FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

Festival of the Reformation

October 25, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Five – LSB 151

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

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death.

By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

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Today's Liturgy

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone
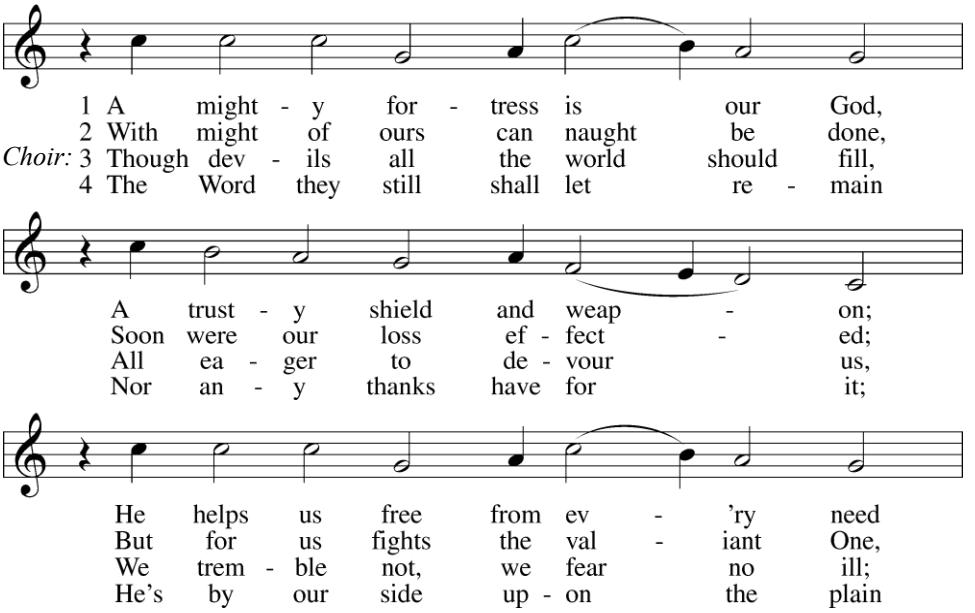
The Lutheran Reformation has sometimes been labeled "the Conservative Reformation" because of its calculated desire to preserve as much of the heritage of the Church as possible without doing harm to the central doctrine of justification by faith alone. This is seen especially in the liturgies produced by the first generation of the Lutheran Reformers, beginning with Martin Luther himself.

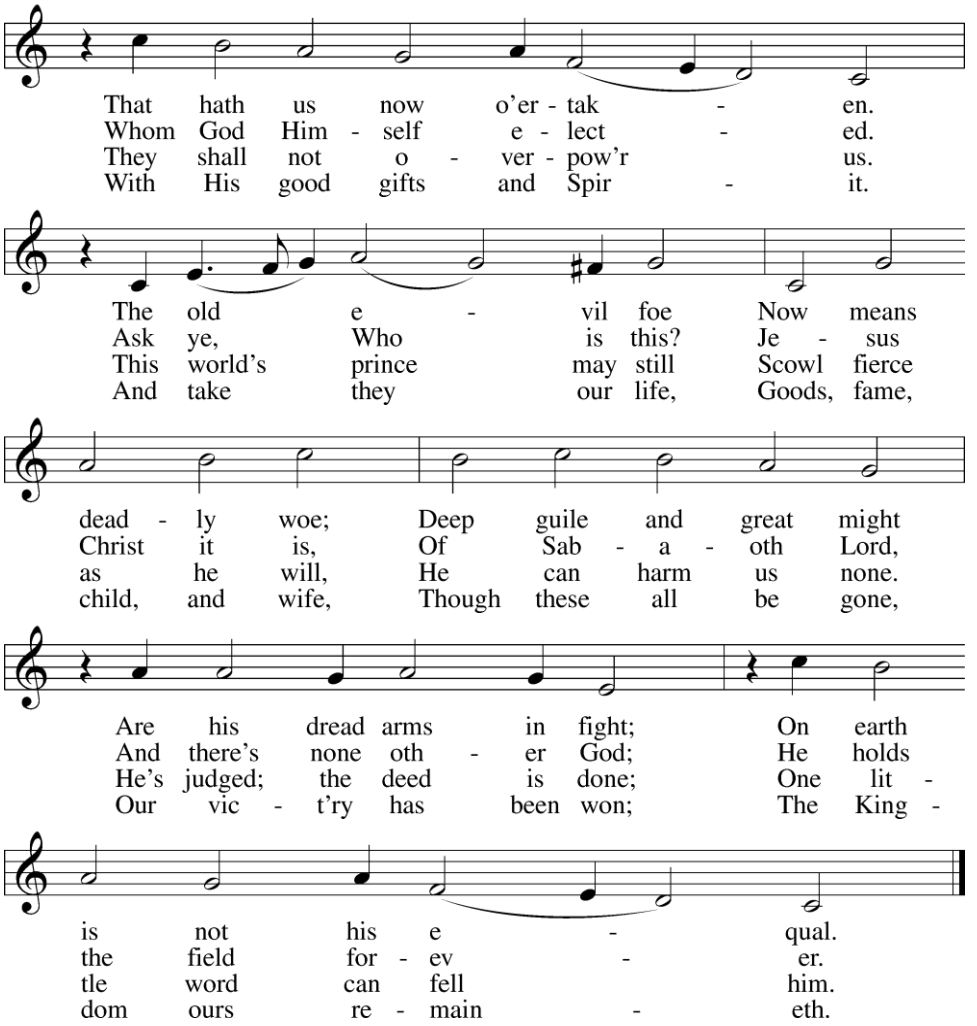
In gratitude for the gift of the Reformation, we celebrate today with festival music and close our season of using Divine Service Setting Five, with additional elements from Luther's *Deutsche Messe*. In doing so we do not seek to pristinely recreate the past. Rather, we recognize our debt to those who have gone before us and acknowledge how the similarities of our orders of service demonstrate our unity in confessing the faith "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

✢ ✢ ✢ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (Dieterich Buxtehude)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Jeffrey Blersch)





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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)

℗ O almighty God, merciful Father,
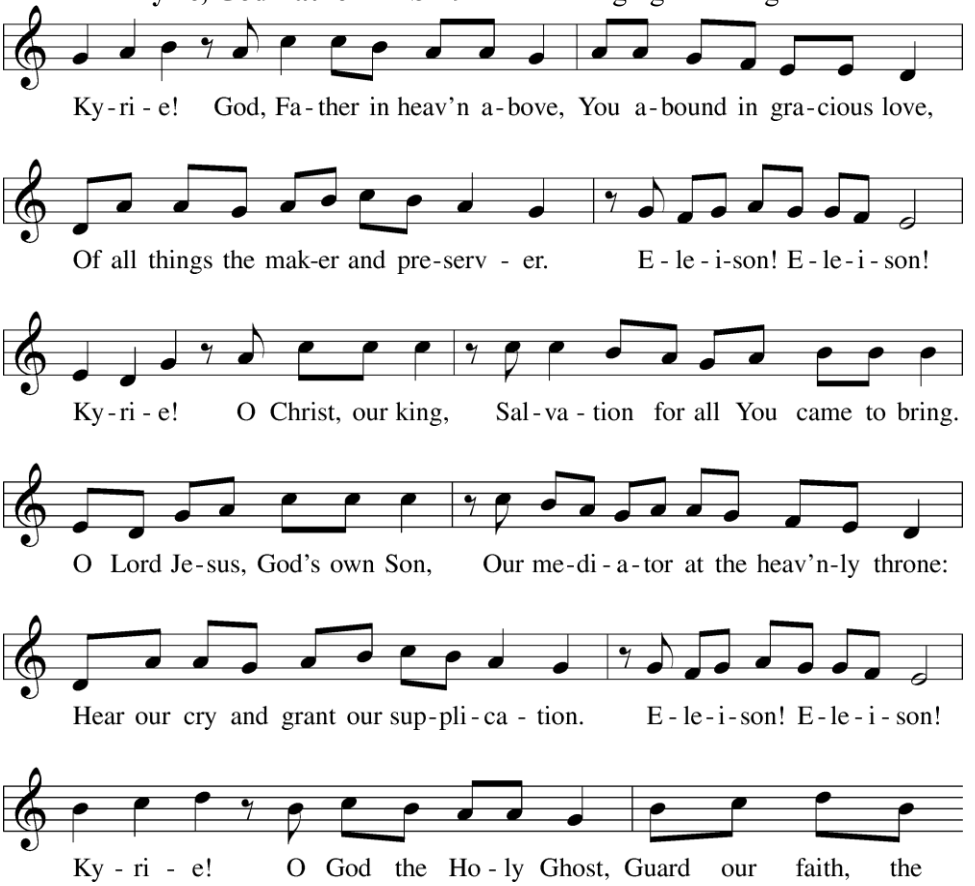
© **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

℗ 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.

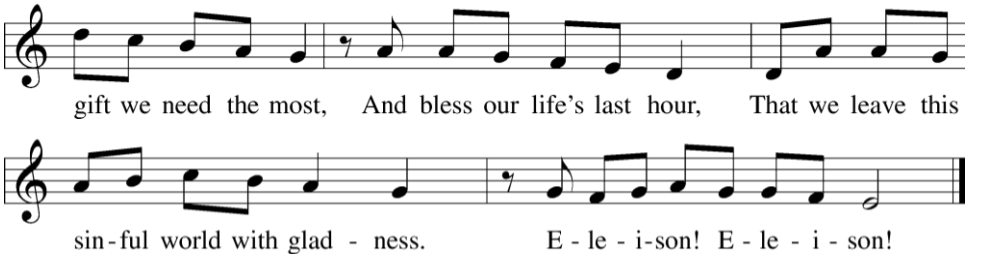
© **Amen**.

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

KYRIE – **Kyrie, God Father – LSB 942 –** the congregation sings all (arr. Jonathan Kohrs)
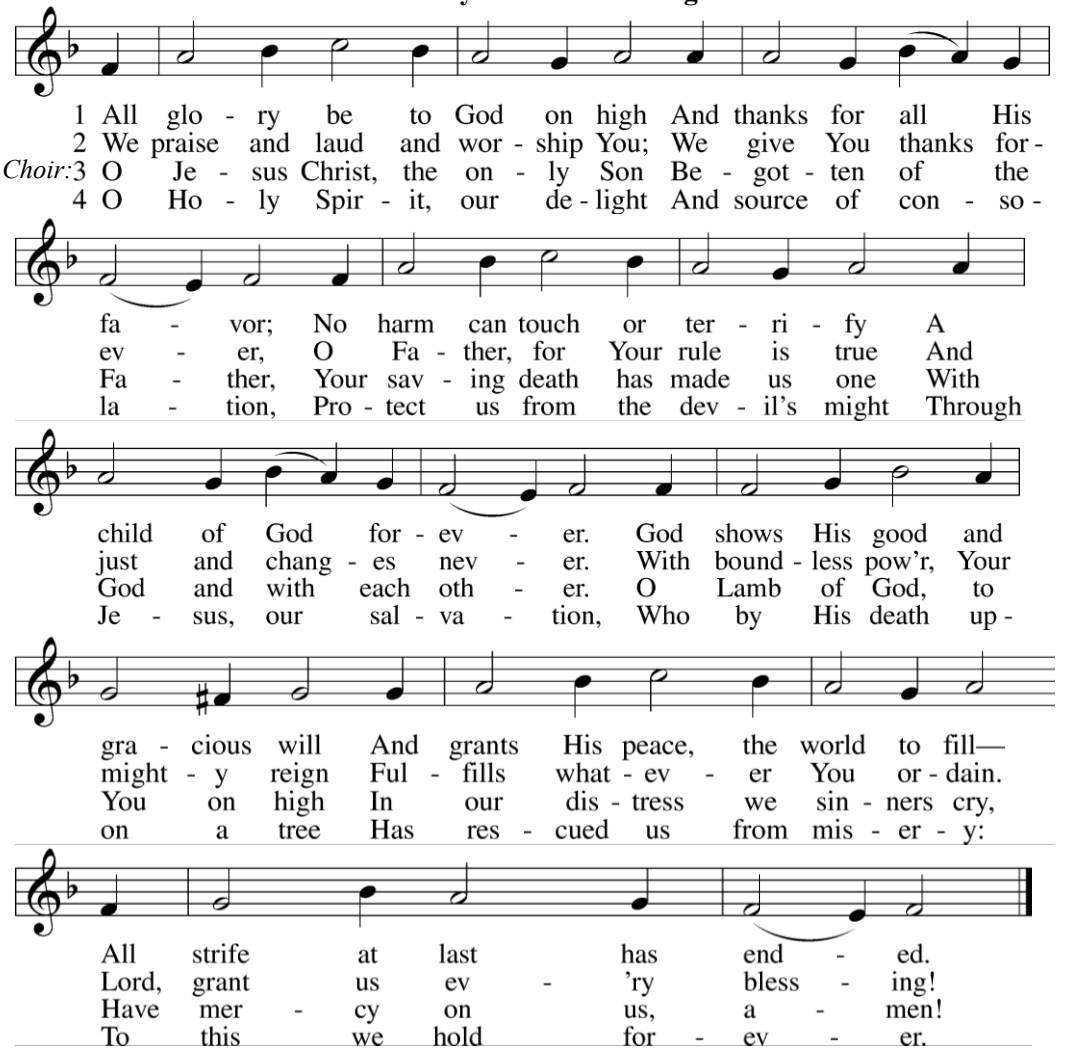


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After the <u>interlude</u>, please join in singing with the choir:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – All Glory Be to God on High – LSB 947 (arr. Kohrs)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
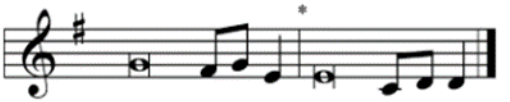
P … one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Revelation 14:6-7 – The eternal Gospel for all nations

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who
dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear
God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made
heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

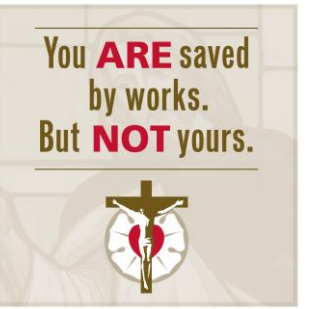
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a



Choir: Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

C **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,***
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

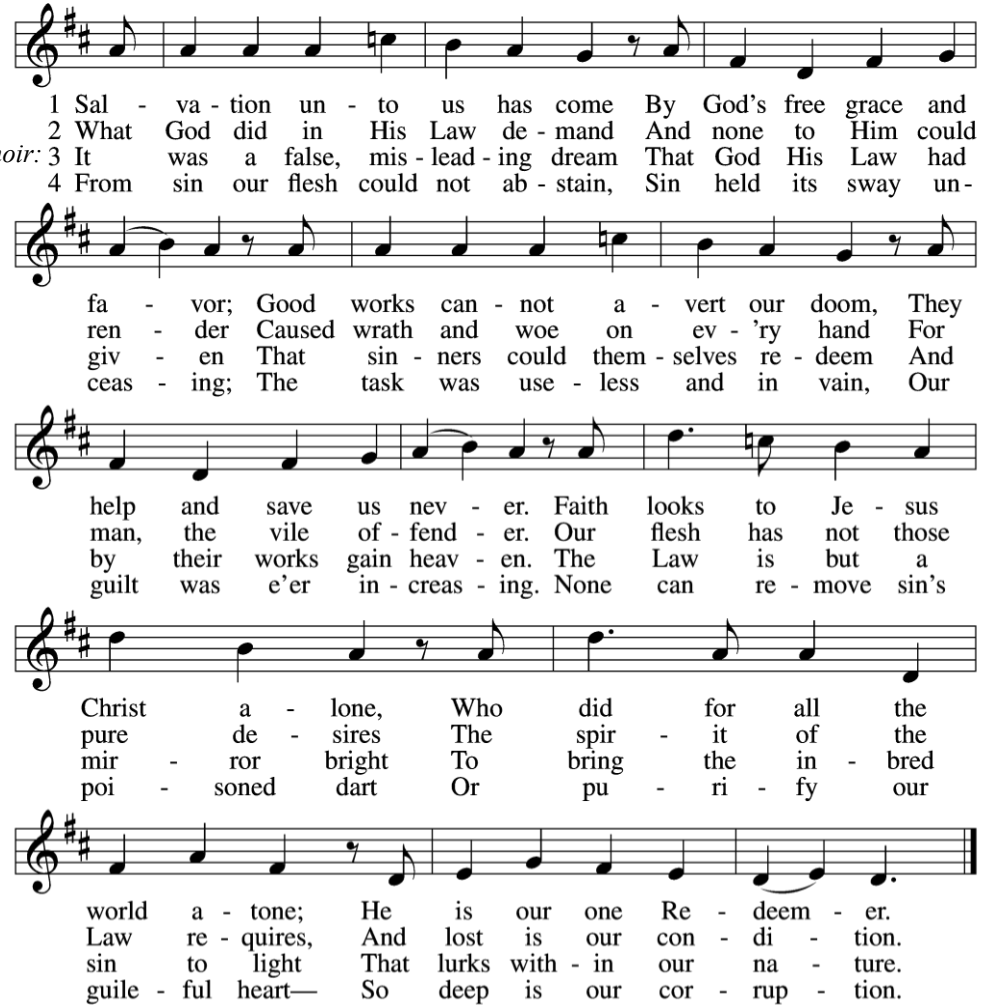


EPISTLE – Romans 3:19-28 – God justifies us through faith in Christ alone.

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human
being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes
knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the
Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward
as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in
his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present
time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No,
but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 555 – Salvation Unto Us Has Come (arr. Braun & Kosche)



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.**

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Choir: 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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HOLY GOSPEL – **Matthew 11:12–19**– "Wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

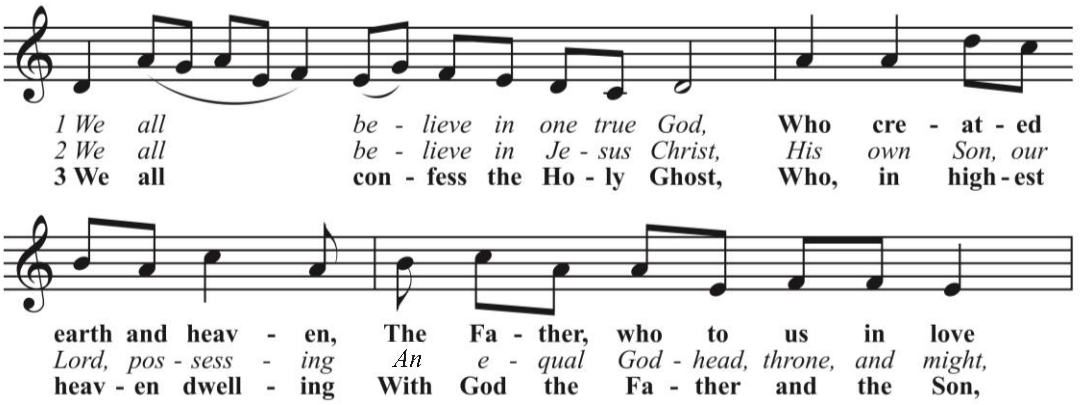
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
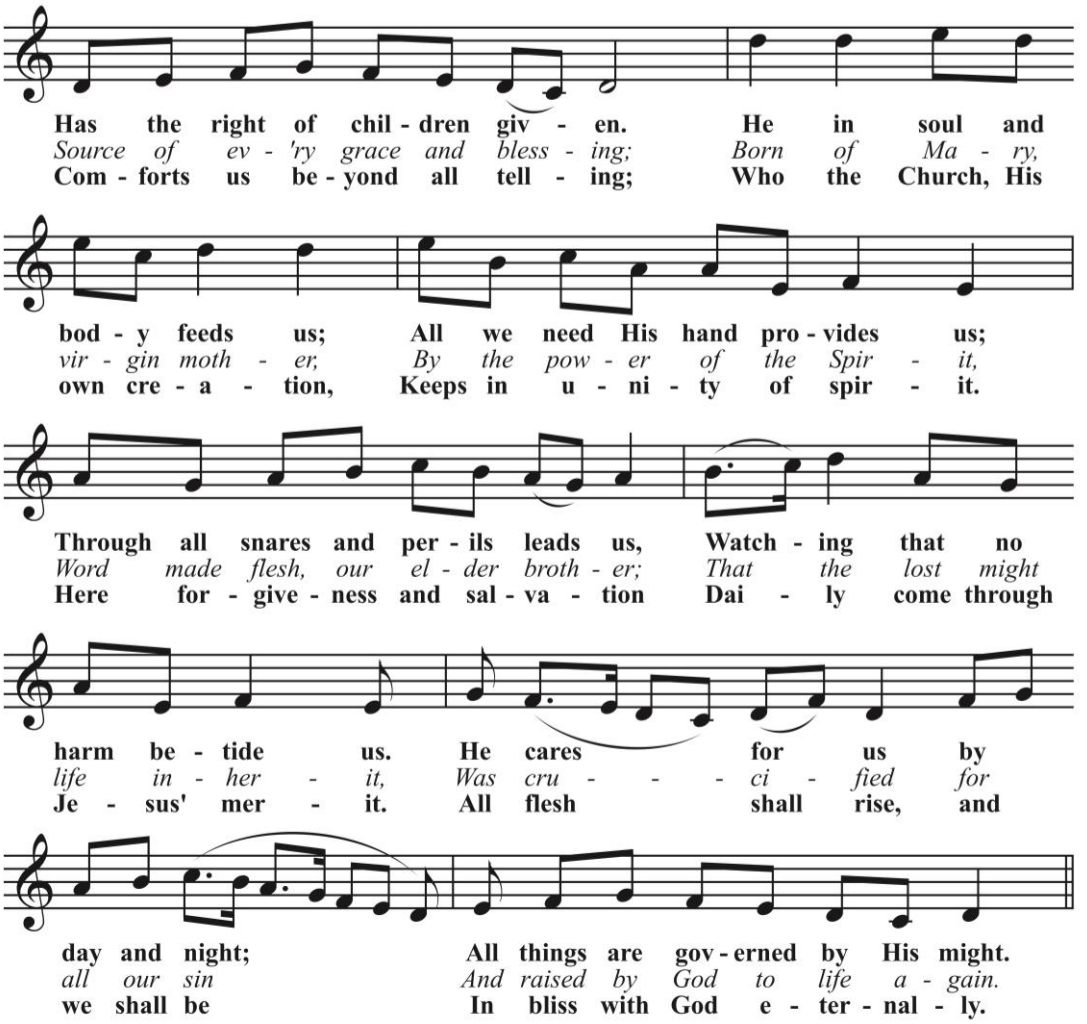
12[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered
violence, and the violent take it by force. 13For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14and
if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
16"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and
calling to their playmates,
17"'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'
18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19The Son of Man came
eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and
sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

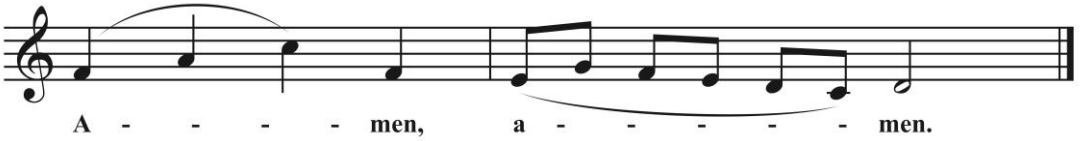
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED – We All Believe in One True God – **LSB 954** – congregation sings portions in **bold** type





After last verse:



SERMON – *Justified* – Matthew 11:12-19

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

OFFERING – *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* (Johann Pachelbel)

✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

LUTHER'S PARAPHRASE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Friends in Christ: Since we are here assembled in the Name of the Lord to receive His Holy Testament, I admonish you first of all to lift up your hearts to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and graciously promised to hear us.

P Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
C **That God, our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us,
His needy children on earth, and grant us grace so that His holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives; that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby His precious name is being blasphemed and profaned.**

P Thy kingdom come;
C **That His Kingdom may come to us and expand; that all transgressors and they who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son by faith, and
that the number of Christians may be increased.**

P Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
C **That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do and to suffer His will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills.**

P Give us this day our daily bread;
C **That He would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that He will provide for all our needs.**

P And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
C **That He would forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.**

P And lead us not into temptation;

C **That He would not lead us into temptation but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.**

P But deliver us from evil;

C **And lastly, that He would deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, now and forever.**

P All those who earnestly desire these things will say from their very hearts: Amen, trusting without any doubt that it is Yea and answered in heaven as Christ has promised: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive it, and you will.

C **Amen.**

P Secondly, I admonish you in Christ that you discern the Testament of Christ in true faith and, above all, take to heart the words wherein Christ imparts to us His body and His blood for the remission of our sins. That you remember and give thanks for His boundless love which He proved to us when He redeemed us from God's wrath, sin, death, and hell by His own blood. And that in this faith you externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and His blood, as the pledge and guarantee of this. In His name therefore, and according to the command that He gave, let us use and receive the Testament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:20-29, Mark 15:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My ✢ blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.



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.

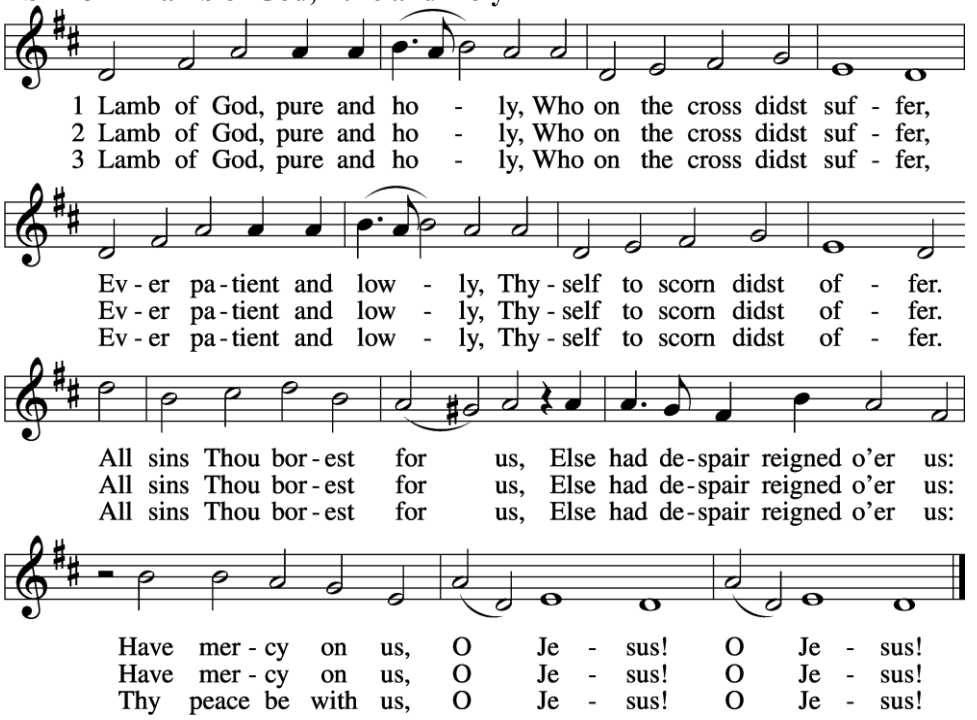
SANCTUS – LSB 960 – "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" *(based on Isaiah 6)* **(**Martin Luther)

Choir: Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

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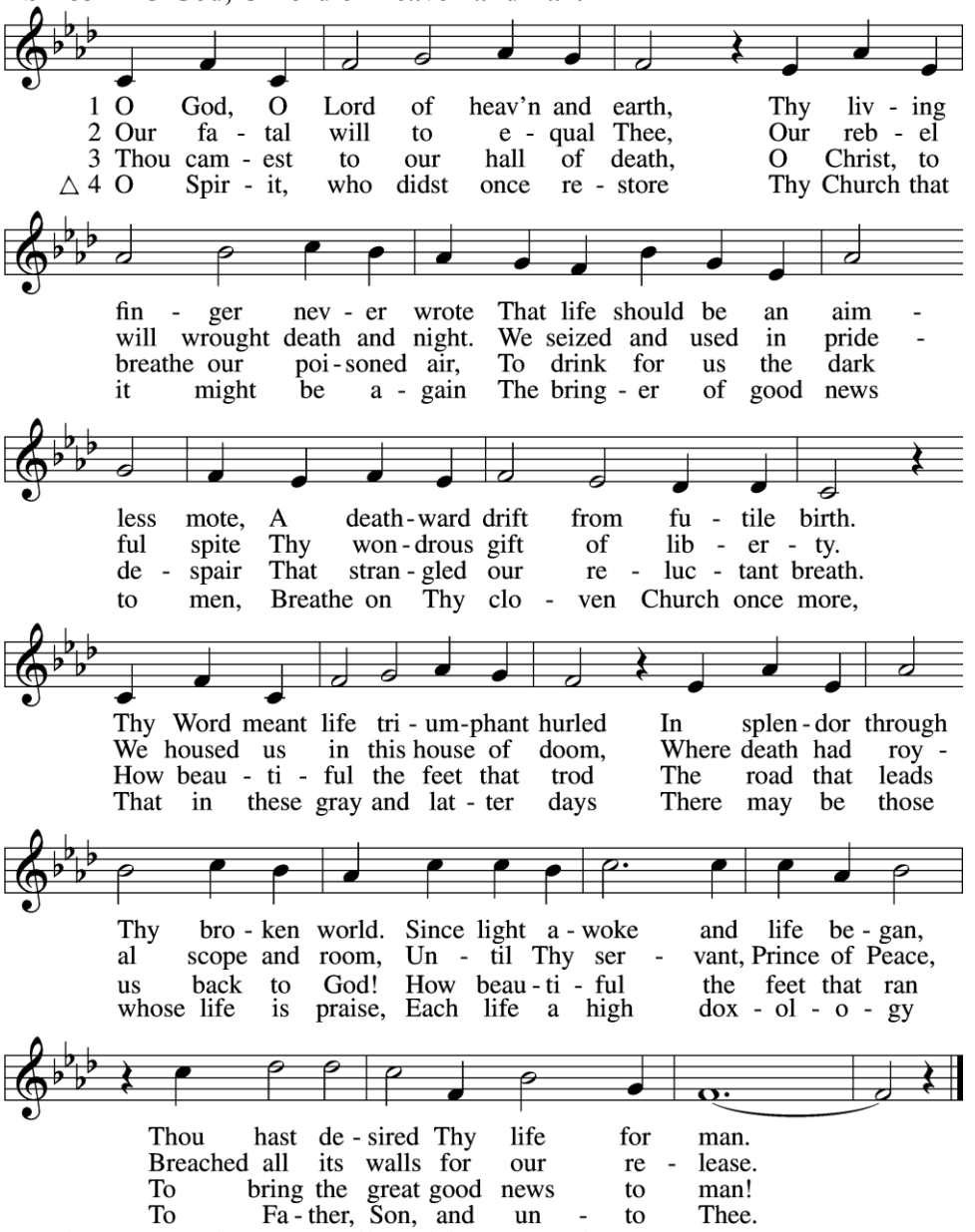


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If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.
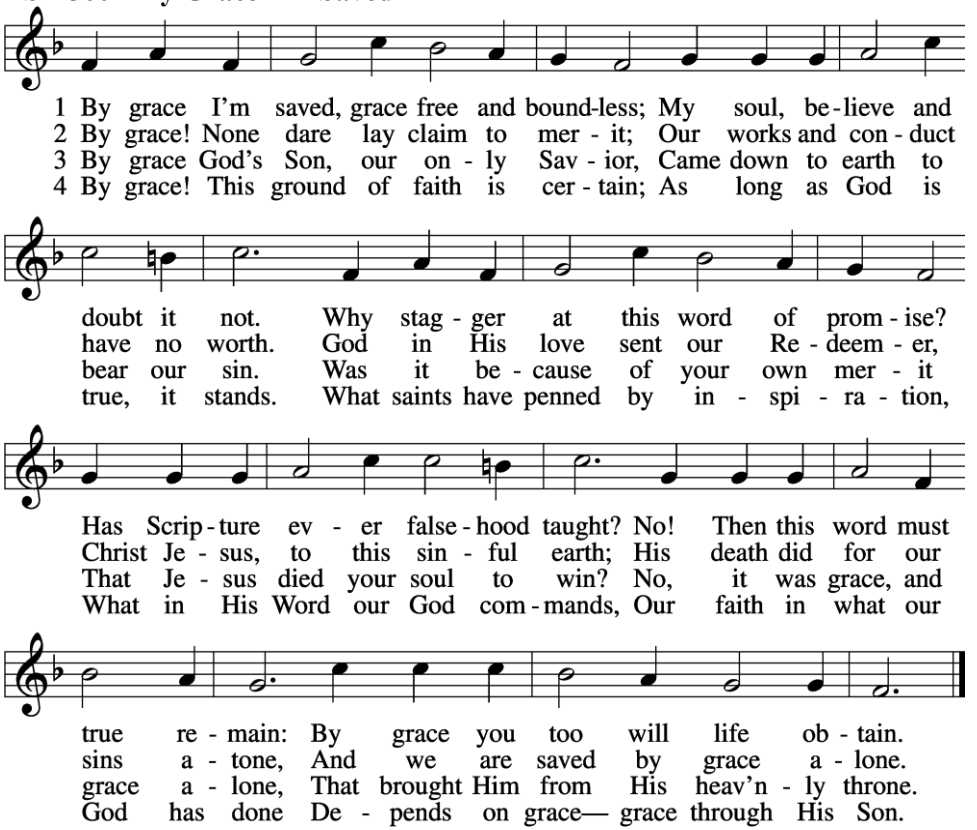
Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine***,** is available in the center of the tray.

LSB 834 – O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



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LSB 566 – By Grace I'm Saved
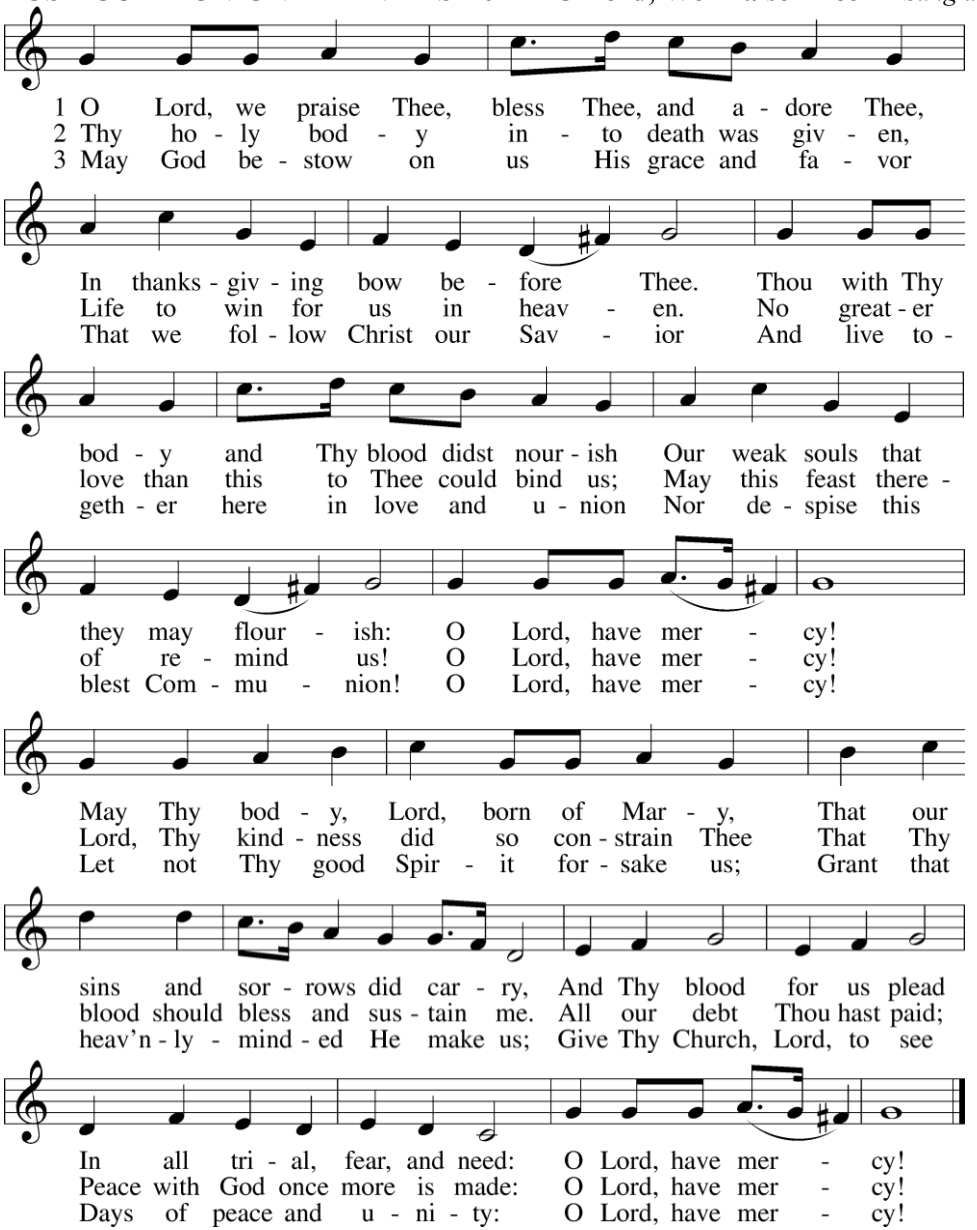


5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN – LSB 617 – O Lord, We Praise Thee *Sung as distribution is ending.*



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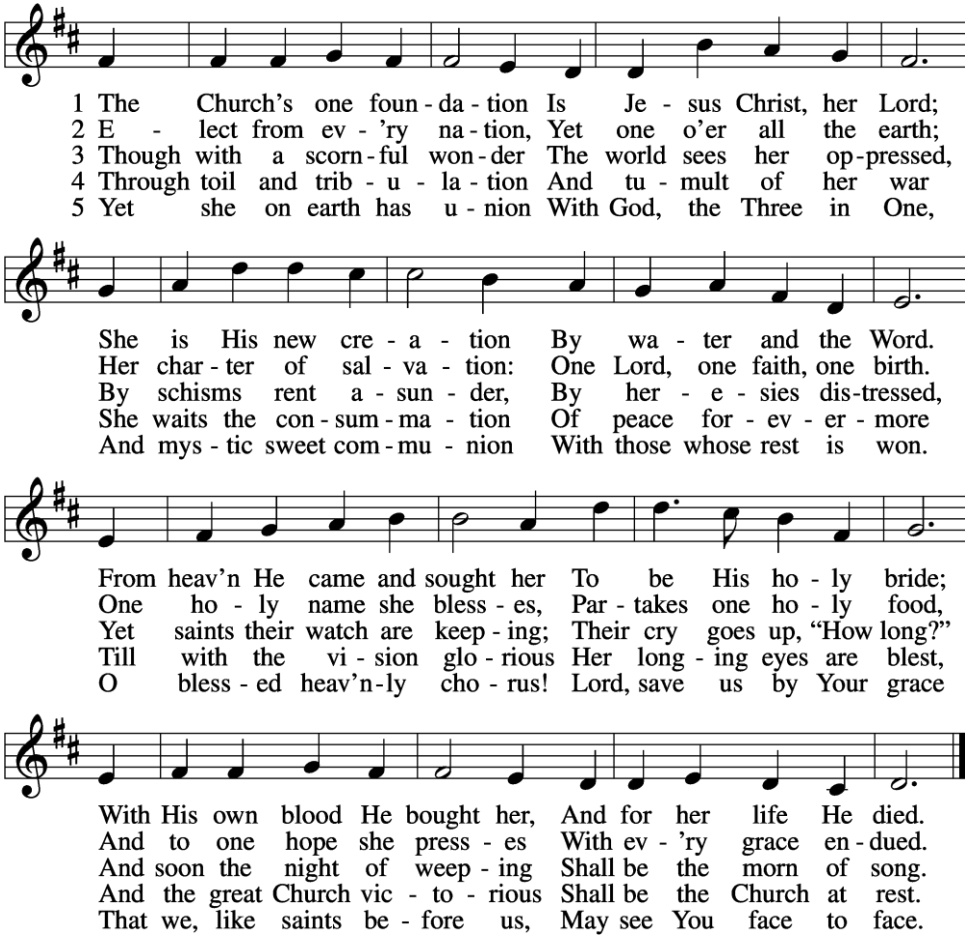
P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us with this Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** **Amen**.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace. ℂ **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 644 – The Church's One Foundation (arr. Jeremy Bankson)



POSTLUDE – *Praeludium in G Minor* (Dieterich Buxtehude)

Thank you to the Senior Choir and our festival instrumentalists this morning:

Thomas Cavender, Jasmine Dickson, Joshua Grimes,
Noah Grimes, Evan Huang, and Brian McDonie





Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of **Kayla & Chastin Baker** (9 years on October 21) and **Deb & Doug Hackman** (36 years on October 27).

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TODAY

9:15 am **Sunday School ✢ Confirmation ✢ Youth ✢ Bible Study**



Blood Pressure Checks
Stop by the library **after the 10:30am service** TODAY for a complimentary Blood Pressure check, offered by our Health and Human Care Ministry Team.

6:00pm **FLY** Trick-or-Canning + Spooktacular

Tuesday, October 27

9:30am **Chinese Bible study** (Grand Hall)
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (ages 0-5)

Wednesday, October 28

10:00am **Midweek Bible study** (Grand Hall; all welcome)
7:00pm **Senior Choir**
7:00pm ***What Do We Believe?* class** (Zoom)

NEXT Sunday, November 1

- **Daylight Saving Time ENDS** ("fall back")
- **All Saints Day** (the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at all services)

FRIDAY, November 6

4:30-6:00pm **Fall Festival** (ages 6 and under) See Friday@Faith to host a trunk, or for other ways to support or participate.



If you have not already done so, please **return your pledge** to the church **office by the end of the month**. *These pledges play an important role as we set our budget for next year.*

The **Time & Talents** survey is also still available online for you to indicate how and where you would like to serve in the coming year. → →



Membership Coordinator

- Do you have a heart for the people of Faith?
- Are you detail-oriented?
- Do you have a sunny (mostly) disposition?
- Are you proficient with basic office technology?
- Are you looking for part time, flexible and meaningful work?

Come **talk with Pastor or Jen** Edwards to learn more.



WEDNESDAY, November 11

11:15am-12:00pm **Lunch & Learn:** *"It Is a Matter of Life and Death: Living to the Fullest"* (Joy Harter, MS - Mental Health Counselor, Death Doula, Elder Care Consultant - Anchored Passages, LLC)

SATURDAY, November 14

10:00am **Altar Guild Annual Meeting** *(Grand Hall)*

Whether you are a **current or prospective** Altar Guild member, we hope to see you at this one-and-only meeting of the year. **Learn more and consider** serving the Lord and our congregation on the Altar Guild in the coming year, and sign up for your month(s) if you feel called to do so.

- The Altar Guild serves an important role behind the scenes by preparing for communion, changing the worship paraments, keeping the chancel area clean, and more.
- The commitment is minimal during the year, but you do need to reliably fulfill your duties when scheduled (or arrange a trade).
- Members serve in pairs, a month at a time, normally two times per year. New members are paired with a veteran, ensuring that you are well trained.

There's no obligation if you attend. Come and see! If you have any questions, or are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please contact *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328).



Please remember Pantry 279 as you shop, especially over the next month, in preparation for their Thanksgiving distributions. Donations may be taken directly to Pantry 279 or left on the pantry shelves in the narthex (near the Preschool/Sunday School hallway) as usual. Thanksgiving-specific donations are needed **by November 15**.

Visit **https://pantry279.org/thanksgiving** or the bookshelves in the narthex for details.





Tuesdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas



Salvation Army Bell-ringing

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

The signup is coming soon to FaithBtown.org. Contact *Janet Hitzeman* with questions.

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