

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

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Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

**Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

Holy Communion:

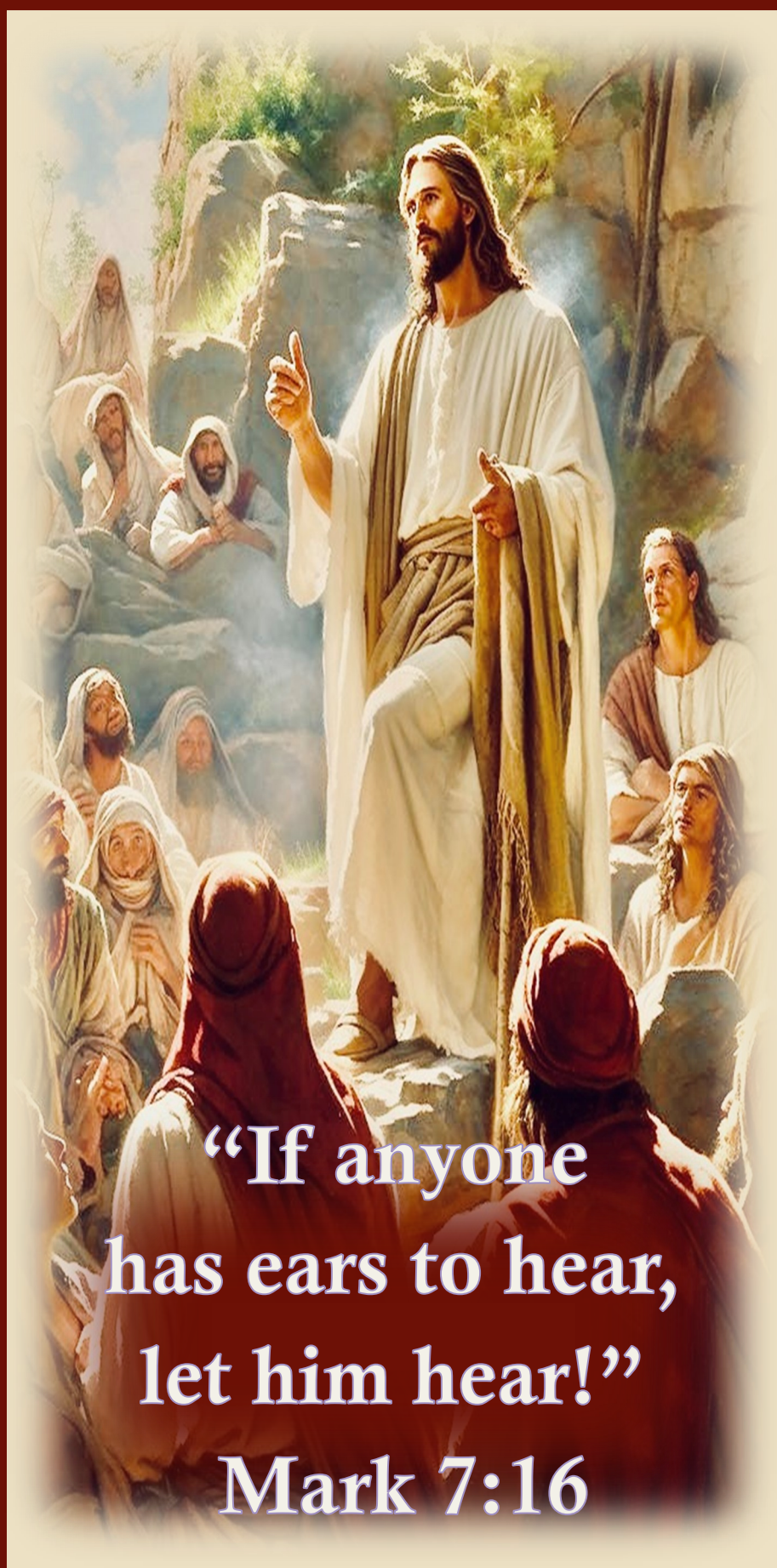
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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**“If anyone
has ears to hear,
let him hear!”**

Mark 7:16

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 2024

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 - O God who has made me, saved me, and created me as Your own child, renew me, feed me, and strengthen me that I may in all confidence proclaim Your eternal goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The Holy Gospel for today is about why the dietary laws never saved anyone and is a warning about what we think or say. The Old Testament Reading provides a warning against not passing on the teachings to the next generation. The Good News of the Gospel is most clearly found in the Epistle, which clearly tells us to rely on the armor God provides, not ourselves, so that we can stand up in this evil age. That we shall do in song and speech today, asking God's help for the coming week.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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**
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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 51:7, 10-12; antiphon: v. 2*

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

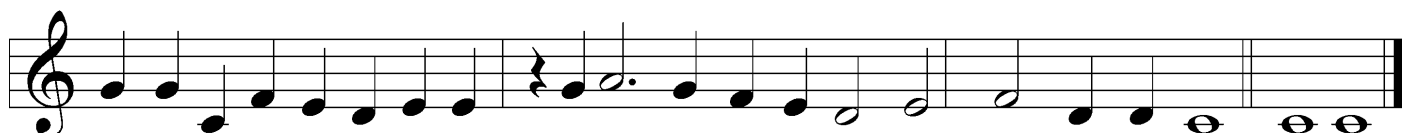
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

GLORIA PATRI



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

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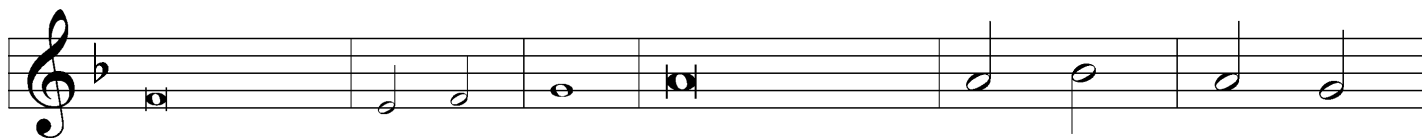


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

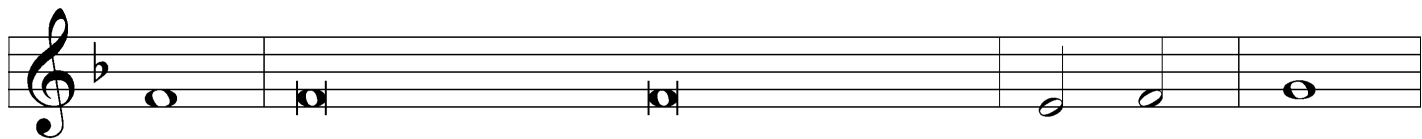


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

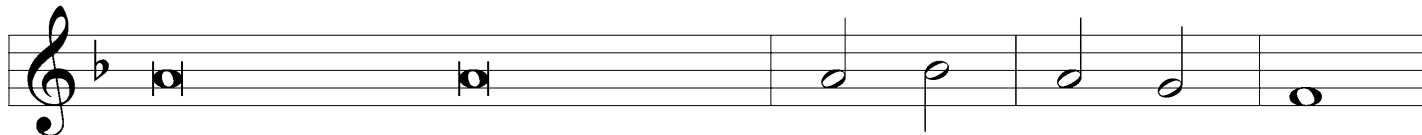
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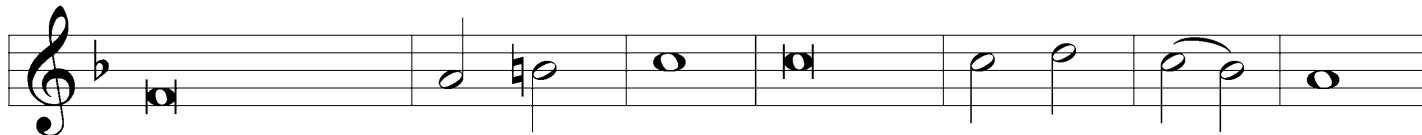
☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



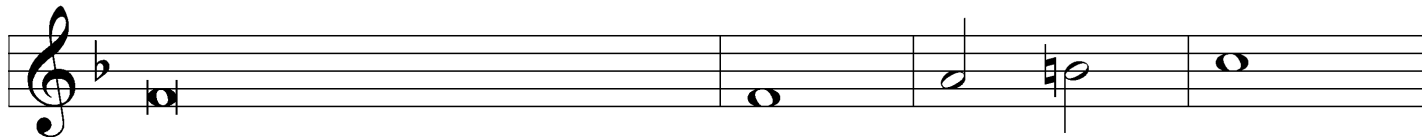
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



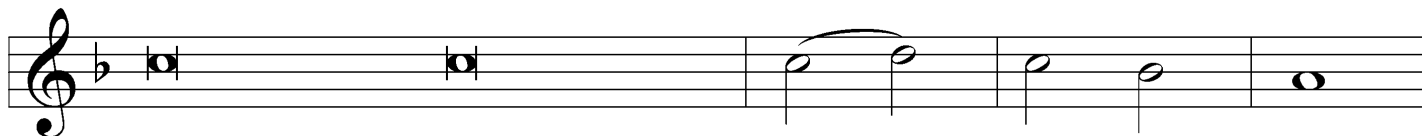
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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

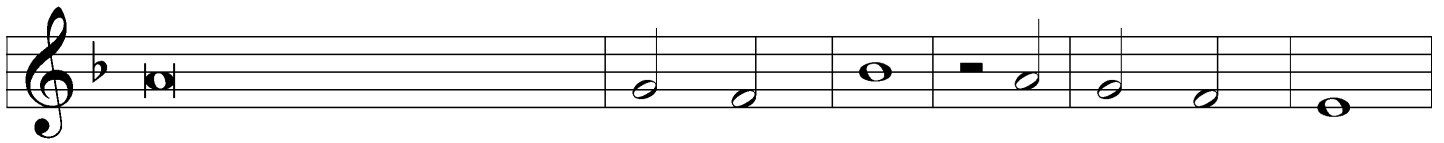


O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

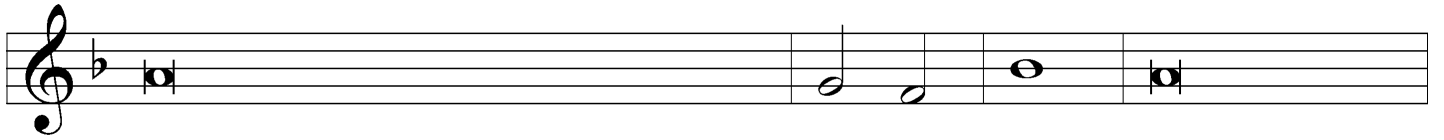


that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

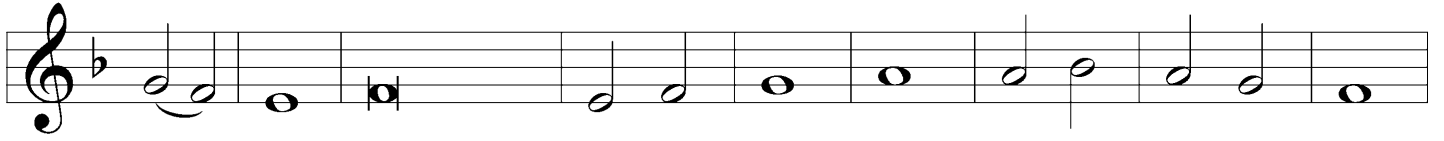
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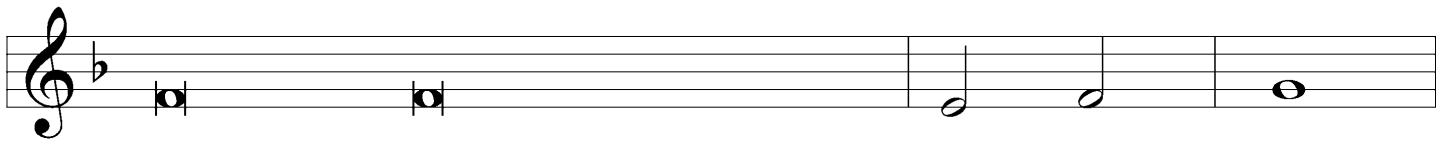
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



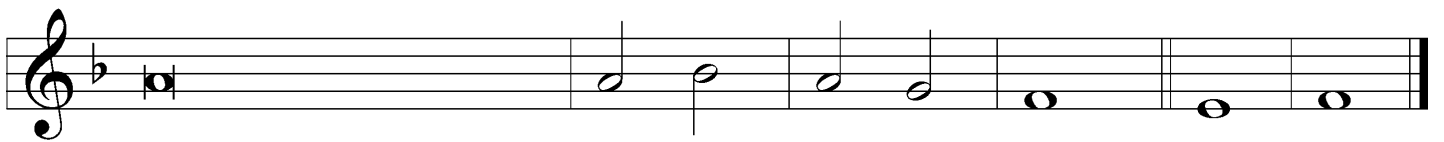
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

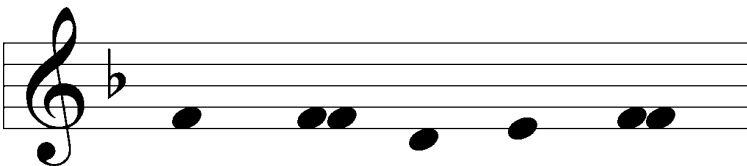


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

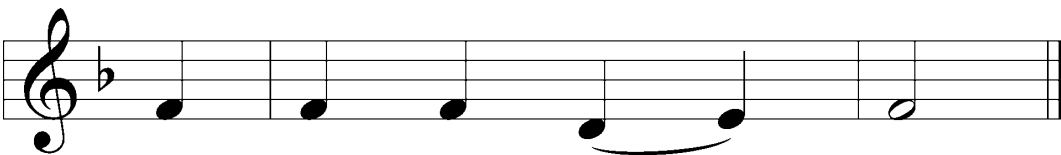


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

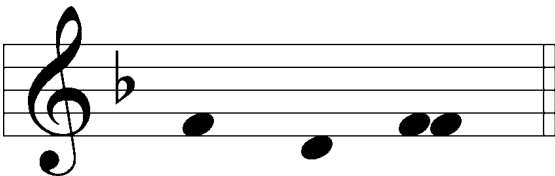
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



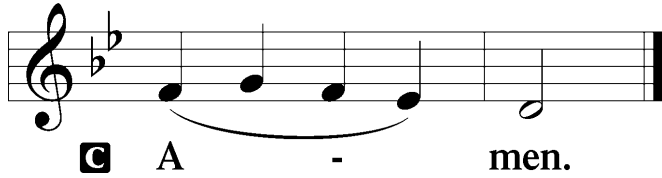
C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-9

(Do not forget all that God has done; teach your children.)

1 “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you. 5 “Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. 6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

7 “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? 8 And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? 9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 132*

P Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

C **Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.**

P The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

C **I opened my mouth and panted, for I longed for Your commandments.**

P Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

C **Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

P Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts.

C **Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.**

P Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law.

C **Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 6:10–20*

(Be certain about teachings and put on the armor of God.)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked

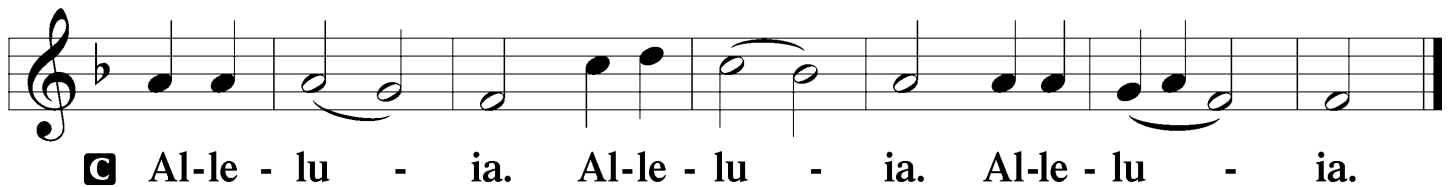
one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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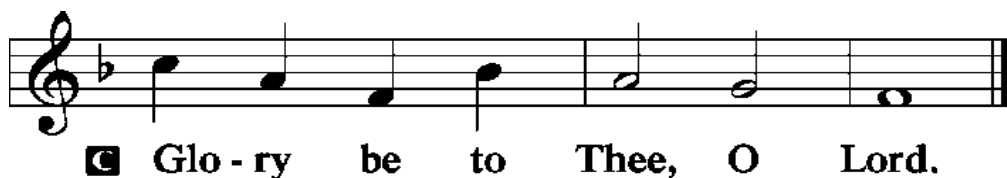
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:14-23*

(People are not defiled by what they eat but by what comes out of their hearts and mouths.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: 15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

17 When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. 18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, 19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

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20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

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.

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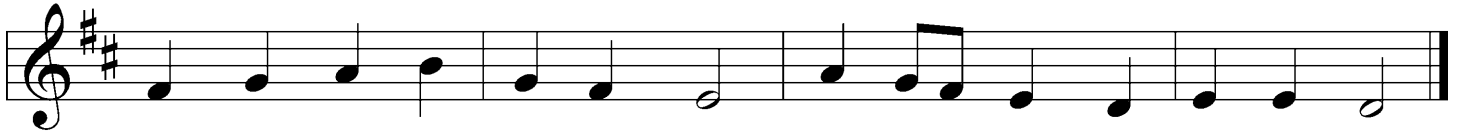
HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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SERMON

"God's cleansing of man's heart"

(Mark 7:14-16)

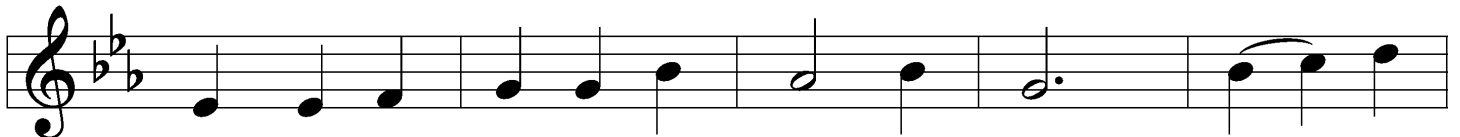
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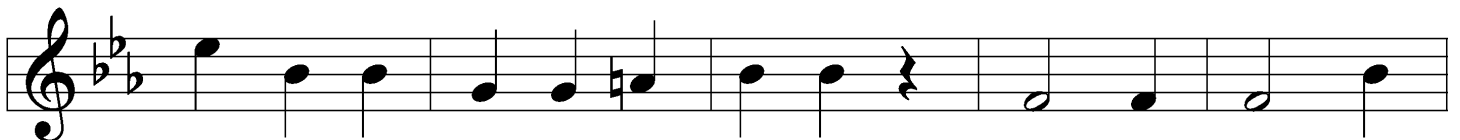
OFFERTORY

Create in Me

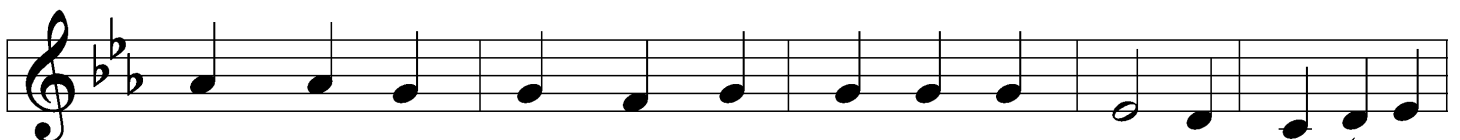
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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

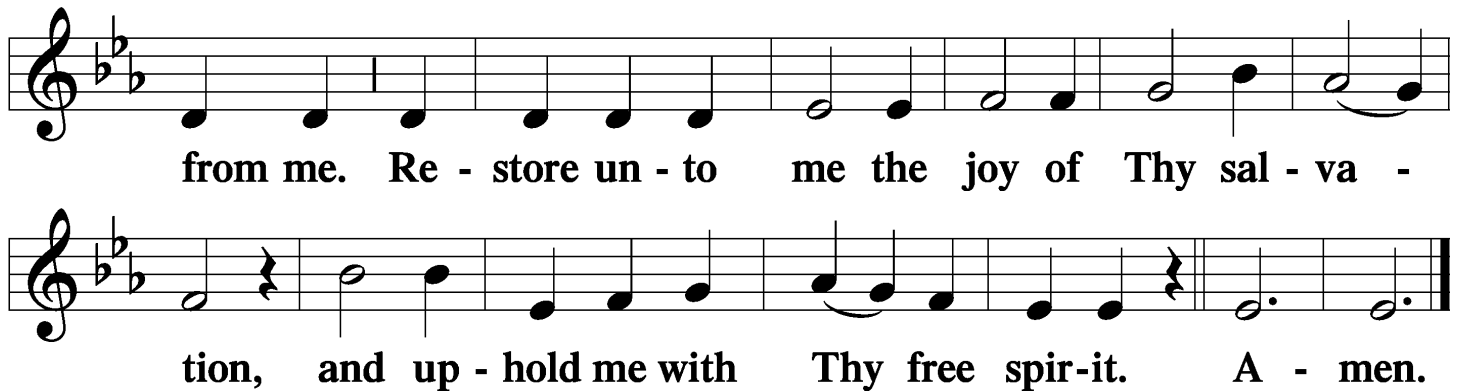


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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

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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *“Peace be with you”*
[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Deuteronomy 4:8–9; Ephesians 6:11, 17–18; Mark 7:20

- P** Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone “has statutes and just decrees so righteous” as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God’s commandments known to their children and their children’s children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to “stand against the schemes of the devil,” that God would strengthen them with “the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns, [especially . . .], that God would answer our prayers for them as we make “supplication for all the saints,” let us pray to the Lord.

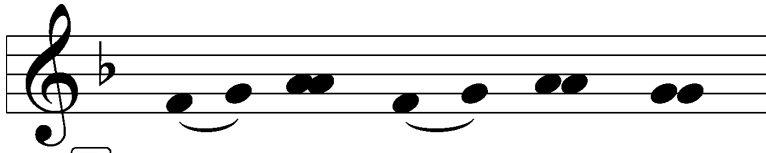
C Lord, have mercy.

P For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, “what comes out of a person is what defiles him,” that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

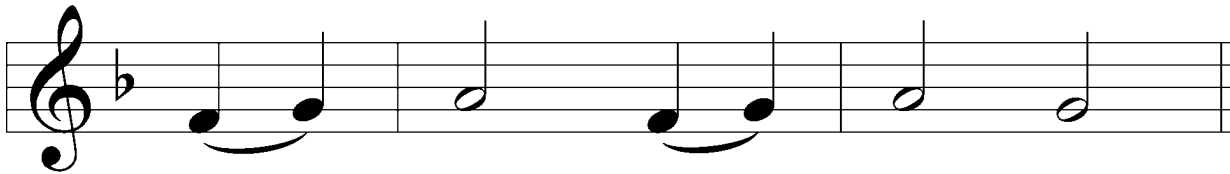
C Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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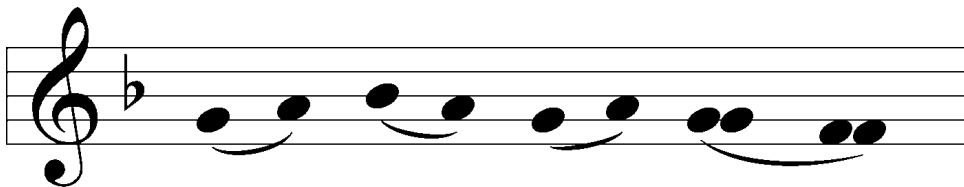
PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



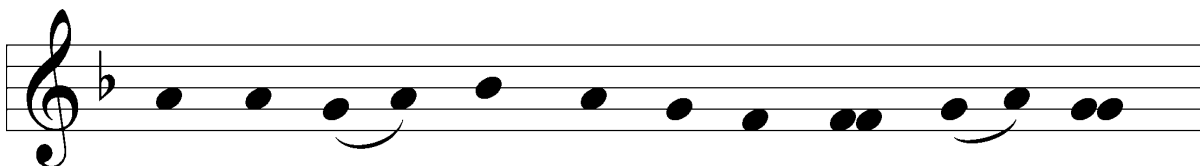
C And with thy spir - it.



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

SANCTUS



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



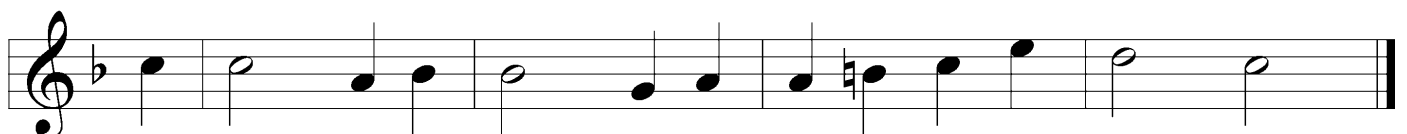
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



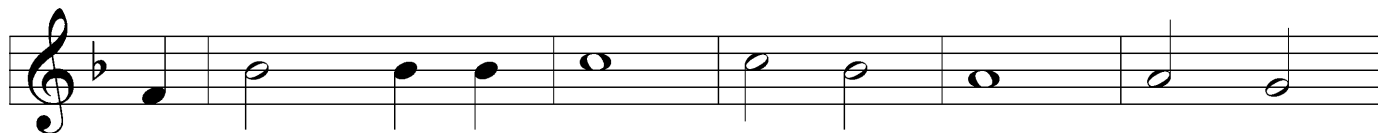
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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



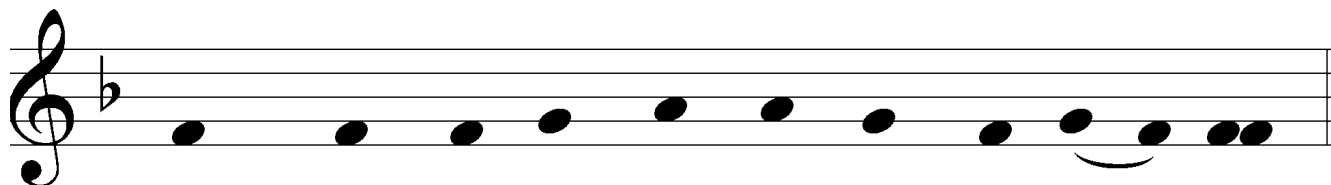
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

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

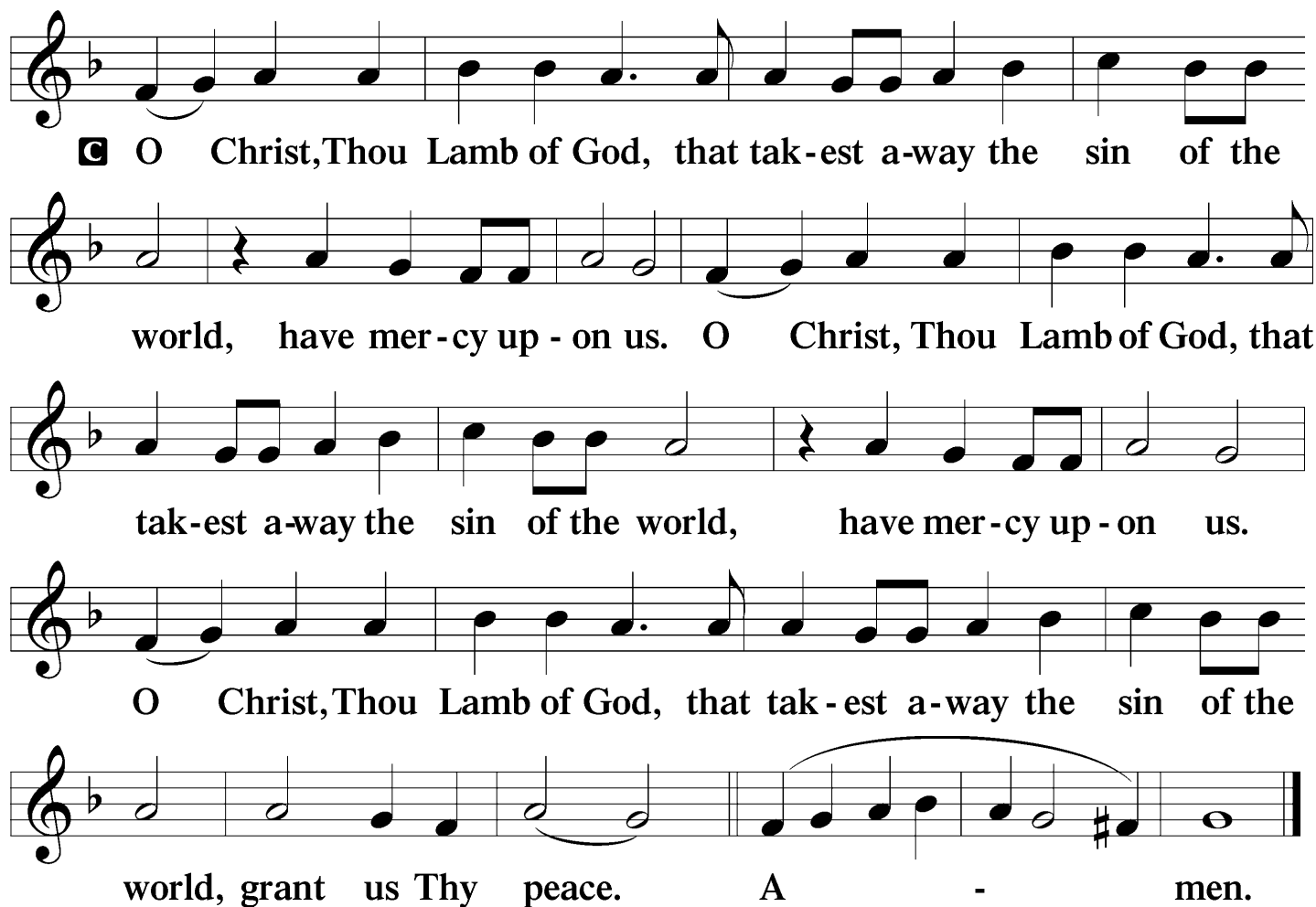


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



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.

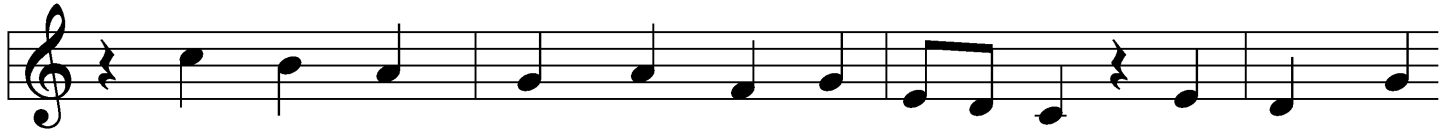
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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



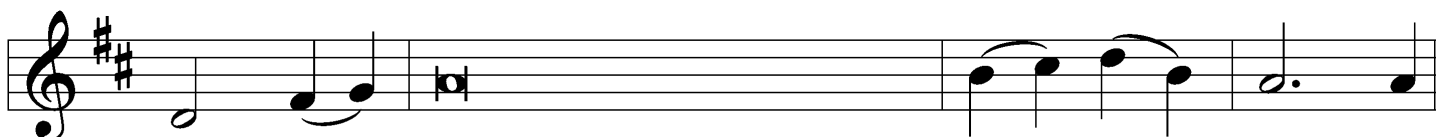
lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Please stand
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. For all the gifts that flow from this Sacrament, we give You thanks, gracious God. Grant us humble faith so that our

thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the mercy You have shown us this day. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

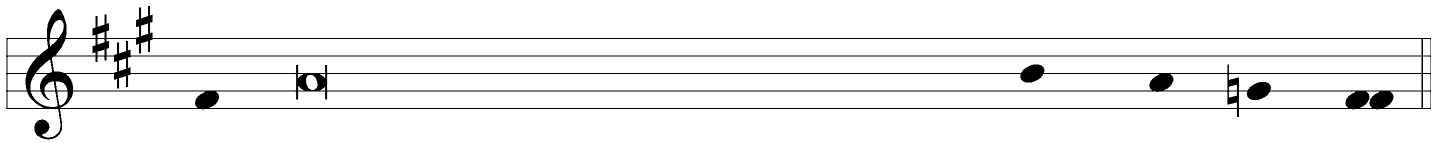
A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

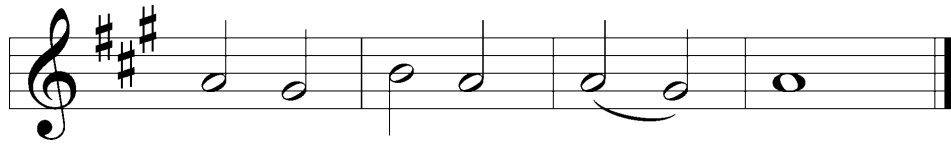
BENEDICTION

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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire* **LSB 553**



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!

△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Through all eternity!

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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 2024 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.

August Activities

Family Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Labor Day
Tomorrow, September 2nd
School and Office will be closed

Pastors' Circuit Bar-B-Q
September 2nd

Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, September 3rd
9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Pastors' Circuit Meeting
Tuesday, September 17th

Pastors' Wife Retreat
September 27 to 29th
Maggie will be attending.

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Memory Verse Challenge

This week's

MEMORY VERSE

**WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN BUT YOU?
AND THERE IS NOTHING ON EARTH
THAT I DESIRE BESIDES YOU. MY
FLESH AND MY HEART MAY FAIL, BUT
GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART
AND MY PORTION FOREVER.**

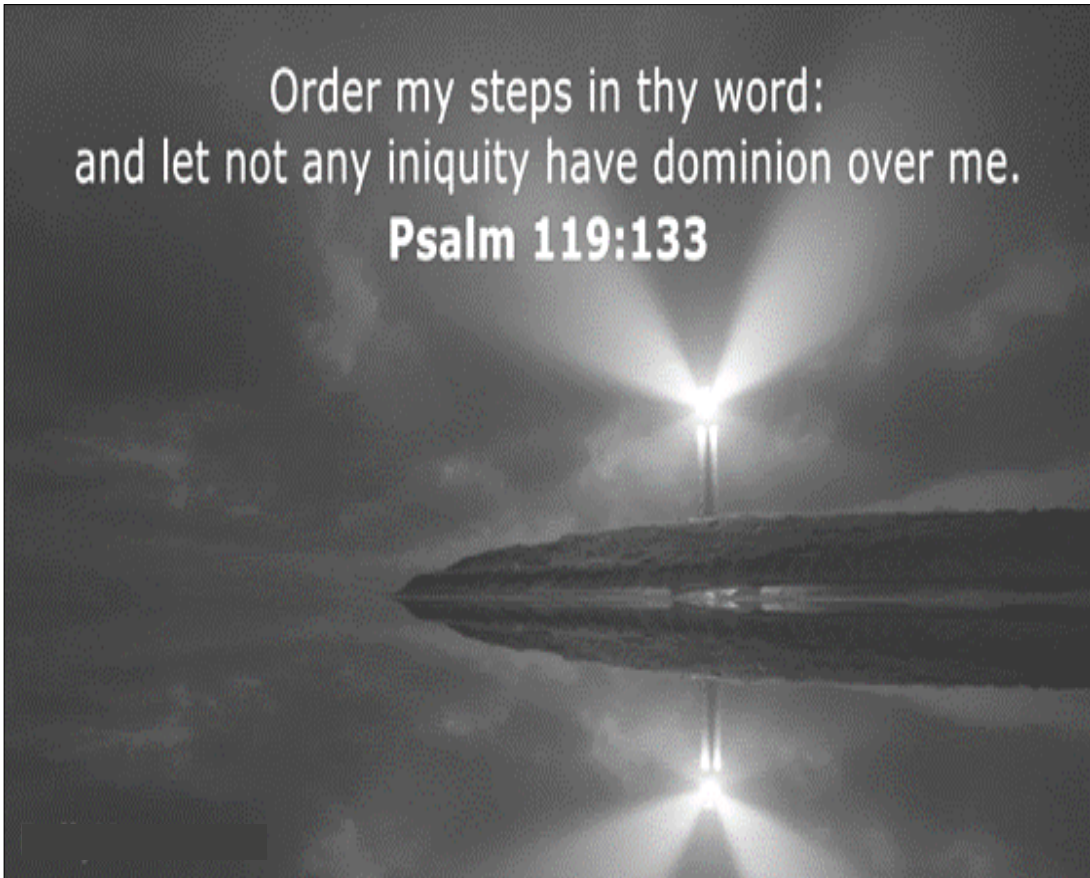
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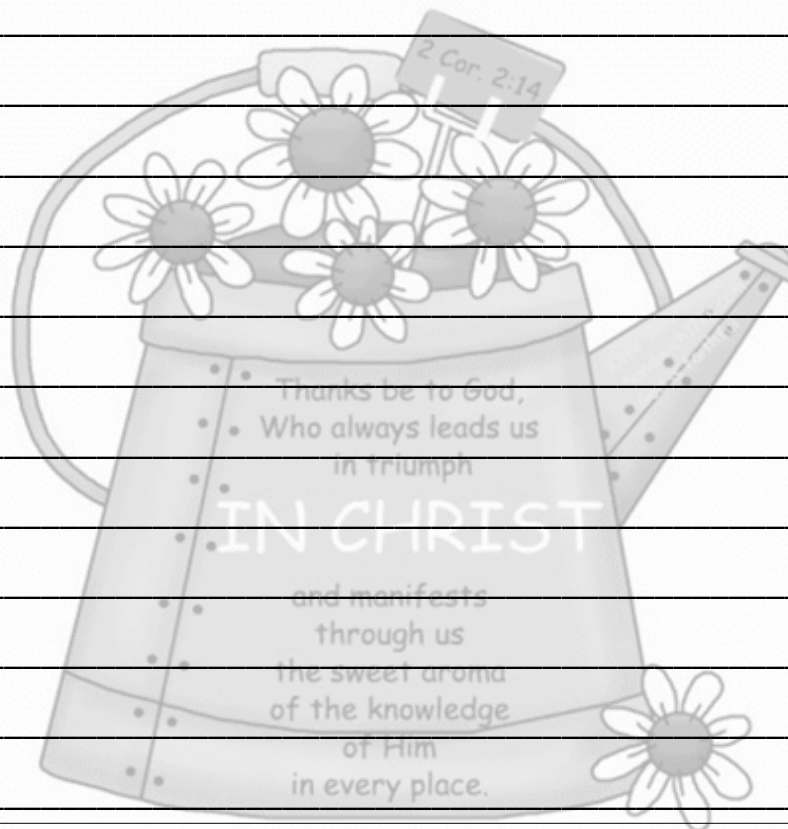
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Order my steps in thy word:
and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Psalm 119:133



Sermon Notes



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|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 8/18/2024 | | |
| Sunday Worship | 50 | |
| Plate: | | \$ 142.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 3,558.00 |
| Envelopes-Other: | | |
| On-line: | | |
| Donation: for School | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Memorial: | | |
| | Total: | \$ 3,700.00 |
| Bible Class: | 20 | \$ 22.00 |

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|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 8/25/2024 | | |
| Sunday Worship | 42 | |
| Plate: | | \$ 35.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 1,857.00 |
| Envelopes-Other: | | |
| On-line: | | |
| Donation: | | |
| Memorial: | | |
| | Total: | \$ 1,892.00 |
| Bible Class: | 20 | \$ 16.00 |

***Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost Readings:
(Proper 18)***

***Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, 14-18
Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37***

We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

Wickedness and evil come “from within, out of the heart,” and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus “declared all foods clean” (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, “listen to the statutes and the rules” of the Lord, “and do them, that you may live” (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is “your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples” (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it “to your children and your children’s children” (Deut. 4:9). Put on this “armor of God” by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may “stand firm” in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the “gospel of peace,” and take up “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” by confessing Christ Jesus and “praying at all times in the Spirit (Eph. 6:14–18).

| Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | |
|---|---|----------|
| September Sunday Servants: | | |
| Elder: | Don Vogel | |
| Altar Guild: | Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | |
| This Week | <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |
| Next Week | <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| Usher: | Ken Eilers | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |