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David H. Brooks, Pastor – September 1, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you." – 2 Peter 1:11

PRELUDE:

..... **WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

- 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)

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.
- 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. (John 20:19-23)
- C** Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *LSB 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



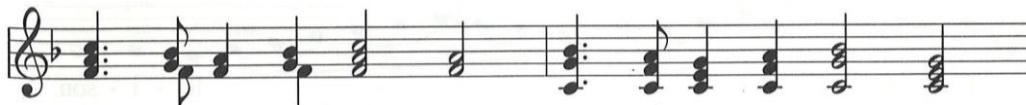
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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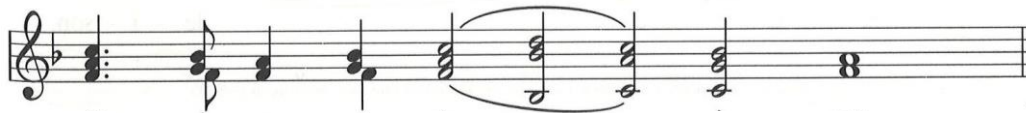
WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE: **WOV 602**



1, 3 Lord, ... have mer - cy. Lord, ... have mer - cy.
2 Christ, ... have mer - cy. Christ, ... have mer - cy.



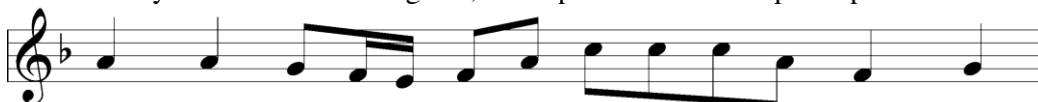
Lord, ... have mer - cy.
Christ, ... have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: **LSB Page 154**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



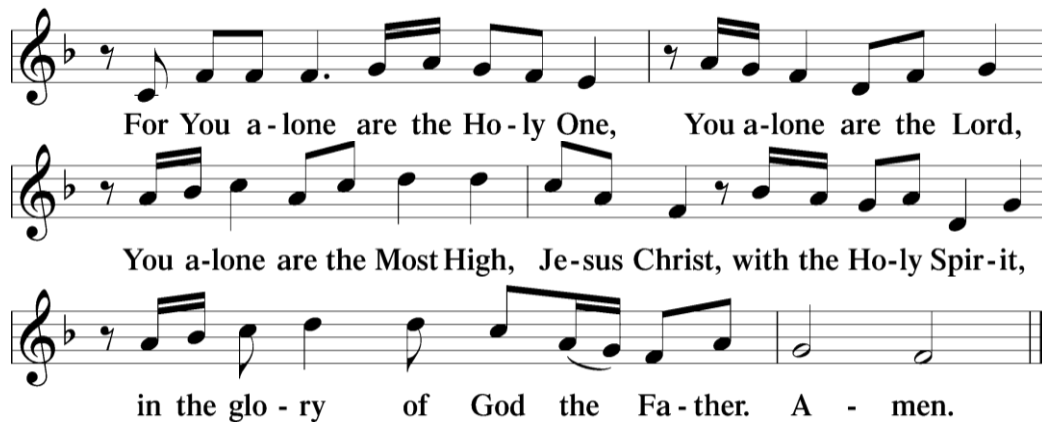
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9 (*Pew Bible, pg. 148*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 4th Chapter of Deuteronomy.

¹*“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you.*

²*You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. .*

..

⁶*Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’*

⁷*For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him?*

⁸*And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?*

⁹*“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that*

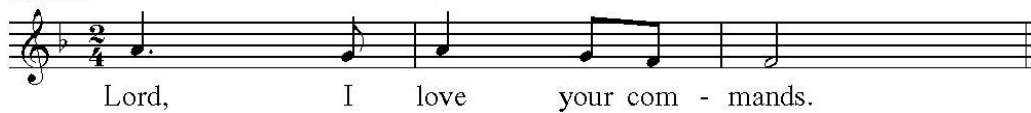
your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: *“Lord, I Love Your Commands”* Gather Comprehensive 117

Refrain



Verses

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 6:10–20 (*Pew Bible, pg. 979*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 6th Chapter of Ephesians.

¹⁰*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.*

¹¹*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

¹²*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the*

spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

¹⁴*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,¹⁵ and, as*

shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 7:14–23 (*Pew Bible, pg. 843*)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”

¹⁷And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable.

¹⁸And He said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus He declared all foods clean.)

²⁰And He said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft,

murder, adultery, ²²coveting,
wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy,
slander, pride, foolishness.

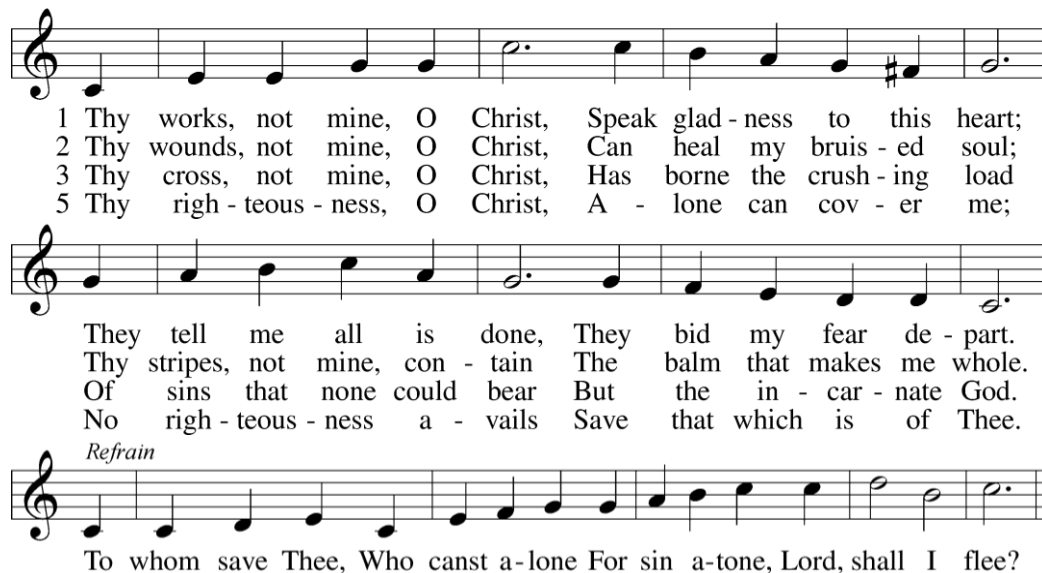
²³All these evil things come from within,
and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. Dave Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 565 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”** (V. 1-3, 5)



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;
2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load
5 Thy right - teous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;

They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.
Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.
No right - teous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.

Refrain

To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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APOSTLES' CREED:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

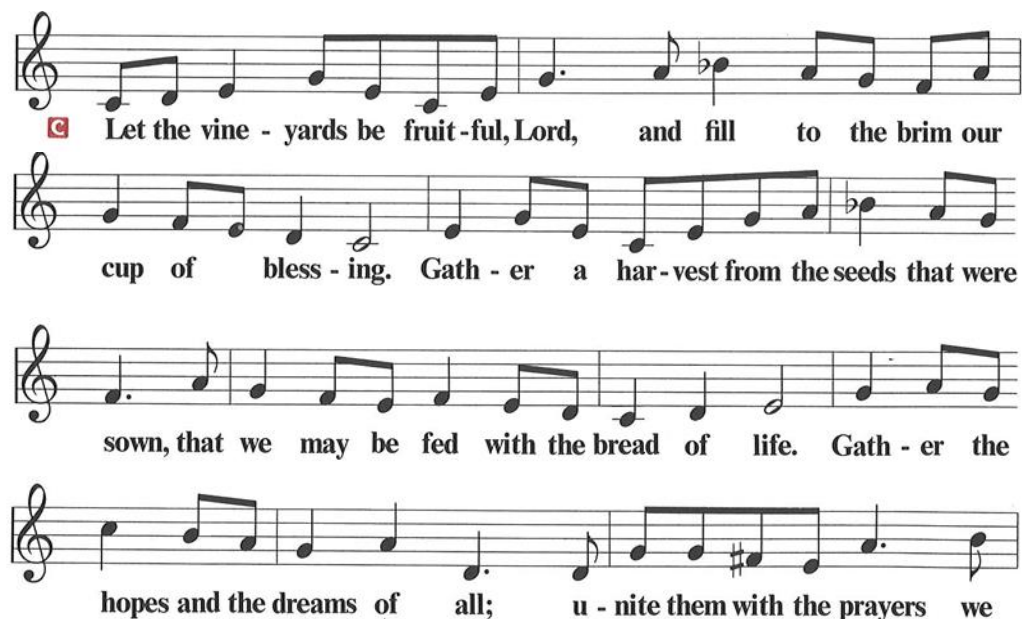
- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY:

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

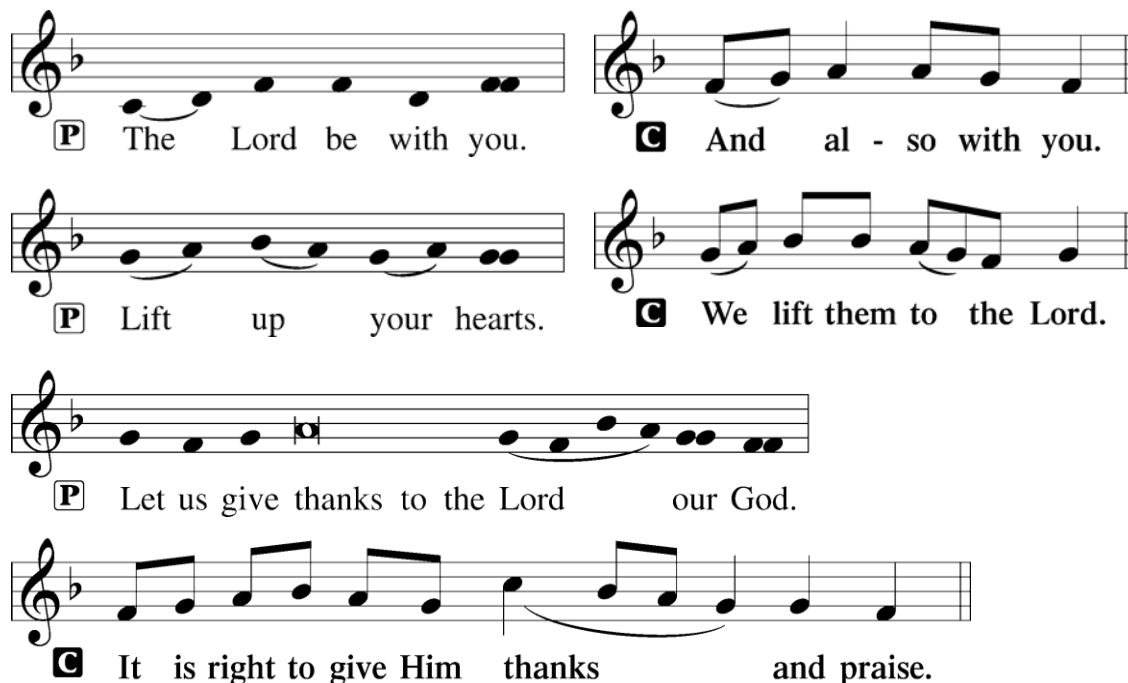
[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine



OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

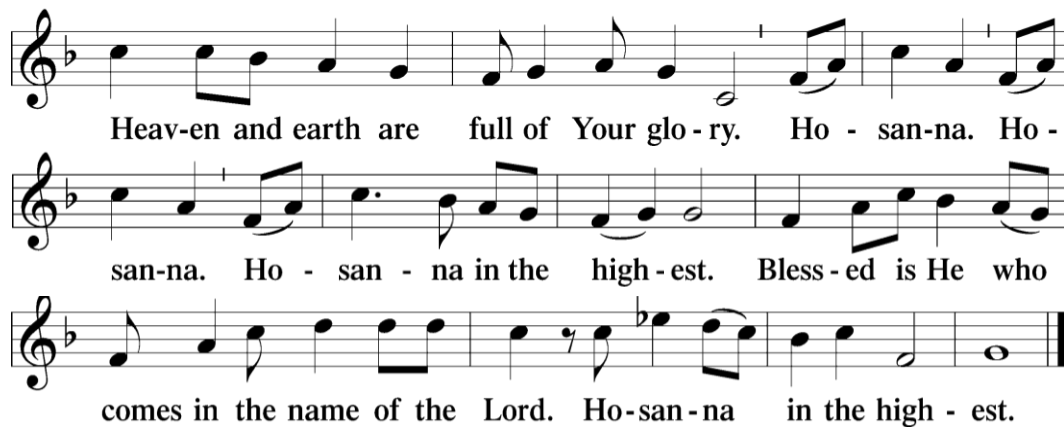
PREFACE:



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,... Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

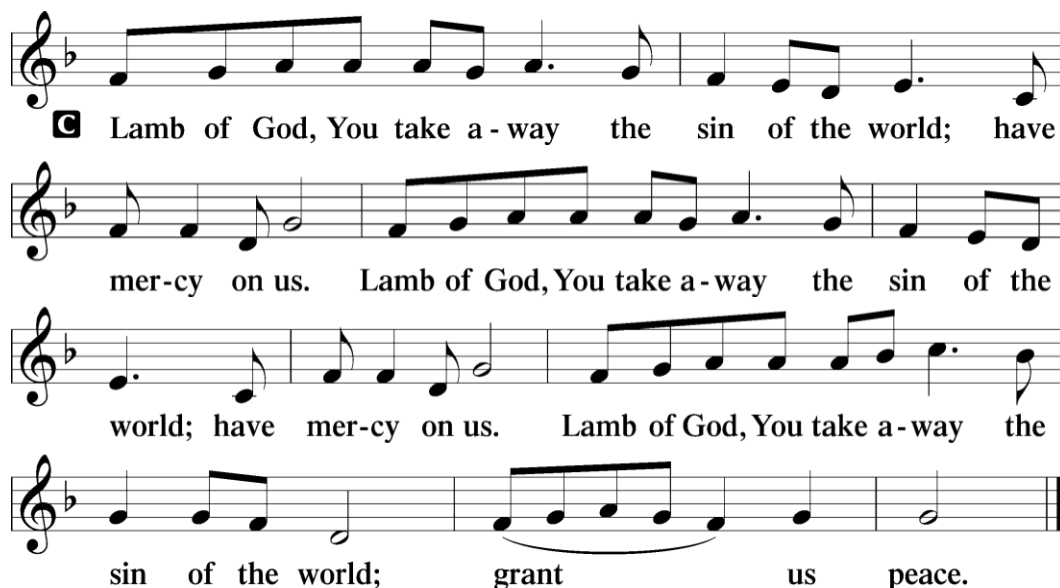
P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI:



■ 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LSB 749 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;

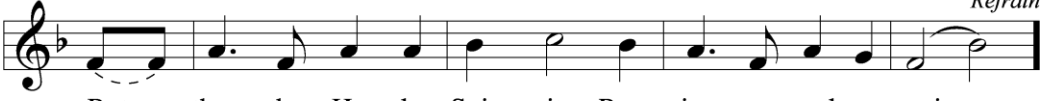


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;

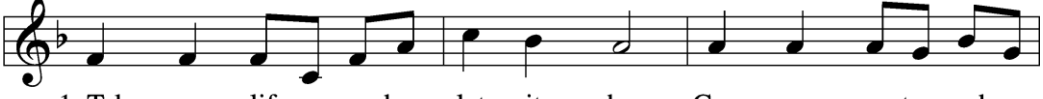
Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.
 And if you lack for knowl - edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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LSB 784 “Take My Life and Let It Be”



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

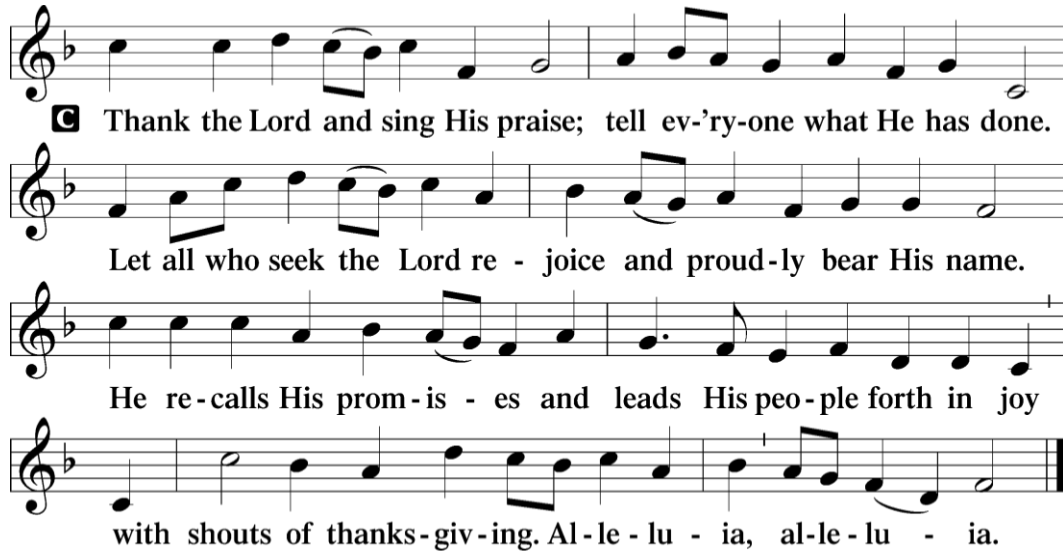
5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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..... WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:



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:

P Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God for this feast of victory that You have shared with us. We believe we have been redeemed by the breaking of Christ's body, and the pouring of His blood. Help us rely on this sacrament for strength, confident that what we now hold in hope, we will enjoy in true fulfillment in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

P May almighty God shield you as you go, wherever He may lead you.
The hand of the Father touching you, the blessing of the God of life.
The yoke of Jesus upon you, the blessing of the Christ of love.
The power of the Spirit within you, the blessing of the Breath of grace.
The blessing of the ✠ Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forevermore.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *LSB 801 "How Great Thou Art"*



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God and for the care of the neighbor.

C: We go in the peace of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

10:10 AM **Ushers**
Dave Pittman &
Tom McGill*

Reader
Joe Milko
Greeter: Kathy Pittman

Communion Assistant
Gary Stuhlmiller

Altar Guild: John Kolba,
Setup; Carol Walton, Clean up

A/V Operator: Barb Tippin

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