

**REFORMATION DAY**

**OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 AM**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 am**

**Adult Bible Class**

**Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**8 am to 12 pm**

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**“for all have sinned  
and fall short  
of the glory of God,  
being justified freely  
by His grace  
through the redemption  
that is in Christ Jesus”  
(Romans 3:23-24)**



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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Almighty and gracious Lord, to know You is to know true freedom from sin and to live in the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that I, who hold fast to the Word of Your Son, may never return to my captivity but walk daily in the new life I have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Jesus calls us to abide in His Word. To abide means to dwell or be at home. Are you at home in Jesus' Word? Is it the place where you long to be? Jesus' Word is the only place in all the world where we can find the absolute guarantee of sins forgiven, hope restored, and new life granted as children of God the Father. Today, Jesus mercifully

calls us to come to Him, confess our sins, and be filled with His pardon and peace. He will renew us by His Word, strengthen us at His Table, and send us forth with His blessing to proclaim to all creation: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

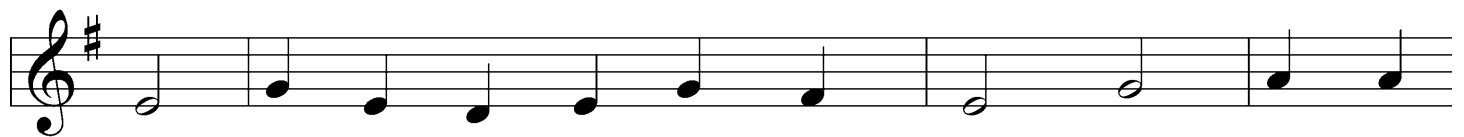
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## WELCOME

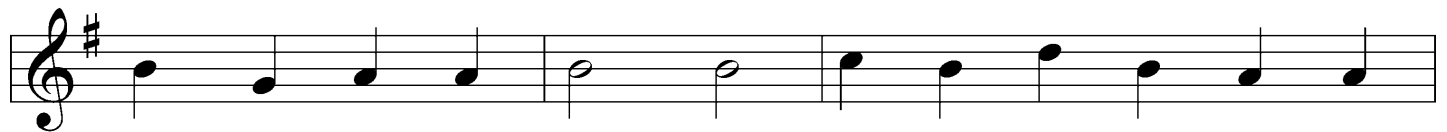
## PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

## OPENING HYMN *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.

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

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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.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

**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. (John 20:19-23)

**C Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

**C I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.

**C Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

P The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

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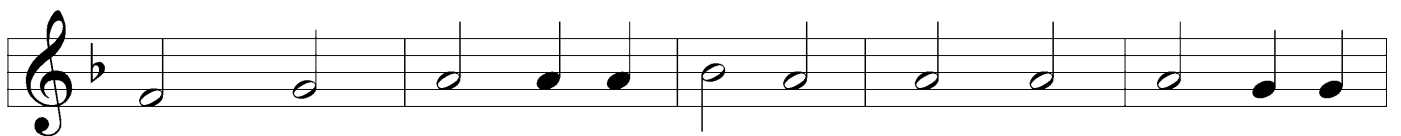


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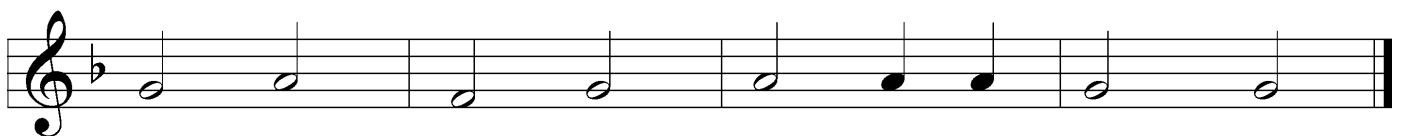


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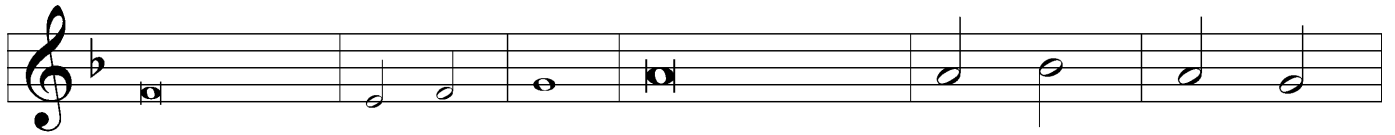


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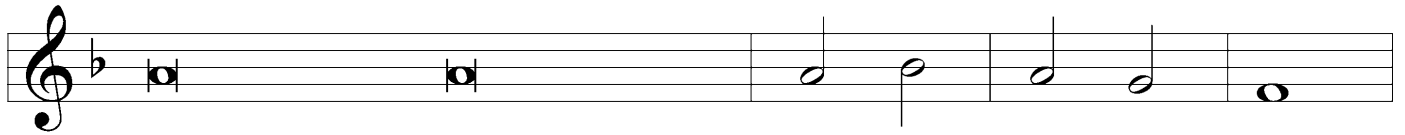
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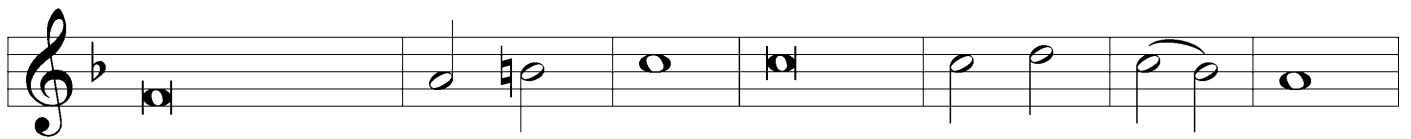
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



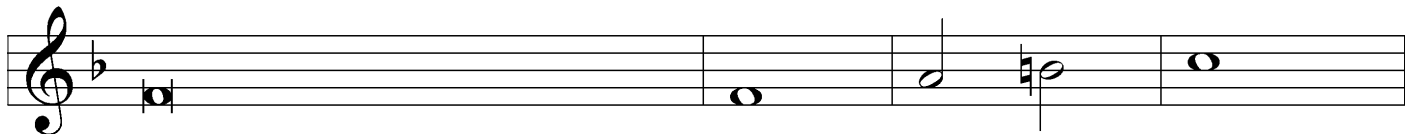
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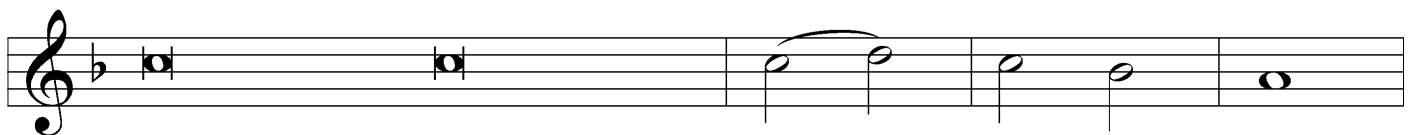
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



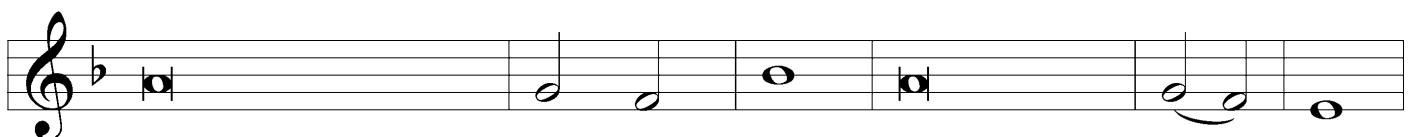
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



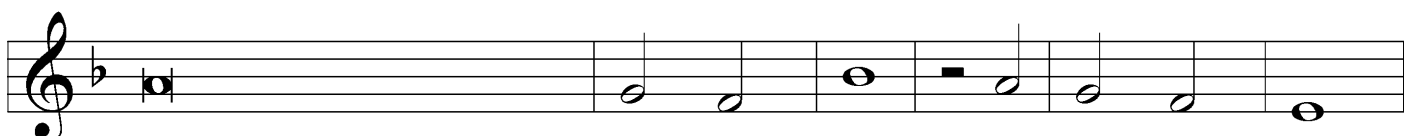
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



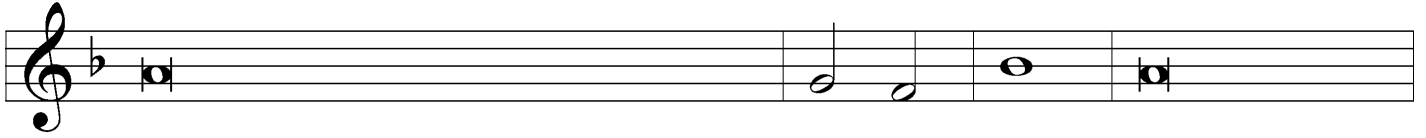
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



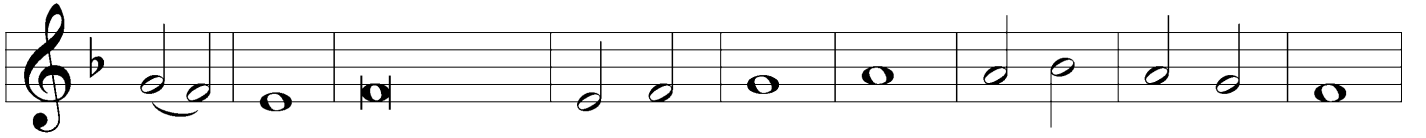
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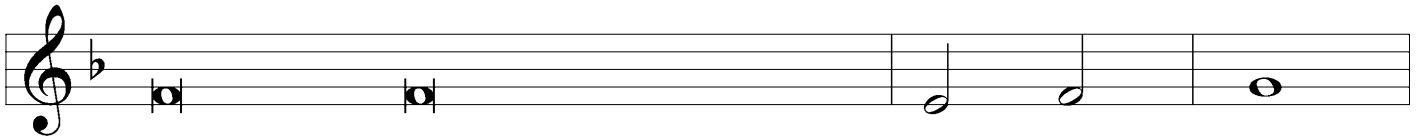
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



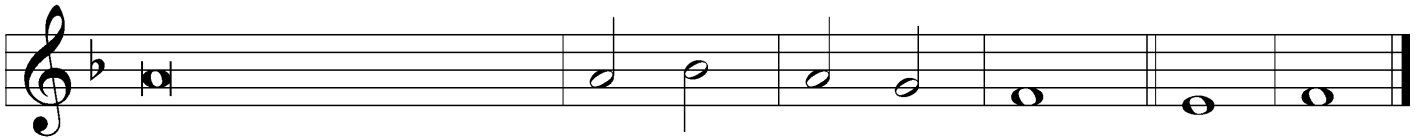
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

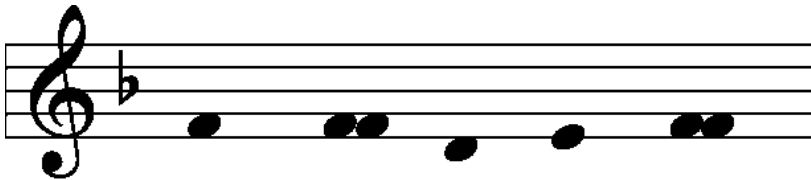


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

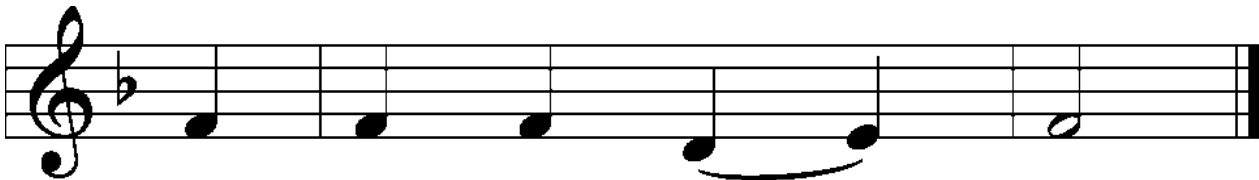


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



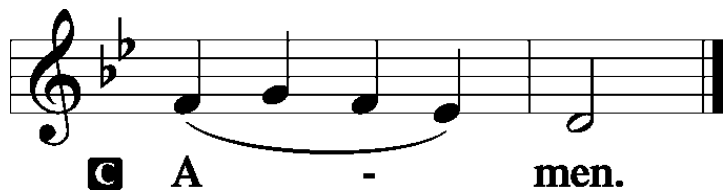
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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, through the abiding Word of Your Son, set us free from our sin that we may know 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.



*Please sit*

## FRIST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

(The Gospel is eternal and must be proclaimed everywhere.)

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM *Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

P The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.



**C Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**C The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

**C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

P “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 fortress.

## **EPISTLE**      *Romans 3:19–28*

(The righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ.)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the

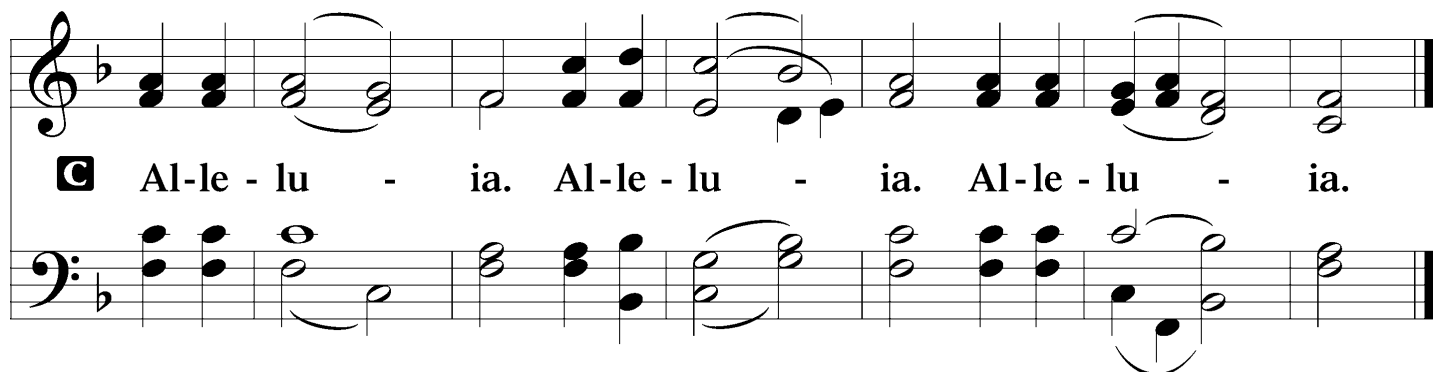
Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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## ALLELUIA



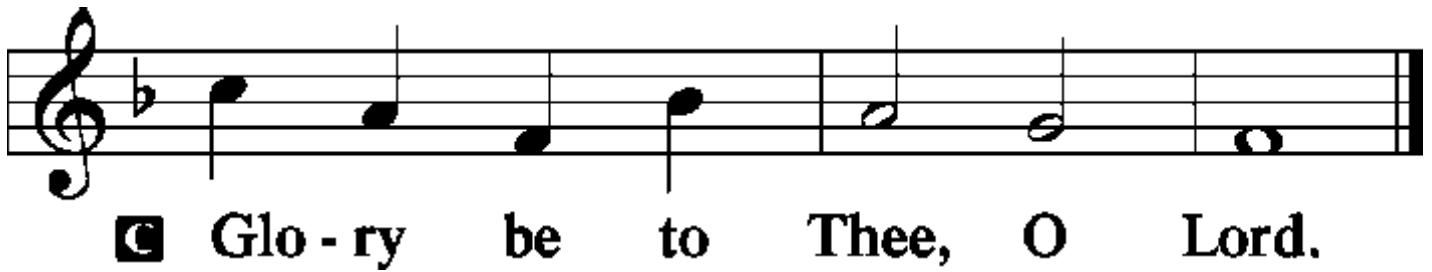
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## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:31-36*

(Jesus' truth will set you free.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**All:** *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.*

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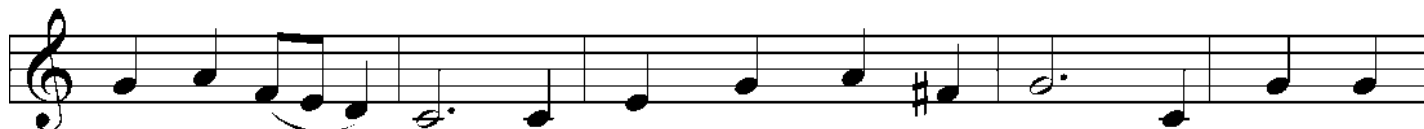
**HYMN OF THE DAY** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **LSB 657**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

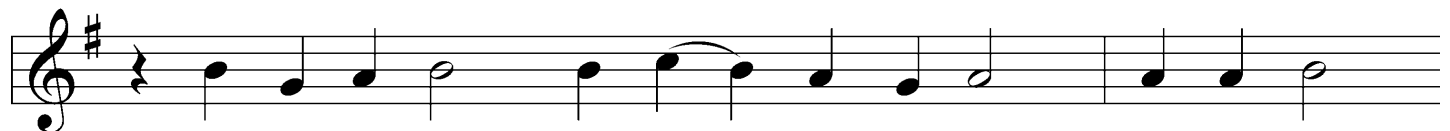
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**SERMON** *“But now a righteousness of God is revealed –  
 apart from the law!”* (Romans 3:21)

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**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me* **LSB 956**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way



from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;



[especially . . .]. Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

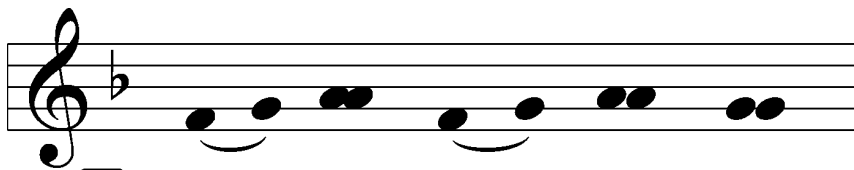
**C you will be free indeed!**

**P** Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will

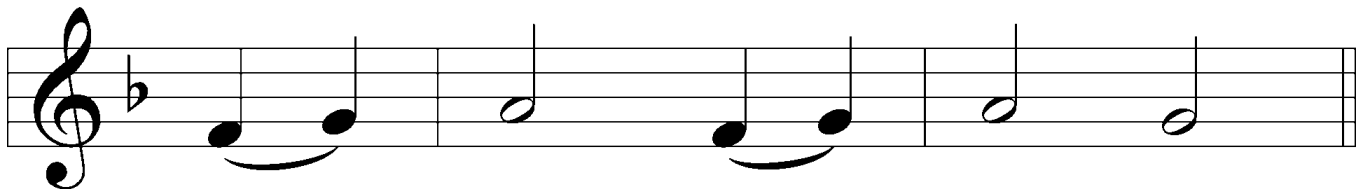
**C that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know. Amen.**

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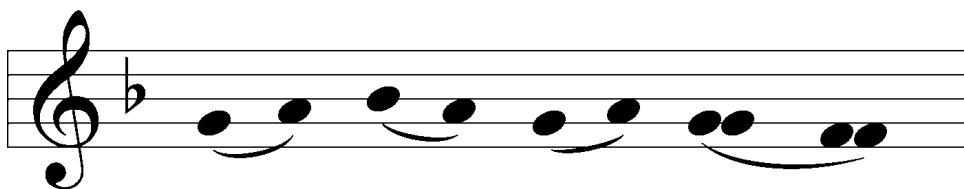
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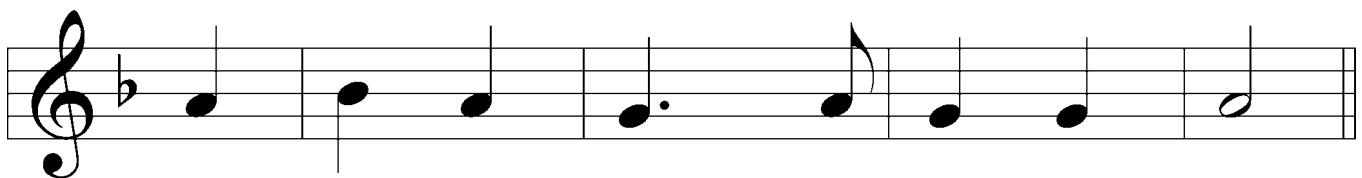
**P** The Lord be with you.



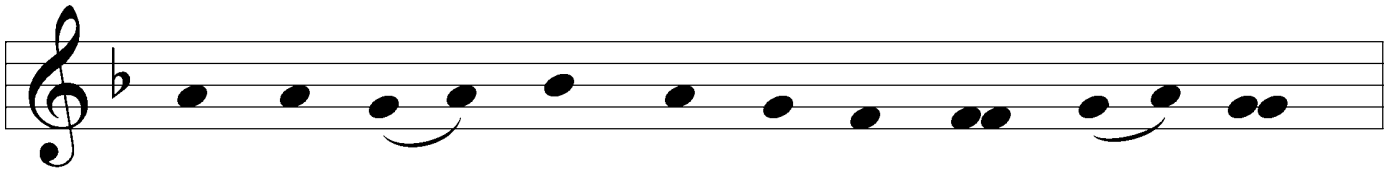
**C** And with thy spir - it.



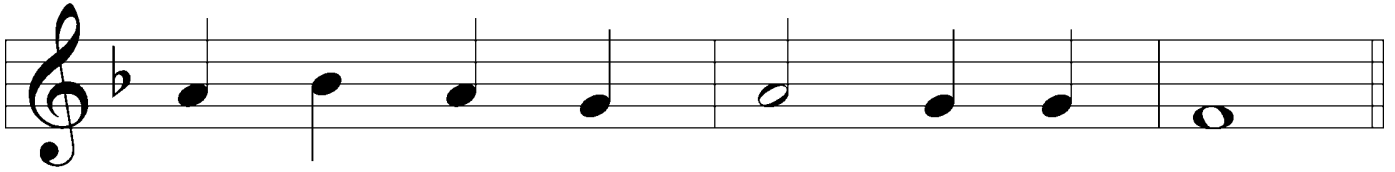
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free. We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your Word!

Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate at the Table of our crucified and risen Savior and receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## 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."

**P** 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."


## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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## **SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING**

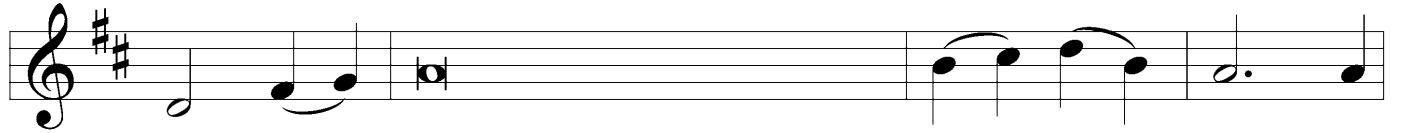
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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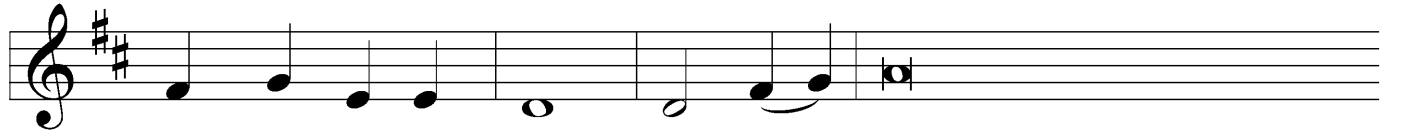


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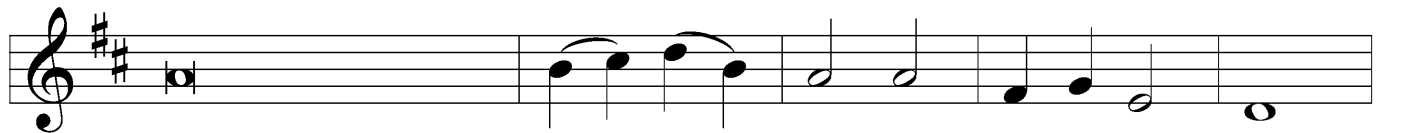
## NUNC DIMITTIS



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



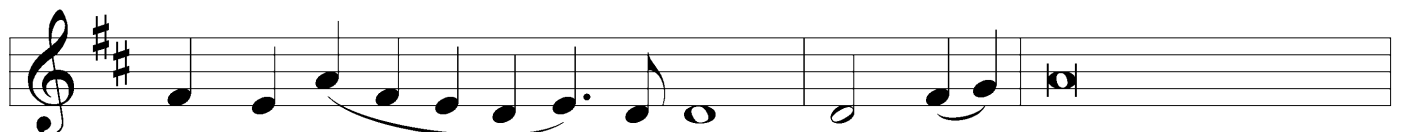
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

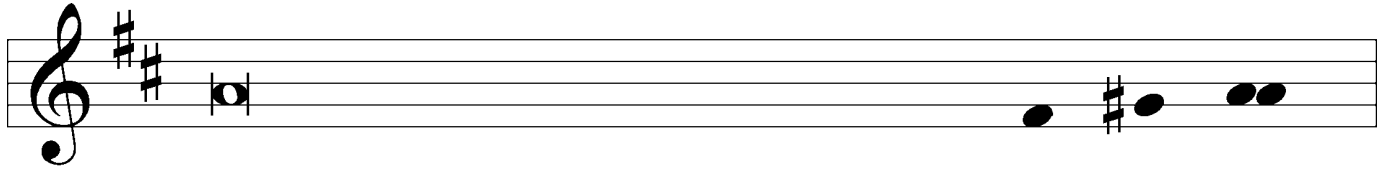


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

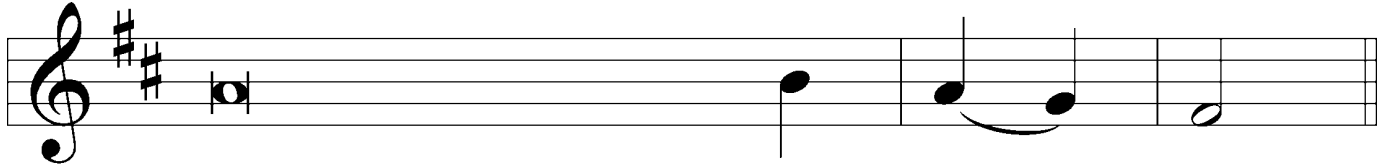


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

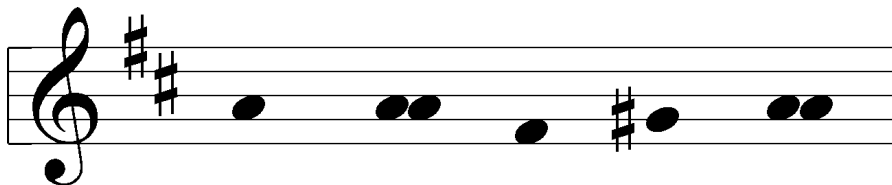


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

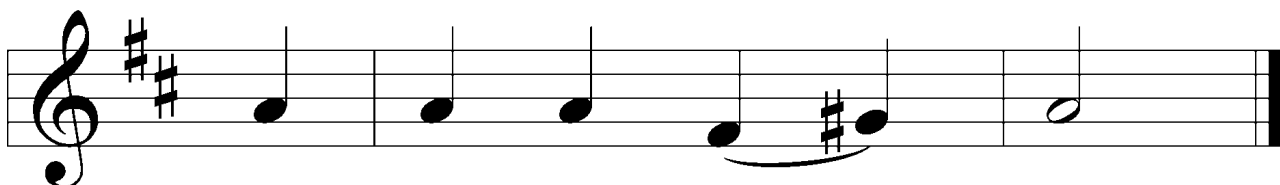
**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



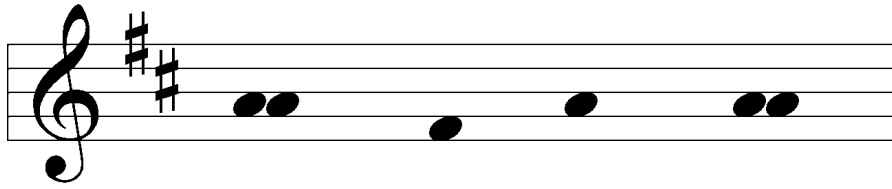
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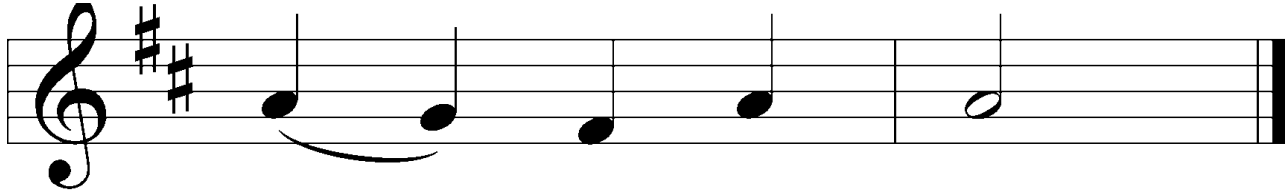
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

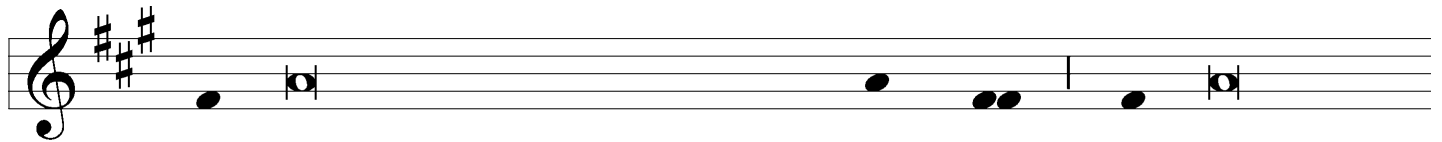


**A** Bless we the Lord.

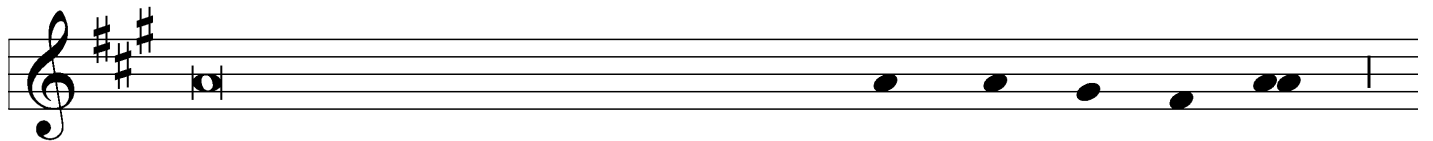


**C** Thanks be to God.

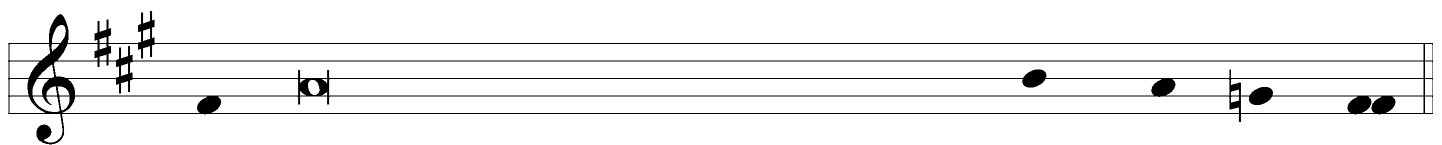
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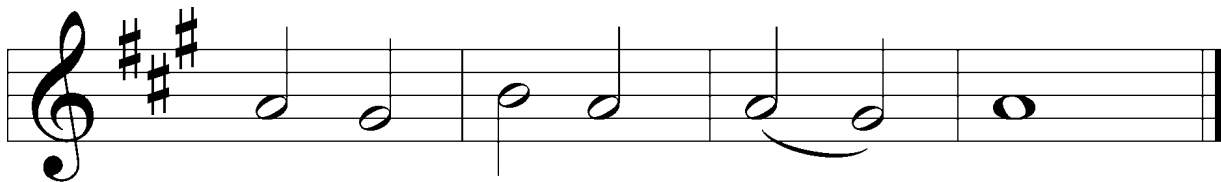
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please sit*

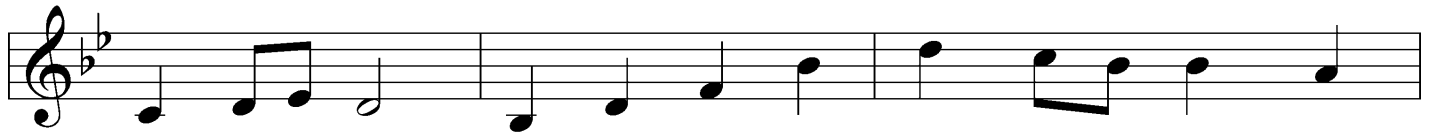
**SENDING HYMN**

*Glory Be to God the Father*

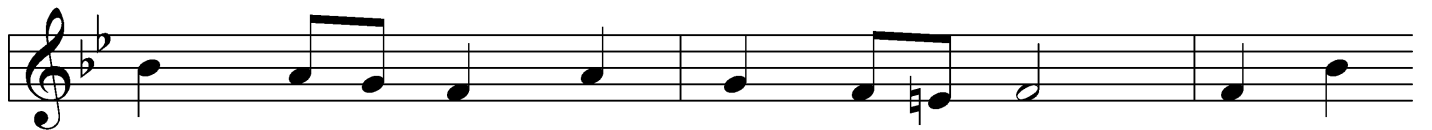
**LSB 506**



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

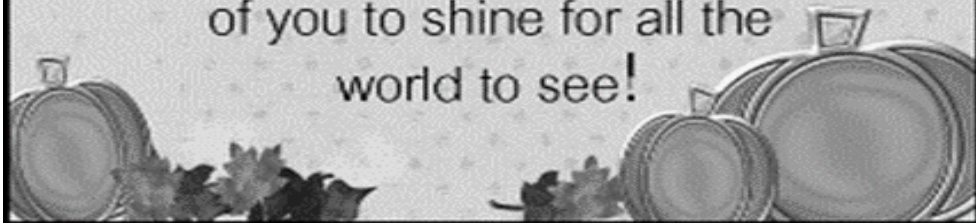
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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## *Sermon Notes*

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God **picks you** from the patch, brings you in, and **washes off** all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and **scoops out** all the yucky stuff. He **removes the seeds** of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He **carves you** a new smiling face and **puts His light inside** of you to shine for all the world to see!





# November

## Birthdays

### Members

1 Carolyn Green  
11 Rafael Reyes  
22 Ken Eilers  
24 Barbara Pemberton  
26 Rose Ann Cisneros  
29 April Perez

### Winter Texans

5 Vera Voss  
23 Donald Glock

### Immanuel Lutheran School

17 Isabella Cavazos  
25 Mercedes Perez



## Anniversaries

### Members

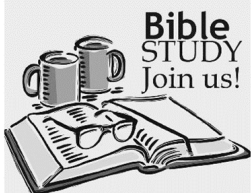
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### Winter Texans

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*Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.*



*Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tim Sorenson is leading the Bible Study.*



### ***Memory Verse Challenge***

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

***This week's memory verse: Acts 4:12***

*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*



***Don't forget to set your clocks one hour back, Saturday night, Nov. 6th, before going to bed!***



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

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18-19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).

<b>10/24/2021</b>		
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>22</b>	
Plate:		\$ 20.00
Envelopes:		\$ 778.00
<b>Donations:</b>		
<b>Memorials:</b>		
	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 798.00
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>8</b>	\$ 6.00

### *All Saints' Day (Observed)*

#### *Readings :*

*Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17*

*Psalms 149*

*1 John 3:1-3*

*Matthew 5:1-12*