# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*

## The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**10:30 am – livestreamed** on Facebook and YouTube

## AS WE GATHER

### God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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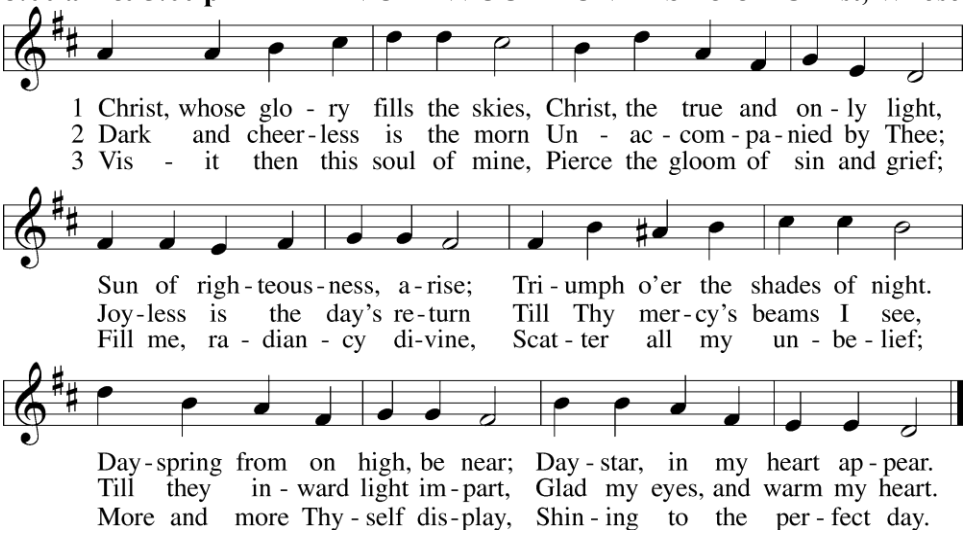
# ✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC –** *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* (arr. Stephen R. Johnson)

**8:00 am & 5:00 pm – HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 873 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

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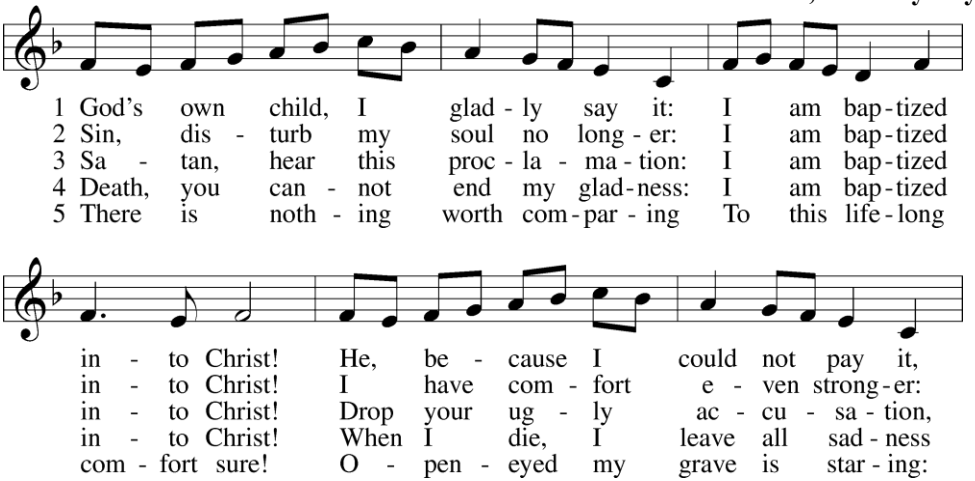
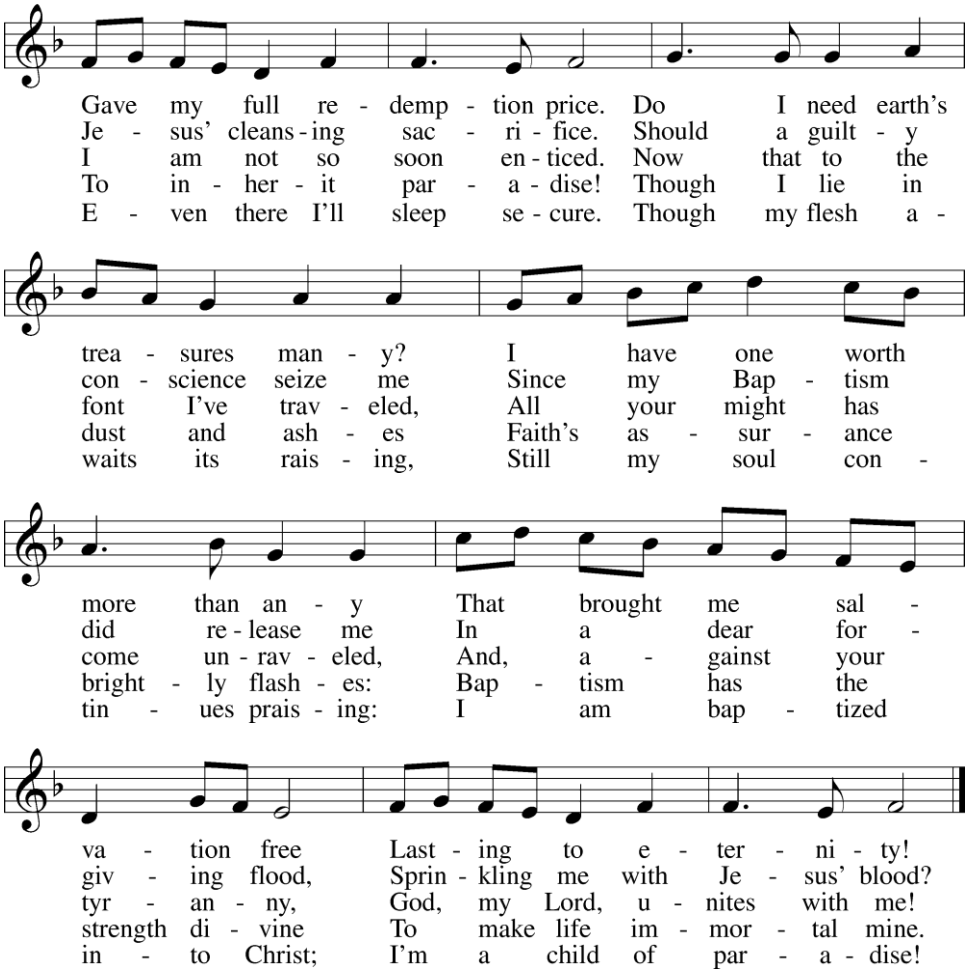
**10:30 am – BAPTISMAL HYMN – LSB 594 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**



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**10:30 am – SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – LSB 268**

**Justin Ryan Banks**
**Mack Carter Banks**
**Doc Harland Banks**

*After the baptisms, the service continues with the Salutation and Collect of the Day on page 6.*

**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)*

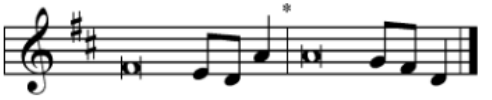
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33**

*Leader*: Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

**C** **I lift up my eyes | to the hills.***
**From where does my | help come?**

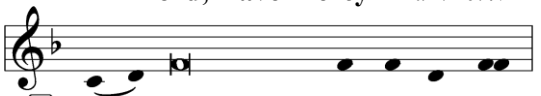
*Leader*: My help comes | from the Lord,*
who made | heaven and earth.

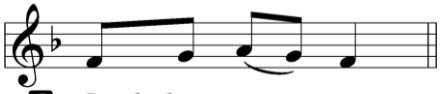
**C** **The Lord is your | keeper;***
**the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.**

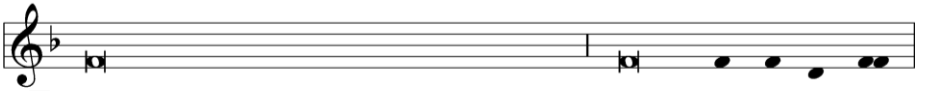
*Leader*: The Lord will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

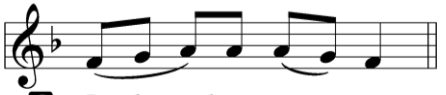
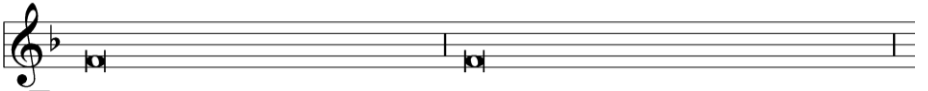
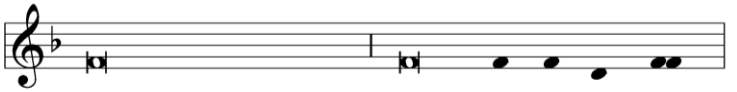
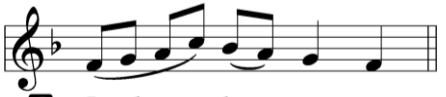
**C** **The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in***
**from this time forth and for- | evermore.**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen.**
**Heaven and earth will | pass away,***
**but my words will not | pass away.**

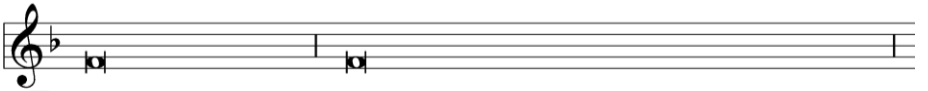
**KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy** – *Mark 10:47*

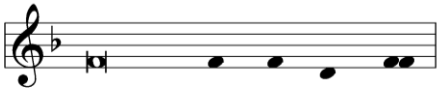
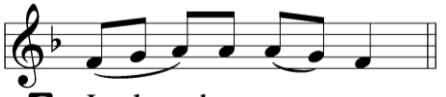


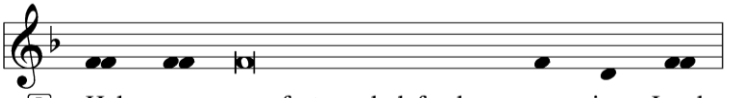
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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



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

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

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

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

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

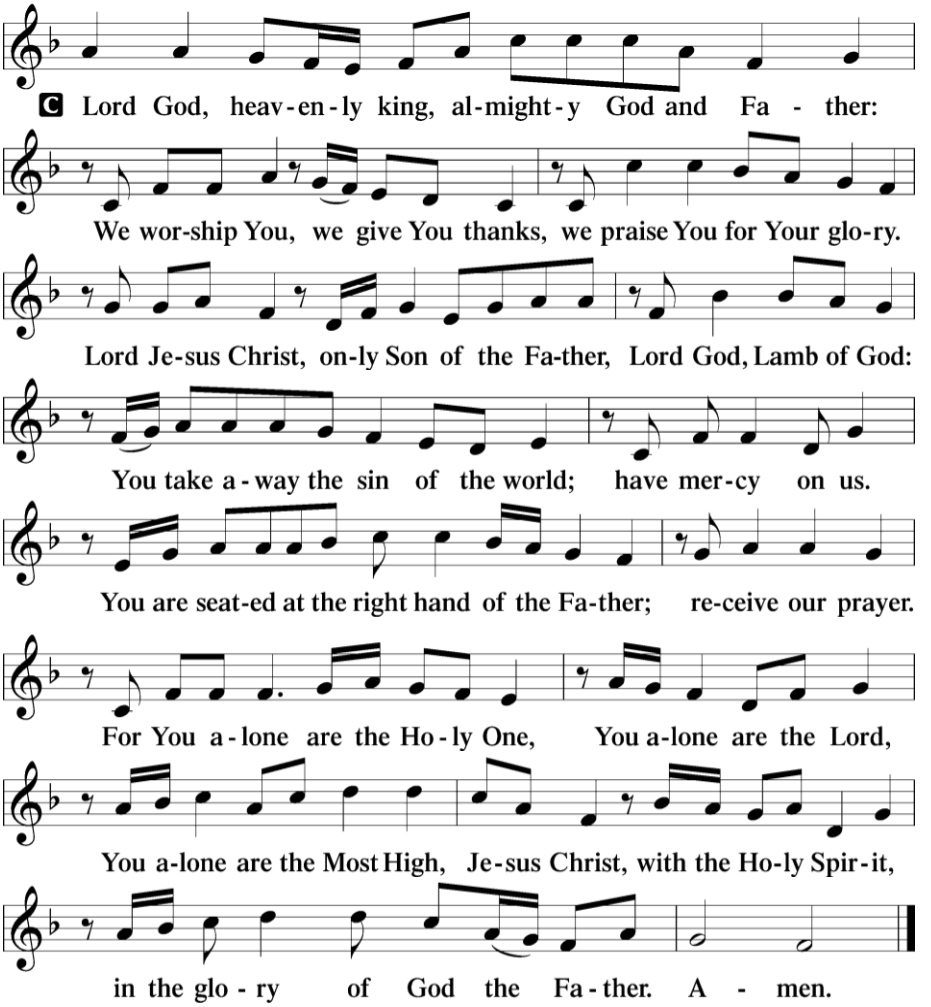


**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

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



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

**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 – Malachi 4:1-6** – The Lord prepares His people to meet the sun of righteousness.

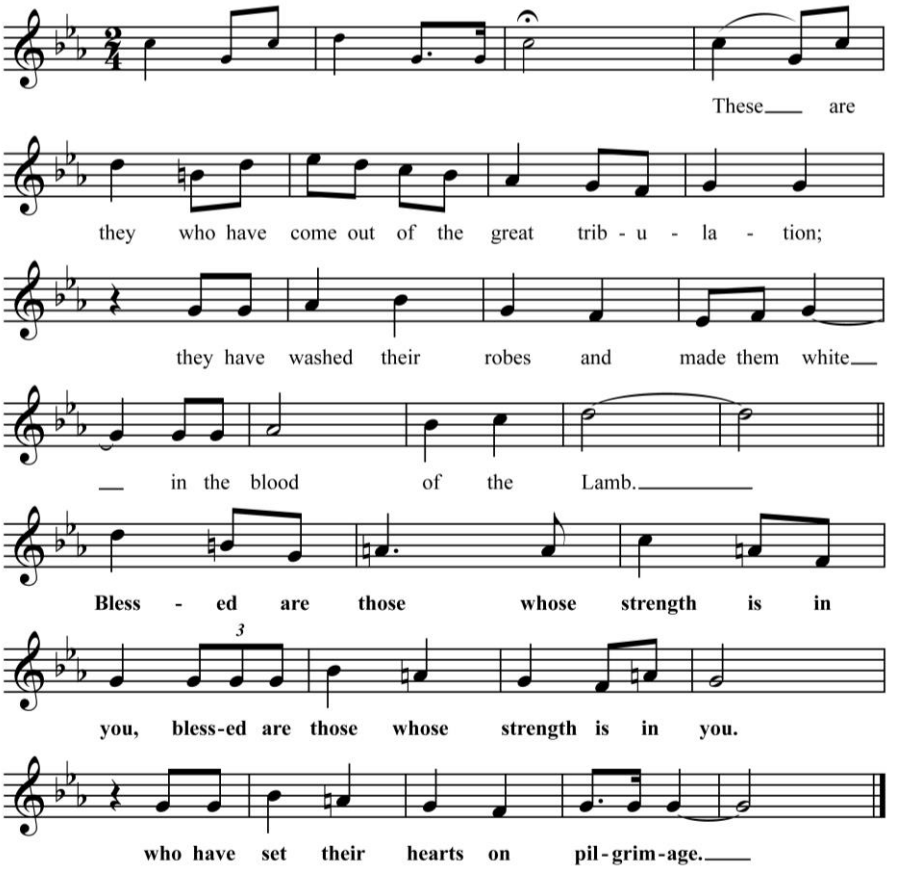
[1] "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2]But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. [3]And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

[4]"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

[5]"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. [6]And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

**GRADUAL – Revelation 7:14, Psalm 84:5**

**The congregation sings all.**

The **Gradual** for the final Sundays of the Church Year uses imagery from the Revelation to St. John and the Book of Psalms to turn our attention to the end times. As the days grow shorter and colder with the approach of winter, we are surrounded by reminders of our own mortality. But God promises us His strength for our journey and renews our souls with the promise of the crown of life in the glory of the world to come.

**EPISTLE – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13** – Paul commends believers to dedicate themselves to honorable work and doing good.

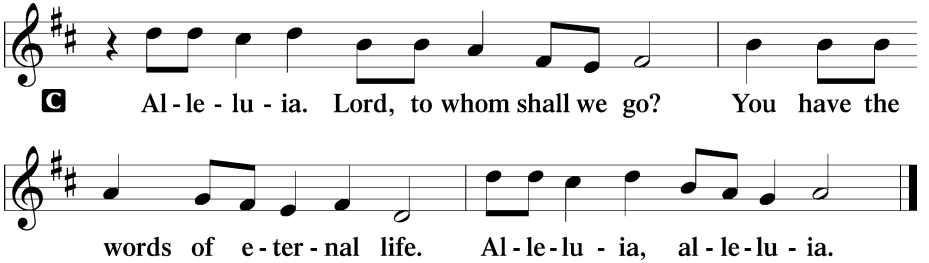
[1]Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, [2]and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. [3]But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. [4]And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. [5]May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

[6]Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. [7]For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, [8]nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. [9]It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. [10]For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. [11]For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. [12]Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

[13]As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

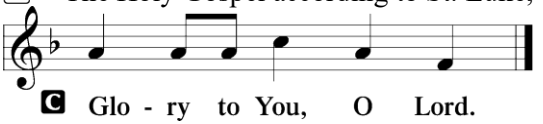
**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE** – *John 6:68*




**HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-28** – Seeking a sign, Jesus offers His hearers assurance that, amid disaster, their redemption is drawing near.

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



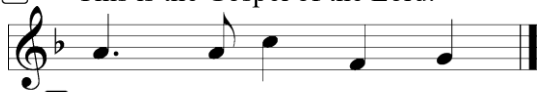

[5]While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, [6]"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." [7]And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" [8]And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. [9]And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

[10]Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [11]There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. [12]But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. [13]This will be your opportunity to bear witness. [14]Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, [15]for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. [16]You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. [17]You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. [18]But not a hair of your head will perish. [19]By your endurance you will gain your lives.

[20]“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. [21]Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, [22]for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. [23]Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. [24]They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

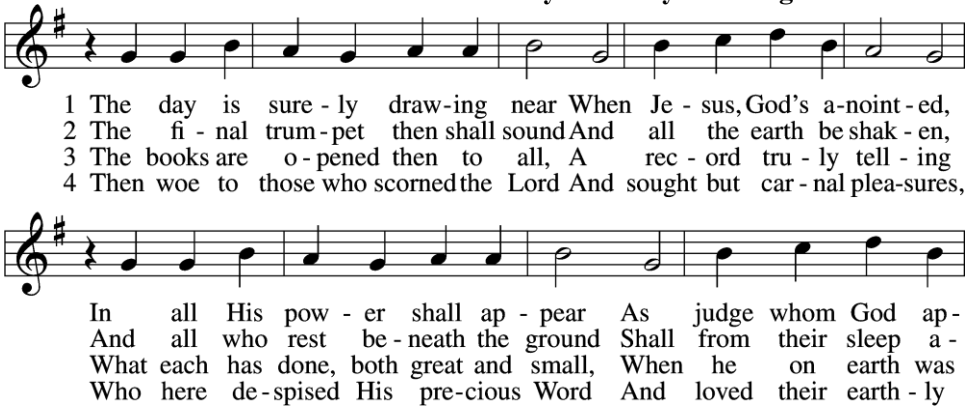
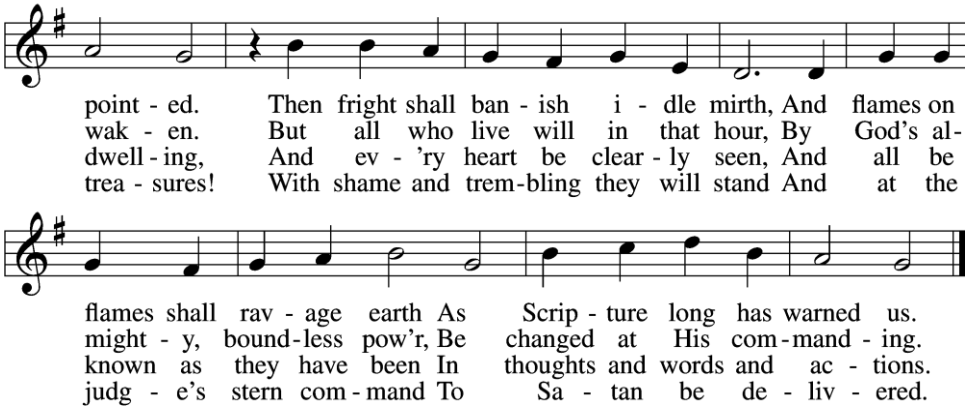
[25]“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, [26]people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28]Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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



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

**HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 508 – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**



5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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**SERMON – *The Day is Surly Drawing Near* – Luke 21:5-28**

**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.**

**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.**

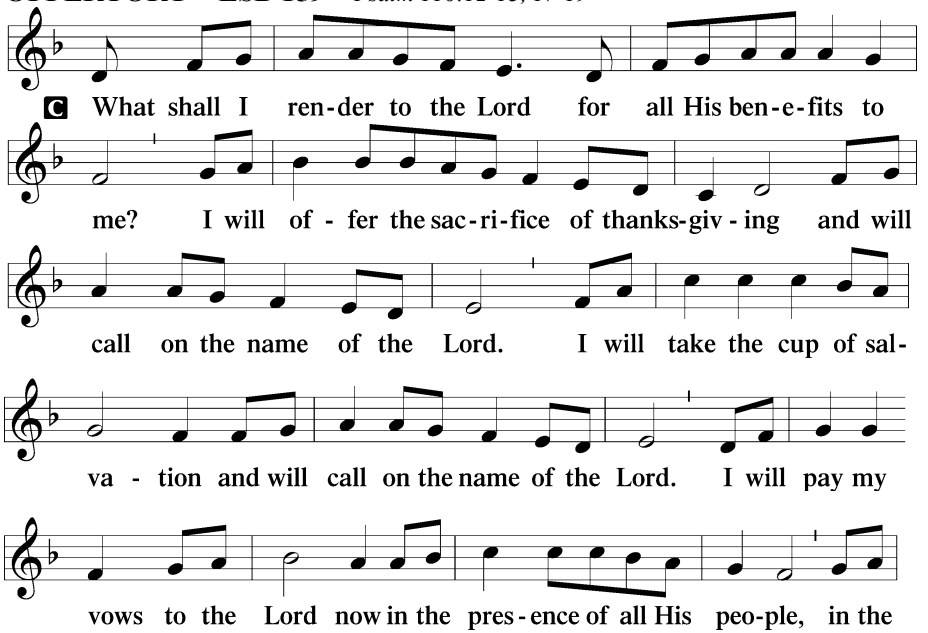
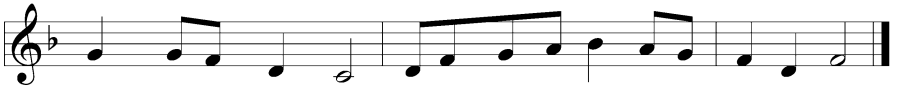
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

P …be glory now and forevermore. **C Amen.**

**OFFERING –** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (arr. Ralph C. Schultz)

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

**10:30 am & 5:00 pm** – Continue with the **Lord's Prayer** *(page 13)* and conclude with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** *(page 16)*.

## ✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

**beginning at LSB 160**

**PREFACE**

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

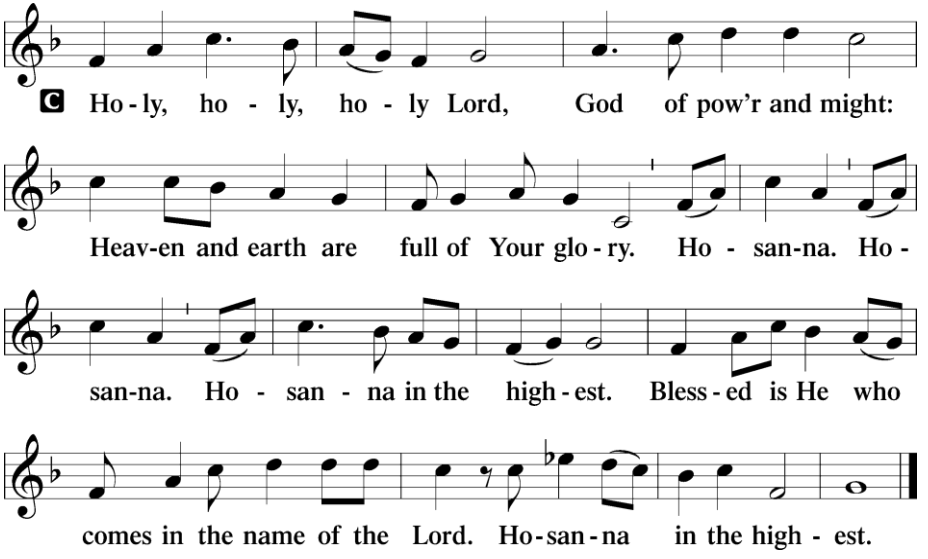
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**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**

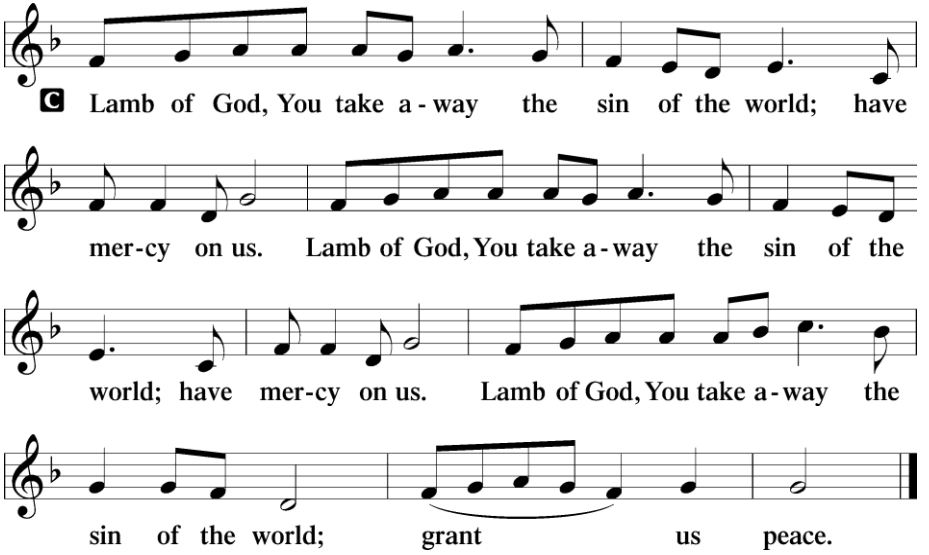
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**
**give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us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

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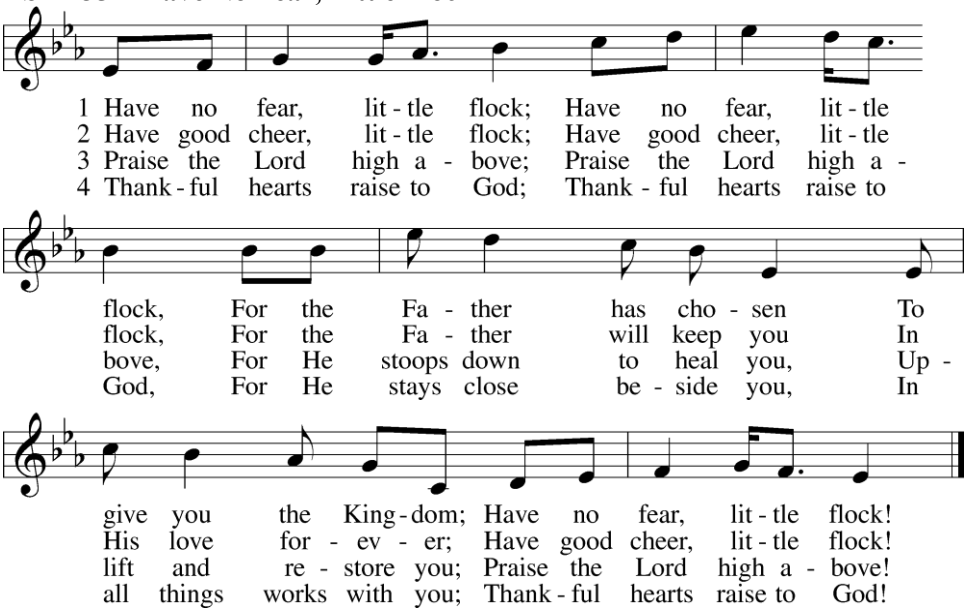
**Anthem –** *Creator of the Stars of Night* (arr. Jacob B. Weber)
Text at LSB 351

**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 735 – Have No Fear, Little Flock**

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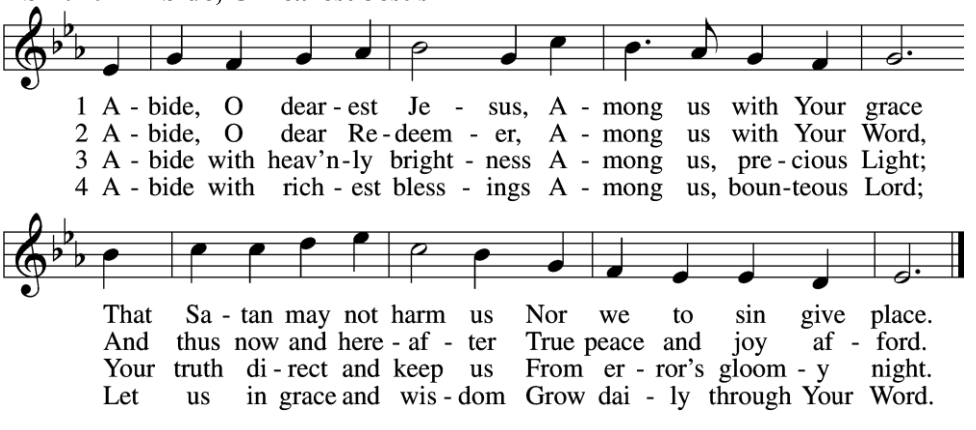
**LSB 919 – Abide, O Dearest Jesus**




5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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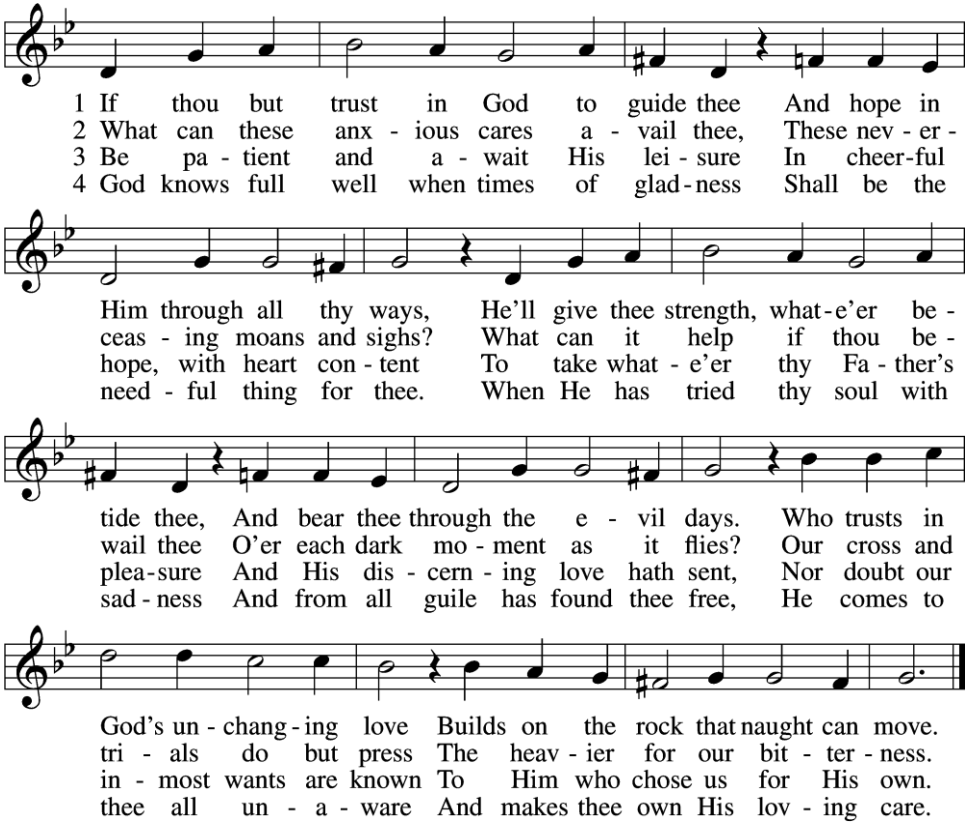
**LSB 750 – If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**




5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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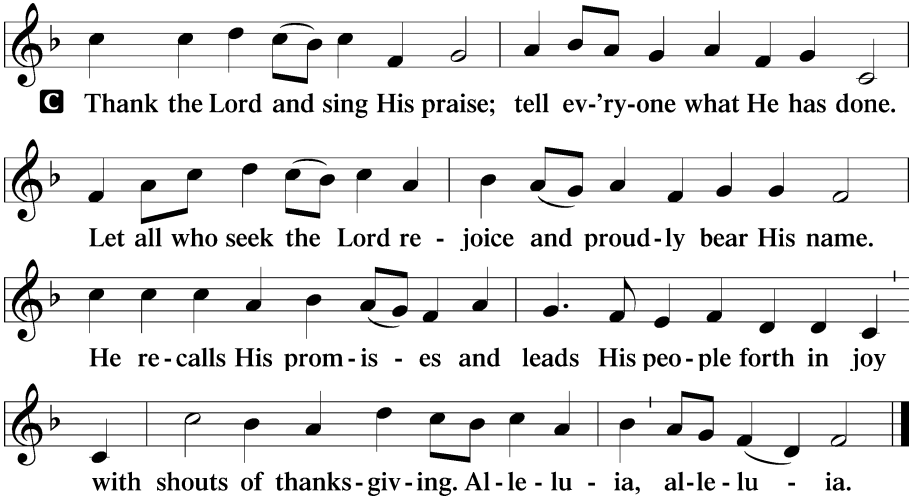
**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord**




**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

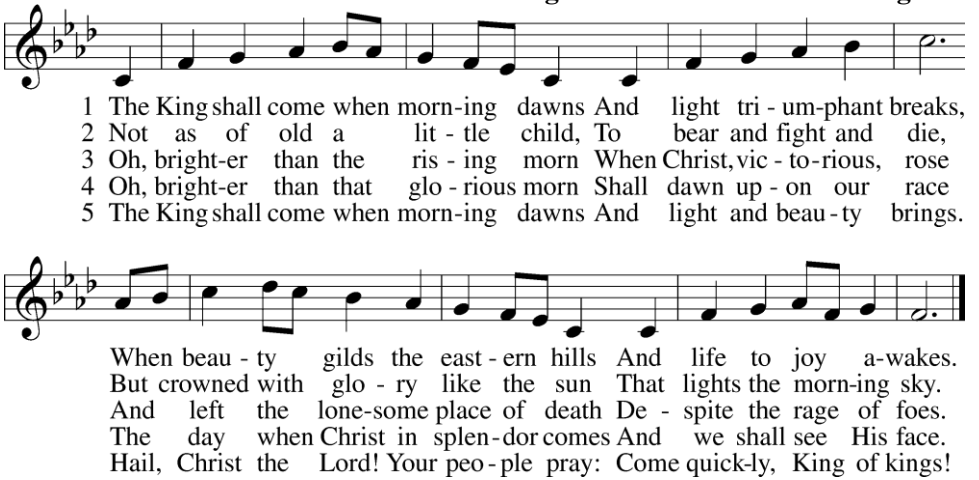
**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**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 348 – The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

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**SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (arr. Ralph C. Schultz)

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**TODAY: SUNDAY, November 16**
4:00pm **Service of Reconciliation**
5:00pm **Worship**

*ALSO:*

- **Thanksgiving Meal Drive ends.** See the poster in the narthex for remaining needs.
- **Subscriptions DUE for *The Lutheran Witness*** To either RENEW or add a NEW subscription for 2026 please sign up on the podium or contact the church office with the name/s and address to use. Payment of $24 may be made before Thanksgiving.

**TUESDAY, November 18**
9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C)

**WEDNESDAY, November 19**
10:00am **Fall Midweek Bible study concludes – 2 *Peter***
7:00pm **Senior Choir**

**THURSDAY, November 20**
11:30am **JOY Group** carpool to Bedford (Golden Corral & Christmas Store)

**SUNDAY, November 23**
9:15am **Advent Fair** (gym)
11:30am **Voters' Meeting** (sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY, November 26**

**Angel Tree through December 7**
To share the joy of Christmas by providing gifts for local families who need assistance *choose a tag* from the narthex, *shop* for the gifts listed, and then *return* the items (unwrapped) back to the tree in the narthex. Visit FaithBtown.org for more information, or contact Janet Hitzeman with questions.

**TUESDAYS: December 2, 9, 16, 23**

**Salvation Army Bell-ringing**
Faith will once again ring for Salvation Army at *Kroger East* each Tuesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Visit faithbtown.org – or contact *Janet Hitzeman* - to sign up for a 2-hour shift.

**WEDNESDAYS: December 3, 10, 17**
12:00pm **Worship**
12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal**
6:45pm **Carols**
7:00pm **Advent Worship**

**SUNDAY, December 7**
4:00pm **Lessons and Carols** led by Faith/ULu choirs (at University Lutheran)

**SUNDAY, December 21**
10:30am **Lessons and Carols** led by our Sunday School children and FLY

Our **full calendar** is available HERE or via faithbtown.org.

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