



ASCENSION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Divine Service **St. Luke, the Evangelist**

Friends of God,

Today salvation has come to this house, since he
also is a son of Abraham. For the Son
of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:9b, 10

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.*

*How sweet are your words to
my taste, sweeter than honey
to my mouth!*

*My heart overflows with a
pleasing theme; my tongue is
like the pen of a ready scribe.*

Gradual

Psalm 119:105, 103; 45:1a,c

You, my God, converted me, and I am converted.
After I was converted by You, I repented...I was
dead in sin, and You made me alive. I was able to
contribute as much to my conversion as a dead
person is able to contribute to his resurrection. If
You had not drawn me, I would never have come to
You. If You had not awakened me, I would never
have watched for You. If You have not enlightened
me, I would never have seen You. Sins were sweeter
to me than honey and honeycomb. That they are
now pungent and bitter, I owe to You, the One who
gave me my spiritual taste. Virtuous works were
more bitter to me than gall and aloe. That they are
now pleasing and delightful, I owe only to You, the
One who changed my corrupt, fleshly judgement by
the Spirit...You, Good Shepherd, sought me and led
me back to the flock of the saints.

Johann Gerhard

Meditations on Divine Mercy, pp. 75-76†

OCTOBER 18, 2026 ✠ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home.

Sit towards the front: That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

Help your child look and listen: Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminders of Jesus and His Good News.

Participate joyfully! Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

Involve your child: Encourage them to say and pray their parts: *"Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father..."* Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

If You and Your Child Must Leave: There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)



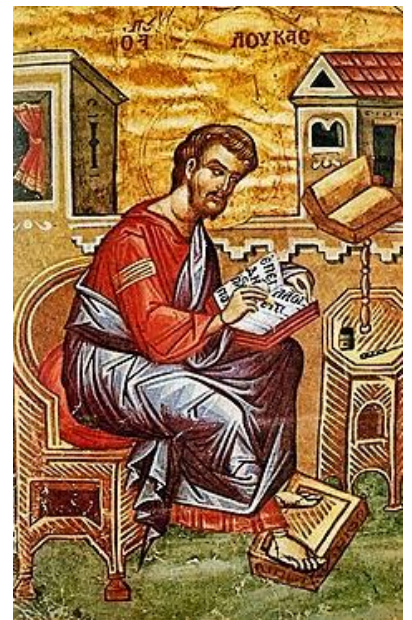
WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshiping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.

Regarding HOLY COMMUNION: Please refer to page 13 for instruction on self-examination and participation in the Sacrament.

Today the church rejoices for the festival of St. Luke.

St. Paul called Luke, "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). The world valued his expertise healing bodies, but the church honors St. Luke as a doctor of the soul. He accompanied St. Paul on some of his missionary journeys, sticking with him when others had left (see our epistle reading). Afterward, St. Luke returned to Judea to carefully research and write an extensive account of the life of our Lord Jesus, the third canonical Gospel. He also compiled a record of the Church's infancy, detailing the Gospel's spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Together, these writings make up more than one-third of our New Testament. Luke's Gospel is unique. He begins with information that could only have come from the Virgin Mary herself, and besides recording her own inner experience (Luke 2:51), his Gospel includes details of our Lord's conception, her time expecting, His infancy and His childhood. Several of Jesus' teachings and other facts are recorded only by St. Luke, along with canticles (the Ave Maria, Magnificat, Benedictus, & Nunc Dimittis) that remain at the heart of the Church's worship. His second record, the book of Acts, shows the way Jesus' work continued after His Ascension among His disciples...work that we get to continue, by the Holy Spirit, together this very morning!



Gathered Together...

PRELUDE

The Sun Will Never Settle

Evan Miller

Kingfishr

*As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.
At the end of the announcements, please stand.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5

Turn and face the cross in procession.

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

INVOCATION

1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

The 8:30am service continues on page 7 with Confession and Absolution.



Fathers and Mothers: Go and lead your Child by the hand into the Church...In this way you will leave much wealth to your children: leave them in God's care.

St. John Chrysostom (4th C.)

An Address on Vainglory and the Right Way for Parents to Bring Up their Children

Holy Baptism

+ Elio James Sbardella +

Born September 24, 2026

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas & Caroline Sbarbella, parents

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Anna Sbardella, sponsors

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P What name have you given your child?

R *Elio James Sbardella*

P What do you ask for your child?

R *Baptism into Christ.*

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Elio James, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✙ forehead and upon your ✙ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Elio James according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Daniel & Anna, is it your intention to serve Elio as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

Stand.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. *Mark 10:13-16*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

All place their hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying the Lord's Prayer:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even
✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit.



Therefore baptism remains forever. Even though someone falls from it and sins, we always have access to it...Repentance is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism... Let all Christians regard their baptism as the daily garment that they are always to wear...for Christ, our atonement, does not withdraw from us or forbid us to return to Him even though we sin, so all treasures and gifts remain.

Martin Luther

Large Catechism, On Infant Baptism

The pastor addresses the following questions to the candidate's family, sponsors and congregation:

- P** Do you renounce the devil?
R *Yes, I renounce him.*
P Do you renounce all his works?
R *Yes, I renounce them.*
P Do you renounce all his ways?
R *Yes, I renounce them.*
P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

- P** Elio James Sbardella, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.
C **Amen.**

A baptismal candle is kindled from the paschal candle and given to the newly baptized.

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
L Elio, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and filled you with His Holy Spirit, to receive and share the gifts of His Kingdom so that together we might hear and declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
C **Amen. We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you in Jesus' name, into His new life as our brother in Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.**

Stand.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Elio James Sbardella the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom.
Look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them;
Hear the prayers of this congregation for Elio James, that You would keep him in his baptismal grace, so that, according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P May the Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you. Peace be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their seats.

The 11:00am service continues with the Introit on the next page.

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. *1 John 1:8-9*

Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Luke 18:13-14

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 20:21-23*

C Amen.

Stand.

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: Luke 24:46-47



Leader sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise | from the dead,*

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Je- | rusalem.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me
glad | by your work;*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. |
Amen.

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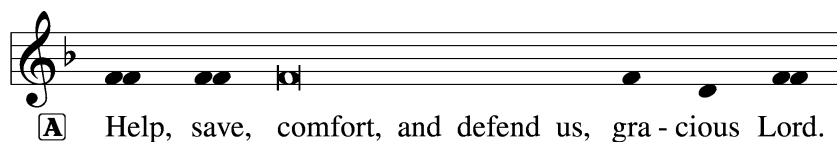
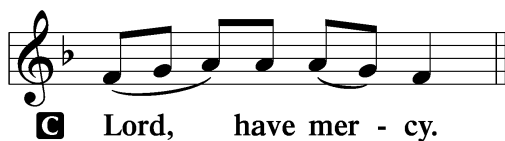
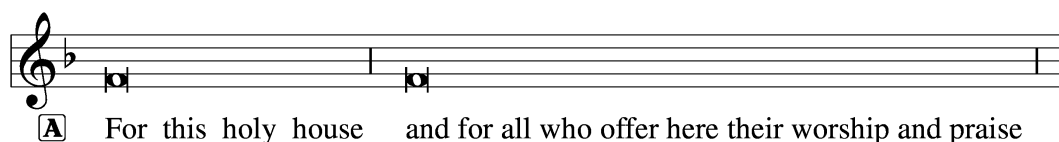
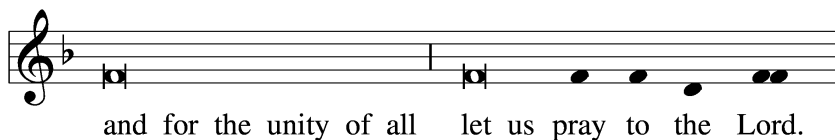
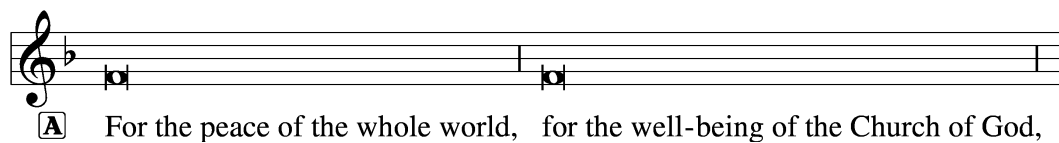
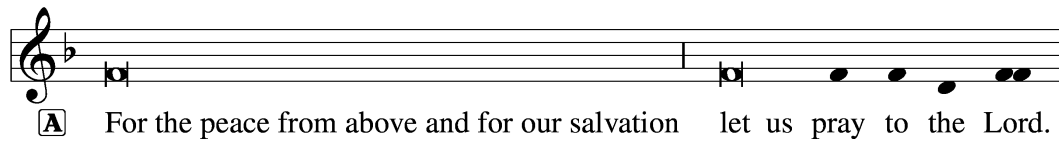
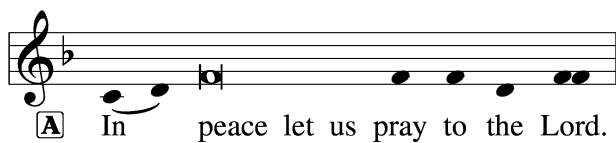
153. If when praying no other joy can attract you, then truly you have found prayer.

Evagrios the Solitary (4th C.)

One-Hundred and Fifty-Three Texts on Prayer

KYRIE

Mark 10:47; Luke 18:13; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1



REVELATION 5:12-13; 19:5-9

2 Timothy 4:22

Sit.

...Around the Word...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35:5-8

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the thirty-fifth chapter.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18

A The Epistle is from 2 Timothy, the fourth chapter.

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for

ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

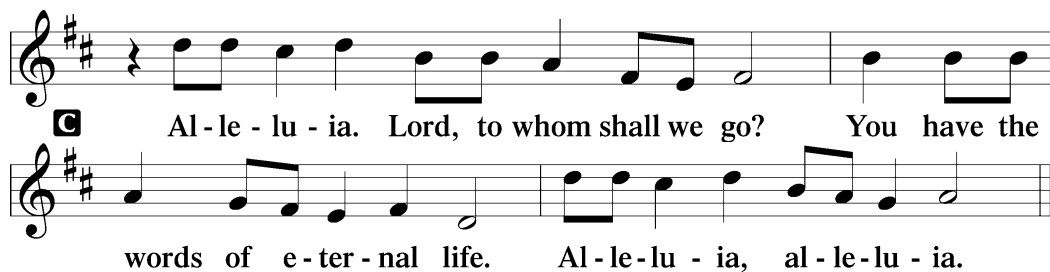
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

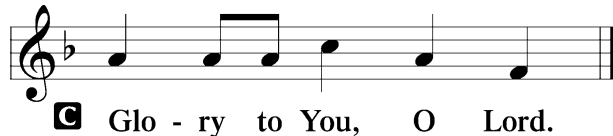


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-9

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one

on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth. *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. *John 3:16; Romans 10:9
Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35
Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:23-25
Matthew 27:26; John 19:1-3
Mark 15:25; John 19:30; Luke 23:53
Acts 2:24; 1 Peter 3:19
1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55*
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *Acts 10:42; Matt. 26:64
John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
Ephesians 4:1-6; 15-16; Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 24:46-48; Acts 13:38; Col. 1:14; 1 John 1:7
John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen. *Acts 10:42; Matt. 26:64
John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
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Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children’s message.

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord’s Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is “Yes” then joyfully receive the Lord’s gift in His Sacrament.

- ☐ *Do you come to the Lord’s Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God’s gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?*
- ☐ *Have you been baptized and instructed in the Sacrament so that you come to confess the holy, catholic and apostolic faith along with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?*
- ☐ *Do you believe Jesus’ words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?*

We invite all those who are not prepared to commune to join our study of God’s Word and speak to our pastor for direction and. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing at God’s altar this morning. Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the Sacrament and join in our prayers for God to restore us through repentance, to unity and holiness in Christ alone.

*The “white” individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free.
For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

SERMON

SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

...And Blessed

All those wishing to commune should examine themselves, as in the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Rescue me here from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.



...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

OFFERING

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.
Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.
Stand.

OFFERTORY

PSALM 116:12-13, 17-19



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For steadfast faith, that we may endure in time of test, trial and tribulation, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all outside the faith, to be healed of the blindness and deafness that separates them from the riches of God's grace, the gift of forgiveness, the promises of God and from joy in the life of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of faithful servants of the Word, that as laborers in God's harvest they would truly fulfill the divine command and preach nothing contrary to the Lord's Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all people as they fulfill their godly vocations: for fathers, mothers and children; for husbands and wives; for friends and neighbors; for laborers and employers; for teachers and students, and citizens that the Lord would grant us delight in His lovingkindness and joy as we serve our neighbor with good works, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those in positions of authority among us, that God would guide them by His Spirit to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution and unwavering in duty; and for our nation and its people, that we may be governed quietly and peaceably, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who are sick, distressed, injured and grieving, that they may receive from the Great Physician healing according to God's will, courage to face this life's tribulations and faith in His promise of perfect healing in heaven. We pray especially for...

our members

Curt Schmidt
Dan Nelson
Jackie Elam
John Strohschein
Ted Cash
John Henry
Jasmine Timm
James Dake
Peri Hertzog
Cissi Burtner
Elaine Elston

those at home:

Janet Miller
Lila Thompson
Doris Falconieri
Tom Hagen
Karen Priebe
Roy & Sharon Gugel
Mary Keefauver
Helen Gounis
Louise Nordman

those dear to us:

Grams Family
Susan Depalma-Spivey
Mark Smith
Helen Laws

David Schulz

Matt Perrin
Patti Skinner
Melissa Voelker
Molly
Wyatt Dawson
Ruchelle Smith
Jim Melton
King Family
Carby Family
Judi Domeier
Steve Barringer
Hermione Moul
Mike Chaney
Toby Gowin

- let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may remember the Giver of every gift and find their joy complete in giving Him heartfelt thanks. We pray especially for...

our family birthdays:

Lukas Wilkalis
Sam Pilsbury

Jacob Pilsbury
Matt Calvello

Heidi Thompson
Jonathan Blessing

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For all who commune this day, that they may receive this Sacrament rightly as Christ's true medicine of immortality; and that, with faith strengthened and sins forgiven, they may live in holiness and godliness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

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

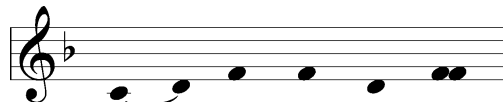
C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us share His peace with one another.

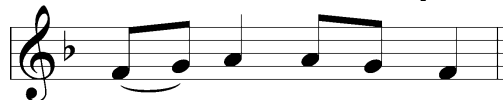
Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



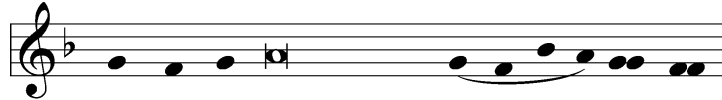
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

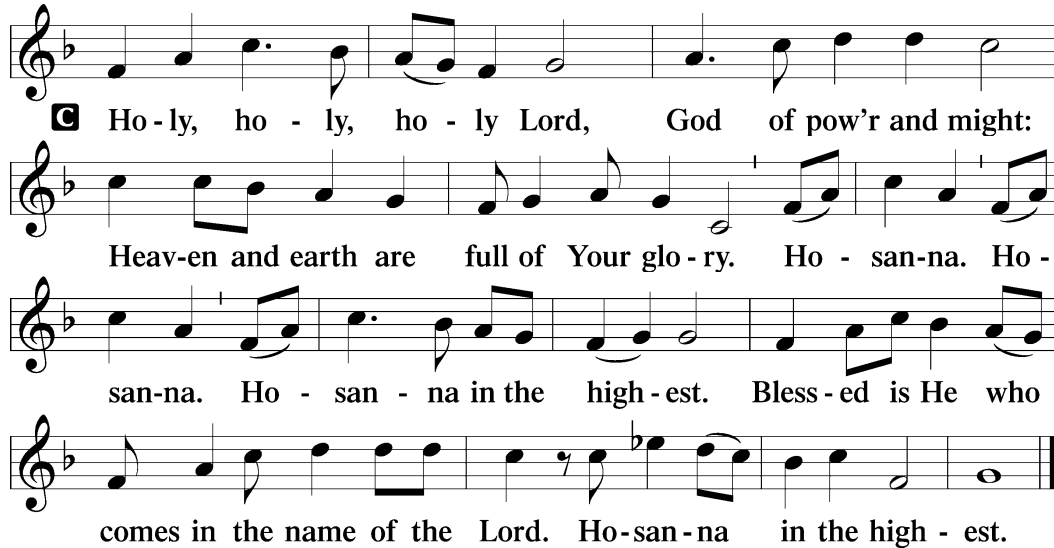


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Ephesians 1:7

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

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

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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

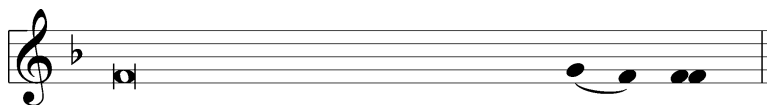
Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f

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

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Matthew 26:30

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to
You,
Find perfect liberty.

2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened
faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.

4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall
reign eternally.

After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting Sacrament. Bless our participation in Your body that we may depart from here with peace and joy, strengthened in our remembrance of Your forgiveness and in our witness to the knowledge that we are reconciled to God, in Your holy name. Amen.

Stand.

DISMISSAL

Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; Chronicles 16:8-10



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

L Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

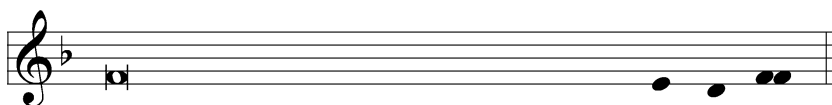
Psalm 107:1



C A - men.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

DEPARTING HYMN

836 O God of Light



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

POSTLUDE

Nocturne in E Minor

Chopin

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Sunday School & Bible Study Year

9:45-10:45am

Nursery (under 3 yrs) *Church Nursery*

Ages 3-4 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 111*

Kindergarten-Grade 2 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 107*

Grades 3-5 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105*

Confirmation (Grades 6-8) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 209*

High School (Grades 9-12) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201*

Young Adult Bible Study *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 112*

Parent Bible Study *Adult Library*

Adult Sunday School (Everything New) *Luther Hall*

Final New Member Class:

Tonight Sunday!

Sunday, October 18

6-7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Please contact Pastor Steve
and be sure to have filled out
a Red "Join Ascension" Card
located in your pew.

ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

Served lunch to 130 guests this Tuesday.

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

Soli Deo Gloria

ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY

**Distributed one week of groceries to 37 families,
84 family members on 10/9 & 10/12.**

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

Soli Deo Gloria!



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Welcome!

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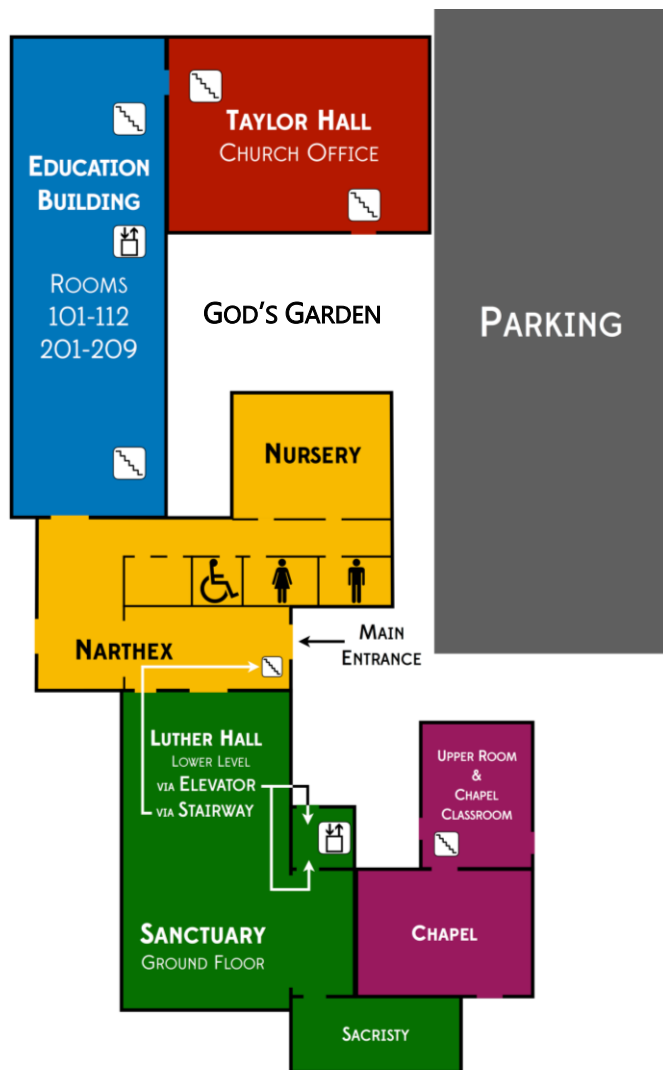
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WHAT WE BELIEVE

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.



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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

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