

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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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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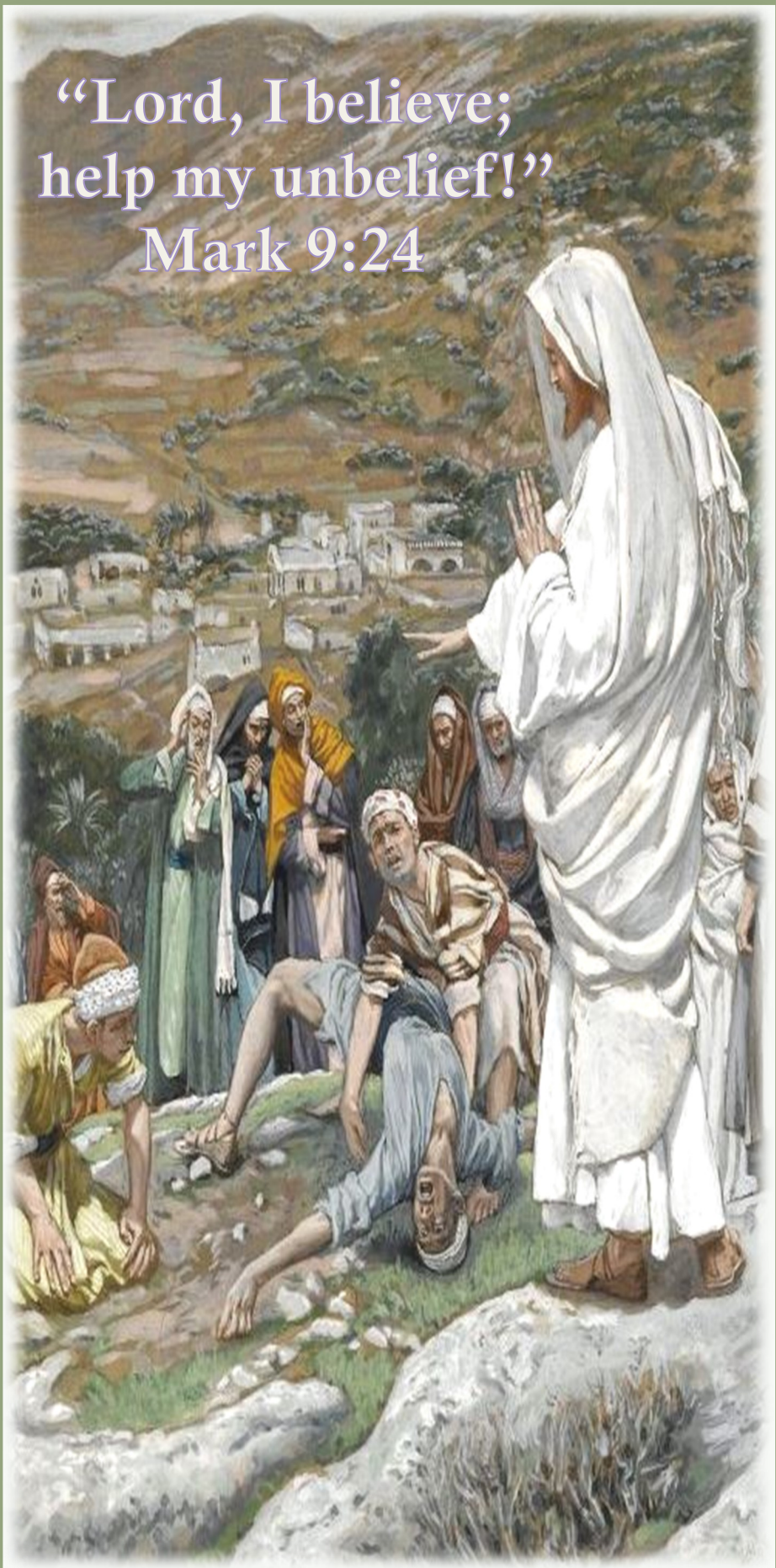
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**“Lord, I believe;
help my unbelief!”
Mark 9:24**



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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 - Lord Jesus Christ, as You go with me through each day, help me by Your strength to serve You in meeting people's needs and in spreading the Good News of the Gospel; 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 - In today's Gospel, the father of a possessed boy says, "If you can do anything . . ." As God in the flesh, Jesus can do anything—and He wants to! His concern is never an "if," but an "always." When our troubles increase, their resolution awaits not God's intention but our waffling faith in His concern. Few of us have the resolve and bravado of Isaiah in the Old Testament Reading. Seldom do we recognize how we use our tongues for both good and evil. Today the Scriptures encourage us to turn from relying on ourselves to putting our faith-borne trust in Him alone.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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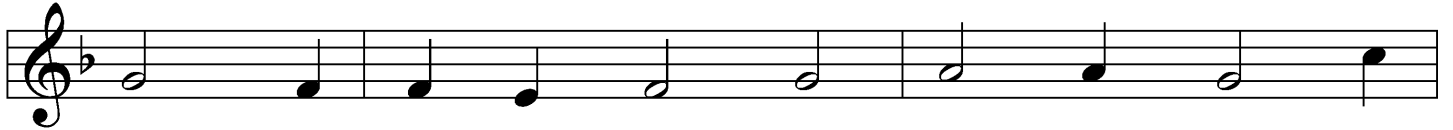
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
 Δ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
 hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
 ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
 light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
 that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise 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**

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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 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24*

P Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

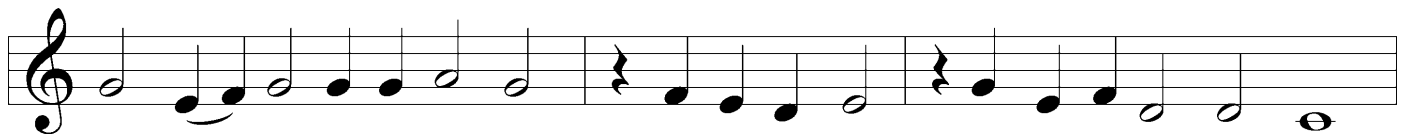
C **But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

P My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

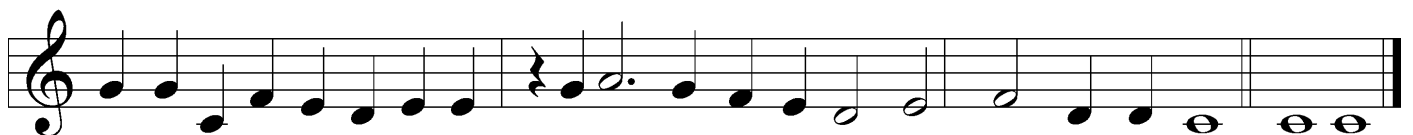
C **Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies’ sake.**

P Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

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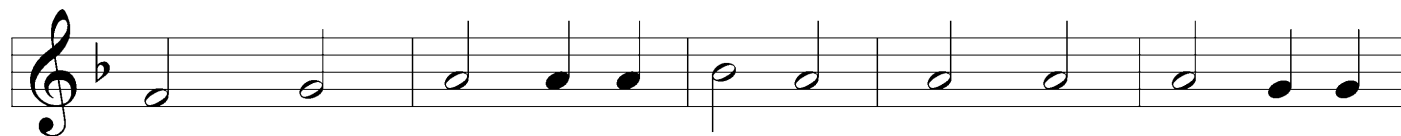


G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

KYRIE

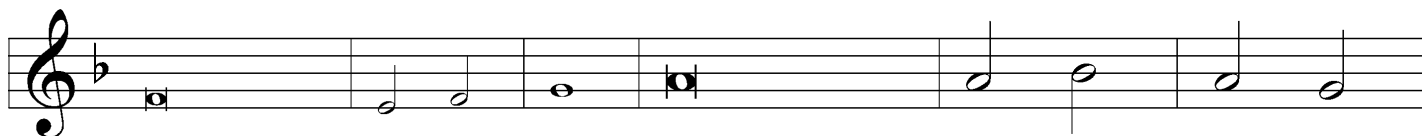


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

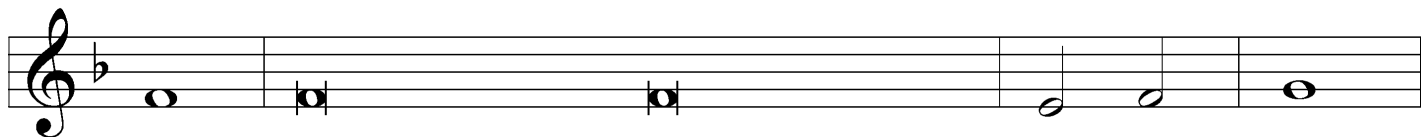


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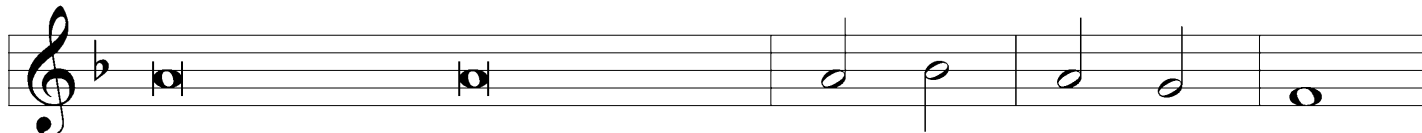
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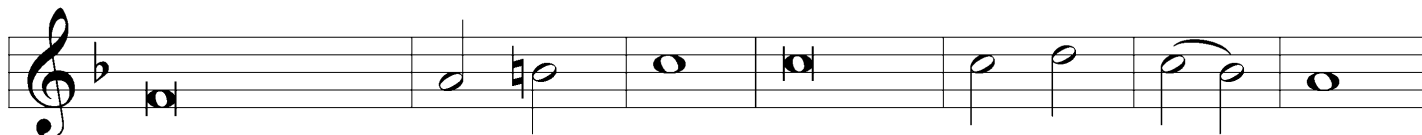
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



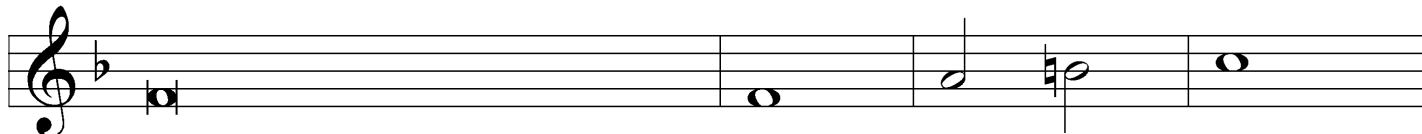
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



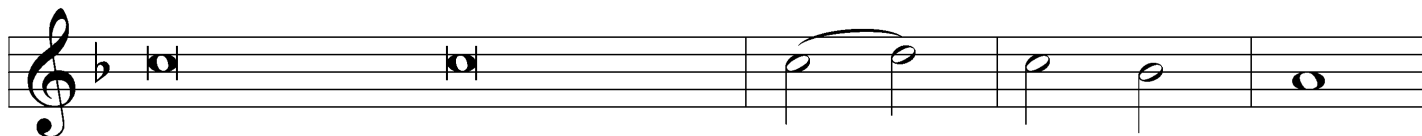
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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

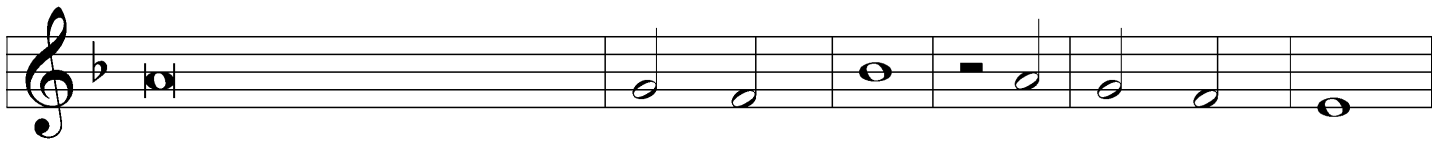


O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

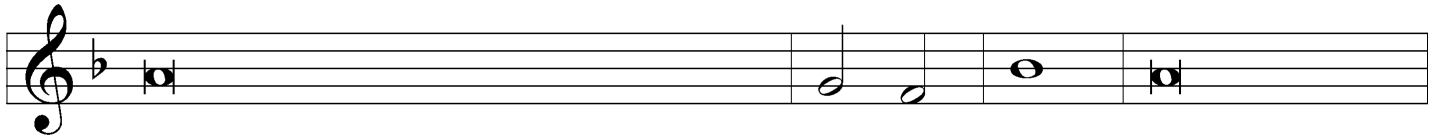


that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

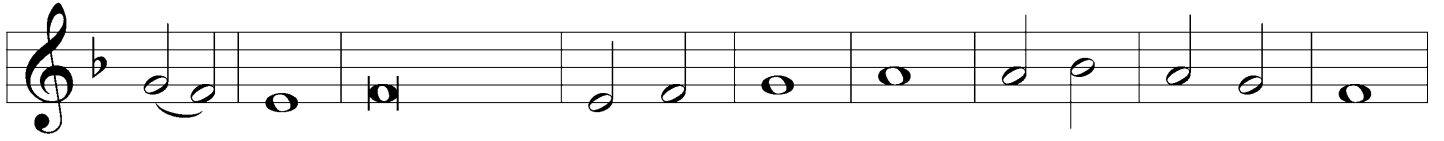
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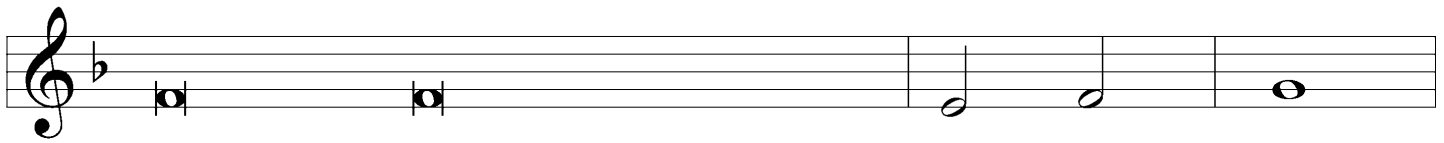
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



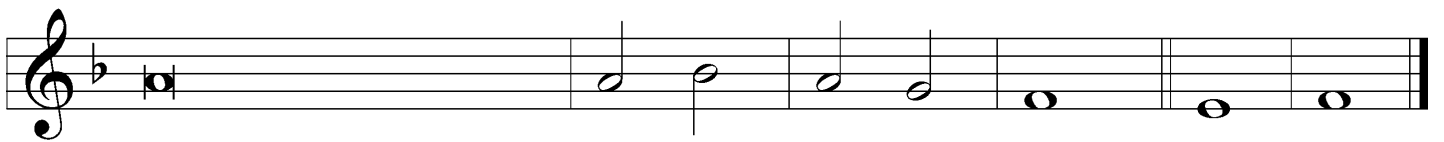
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

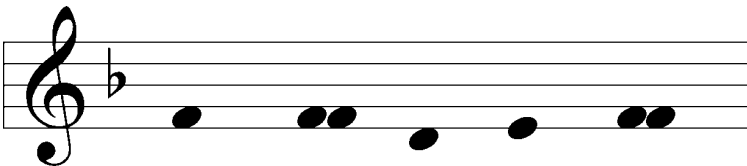


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

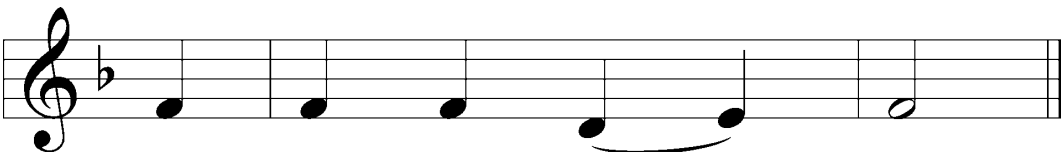


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

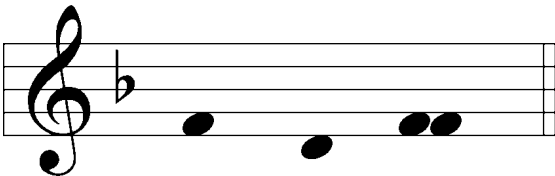
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



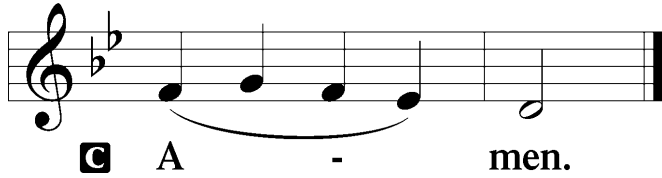
C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your church in safety, govern her by Your

goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 50:4–10*
(Isaiah urges a bold faith.)

4 “The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.

5 The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. 10 “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5*

P Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

C I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

P Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

C The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid

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hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

P Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

C Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

P The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

C Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

P For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

C I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

P Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

EPISTLE

James 3:1-12

(James warns against an uncontrolled tongue.)

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29

(Jesus exorcizes a spirit after the disciples are not able.)

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. 15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. 16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." 19 He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." 20 Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

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24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

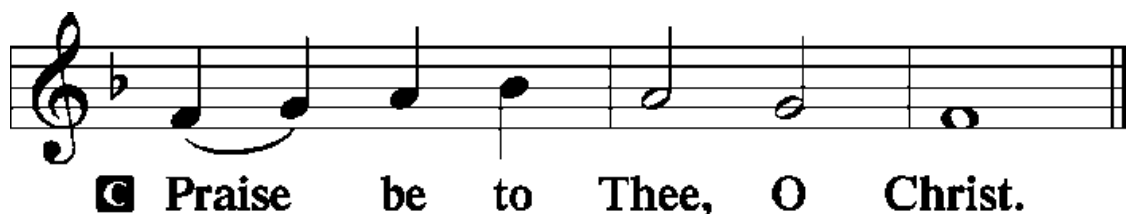
25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”

26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

29 So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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

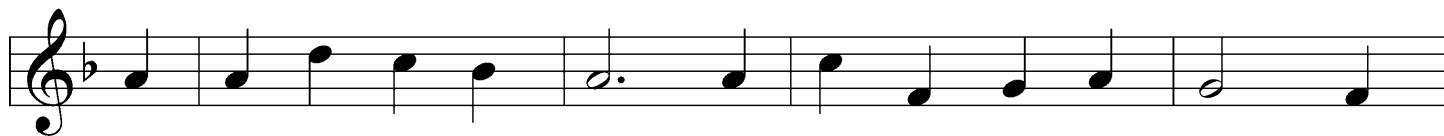
prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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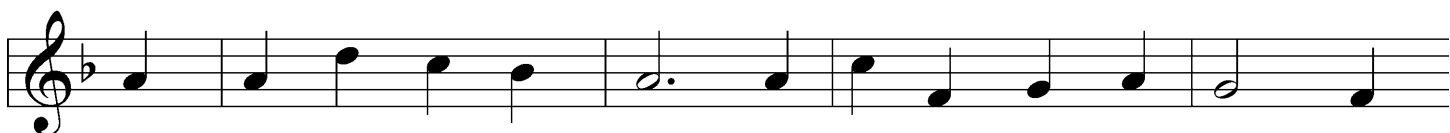
HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Forsake Me Not

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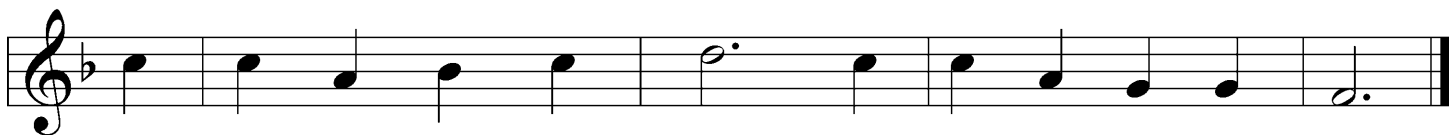
1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
 2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;
 3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!
 4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me
 Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver-come me.
 In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;
 O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
 In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.
 And when the prince of hell My con - science seeks to blot,
 Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
 O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!
 Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!
 Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

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SERMON

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Mark 9:24

OFFERING

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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
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

Psalm 116:1-2, 5, 7-9

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions. Today’s Psalm is the response of a trusting person, confident that God has heard the prayer.

Be present, Lord our God, wherever wars rage and governments fail, where homelessness and disease are rampant, and where the poor are forgotten.

C **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Guard, defend, and give wisdom to all who go into harm’s way to do

battle against foreign enemies and in emergencies here at home. Use medical personnel and caring neighbors to bring about health and healing.

C Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

P Provide faith-filled leaders and followers to proclaim the Gospel, serve You with the gifts You have given them, and care for the needs of people around the world.

C Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P Be with all who tend flocks, raise harvests, and distribute food so that many may be fed.

C Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

P Visit, relieve, and console those who are sick or in mourning, [including . . .], according to Your gracious plans for them.

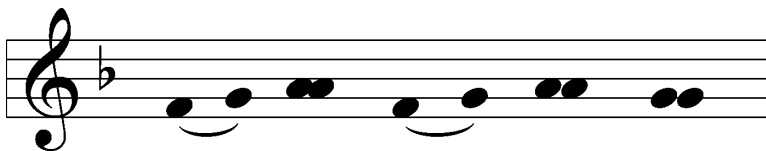
C For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

P These and any other things You see that we need, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

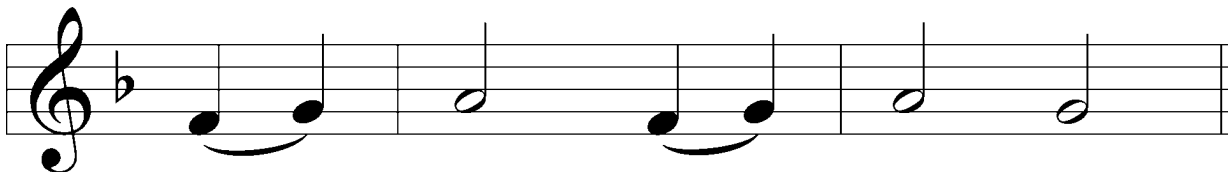
C I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



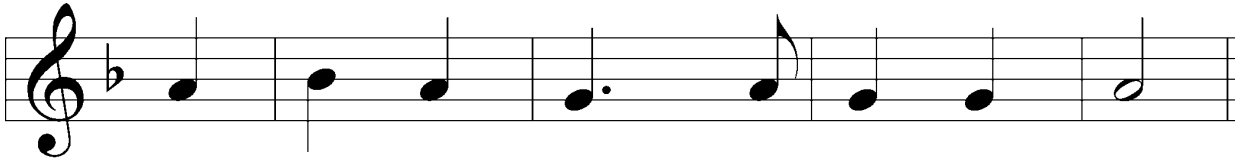
P The Lord be with you.



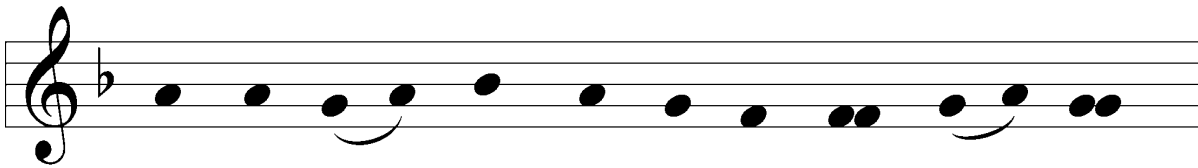
C And with thy spir - it.



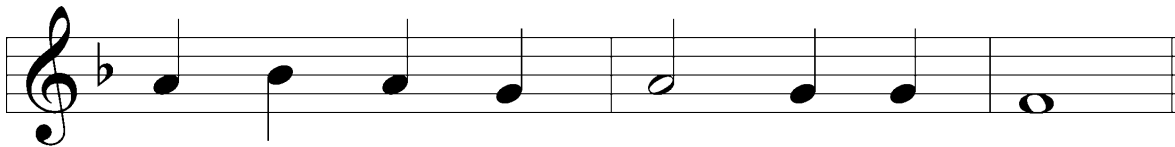
P Lift up your hearts.



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



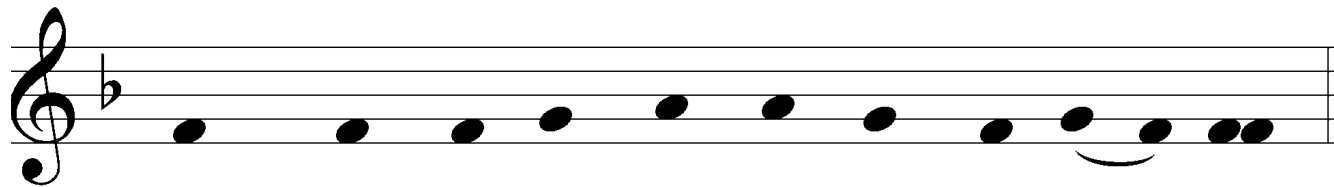
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

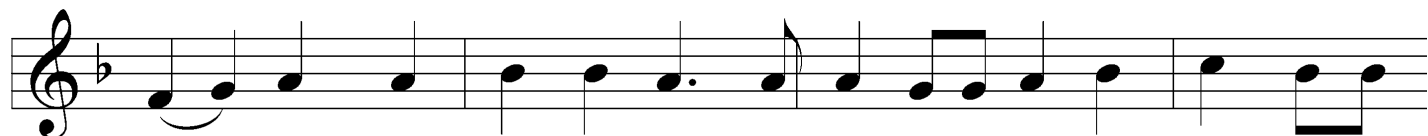


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

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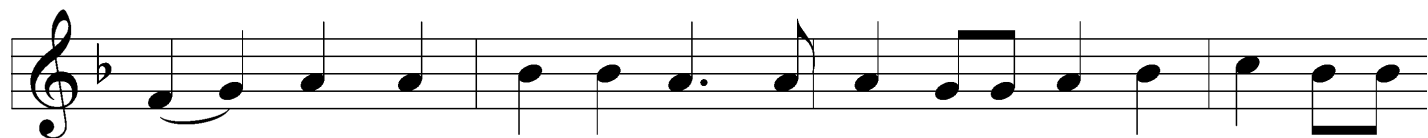
C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



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.

COMMUNION HYMN *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives* LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

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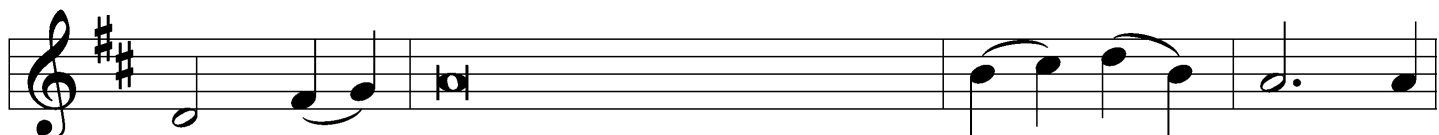
5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

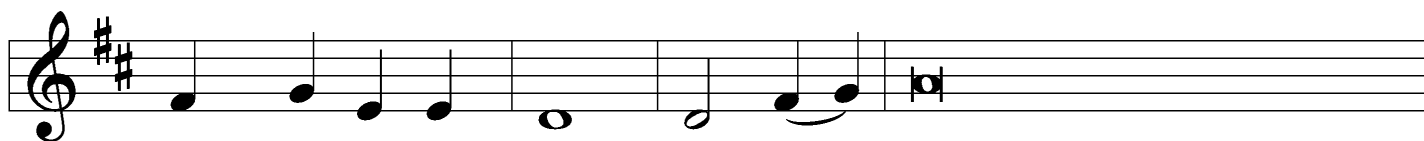
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



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



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

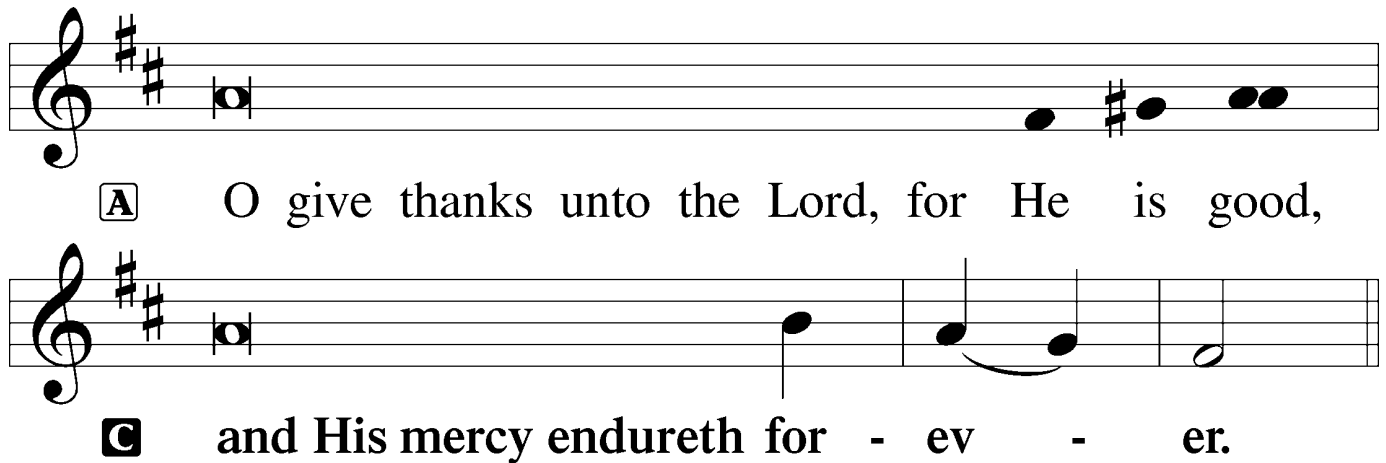


a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



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.

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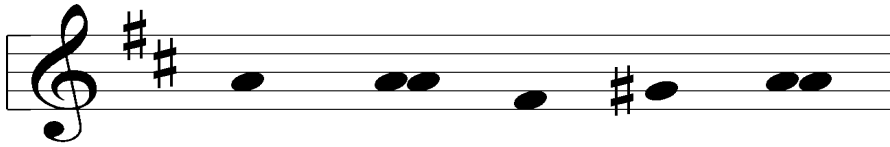
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

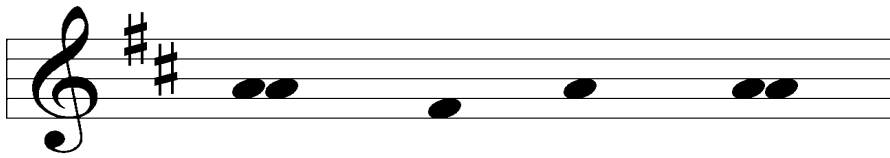
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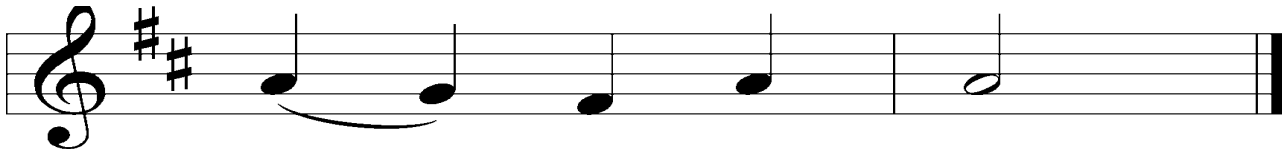
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

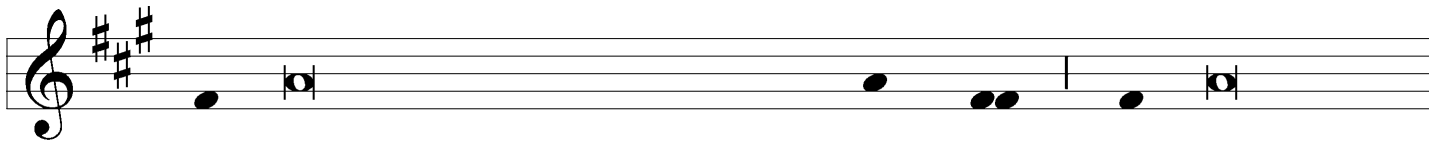


A Bless we the Lord.

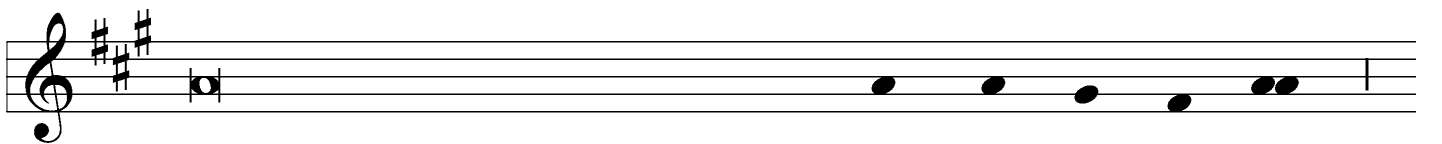


C Thanks be to God.

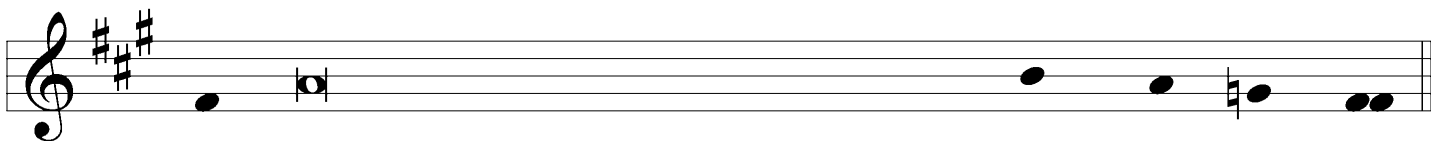
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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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.

September Activities

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

Pastors' Circuit Meeting
Tuesday, September 17th

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

October Activities

Pot Lock Luncheon
Sunday, October 6th
Bring your favorite dish

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's




MEMORY VERSE

**BUT HE SAID TO ME,
“MY GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER
IS MADE PERFECT
IN WEAKNESS.”**

**THEREFORE I WILL BOAST
ALL THE MORE GLADLY OF
MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT
THE POWER OF CHRIST
MAY REST UPON ME.**

– 2 Corinthians 12:9

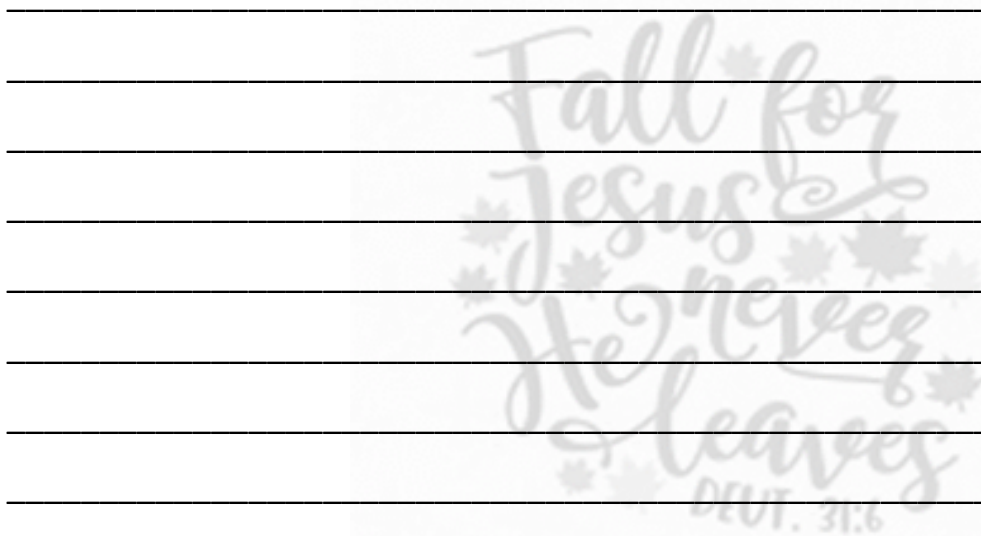

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**I love the Lord, because He
has heard My voice and my
supplications. Because He
has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him
as long as I live.
Psalms 116:1-2**

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Sermon Notes



Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 NKJV

9/8/2024		
Sunday Worship	38	
Plate:		\$ 320.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,838.00
Envelopes-Other:		
On-line		\$ 500.00
Donation:		
Other: Refund-Documation		\$ 562.29
Memorial:		
	Total:	\$ 3,220.29
Bible Class:	19	\$ 22.00

***Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost Readings:
(Proper 20)***

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13—4:10

Mark 9:30-37

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Those who teach the Word of God “will be judged with greater strictness” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “boasts of great things,” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “the tongue of those who are taught,” He is able to sustain the weary “with a word” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “mute and deaf spirit” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

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