FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Five – LSB 213

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

God calls His people to lives that include showing respect for the authorities placed over us. At the time Paul wrote to his coworker Timothy, "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:1–2), the Roman world had been ruled by a series of tyrannical and cruel emperors for decades. When Jesus spoke of the duty of people to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21), the Roman emperor was Tiberius Caesar, portrayed by noted historians of his time, Tacitus and Suetonius, as a mean-spirited tyrant and a man ever ready to spill blood.

Sometimes, in His providence, God shows His dominion in ways not readily understood and chooses to work through untoward and unlikeable people. He may even use non-Christian leaders and unchristian nations to further His gracious plans. In living as faithful citizens, we are called to carry out the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, including paying taxes. At the same time, we are to demonstrate our highest allegiance to God by being people of faith who evidence our eternal hope in Christ in all situations and who offer prayers for those who rule over us.

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✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good* (arr. Elizabeth J. Grimpo)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 819 – Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5



Leader: The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
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 **He will not let your | foot be moved;***
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Leader: Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
C **The LORD will keep you from all | evil;***
he will | keep your life.



Leader: The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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

KYRIE – Kyrie, God Father – LSB 942 – the congregation sings all





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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – All Glory Be to God on High – LSB 947



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 – Isaiah 45:1-7

[1]Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
[2]"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
[3]I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
[4]For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
[5]I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
[6]that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
[7]I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the Lord, who does all these things."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

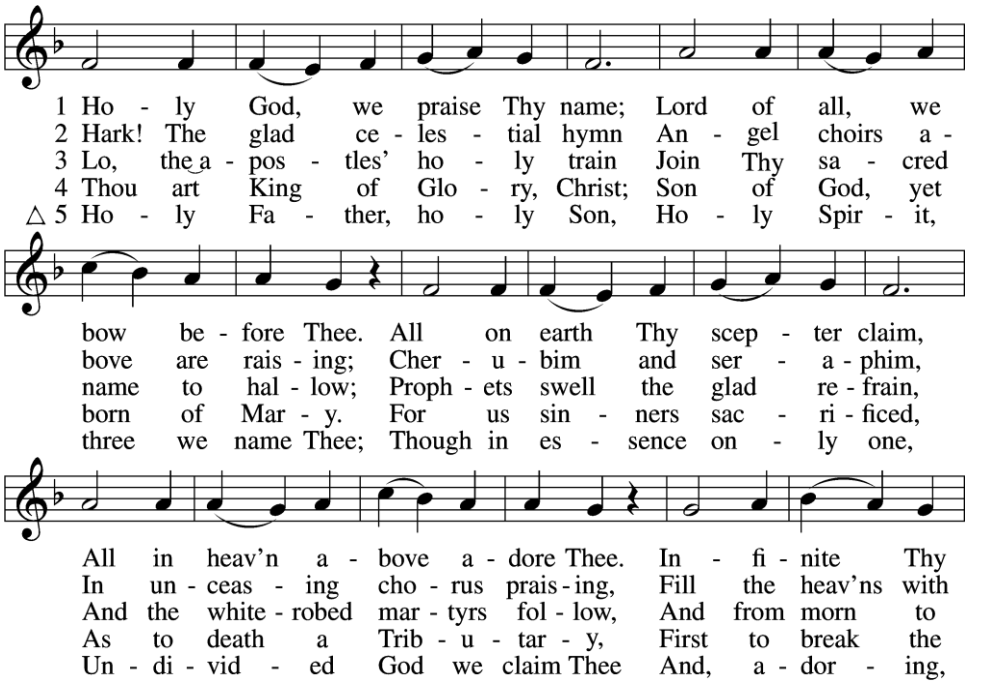


EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1]Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
[2]We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, [3]remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4]For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, [5]because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. [6]And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, [7]so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8]For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. [9]For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10]and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 940 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name





vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[15]Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. [16]And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. [17]Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" [18]But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? [19]Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20]And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" [21]They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22]When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

SERMON – *An Unlikely Christ* – Isaiah 45

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

OFFERING – *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (arr. Kevin Hildebrand)

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

✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

beginning at LSB 216

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…one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

WORDS OF OUR LORD

SANCTUS – LSB 208



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Distribution Notes:

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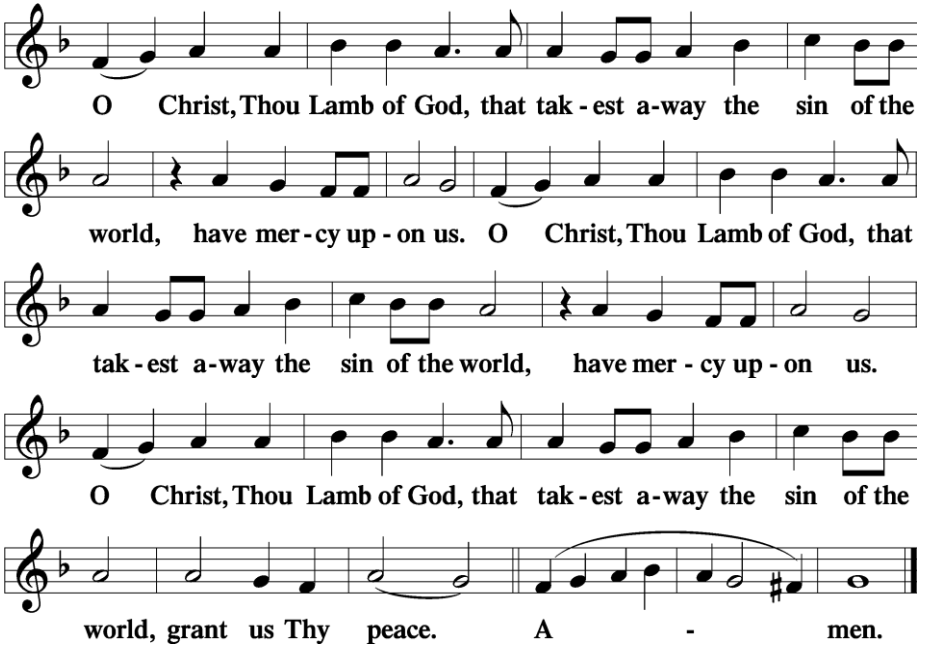
Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine***,** is available in the center of the tray.

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 198 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* (arr. Carl Schalk)

LSB 775 – Be Present at Our Table, Lord



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Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him;
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal. Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him, Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.

Ah, how hungers all my spirit for the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,Thought upon this food with longing.
In the battle well nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted, for the Friend who here invites us and to God Himself unites us.

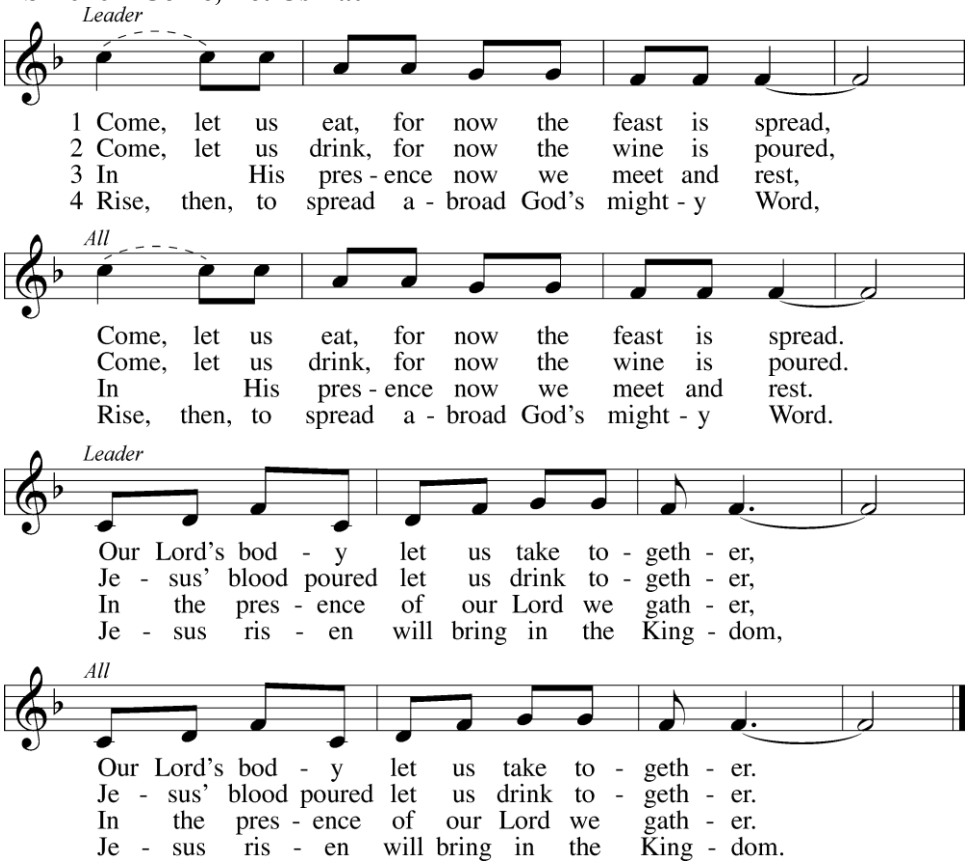
LSB 782 – Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



A △ has been placed before hymn stanzas that are doxological, that is, stanzas that contain words of praise or prayer addressed to the triune God. **It is our custom to stand for doxological stanzas.**

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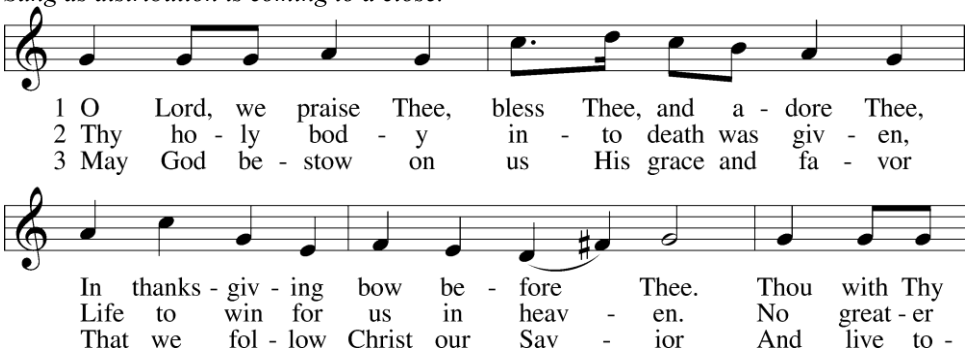
LSB 626 – Come, Let Us Eat

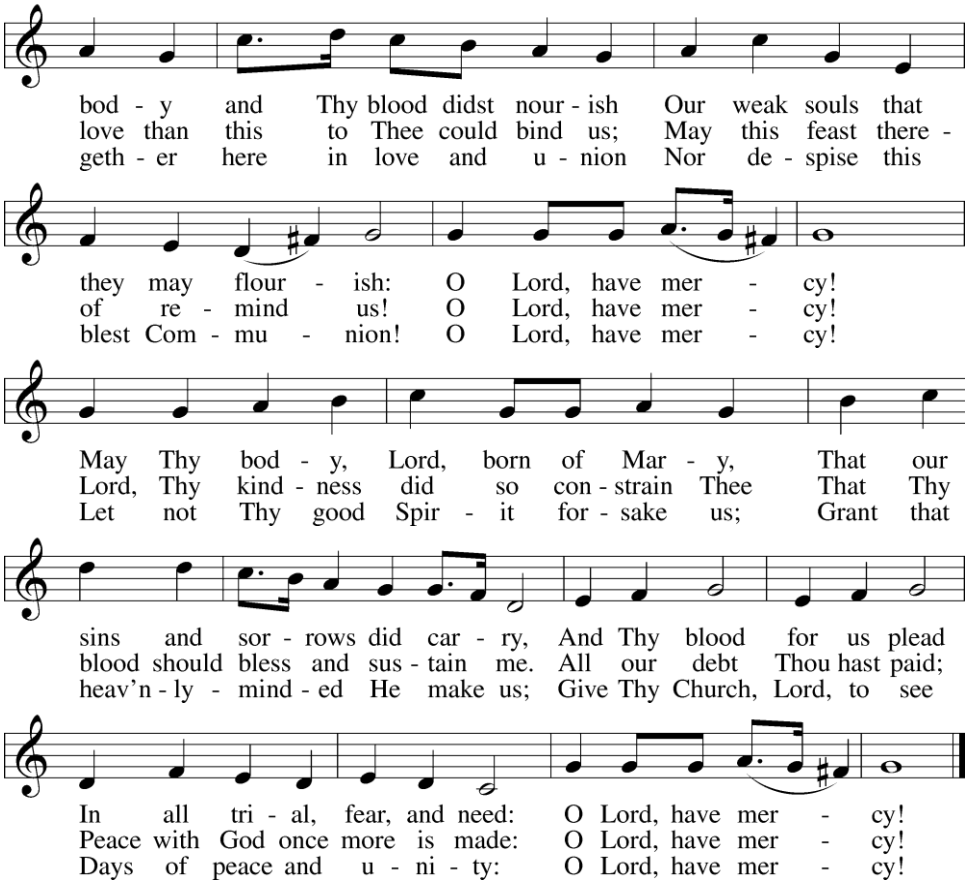


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POST-COMMUNION HYMN – LSB 617 – O Lord, We Praise Thee

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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 850 – God of Grace and God of Glory



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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *God of Grace and God of Glory* (arr. Theodore Beck)

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in recognition and thanksgiving for all of our **Sunday School teachers**, serving both now and in the past.

Many thanks for all of the notes, cards and prayers during Pat's recent illness. We appreciate you all.

Bill & Pat Ballew

MONDAY, October 19 *Indiana District Pastors Conference*
5:45pm **Children's Ministry Team**
6:30pm **Elders**

TUESDAY, October 20 *Indiana District Pastors Conference*
5:15pm **First Steps in Music**
8:25pm **Men's Softball** (Twin Lakes)



WEDNESDAY, October 21
10:00am **Midweek Bible study** (Grand Hall)
12:00pm *Staff meeting*
7:00pm **Senior Choir**
7:00pm ***What Do We Believe?* class** (Zoom)



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