



ASCENSION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Divine Service
**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Friends of God,

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42b

*He will command his angels
concerning you to guard you in
all your ways.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

Peace with God is something much better than a feeling. In Christ Jesus, it is a fact. If you are a baptized believer...then you do now in fact have peace with God whether you feel it or not. Not because you say so, but because God says so.

Once you believe that—once you stop idolizing the feelings, the feelings of relief and peace will come. They will come from God...[since] the object of your faith is God, not yourself. Don't have faith in feelings. Don't have faith in your faith. Have faith in God.

Peter Kreeft

Food for the Soul, 700-701

OCTOBER 4, 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.

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.



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 to speak to our pastor for direction. 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.*



This Sunday Ascension joyfully celebrates the **LWML, Lutheran Women's Missionary League.**

The LWML is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has undertaken to welcome and lead women in affirming their relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

The St. Emilie's Circle is an LWML gathering of Ascension members who would love to meet you. Please stop by their table after service this morning to say hi and participate in their latest mission.

Gathered Together...

PRELUDE

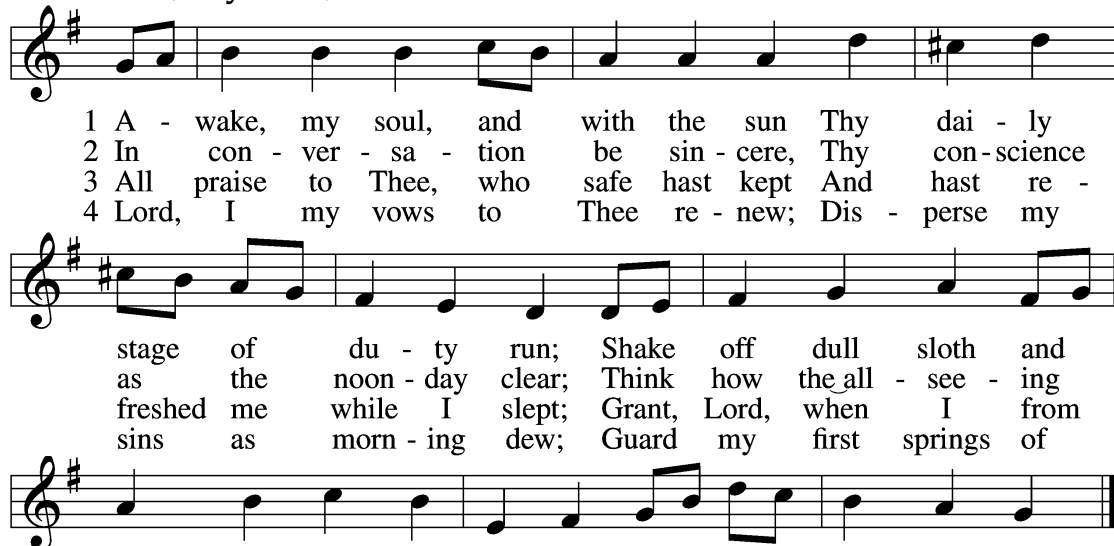
*As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.
At the end of the announcements, please stand.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5

Turn and face the cross in procession.

868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my
stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of
joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their
might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.

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*

Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 20:21-23

C Amen.

Stand.

INTROIT

TONE D; Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1



Leader sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

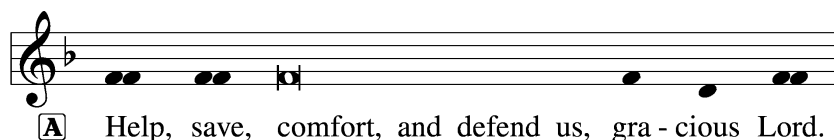
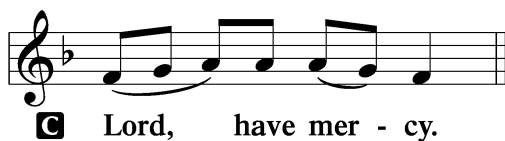
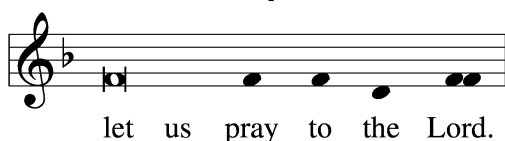
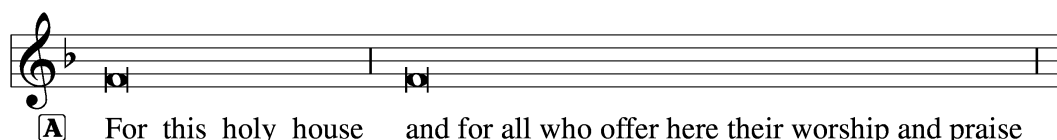
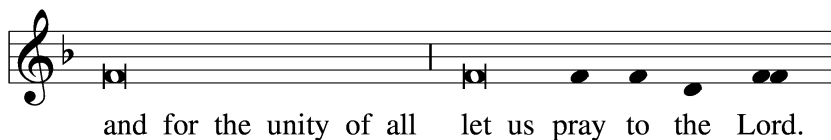
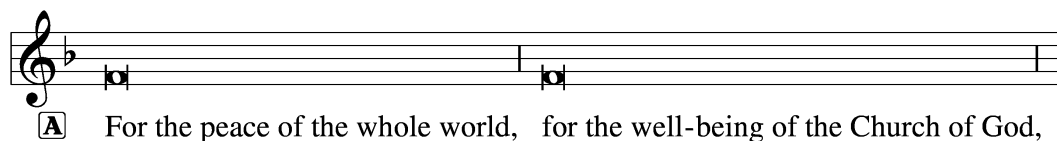
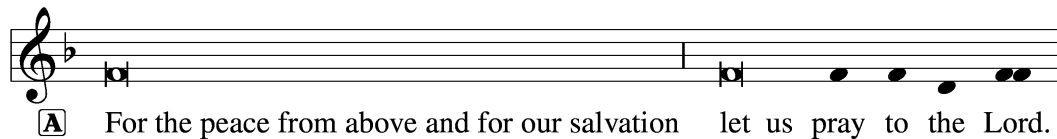
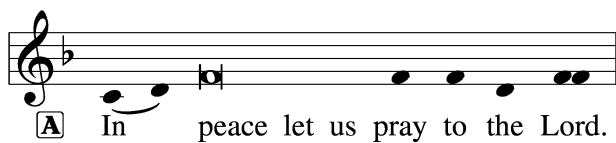
The stone that the builders re- |
jected*
has become the | cornerstone.
This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
This is the day that the | LORD has
made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

KYRIE

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



THIS IS THE FEAST

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

Refrain



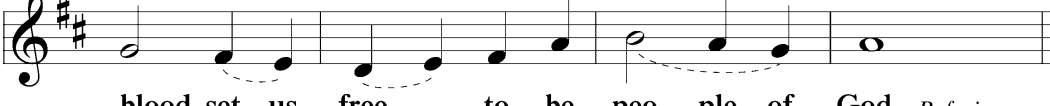
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al-le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.
 Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your
 salvation; 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.

Sit.

...Around the Word...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

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

Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his
vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice
vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst
of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of
Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my
vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield
grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall
grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



We are not at peace with
others because we are not at
peace with ourselves, and we
are not at peace with
ourselves because we are not
at peace with God.

Thomas Merton

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

A The Epistle is from Philippians, the third chapter.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the

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C Thanks be to God.

righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other

tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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*
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. *Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55*
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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
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*

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(Hymn of the LWML) Serve the Lord With Gladness

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|--|---|
| 1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face. | 2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve best. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain:</i>
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name. | 3. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice. <i>Refrain</i> |

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 & (at 8:30AM) CHORAL VOLUNTARY

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 (at 11AM)

PSALM 116:12-13, 17-19



C 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 That good works may flourish in the vineyard of Christ's Church, and that, thankfully glorifying God, we may abide where He has planted us, bearing fruit in His name and welcoming many into His new Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all Christian homes, that individuals might bless their neighbors in peace, husbands and wives love and forgive each other, parents may be faithful examples to their children, and orphans come to know the joy of a home, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed leaders, that the revelation of God's Word may enlighten and save our nation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer in this world, that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation. 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:

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

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:

Ann Nichols

Natasha Homan

Daniel Strout

Ann Anzini

Jess Calvello

David Anzini

William Cates

Ed Sielsky

Janell Schmidt

Louise Nordman

Austin Lowrey

those we shall welcome:

John & Jenna Kehr,

Cole Townsend,

Ed & Charlene Jenkins,

Lisa Messina,

Hayden & Alex Dixon

those newly born:

Louise Theodosia

Dixon (born to

Hayden & Alex)

Elio James Sbardella

(born to Nicholas

& Caroline)

let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the Lutheran Women in Mission as they support the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world, that the righteousness of Christ move their hearts to joyful generosity, faithful service, and steadfast support of missionaries who bear Christ's saving Word, nearby and abroad, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all who commune, that faith may be strengthened and love renewed, and that our witness might be to Jesus' glory until at last we feast with all the saints in His everlasting presence, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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.

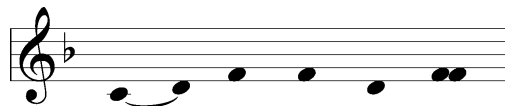
C And also with you.

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.



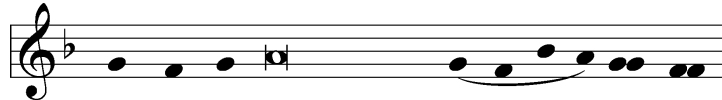
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

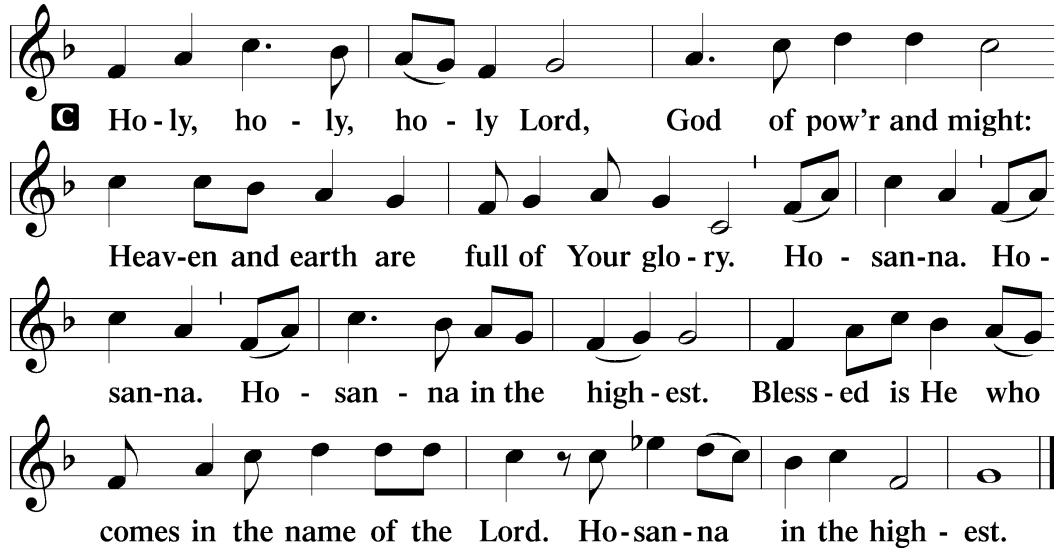


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
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

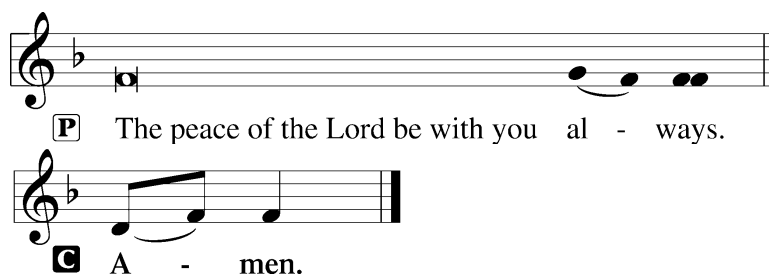
Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f

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

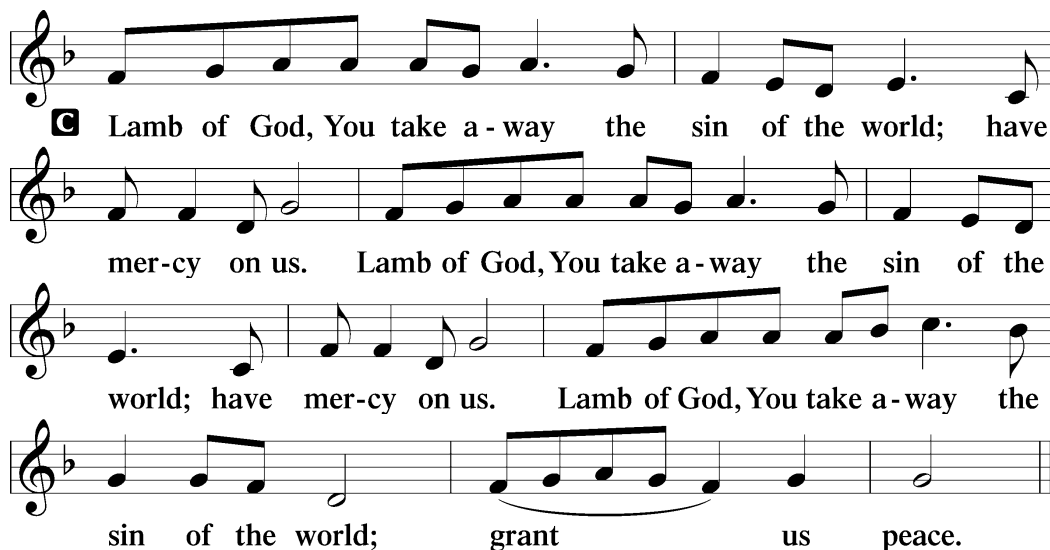


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

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

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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| <p>1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you
outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the
priest.</p> | <p>2 He who His saints in this world rules
and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the
hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.</p> |
| <p>3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.</p> | |

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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| <p>1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
lifted up lifted up.</p> | <p>2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.</p> |
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3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast
at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee
only Thee.

861 Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is
the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is
there.

2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting
as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign

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. *Psalm 103:1*

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

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given today by Mike Homan in honor
and celebration of Natasha Homan's 50th birthday.*

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Musicians: Chancel Choir

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

New Member Class:

TONIGHT!

Sunday, October 4-October 18

6-7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Please contact Pastor Steve
and be sure to fill out
the Red "Join Ascension" Card
you'll find located in your pew!

ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

Served lunch to 112 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 31 families,
81 family members on 9/25 & 9/28.

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!

WORSHIP BROADCAST

Sunday Divine Services are broadcast live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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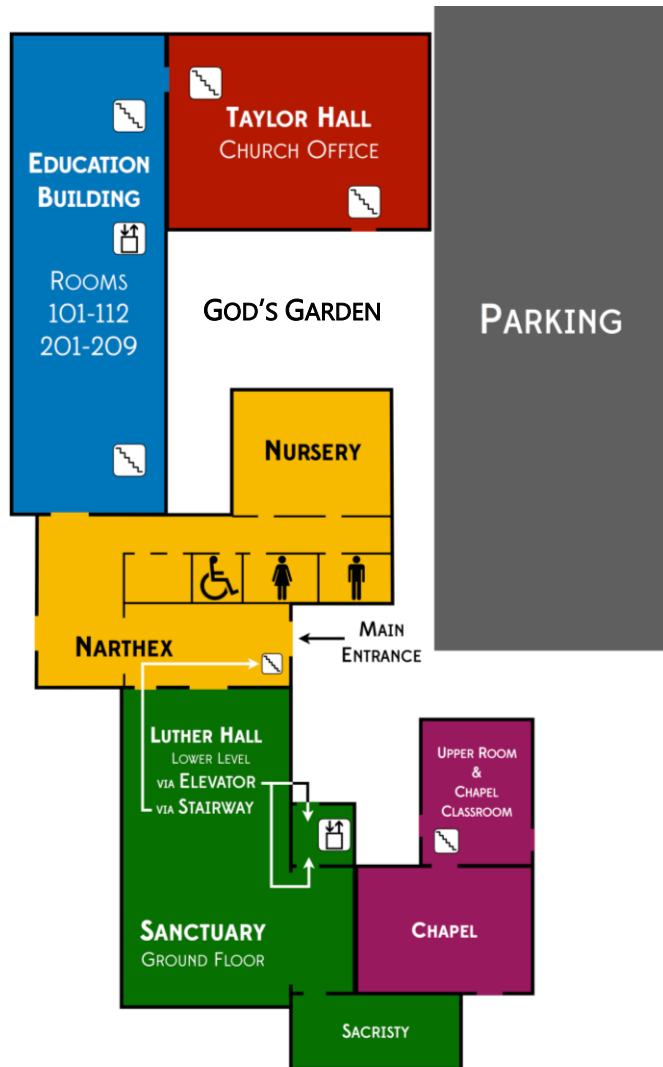
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WHAT WE BELIEVE

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



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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the narthex.



A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the Nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the Nursery and the Family Restroom (accessible).



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

THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.