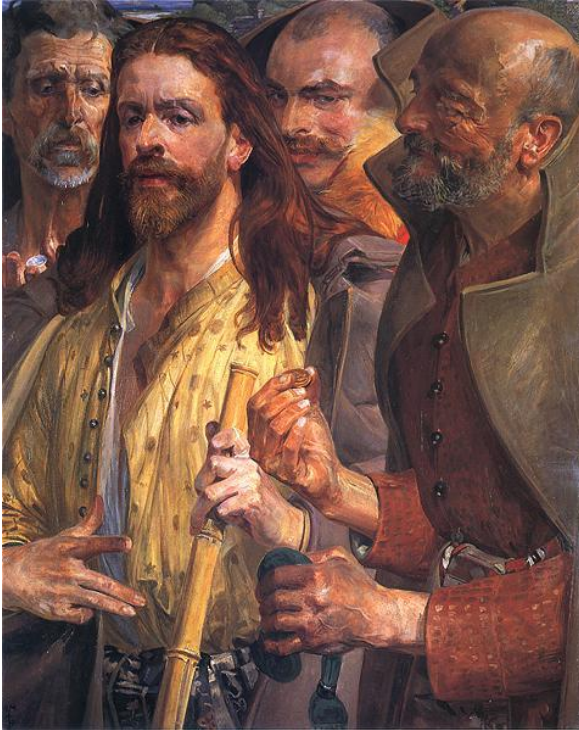


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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

TO GIVE ONLINE, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XV>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

On the cover: The Tribute Money, Jacek Malczewski, 1908

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

The Lord provides laborers in His harvest field. We pray for our pastor and for more pastors in the Church of Christ (Luke 10). We, the harvest, will receive the crown of righteousness on the Last Day. There will be suffering between now and then, but we endure knowing that God provides (2 Timothy 4). The Lord turns everything on its head and provides for His people healing, restoration, life today, and life everlasting (Isaiah 35).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher: Fieldworker Nick Vukalovich

Liturgist/Celebrant: Pastor Martin Dressler

Organist/pianist: Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart

Greeter: Sharon Lichtenberg

Prayer Team: Bob & Karen Becker

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: O Sing to the Lord (LSB 808, stzs 1-3)

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our

Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And

sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.



INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We lift up our eyes to the hills.

C: From where does our help come?

P: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C: He will not let our foot be moved.

P: Behold, He who keeps Israel,

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The Lord is our keeper;

C: He who keeps us will not slumber.

P: Brothers and sisters, danger surrounds us constantly,
C: danger to our bodies and danger to our souls.

P: We must confess that we have often walked into the danger of sin,
C: both unintentionally and intentionally.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Together let us call our sin to mind, and turn to our merciful God for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may go forth in peace. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, the Lord is your keeper. He keeps your life in His Son who died for your forgiveness and rose for your salvation. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

HYMN: O Sing to the Lord (LSB 808, stzs 4-5)

4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is
God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Text: tr. Gerhard Cartford, 1923-2016

Text and tune: Brazilian

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KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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 mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

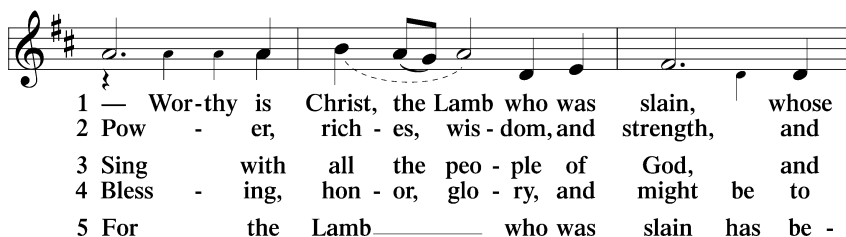
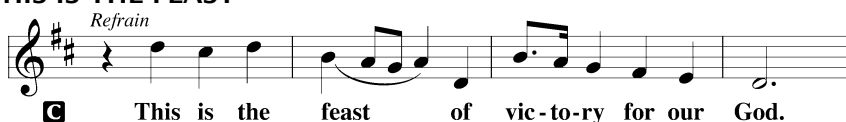
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.



THIS IS THE FEAST





blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

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:
 "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,
 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.
 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.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
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.
I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 96:1-9

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**C: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**C: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**C: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**

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EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 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. 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 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. 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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 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." 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

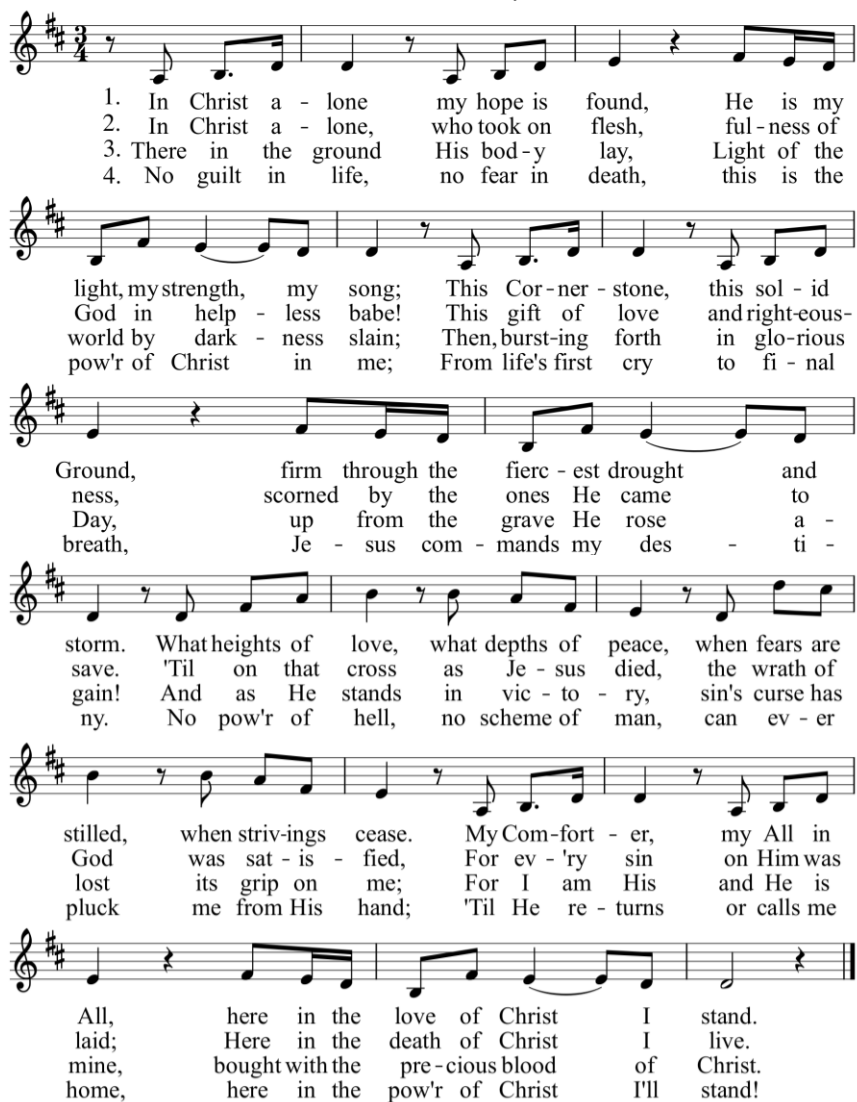
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God 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.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: In Christ Alone (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 Day, up from the grave He rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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SERMON

Fieldworker Nick Vukalovich

OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "[Jesus] said to them, 'Therefore render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'"

Matthew 22:21

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin.

Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 160

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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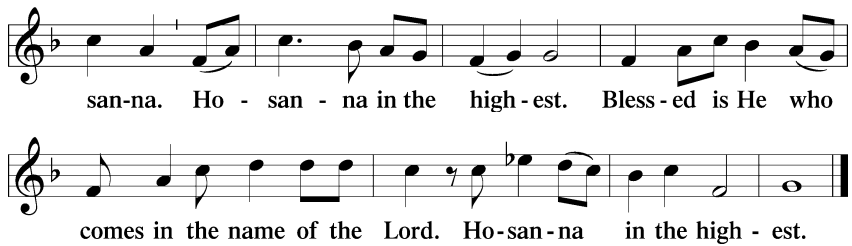
LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

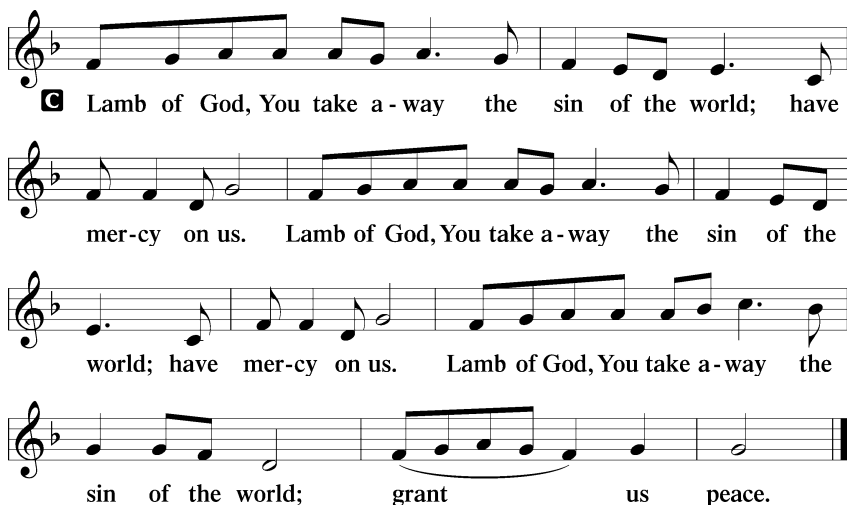
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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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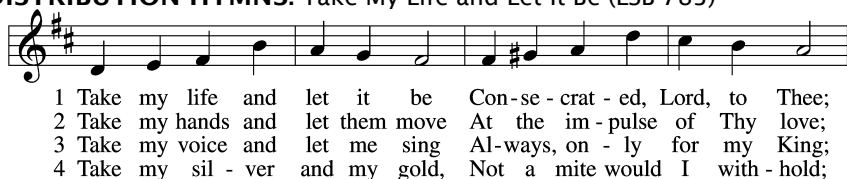
LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Take My Life and Let It Be (LSB 783)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



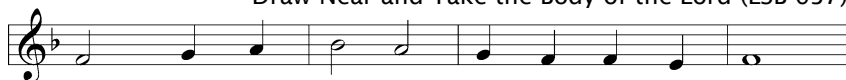
Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79
 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord (LSB 637)



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

God of Grace and God of Glory (LSB 850)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-1969

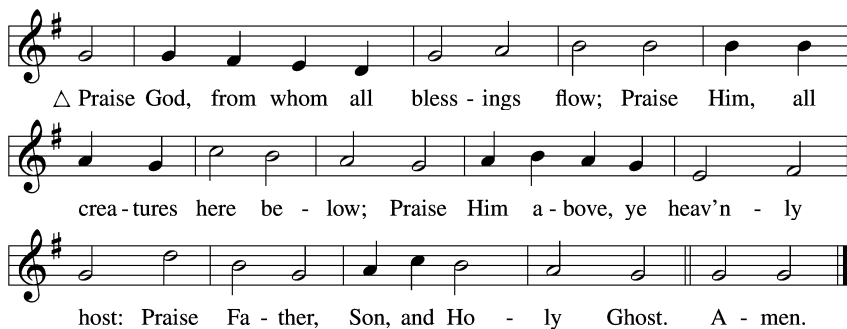
Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932



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DOXOLOGY

LSB 805



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

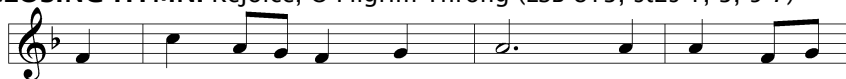
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng (LSB 813, stzs 1, 3, 5-7)



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in
 6 At last the march shall end; The wea - ried
 Δ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the
 ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their
 we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.
 home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –"Thus one must also bear the authority of the ruler. If he abuses it, I am not therefore to bear him a grudge, nor take revenge of and punish him with my hands. One must obey him solely for God's sake, for he stands in God's stead. Let them impose taxes as intolerable as they may: one must obey them and, suffer everything patiently, for God's sake. Whether they do right or not, that will be taken care of in due time."

—Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of October 18 through October 25

- TODAY: *Deuteronomy 17:1-20; Matthew 14:1-21*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
- MONDAY: *Deuteronomy 18:1-22; Matthew 14:22-36*
Elin out of office
- TUESDAY: *Deuteronomy 19:1-20; Matthew 15:1-20*
Church Council 7:00PM
Pastor out of office
- WEDNESDAY: *Deuteronomy 20:1-20; Matthew 15:21-39*
No School

November-December-January Newsletter Deadline 9:00AM
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Walking in the Word 6:00PM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
Pastor out of office
- THURSDAY: *Deuteronomy 21:1-23; Matthew 16:1-12*
No School
- FRIDAY: *Deuteronomy 24:10—25:10; Matthew 16:13-28*
No School
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: *Deuteronomy 25:17—26:19; Matthew 17:1-13*
- NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Clergy Appreciation lunch

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of October 11, 2026

This information will be available on October 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Join us next week as we return to the Gospel of Matthew. In that session, we'll unpack what Jesus means by the "unforgivable sin." If you haven't come to Bible study in a while (or ever), join us! Next week is a great week to start.

To access by phone: 312 626 6799. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

WALKING IN THE WORD WEDNESDAYS

Join us this fall for Walking in the Word Wednesdays, a special five-week educational series designed to deepen our understanding of God's Word and strengthen our walk with Christ.

Together we will read and discuss *The Quiet Ambition: Scripture's Surprising Antidote to Our Restless Lives* by **Ryan Tinetti**, professor at Concordia Seminary. In a world that constantly urges us to strive for more, this book invites us to discover the peace, purpose, and contentment that God gives through His Word. We are especially excited to welcome **Professor Ryan Tinetti** as our guest instructor for the final session on **Wednesday, October 28**, where he will share additional insights from the book and lead our concluding discussion—and he has offered to sign your copy of the book! How neat!

Weren't able to make it for our first few weeks? Guess what—that's totally okay. Join us next week!

2. OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH, and this year, we will celebrate our clergy and future clergy on Sunday, October 25 (**that's next Sunday!!**). The meal will be provided, and we will once again be gathering a freewill offering to bolster our Benevolent Fund.

The Benevolent Fund has become even more critical, as other organizations who have historically been in positions to help members of the community who are in need no longer receive the funding necessary to do so. Baskets will be available for this, and there will also be a designated spot to place any small gifts or cards you may wish to bring in for our guests of honor: Pastor Dressler, Pastor Briggs, Rev. Thur, and Nick Vukalovich.

The menu will include pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed salad, stuffing vegetable, dessert, and drink.

3. SALEM SAUSAGE AND KRAUT Mark your calendars for Salem's sausage dinner for November 8. Yes, we are going to have a sit-down meal once again, served buffet-style. Advance ticket purchases online **are required** and are now on sale. There will be two seating times available: 11:30AM –1:00PM and 1:30PM–3:00PM. Find the link on our website, or go directly to: <https://tinyurl.com/u9cdcrnn>

*Note: Carry-outs will be available, as well as raw and cooked sausage, and cooked sauerkraut to go. **For questions or assistance purchasing tickets, please call Keith at 314-541-5878.** If you are interested in volunteering to help and you haven't yet been asked, call Keith about that as well.*

4. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 8 SAUSAGE SUPPER: If you haven't already been asked to help and are willing to volunteer to help, please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. We are also asking for members to bake cakes for the meal. There is a separate sign-up sheet for this on the table.

5. TRUNK OR TREAT On Thursday, October 29, we'll have a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. It will be open for trunk-or-treaters from 4-5pm, and, as with all projects, we cannot do it without **YOUR** help.

We will need people to:

- +sign up to bring their vehicle to pass out candy/small gifts
- +help us manage parking and our waiting area
- +bring in candy/small items to pass out to the trunk-or-treaters
- +come in your costume to have fun with us

This will be rain or shine! If shine, we'll be outside. If rain, we'll shift gears and set up in the gymnasium. What a blessing to have such a facility!

Please consider how you can help, and if you have any questions or want to be assigned an area to assist, call Susan in the School Office (314-741-8220) or Elin in the Church Office (314-741-6781) and they'll put you to work ☺

6. ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED: Would you like to be directly involved in fulfilling Jesus' command to us all to eat His body and drink His blood in the Lord's Supper? The Altar Guild needs your help! We need help with Communion set-up and Communion clean-up. Your commitment is only 1 time per month, OR only 12 times per year.

This is not a major time commitment, but it is an important one! The Altar Guild is essential in the life of God's Church. You will be trained and given written instructions. Retired and love to travel? Not a problem as we are more than happy to trade spots with each other. Remember the words of Isaiah's commission from the Lord: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

See Ginger Sorensen with any questions or interest. Find her in-person or give her a call at 314-583-7445.

