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Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

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.

*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

Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14).

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:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeters:	Roger & Joyce Sachtleben
Prayer Team:	Reggie Miller

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Thy Strong Word (LSB 578, stzs 1-4)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY

(structured on the Four Solas of the Reformation: grace alone, Scripture alone, faith alone, Christ alone).

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

C: Amen!

P: This day we gather in celebration.

C: We celebrate God's faithfulness to His church.

P: Satan wants nothing more than to destroy God's church.

C: He wants nothing more than to silence the Gospel and do violence to the Kingdom.

P: But God's promise of forgiveness and life through His Son will never be stifled.

C: Because the Word of the Lord endures forever!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Even this day, God comes to you with Good News. Let us then go to Him, confessing our sins, that we might receive His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: We confess,

C: Father in heaven, I confess that I have often trusted in my good works instead of relying on Your grace alone for salvation. I confess that I have sought assurances other than those You have revealed through the Scriptures. My faith has waxed and waned according to my health, wealth, and earthly success. I have become captive to them instead of relying on Scripture alone. I confess that I have become proud of my religious rituals, personal morality, and good name. I have trusted myself instead of Your gift of faith alone. For the sake of Christ alone, forgive me, and lead me into everlasting life. Amen.

P: Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God has swung wide the door of salvation for you. 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! Amen! Yes! Yes! It shall be so!



HYMN: Thy Strong Word (LSB 578, stzs 5-6)

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee

mer - cy and to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
 laud and hon - or be, To Thee, Light of

hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
 Light be - got - ten, Praise sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,

light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76

Tune: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: *Refrain*—

☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C: *Refrain*

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: *Refrain*

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

C: Refrain

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

C: Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
 glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
 be for - ev - er. A - men.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

Revelation 14:6-7

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. 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."

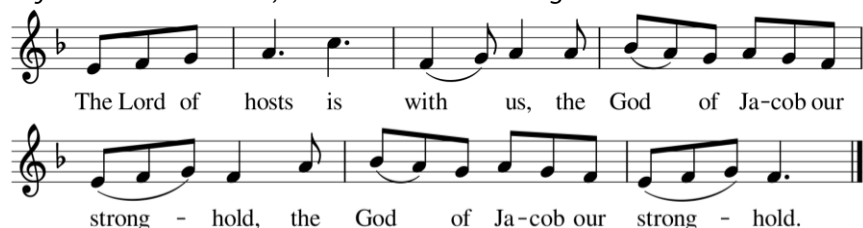
P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 46 (TFF 6)

The leader will sing through the refrain once. The congregation is invited to join the second time, and as indicated throughout.



God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea,
though its waters rage and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C – Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C – Refrain

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C – Refrain

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EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you

the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:12-19

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[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. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The 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.

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**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.

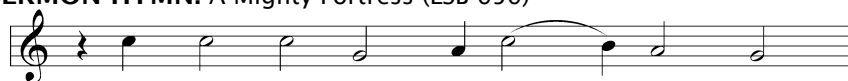
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SERMON HYMN: A Mighty Fortress (LSB 656)



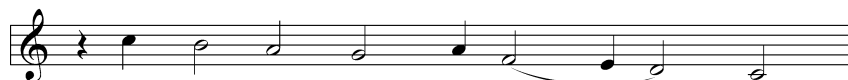
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



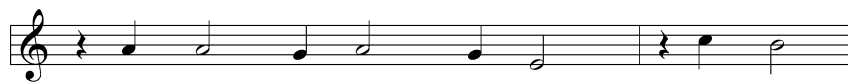
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



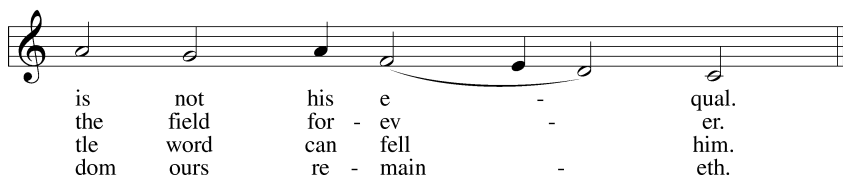
The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who prince is this? Je - sus
This world's may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is; Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



Text: tr. composite
Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

SERMON: "What Is Really Is" 1 Thessalonians 2:13 Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." Matthew 46:11

INSTALLATION OF DR. PATRICIA JACKSON, PRINCIPAL

(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.

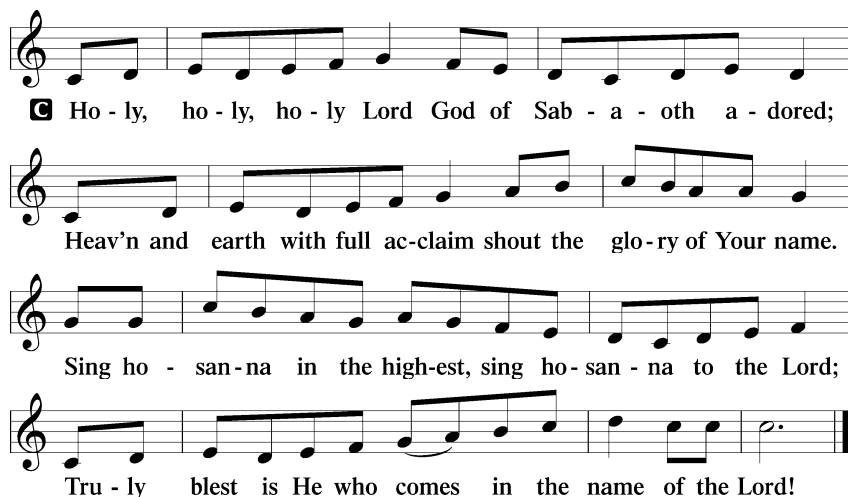
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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

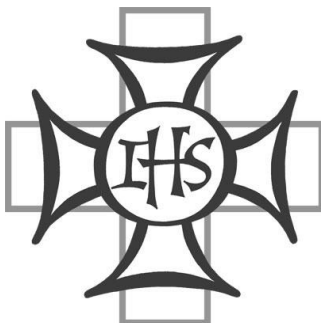
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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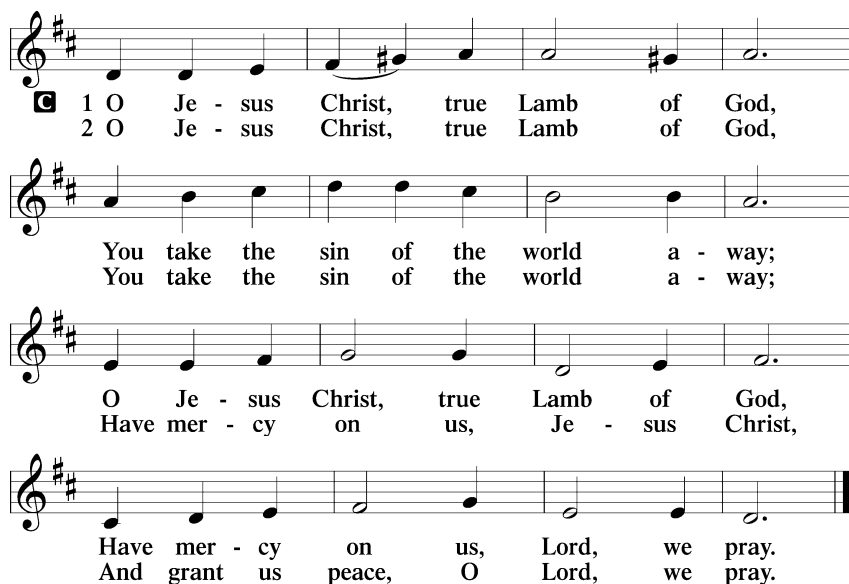
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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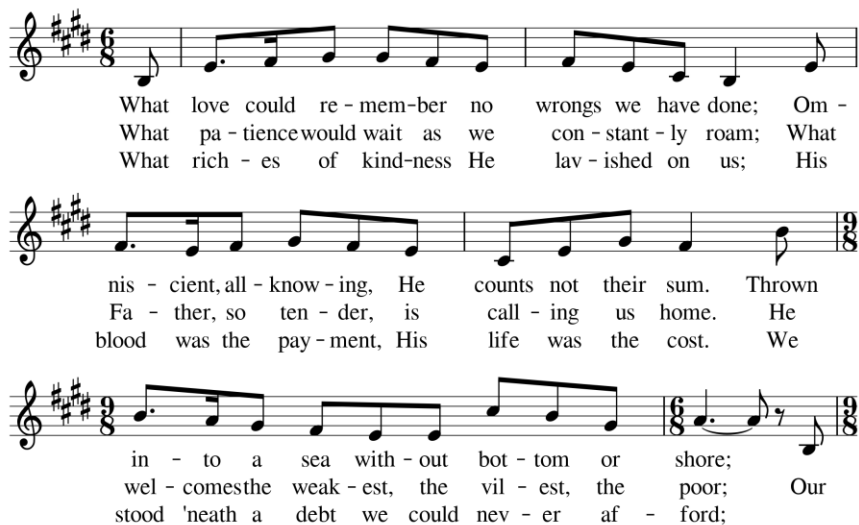
LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: His Mercy Is More (Matt Boswell and Matt Papa)



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om -
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His
nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
wel - comesthe weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;

sins, they are man-y, His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord!—

His mer-cy is more.—— Strong-er than dark-ness,

new ev'-ry morn; Our sins, they are man-y, His mer-cy is more.

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word (LSB 655)

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and

by de- ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
 Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
 u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug



Built on the Rock (LSB 645)



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



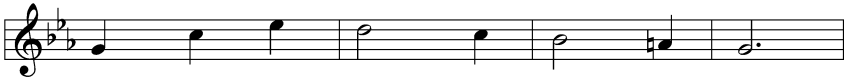
stee - ples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783-1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt.

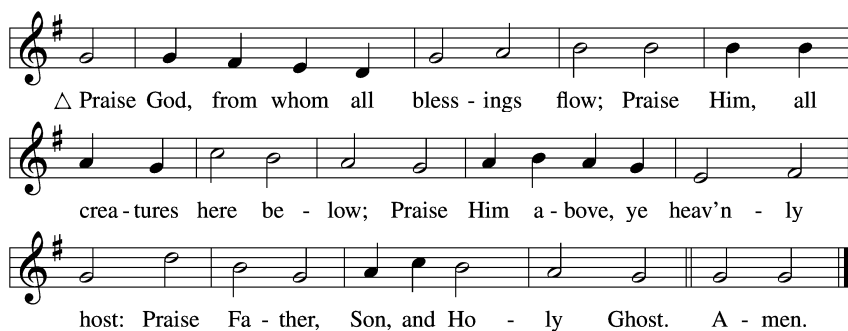
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

Text and tune: Public domain

(Please stand)

DOXOLOGY

LSB 805



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

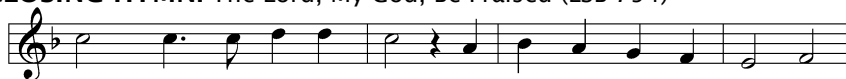
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: The Lord, My God, Be Praised (LSB 794)



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –“We must make a great difference between God's Word and the word of man. A man's word is a little sound, that flies into the air, and soon vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than heaven and earth, yea, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God, and endures everlastingly.”

—The Familiar Discourses of Dr. Martin Luther, tr. by H. Bell (ed. 1818)

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

For the week of October 25 through November 1

- TODAY: *Deuteronomy 27:1-26; Matthew 17:14-27*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Clergy Appreciation lunch
- MONDAY: *Deuteronomy 28:1-22; Matthew 18:1-20*
- TUESDAY: *Deuteronomy 29:1-29; Matthew 18:21-35*
- WEDNESDAY: *Deuteronomy 30:1-20; Matthew 19:1-15*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Walking in the Word 5:30PM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Deuteronomy 31:1-29; Matthew 19:16-30*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
Trunk or Treat 4-5PM
Church Council 7PM
- FRIDAY: *Deuteronomy 31:30—32:27; Matthew 20:1-16*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: **Reformation Day**
Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Matthew 20:17-34
- NEXT SUNDAY: **All Saints' Day**
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of October 11 & 18, 2026

Sunday School 8 students, 2 teachers (October 11)

Sunday School 7 students, 3 teachers (October 18)

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, October 11 – 77
Wednesday, October 14 – 11
Sunday, October 18 – 69
Wednesday, October 21 – 21

Online views

Sunday, October 11 – 15
Sunday, October 18 – 11

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)

October 11: Physical-\$4,330.00; Online-386.72

Total-\$4,716.72

October 18: Physical-\$3,488.40; Online-394.40

Total-\$3,882.80

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

IT'S THE FINAL WALKING IN THE WORD WEDNESDAY! For the last several weeks, we have been working through *The Quiet Ambition: Scripture's Surprising Antidote to Our Restless Lives* by **Ryan Tinetti**, professor at Concordia Seminary.

This week, we are especially excited to welcome **Professor Ryan Tinetti** as our guest instructor for the final session on **Wednesday, October 28**. 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 four weeks? Guess what—that's totally okay. Join us for this final night anyway. There is a spot for you!

2. OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH, and this year, we will celebrate our clergy and future clergy on Sunday, October 25 (**that's TODAY!!**). 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. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH is, as the Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler points out in the October issue of *The Lutheran Witness (LW)*, the chief article of Christian doctrine and the central article of the Lutheran Confessions, as Lutherans will celebrate once again on Reformation Day this October 31.

But what does it actually mean to be justified? Authors including Ziegler, the Rev. Dr. Cameron Mackenzie and the Rev. James Preus explore answers to this crucial question from historical and theological perspectives in the latest *LW*.

Our copy is on the LW table in the narthex. Take it home. Read it. Return it next Sunday, for sure in two Sundays.

7. IMMANUEL OLIVETTE CRAFT BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church - 9733 Olive Blvd. (3 mi. East of I-270).

When: Saturday, November 7, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Why: Fun, fellowship, shopping, and eating!

Featuring handmade gifts, unique ornaments & decorations, yard decorations, paintings, and other practical & useful gifts. Also bakery items, jams & jellies, and an abundance of "Grandma's Attic" treasures to choose from.

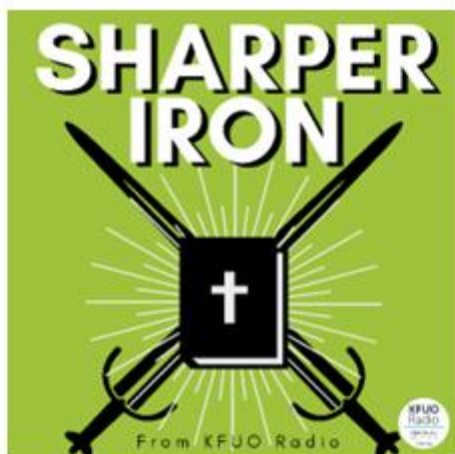
Lunch buffet served from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Homemade soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts and beverages.

8. 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.





Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest

Rev. Martin Dressler

Wednesday, October 28, at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study on

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Job 10:1-22

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