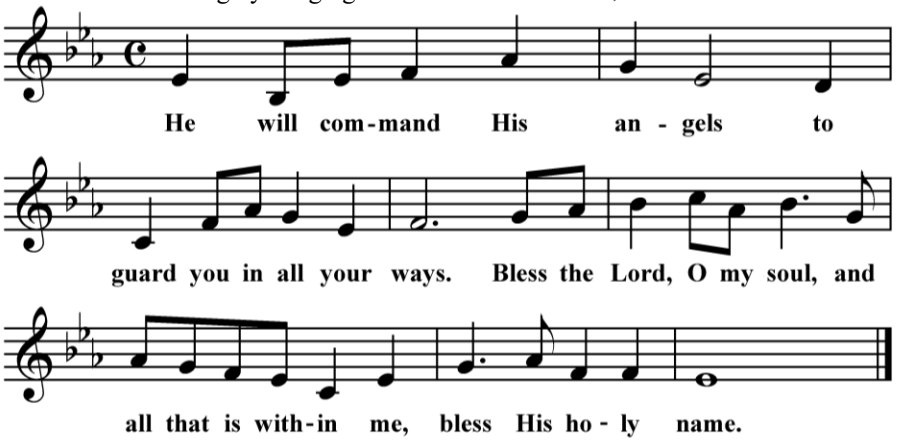
[2]O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
[3]Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
[4]So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

[1]I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

[2]And the Lord answered me:
"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.
[3]For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

[4]"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith."

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 1:1-14 – "Guard the good deposit entrusted to you."

[1]Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

[2]To Timothy, my beloved child:

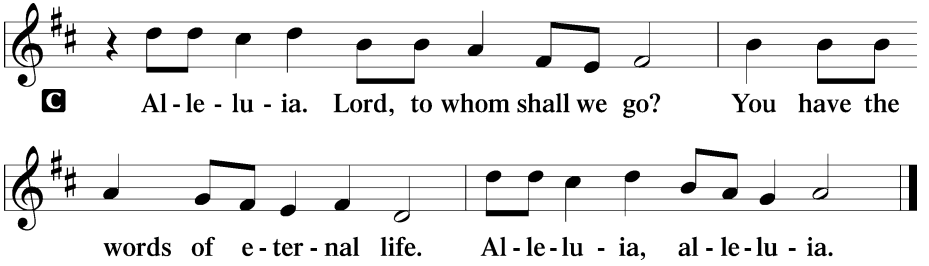
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

[3]I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. [4]As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. [5]I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. [6]For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, [7]for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

[8]Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, [9]who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, [10]and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, [11]for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, [12]which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. [13]Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [14]By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

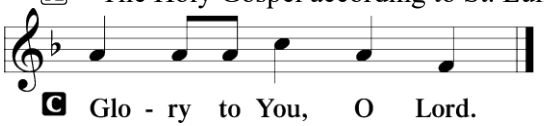
A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 17:1-10 – Temptations to sin

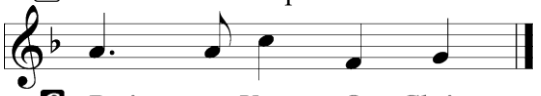
A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



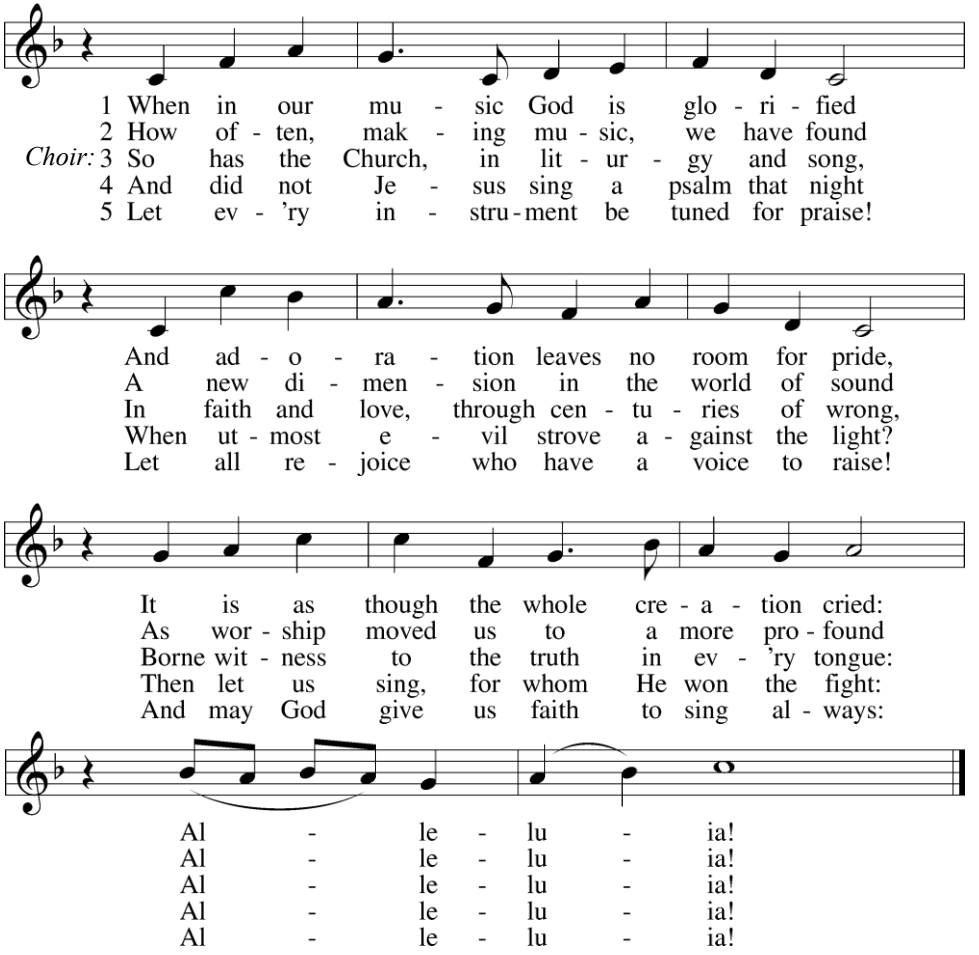
[1][Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! [2]It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. [3]Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, [4]and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

[5]The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” [6]And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

[7]“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? [8]Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? [9]Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? [10]So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 796 – When in Our Music God Is Glorified



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SERMON – *The Good Deposit* – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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.

COMMISSIONING and INSTALLATION of DR. PRISCILLA GABRIEL

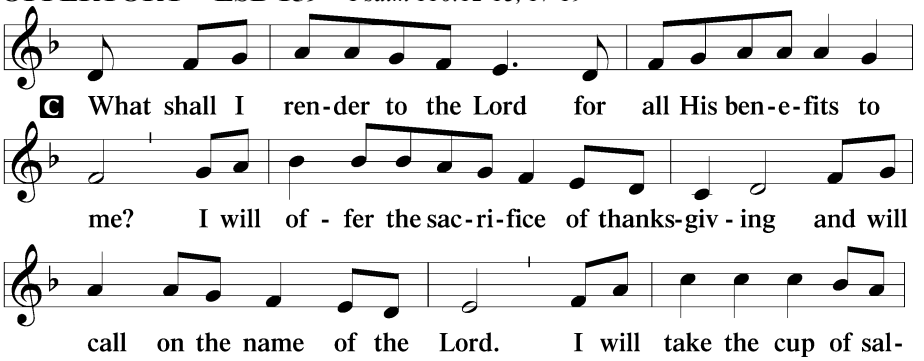
We welcome the **Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch**, president of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod.

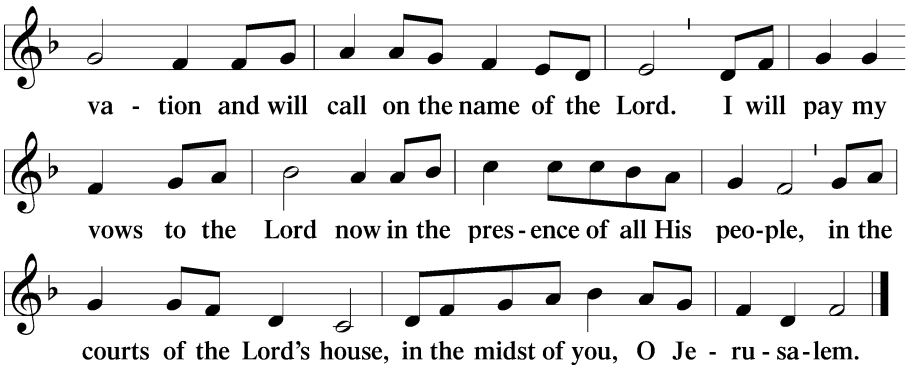
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P … now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

OFFERING – *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* (arr. Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow)

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





✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

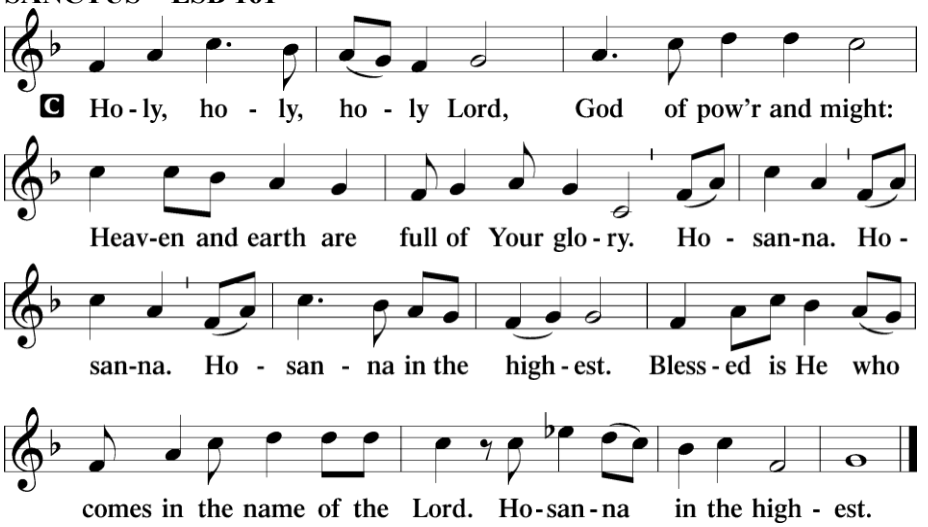
P Lift up your hearts.

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:

SANCTUS – LSB 161

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.

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.

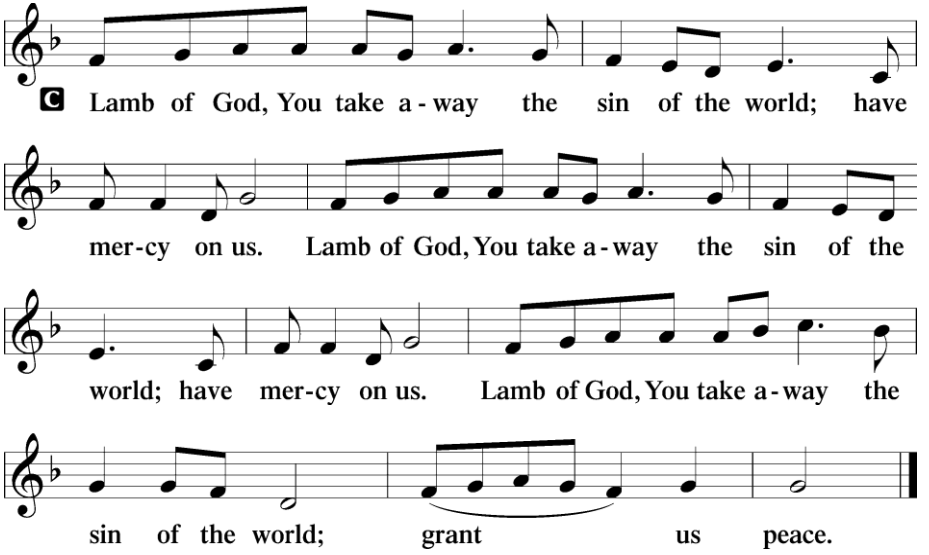
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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*



DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Now Thank We All Our God* (J. S. Bach, BWV 79)

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
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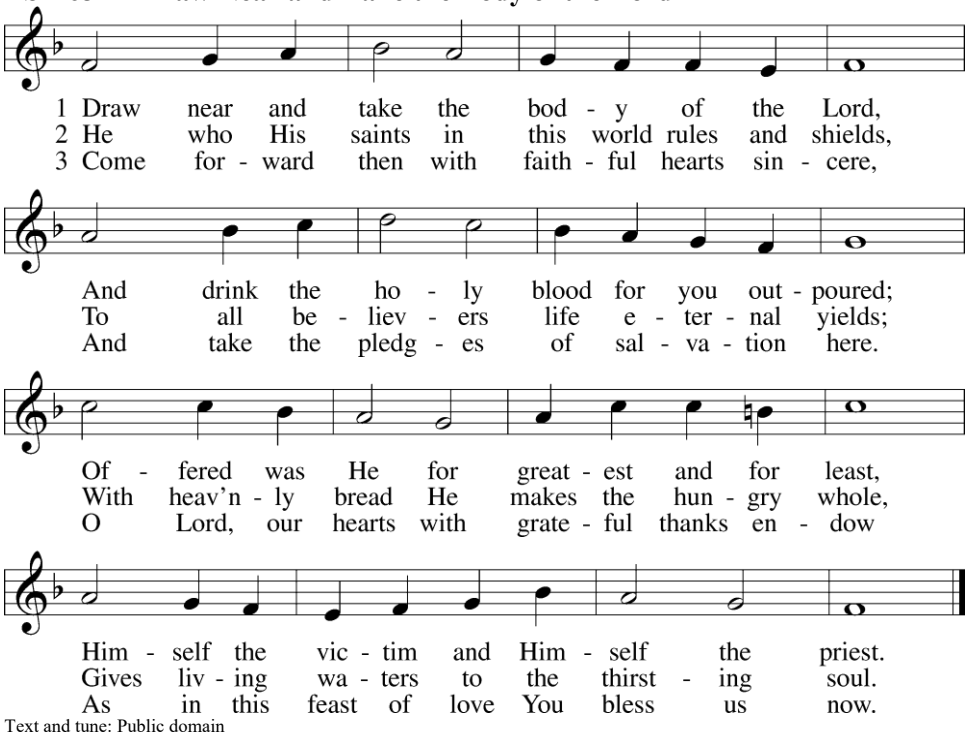
Distribution Notes:

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.

LSB 637 – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



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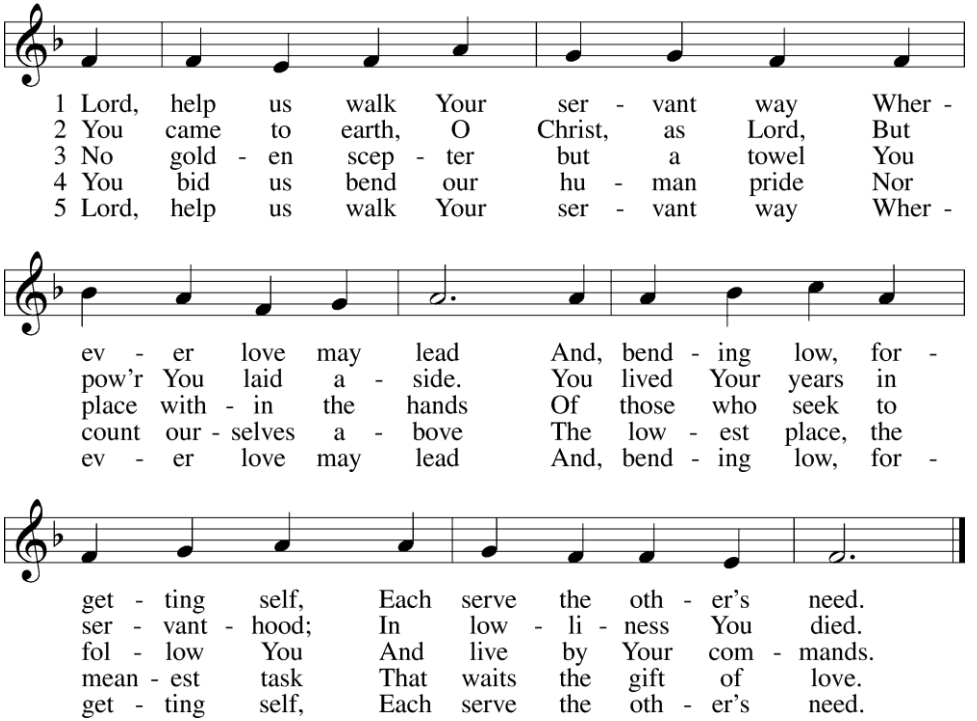

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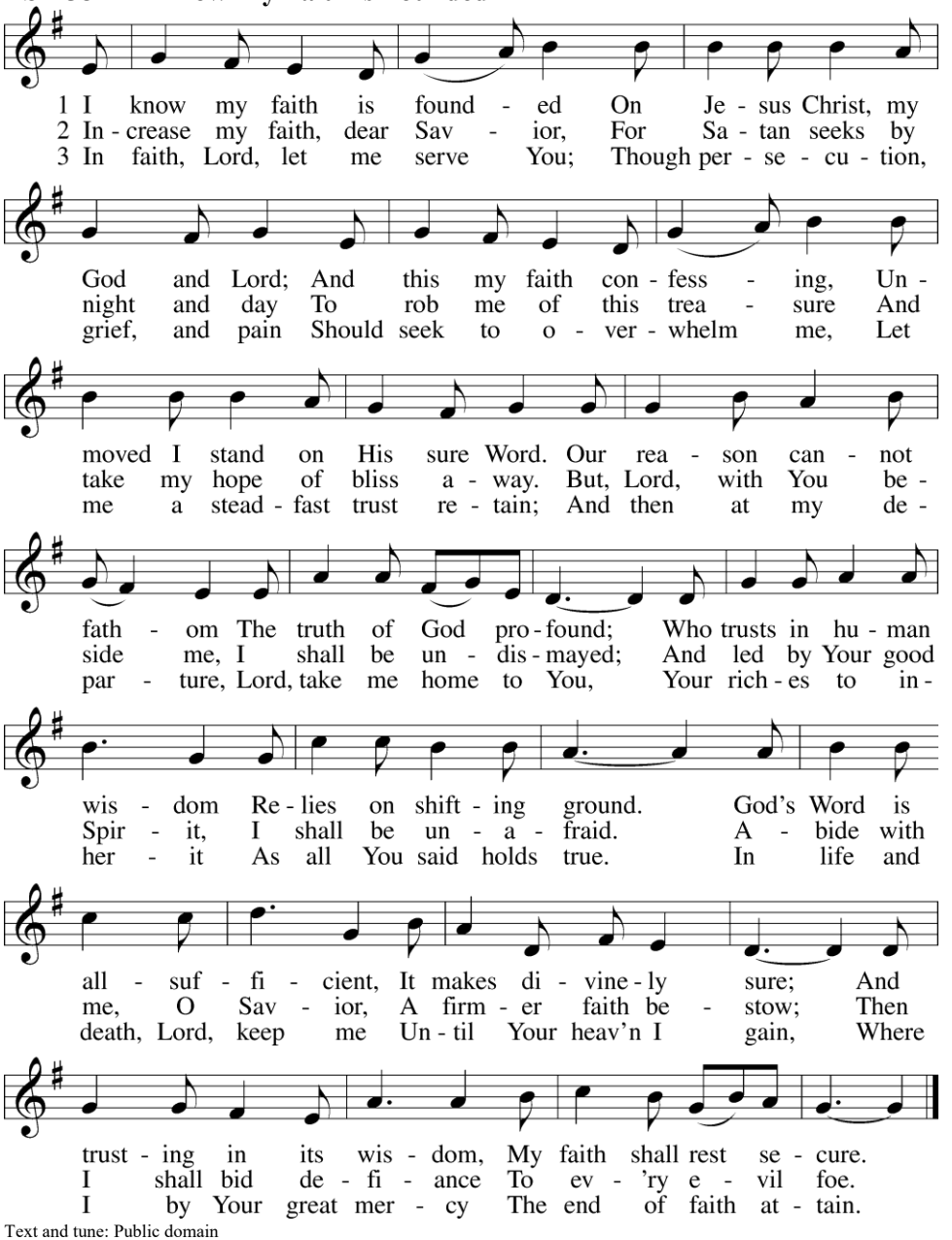
LSB 587 – I Know My Faith is Founded

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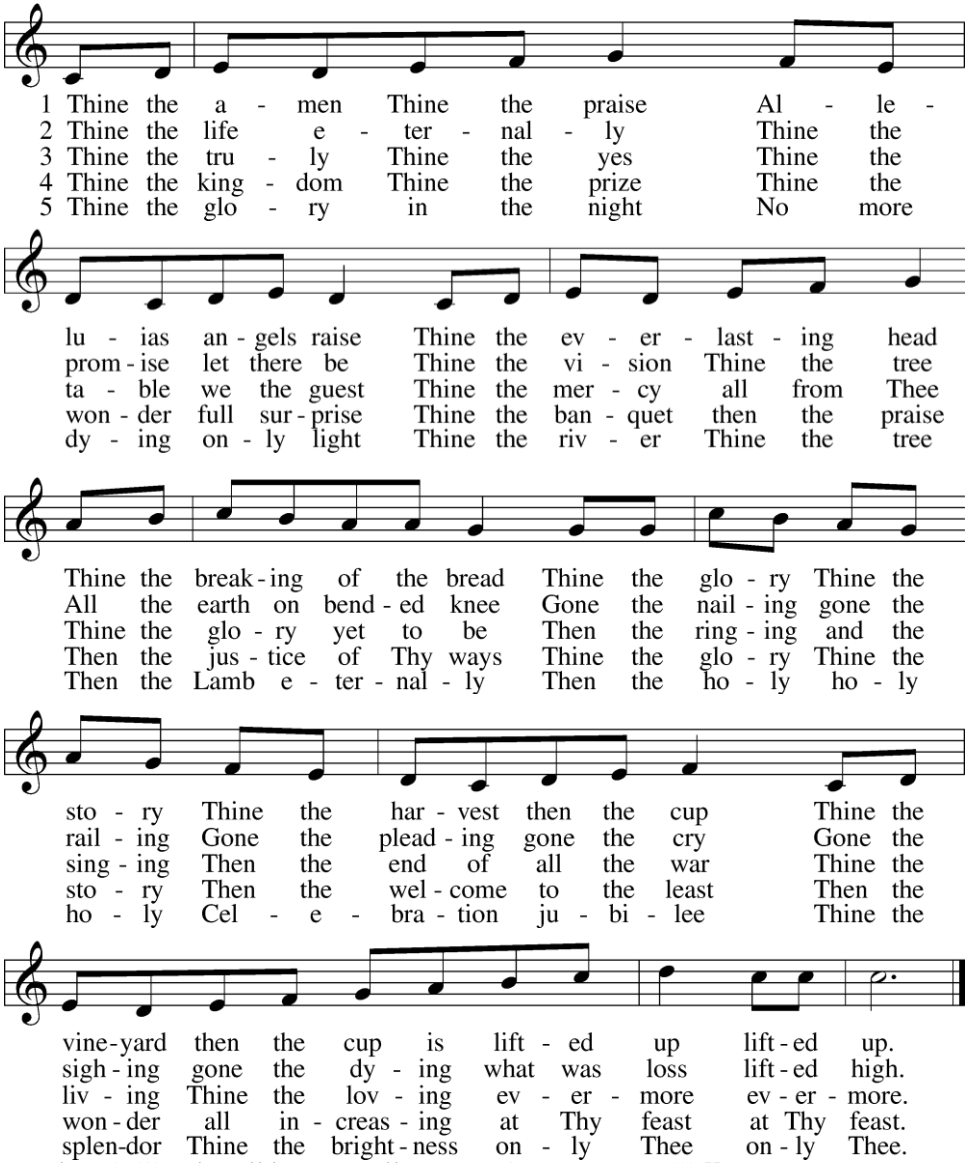
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Please stand for Verse 5.

Vs. 1: Women *Vs. 3: Choir*
Vs. 2: Men **Vs. 4-5: All**



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

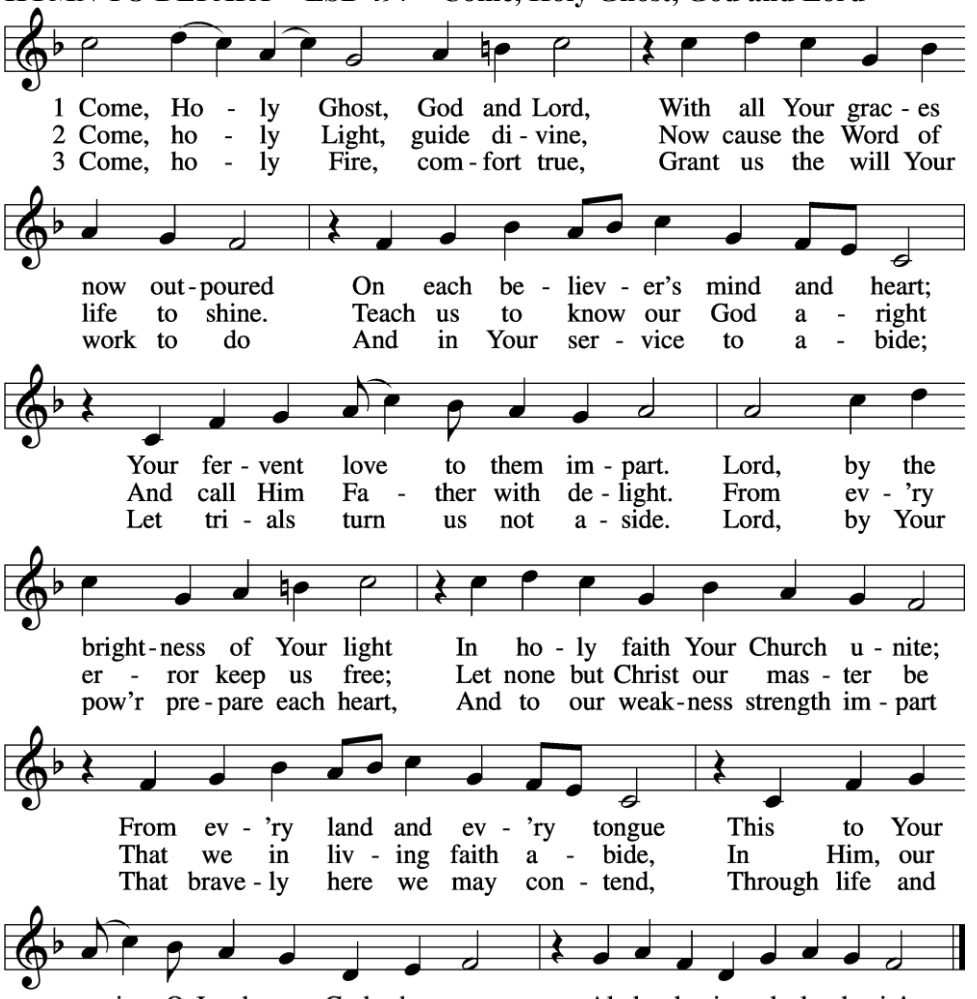
P Let us pray... one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

FAREWELL and GODSPEED to Mike and Debbie Hicks

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 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the faithful service of **Dr. Gabriel**, and also by the **Edwards** family in celebration of the birthdays of **Owen** (8 years old yesterday) and **Pastor** (50 on October 16).

Soli Deo gloria!

Thank you to our musicians this morning:

Trumpet:
Jasmine Dickinson, Joshua Grimes, Noah Grimes

Trombone:
Thomas Cavender, Brian McDonie

Timpani: Enge Huang

Choir:
Nadine Adisho, Don Donham, Ruth Engs, Jeff Franz, Adele Gabriel, Lauren Gaskins, Robert Gilbert, Shirin Hassan, Kelly Johnson, Trevor Jones, Carl Lenthe, Lois Paul, Meera Popkin-Tarack, Kathy Powell, Anneke Van Slyke, Samuel Wetzler, Matthew Williamson, Gary Wohlafka, Louise Wohlafka

SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*
(arr. Gerald Near)

Deo Gratias
THANKS BE TO GOD

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CHURCH PICNIC

TODAY Church Picnic
TODAY is also the **DEADLINE to sign up for the ULu Golf Scramble**. Sign up on the podium or contact David Skirvin**.**

MONDAY, October 6
1:30pm **Health & Human Care Ministry Team** (Zoom)
5:30pm **School Board**
6:30pm **Stewardship Team**

TUESDAY, October 7
Circuit pastors meet (St. Peter's, Columbus)
9:00am **Playgroup**
1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team**
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (ages 0-5)
8:25pm **Men's Softball** (Twin Lakes, Field 4)

WEDNESDAY, October 8
10:00 am **Bible study**
7:00 pm **Senior Choir**

FRIDAY, October 10
6:30pm **Ladies' Night Out** (Grand Hall)

THURS-SAT, October 9-11
Pastor Edwards will be out of town.

Contact **Pastor Sui** with pastoral emergencies (812-671-3915).

SATURDAY, October 11
9am-12pm **Hannah Center** [Walk for Life]

THURSDAY, October 16
11:30 am **JOY Group to Olive Garden**

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

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Dr. Priscilla Gabriel completed the LCMS colloquy program in February 2025, making her eligible to become a Minister of Religion–Commissioned and called as Faith's Director of Parish Music. She holds a Bachelor of Music from Grove City College, a Master of Sacred Music from the University of Notre Dame, and a Doctor of Music from Indiana University. Additionally, she is a certified Kodály music educator, and holds three Feierabend Association music education certifications. Priscilla has studied piano, oboe, organ, voice, choral conducting, and harpsichord, and worked in churches since age sixteen. Originally born in Sioux Center, Iowa, Priscilla spent most of her childhood growing up in Delaware and has resided in Bloomington since 2012. She started working at Faith in 2015. Priscilla and her husband Henry have four children, ages 8, 6, 3, and 1.

Set Apart to Serve

There are many important, meaningful ways that Christians love God and serve their neighbor through their daily work. The Lutheran doctrine of vocation makes this very clear: The mailman delivering mail to our doors, the farmer growing the food we need to live, the E.R. nurse working day and night to care for the sick, the mother feeding and caring for her children — all of these are good, God-pleasing vocations.

Some feel the desire to serve God in a more immediate way through pursuing a church work vocation. Just as it is God who gives children mothers and gives a suffering patient a doctor, so it is God who gives His church pastors and church workers to preach and teach God's Word for the salvation of God's people through Jesus Christ. God Himself established the first and most essential church work vocation: the Office of the Pastoral Ministry (*Ministers of Religion–Ordained*). Pastors proclaim Christ and administer the Sacraments, the means through which God's people receive Christ's saving work. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has established seven other wonderful church work vocations to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and assist the faithful in their God-given vocations. Of these, Directors of Parish Music foster and edify the church's worship with their biblical and confessional musical leadership and direction. DPMs support their pastors by assisting with worship planning, providing musical education, and directing choirs, ensembles, and musicians for services in God's house.

Colloquy programs—like Dr. Gabriel recently completed—prepare men and women who are currently serving in ministry roles to be *Ministers of Religion–Commissioned* in the LCMS. These programs ensure that those who seek to join the Synod have been educated in theology, have become oriented to service to the Synod and have demonstrated the professional and spiritual attributes that the Synod expects of its members.

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