FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30 am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

It is easy to assume that tomorrow will be little or no different from today. However, the day is coming when life as we know it will end. The final Sundays of the Church Year remind us that our comfortable routines will be interrupted by the God who cares enough to interrupt them. His justice will grab our attention like a lion (Amos 5:19). He will silence all false and empty worship with justice that rolls in like roaring waters (Amos 5:24). Jesus also calls for our attention as we wait for that day: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). As we wait for that day, Paul reminds us that our waiting is filled with hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14). Jesus died and rose again, and that forever changes our waiting.
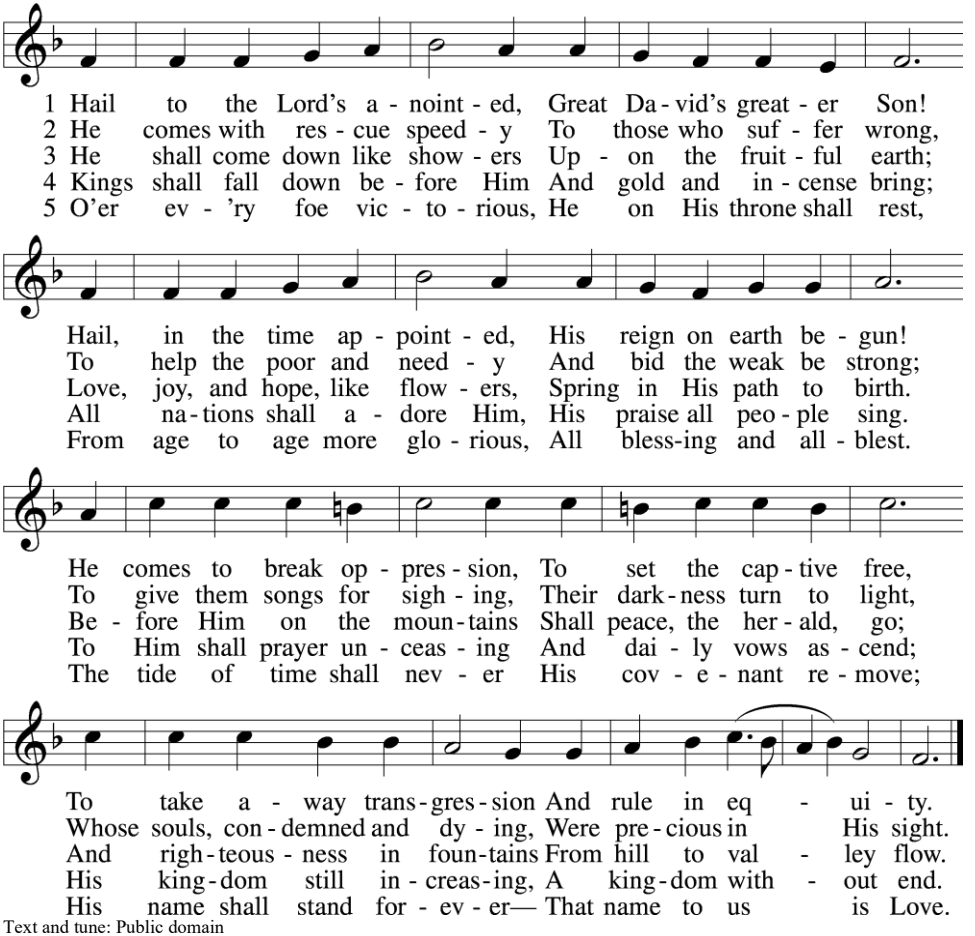
Rev. Eric J. Edwards ✢ ***Rev. Liwei Sui*** ✢ *Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, Director of Parish Music*

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✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (arr. Matthew Machemer)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 398 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed



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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.
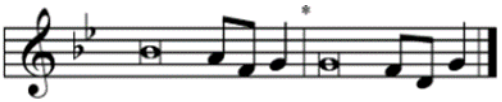
C **Amen**.

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

INTROIT – Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

C **How lovely is your | dwelling place,***
O | LORD of hosts!



Leader: Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.***
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

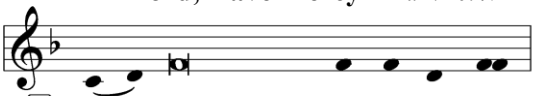
Leader: Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.***
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
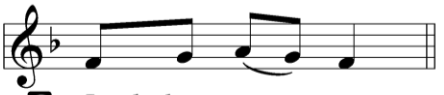
Leader: O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

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.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

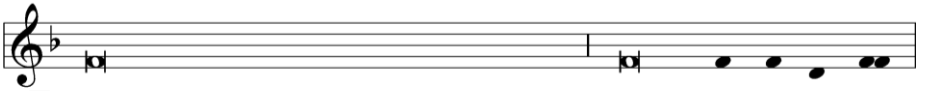
KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*
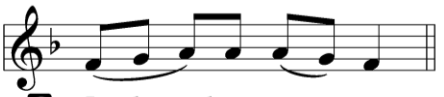


A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
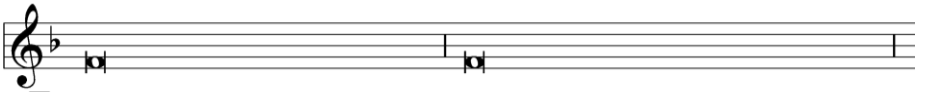


C **Lord, have mer - cy.**
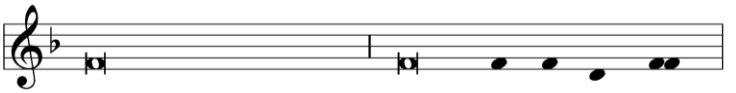


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
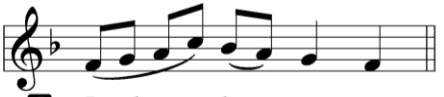


C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



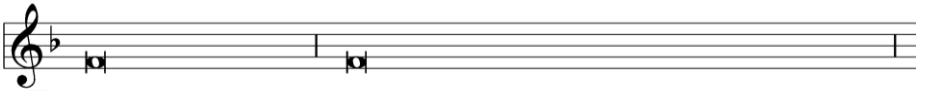
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
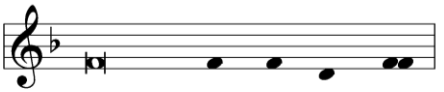


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
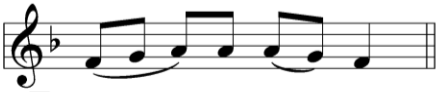


C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



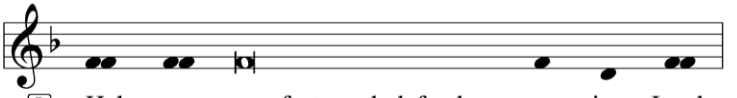
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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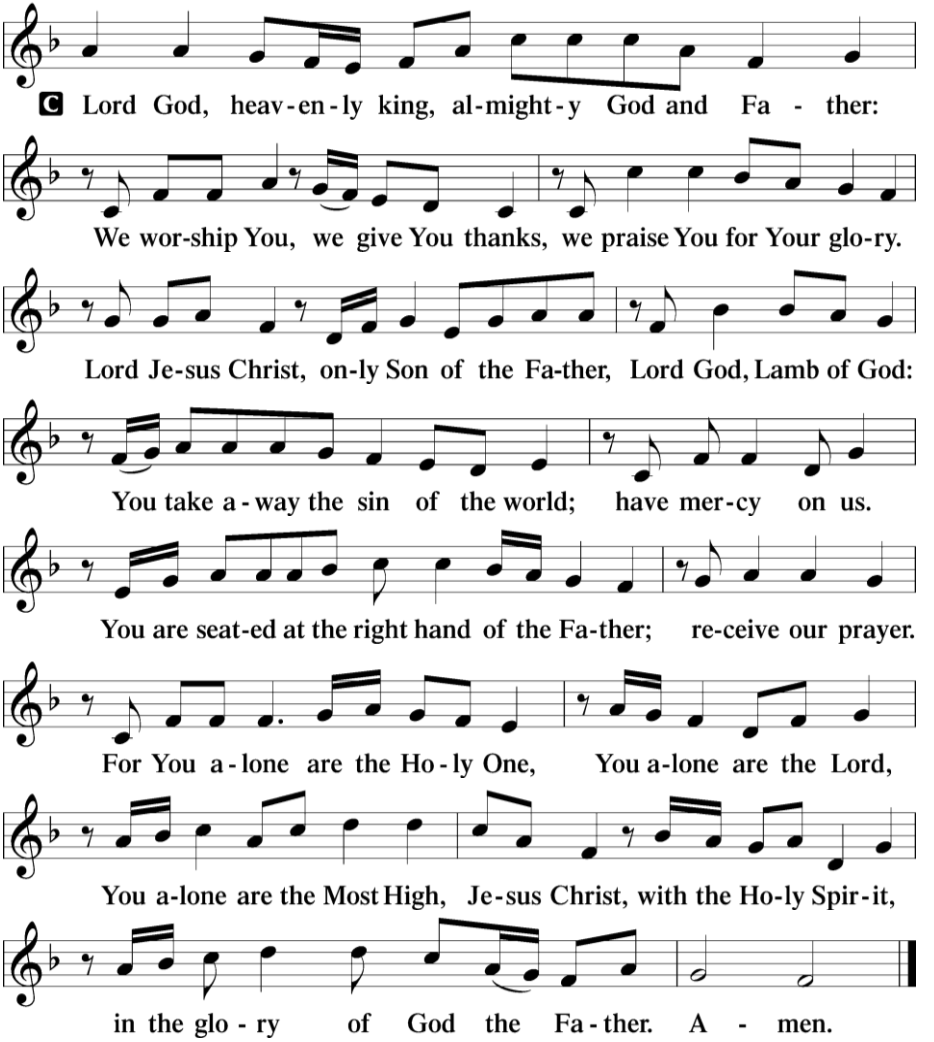


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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.**

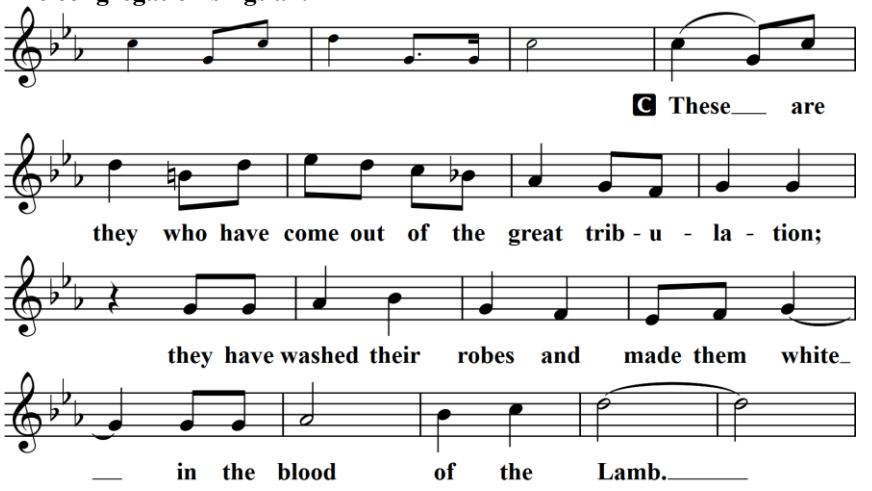
P …one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Amos 5:18-24
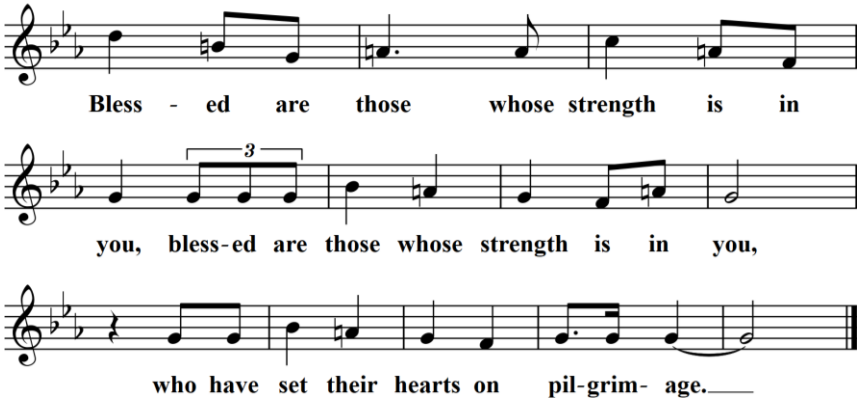
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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.



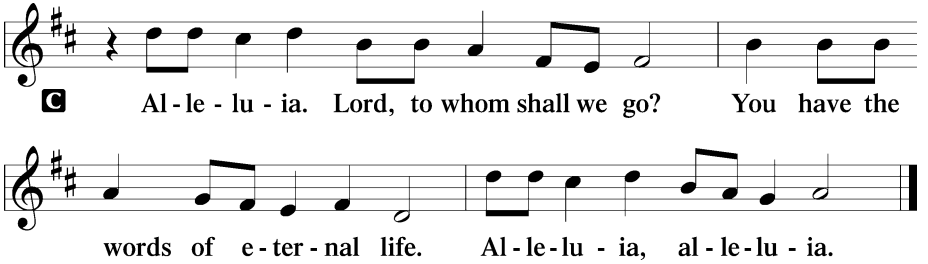
EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen
asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who
are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so
we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

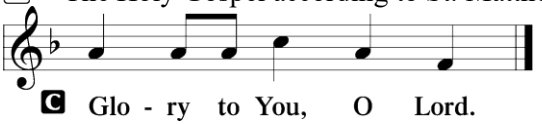
C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



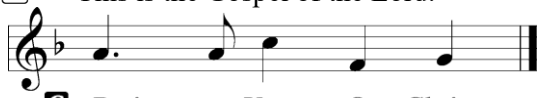
HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9]But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12]But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

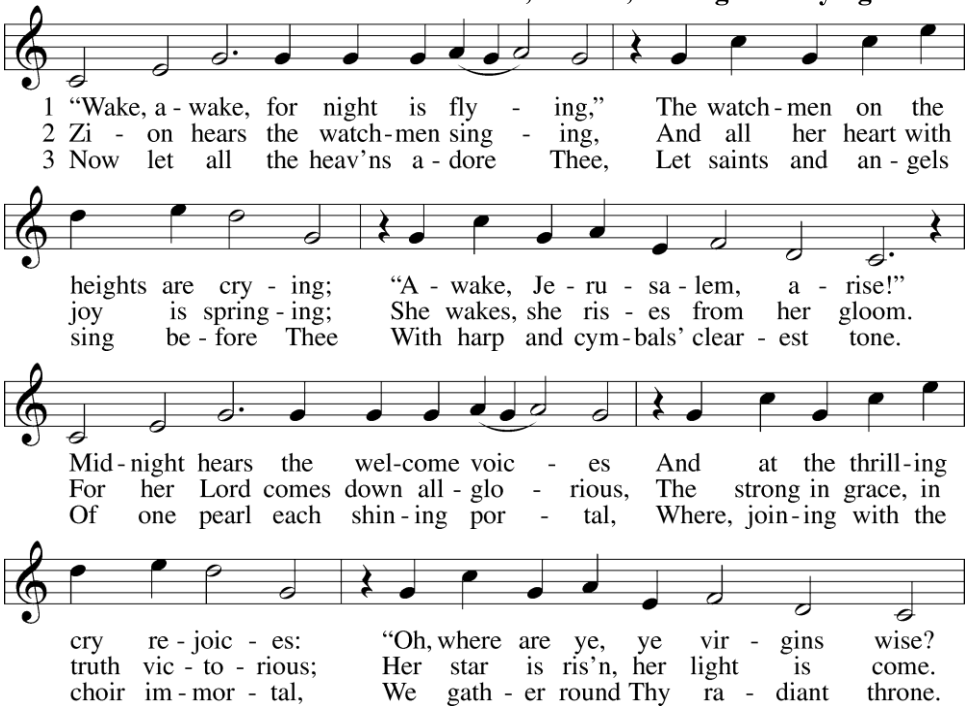
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

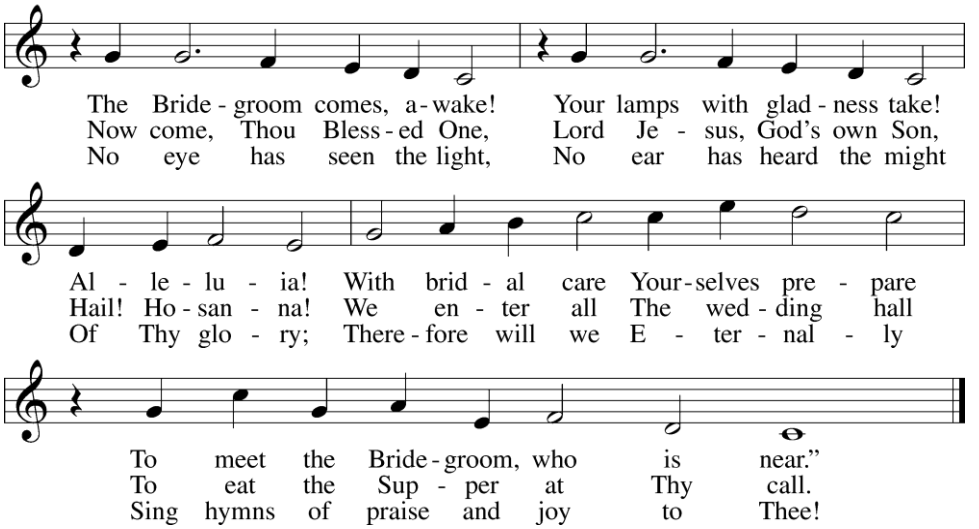


C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

8:00 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 516 – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





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SERMON –*The Day of the Lord* – Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 am – 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.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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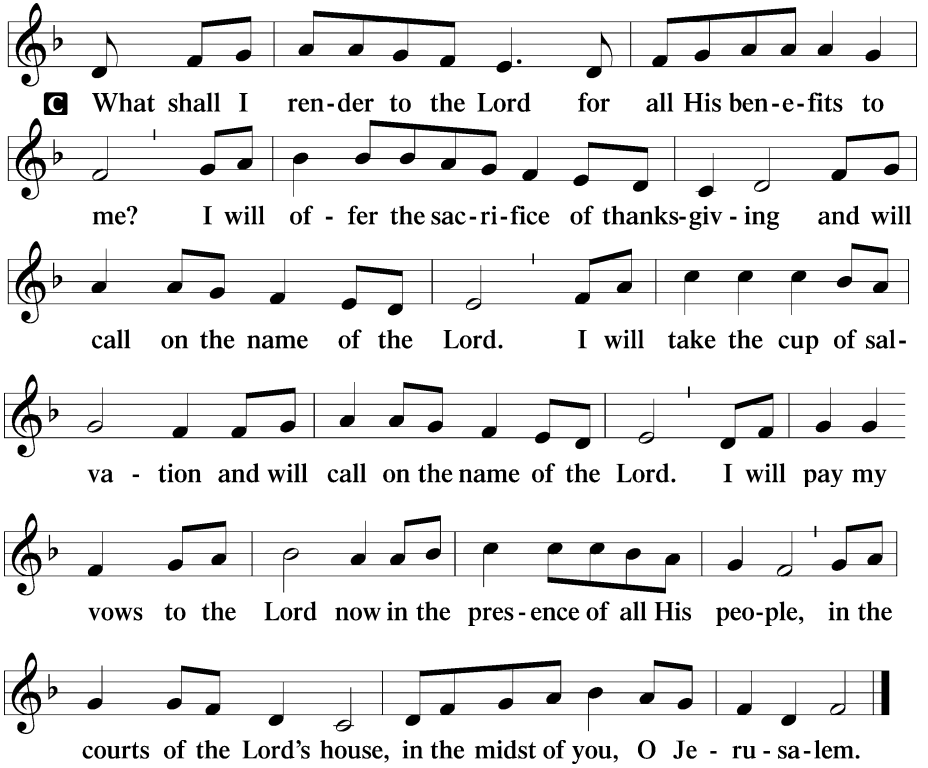
C **hear our prayer.**

P …one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING – *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray* (arr. Austin Theriot)

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



8:00 am – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** *(page 12)*
and concludes with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** *(page 16).*

✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

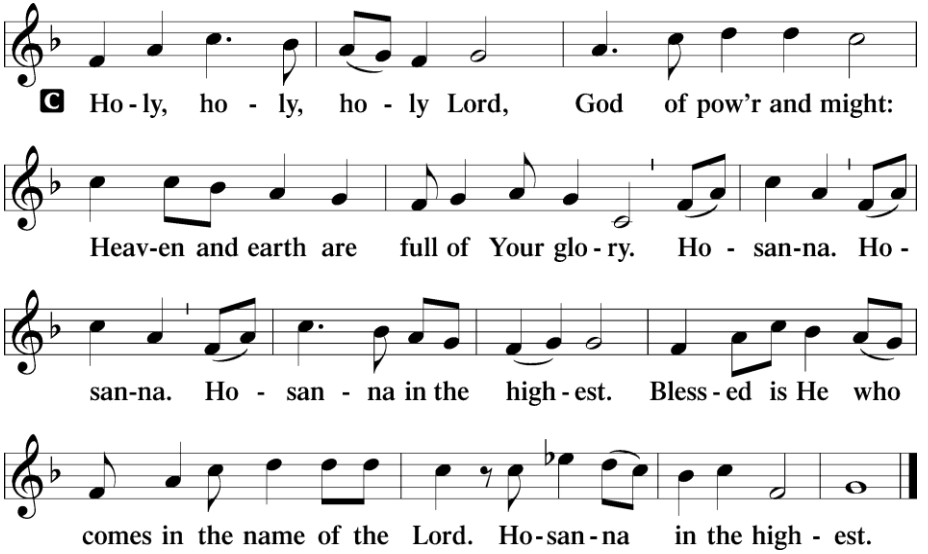
P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

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 … Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 161



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

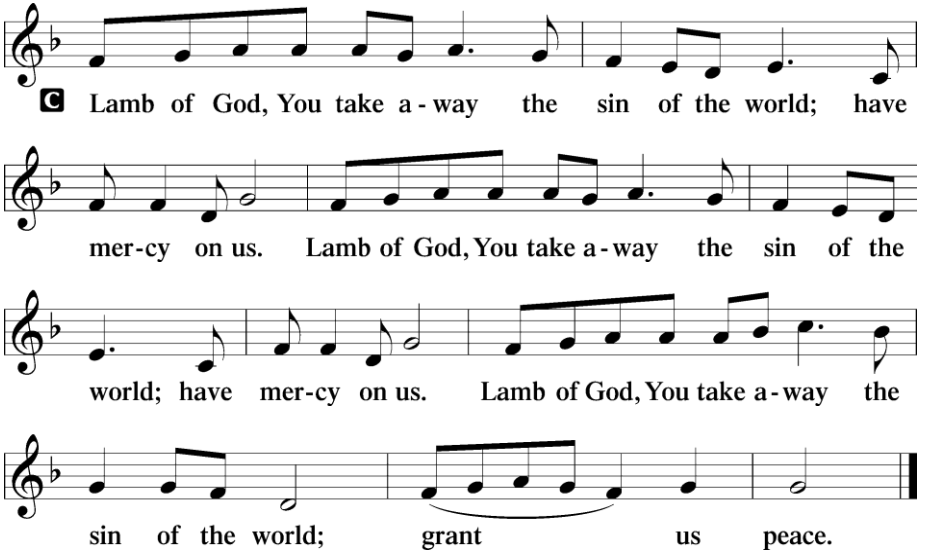
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

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*



God be in my head,
and in my
understanding.

God be in mine eyes,
and in my looking.

God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking.

God be in my heart,
and in my thinking.

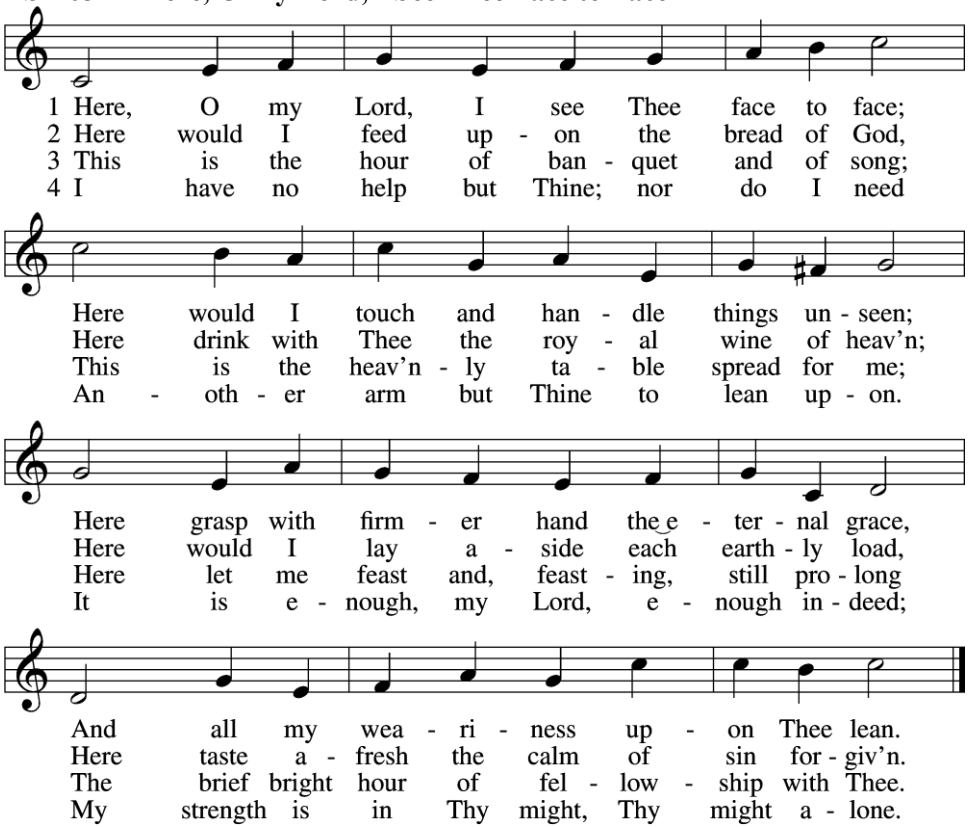
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.

-*Sarum Primer*, 1514

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *God Be in My Head* (arr. Sydney Hugo Nicholson)

LSB 631 – Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



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.
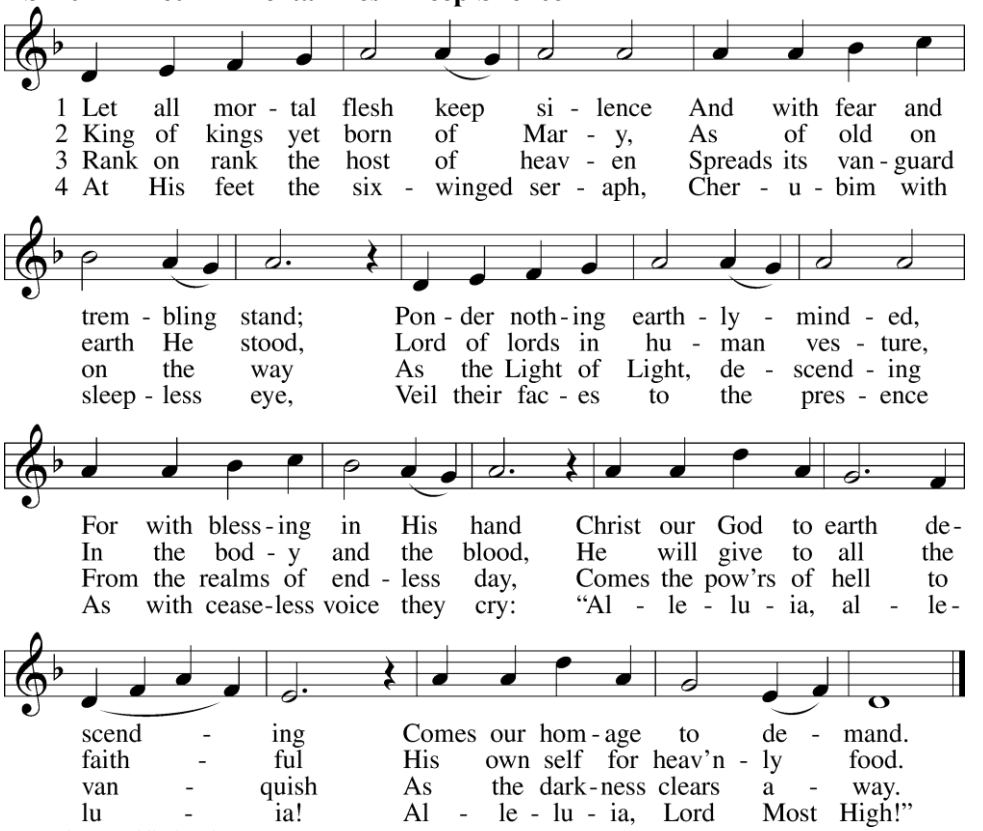
5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.
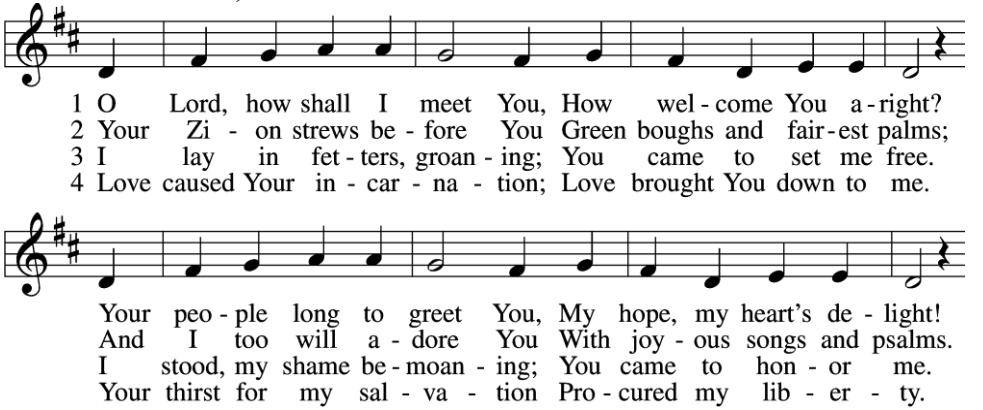
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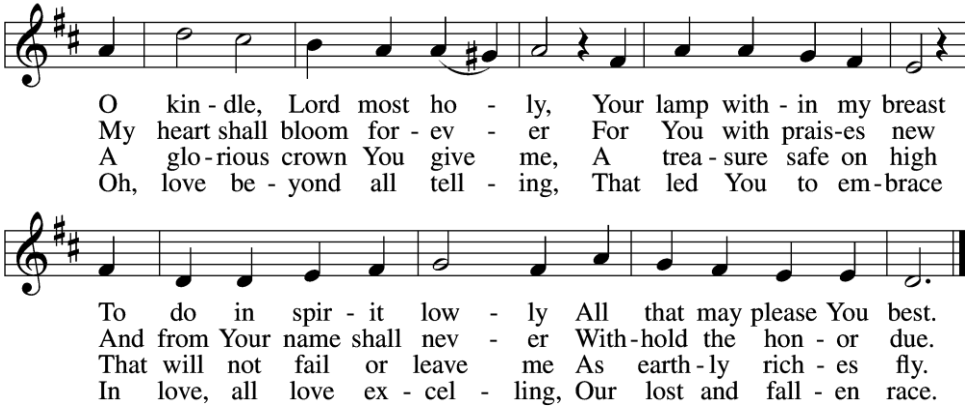
LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



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LSB 334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



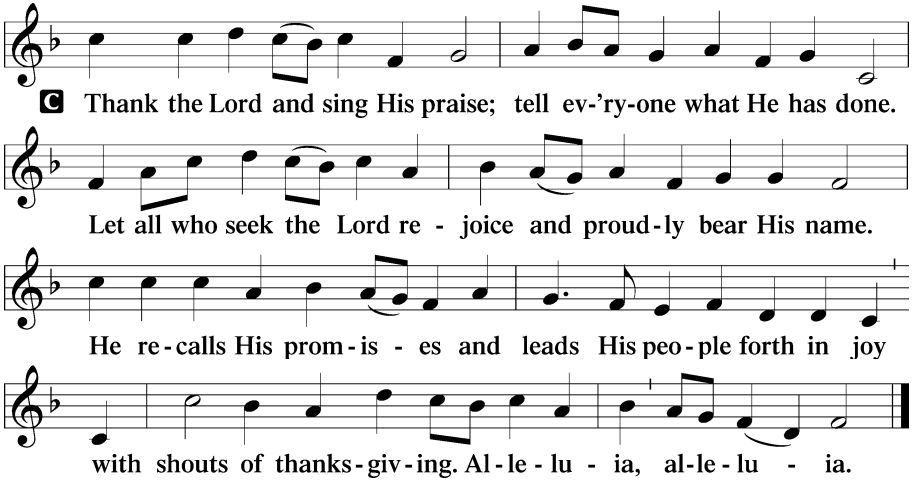


5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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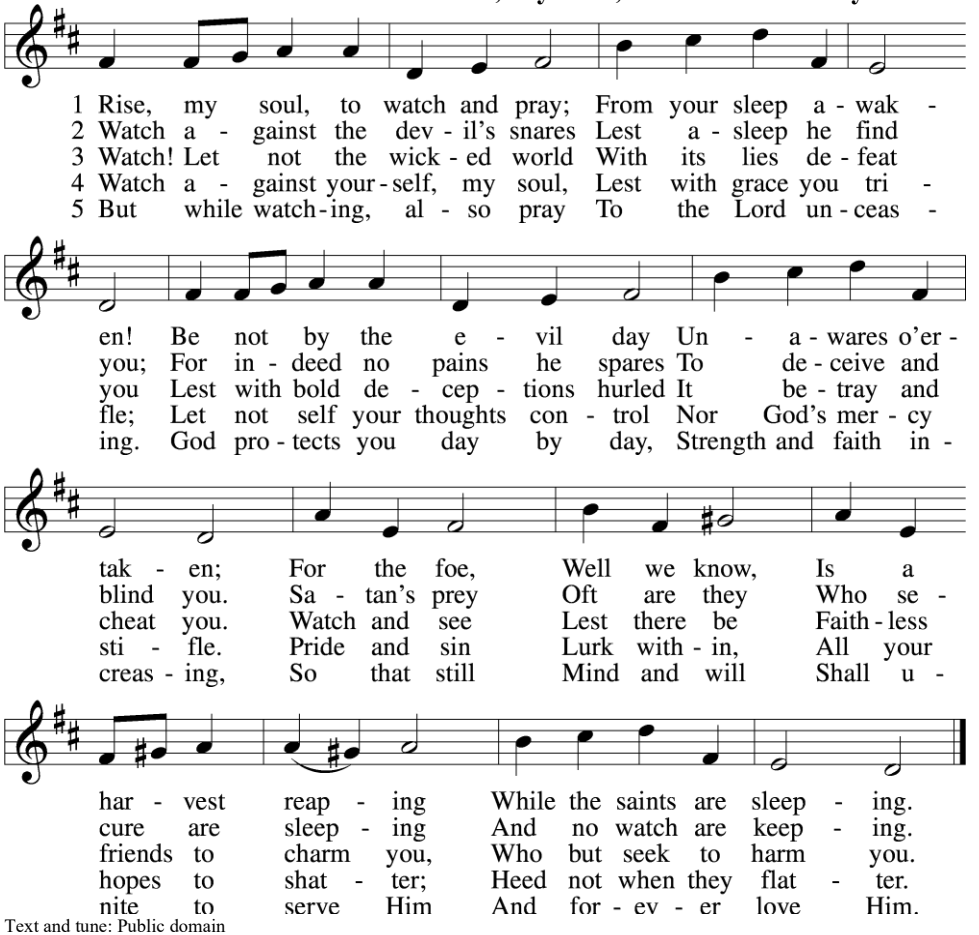
C **Amen.**

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 663 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (arr. Jeffrey Blersch)

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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of **Bill Pfrommer**, in loving remembrance of our beloved father and "Papa Bill," whose faith, love, and kindness continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He is forever loved, deeply missed, and never forgotten.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards after my surgery and has kept me in prayer throughout these weeks.

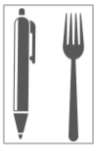
The Lord has been at my side and given me wonderful support through my family, friends, and the surgical team.

Brenda Mitchell

MONDAY, November 9
6:30pm **PPC**

TUESDAY, November 10
Circuit Pastors meet (St. Peter's, Waymansville)
1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team**
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C)

WEDNESDAY, November 11



10:00am **Midweek Bible study**
11:15am-12:00pm **Lunch & Learn**: *"It Is a Matter of Life and Death: Living to the Fullest"*
7:00pm **Senior Choir**
7:00pm ***What Do We Believe?* class**



FRIDAY, November 13
6:30pm **Ladies' Night Out** (home of Val Parker)
Contact *Erin Miller* (812-227-1181 or enablo@hotmail.com) for more information or to host a future month.



SATURDAY, November 14
10:00am **Altar Guild meeting** (Grand Hall) – *returning and prospective members*

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.

Members serve in pairs, a month at a time, normally only two times per year. New members are paired with a veteran, ensuring that you are well trained. You may join at any time during the year, but this upcoming meeting is an excellent time to explore this unique opportunity for service!

This annual meeting is an opportunity *for both men and women* to **learn more and consider** if this is a way you'd like to serve in the coming year, as well as sign up for your preferred month/s, if interested. If you have any questions, or are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please contact *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328 or cdbently55@icloud.com).

SUNDAY, November 15 **Subscriptions DUE for *The Lutheran Witness***
To either RENEW or add a NEW subscription for 2027 please sign up on the podium or contact the church office with the name/s and address to use. Payment of **$25.50** may be in the form of cash (in an envelope with your name and *Lutheran Witness*) or check made payable to Faith Lutheran Church (with *Lutheran Witness* in the memo line) by Thanksgiving.

SUNDAY, November 22
10:30am **New Members received**





TUESDAYS: December 1, 8, 15, 22



Salvation Army Bell-ringing

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

Please note that we are ringing at BOTH doors this year, but the day is shorter, with shifts from 10am-6pm. Visit faithbtown.org – or contact *Janet Hitzeman* - to sign up for a 2-hour shift.

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