

TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 31, 2025  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
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10:30 A.M.  
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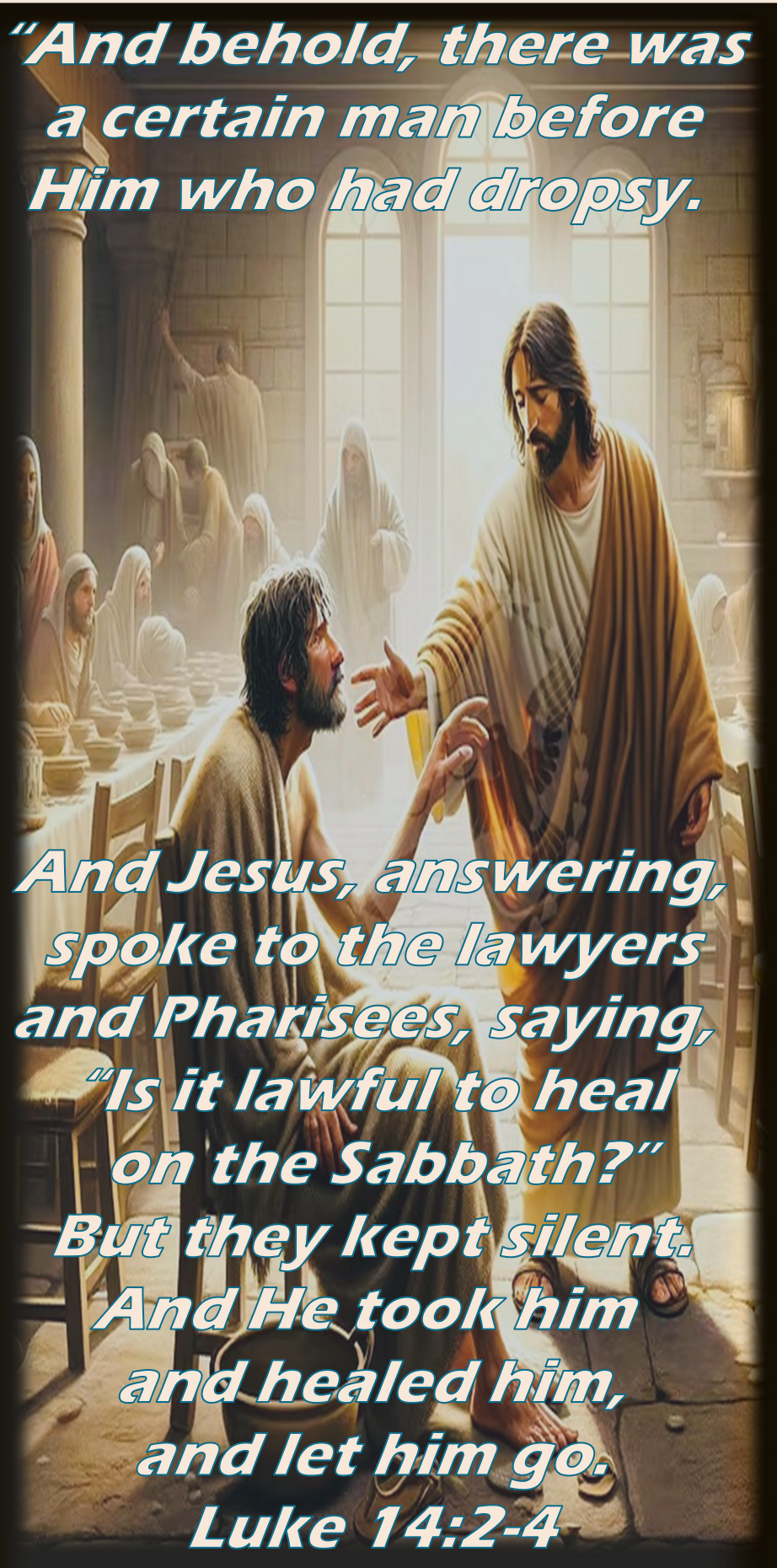
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***"And behold, there was  
a certain man before  
Him who had dropsy.***



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and Pharisees, saying,  
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But they kept silent.  
And He took him  
and healed him,  
and let him go.  
Luke 14:2-4***

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Remember me, O Lord, not for what I deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in me. As You have called me to follow Your example of humble service, help me to love my brother as You have loved me; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Entering the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, is one of the most memorable experiences for any Christian pilgrim visiting the Holy Land. First constructed at the commission of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, the church is on the oldest site continually used for worship by Christians anywhere in the world. Although the basilica initially had a grand arched entrance in its first thousand years, it came into a period of disuse and neglect after the conquest of the Holy Land by the Islamic rulers of the Ottoman Empire in AD 1516. In an effort to prevent people from entering the church with horses and cattle, the Christians caring for the building at that time walled up the main entrance, leaving only a very small door. This opening has ever since been known as the “Door of Humility.” It makes a most fitting way for those who come to worship at the site of the manger of the Christ Child to enter that sacred space. Where we worship here and now is also a sacred space. Although we may not have needed to bow down to enter the front door today, bringing an attitude of humility to our worship of our gracious Lord is truly fitting for us.

## **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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**PRELUDE** *(a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

## **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**      *Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses*      **LSB 667 vs. 1-4**



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so

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fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"



2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7*

P But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

C **We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.**

P “When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

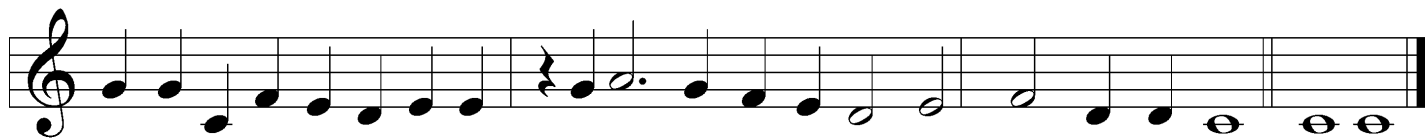
C **For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south.**

P But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

C **But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.**

### **GLORIA PATRI**



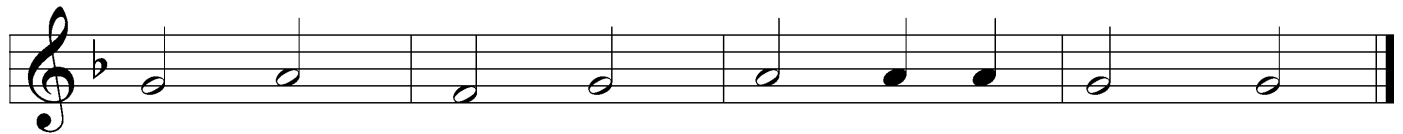


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE

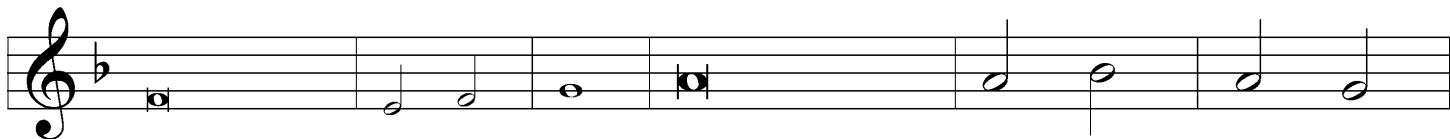


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

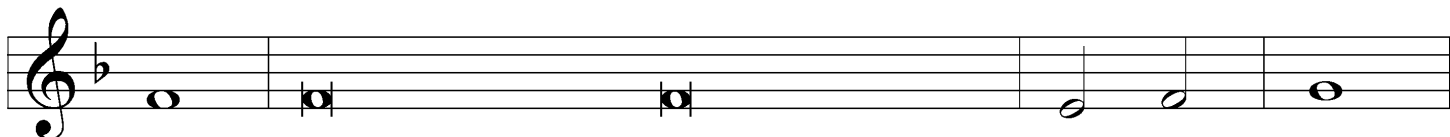


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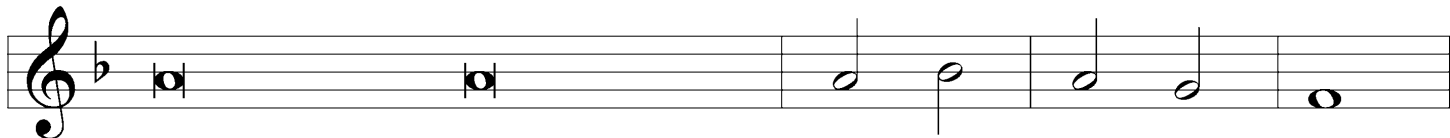
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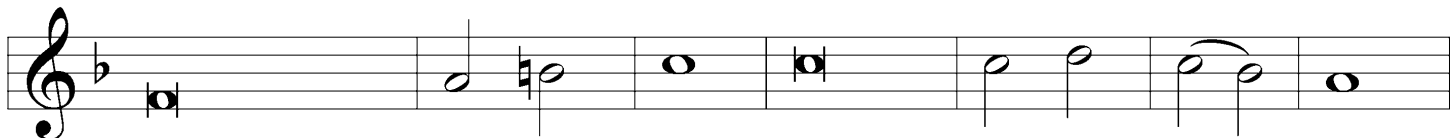
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



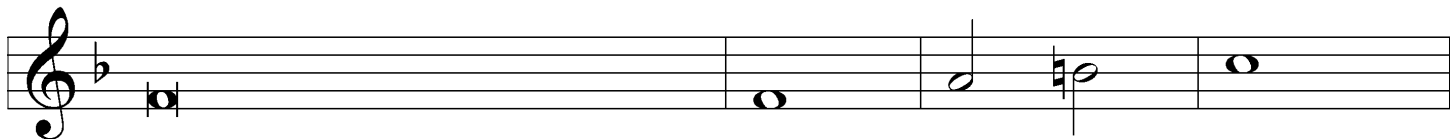
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



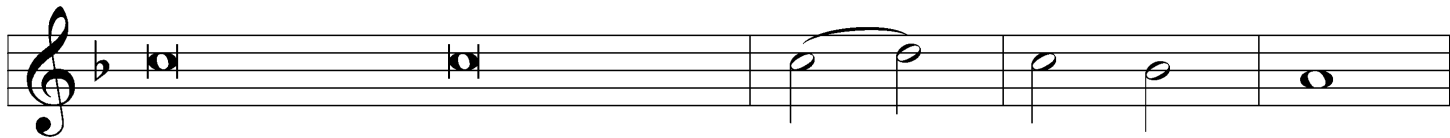
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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,


that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.




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.

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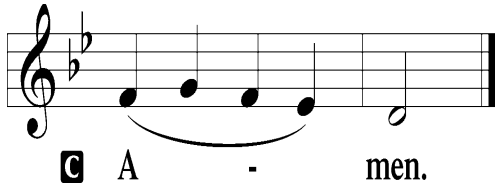
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** Let us pray.

P O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Proverbs 25:2-10*  
(Guidelines for a blessed life)

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3 As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from silver, and it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.

5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great;

7 For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen.

8 Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame?

9 Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another;

10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM**      *Psalm 131*

**P** Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me.

**C** **Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

**P** O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever.

**EPISTLE**      *Hebrews 13:1–17*

(Living in God-pleasing ways)

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. 3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we may boldly say:

“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?”

7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips,

giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1-14*

(Jesus teaches about humble living.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

1 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

2 And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" 6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

7 So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: 8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; 9 and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with

shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. 11 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.*

*Please sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*On Galilee's High Mountain*

LSB 835



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand  
2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,  
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say  
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:  
Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—  
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;  
But ev - 'ry-where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:



“All pow’r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;  
This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow’r at God’s right hand,  
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,  
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use.”  
Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.  
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

5 That ev’ryone He chooses,  
For reasons of His own,  
Will find in Christ his calling  
To live His love alone.  
His presence always leads us  
Till time no more shall be;  
Christ’s strength, His love, His comfort  
Give us His victory.

△6 Lord, gather all Your children,  
Wherever they may be,

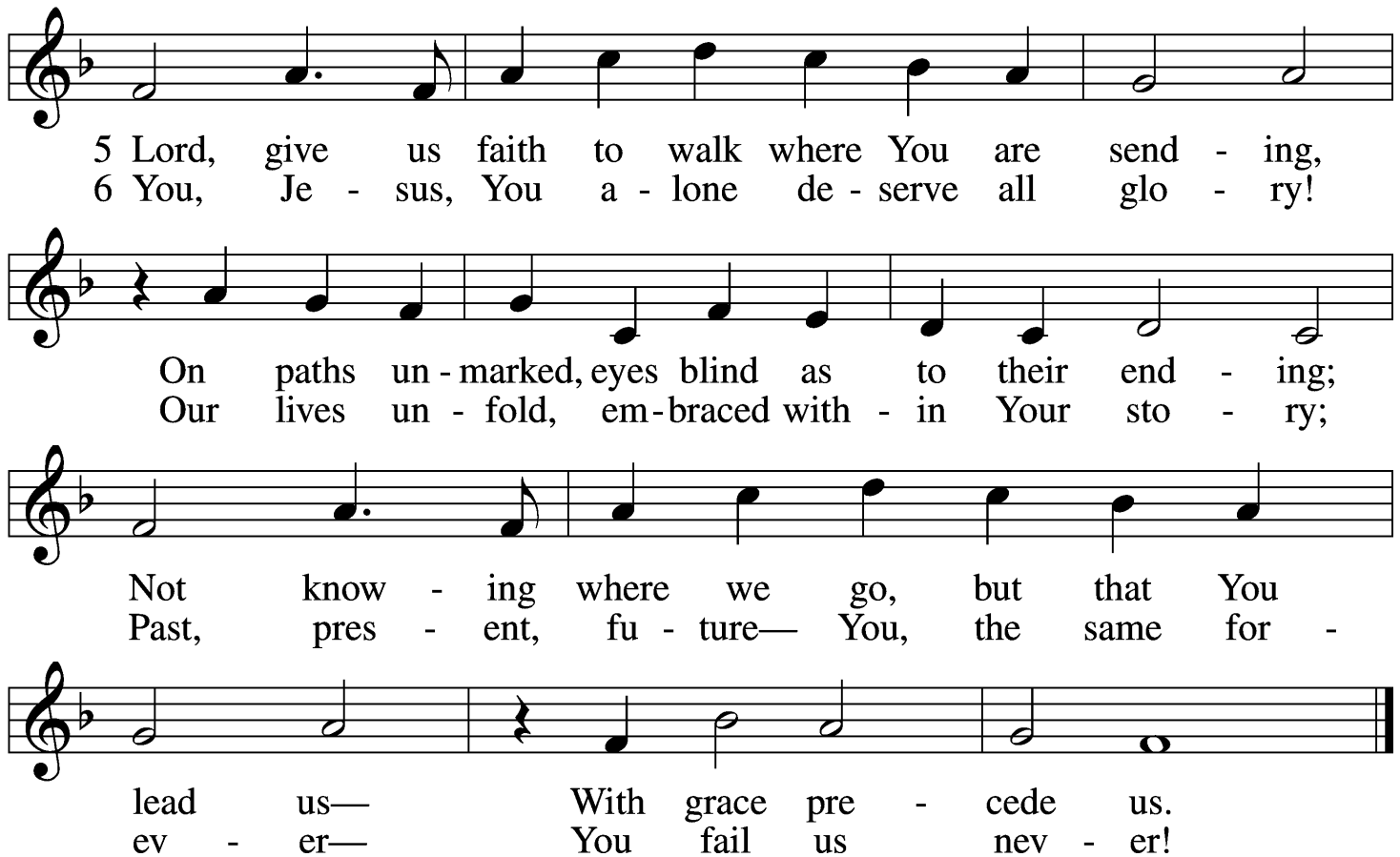
And lead them on to heaven  
 To live eternally  
 With You, our loving Father,  
 And Christ, our brother dear,  
 Whose Spirit guards and gives us  
 The joy to persevere.

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**SERMON**      *"Christ's body of abiding brotherly love"*      Luke 14:1-6  
**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY**      *Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses*      **LSB 667 vs. 5,6**



5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are send - ing,  
 6 You, Je - sus, You a - lone de - serve all glo - ry!

On paths un - marked, eyes blind as to their end - ing;  
 Our lives un - fold, em-braced with - in Your sto - ry;

Not know - ing where we go, but that You  
 Past, pres - ent, fu - ture— You, the same for -

lead us— With grace pre - cede us.  
 ev - er— You fail us nev - er!

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**      *"Peace be with you"*      [American Sign Language]

**Reception of new members by profession of faith**-Charles and Laurie Brown

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us  
 pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may

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persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm then in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, [especially . . .], and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:

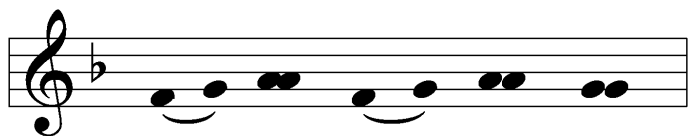
**C Lord, have mercy.**

P With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:

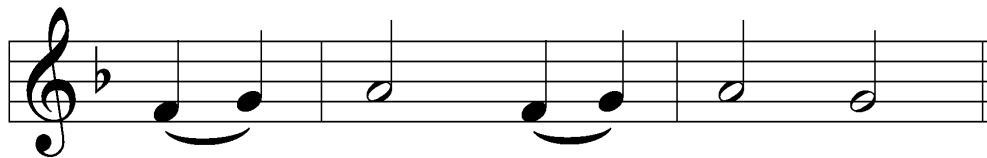
**C Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

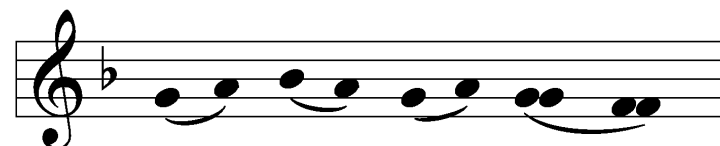
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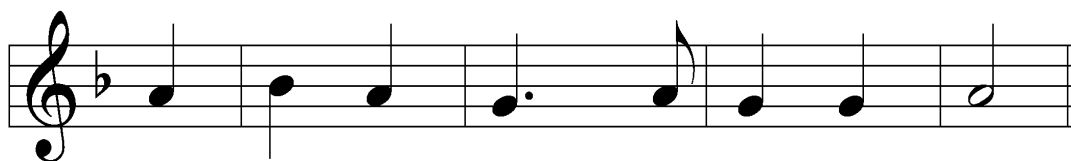
**P** The Lord be with you.



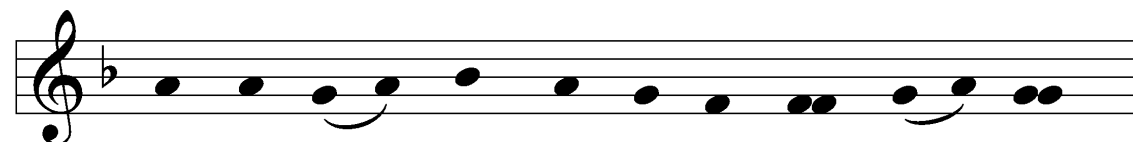
**C** And with thy spir - it.



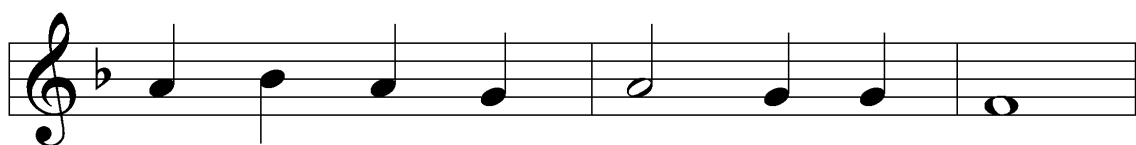
**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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



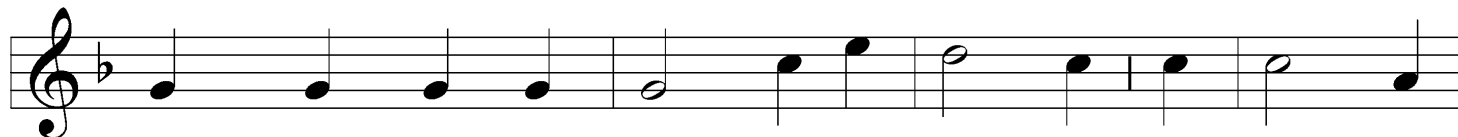
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

# 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,



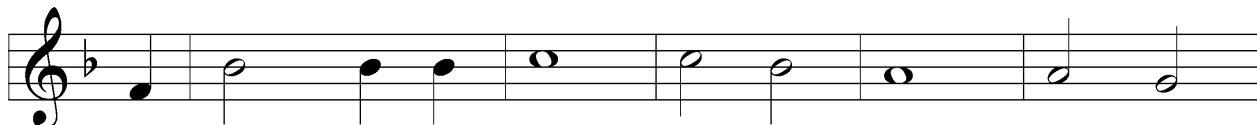
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

## 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.

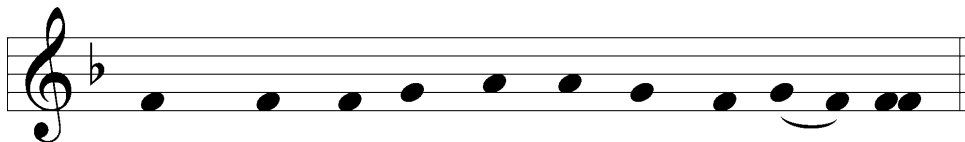


## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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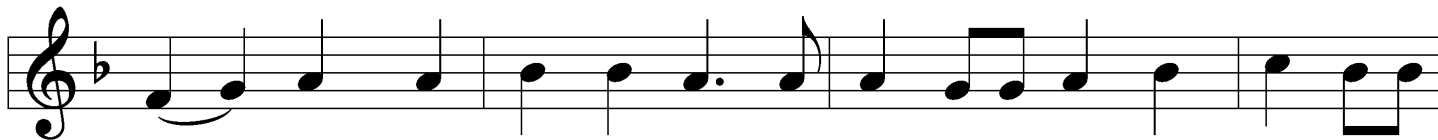


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

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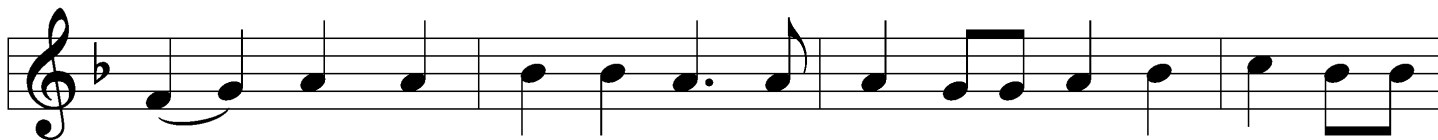
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



*Please sit*

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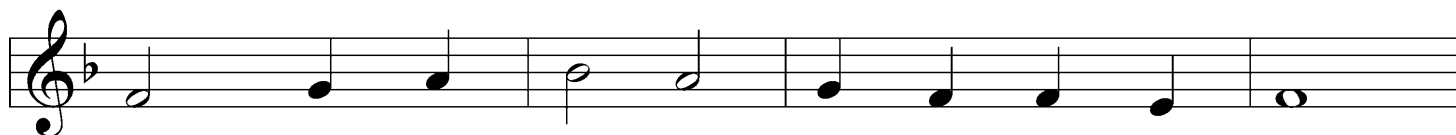
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

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.

### COMMUNION HYMN

### *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

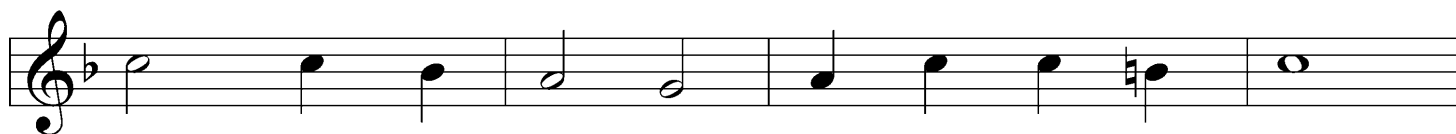
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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



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

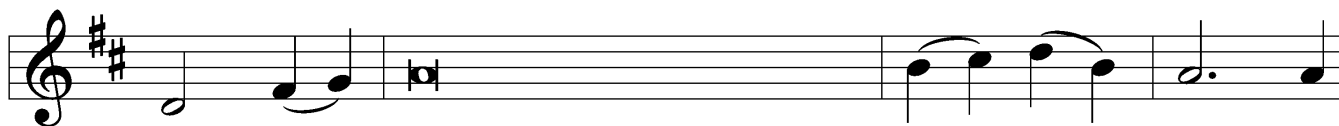


Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

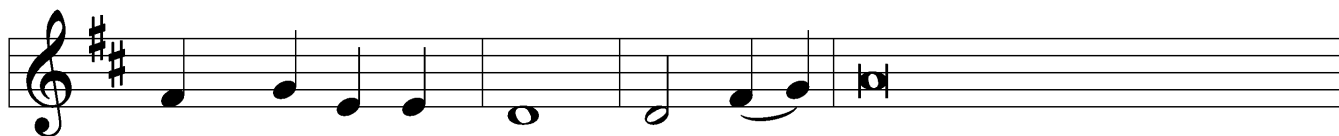
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## NUNC DIMITTIS



**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

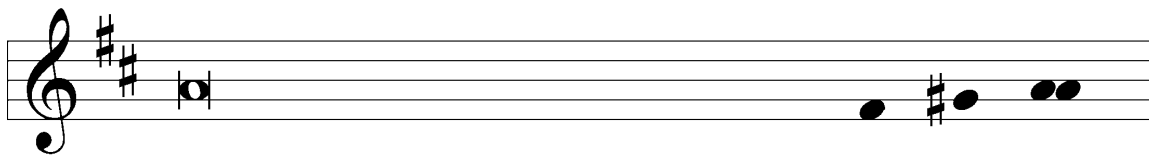


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

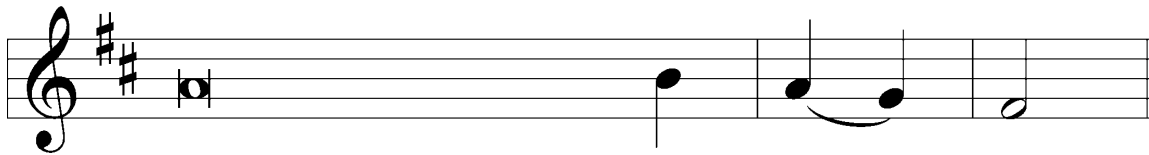


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING



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

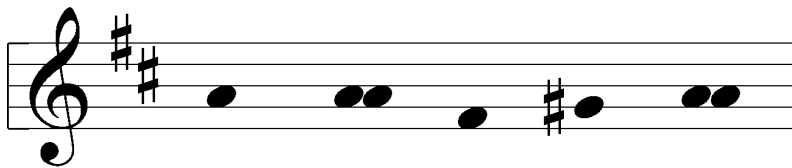


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



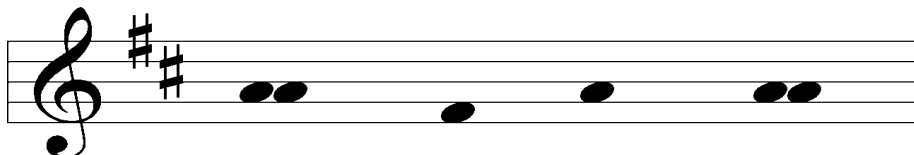
## BENEDICAMUS



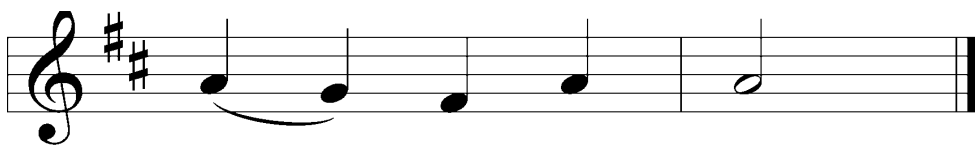
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

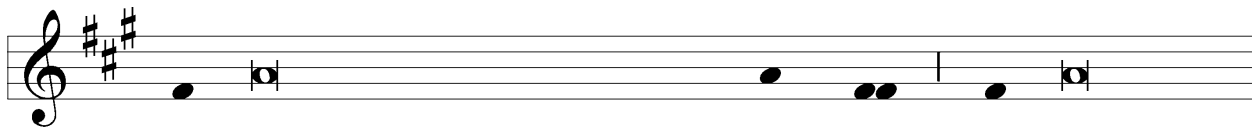


**A** Bless we the Lord.

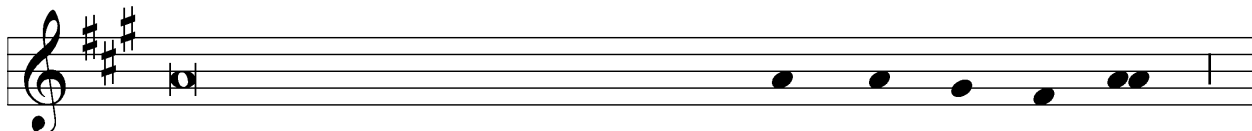


**C** Thanks be to God.

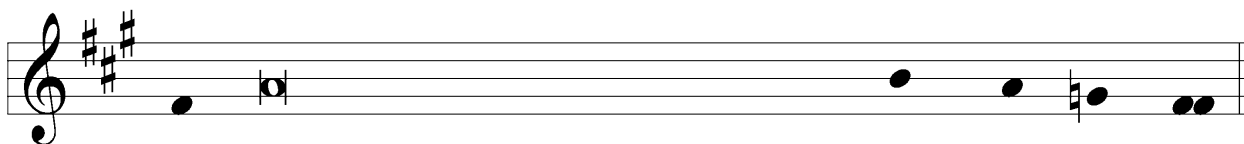
## BENEDICTION



**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

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**LSB 922**



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.

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2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for July to September 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Rev. Weber is leading the class. Also, there will be a 35th celebration of ministry for Pastor Weber.



*to our newest church members, Chuck and Laurie Brown.*

> **Community Market**—Saturday, September 6th from 5 to 9 P.M. @ the Christ Corner Baseball Field; corner of Washington Ave. and 3rd Street.  
(Food Vendors will be available.)

> Plastic caps are no longer being collected.

### September Activities

- > **Family Confirmation Class** - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > **Adult Confirmation Class** - Fridays at 12 noon.

## Sermon Notes

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.  
Psalm 100:4*

8/24/2025		
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>39</b>	
Plate:	\$	373.00
Envelopes:	\$	2,233.00
Envelopes-Other:		
Donation:		
On Line		
Memorial:		
<b>Total:</b>	\$	2,606.00
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>19</b>	\$ 24.00

## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (Proper 18)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1–21  
Luke 14:25–35

## We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16), and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

### Memory Verse Challenge

#### Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>August Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>September Sunday Servants:</b>
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Byron Terral
Altar Guild:	L Marchant/D Jackson/I Aguilera	BJ Neuhaus/ Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Byron Terral	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am