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Divine Service

Sundays

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"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

GUESTS! Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present—to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who—before the service—inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune

with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. *All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.*

COMMUNION in the PEW... If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14-15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

*Setting One*PRELUDEPROCESSIONAL HYMN # 545

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

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.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

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.*

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8



Antiphon:

P *The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.*

P *As for man, his days | are like grass;**
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

C for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.

P *But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting
to everlasting on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,*

C to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.

P *The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.*

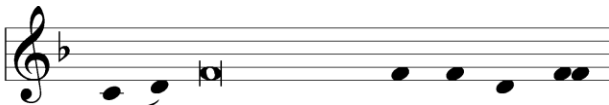
C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon:

P *The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.*

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

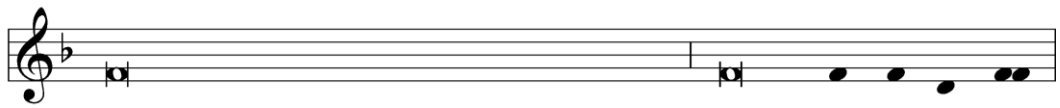
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



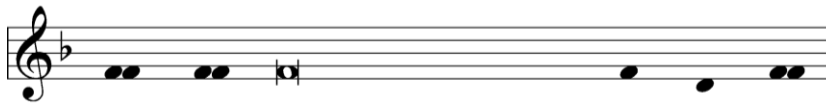
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



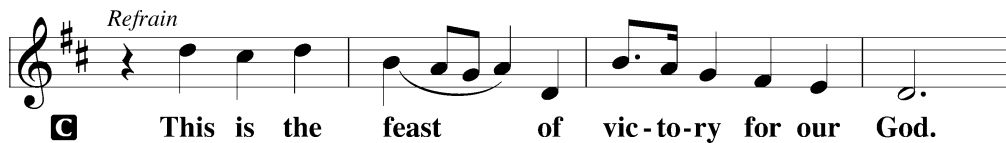
C Lord, have mer - cy.



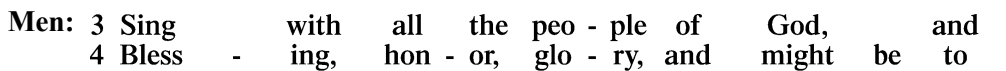
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Men: 1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 Women: 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Men: 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Women: 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*





P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

*You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water;**
you provide their grain, for so you have pre- | pared it.
*You water its furrows abundantly, settling its | ridges,**
softening it with showers, and bless- | ing its growth.
*You crown the year with your | bounty;**
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.
*The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,**
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,
*the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,**
they shout and sing together | for joy.
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.

Epistle: Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia:

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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.*



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CREED ~ *Nicene Creed*

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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SERMON

"A Sower Went Out to Sow..." – Matthew 13:3

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or

P "Let us pray to the LORD"

C "Hear our prayer!"

C "LORD, have mercy."

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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



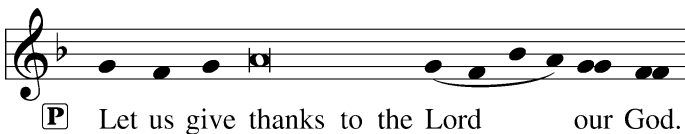
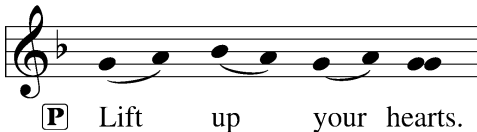
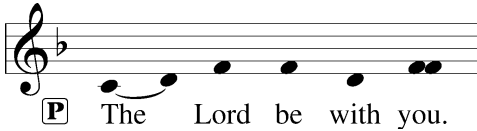
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The Service of Holy Communion

- ✠ **Guests** (both returning and first-time), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✠ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

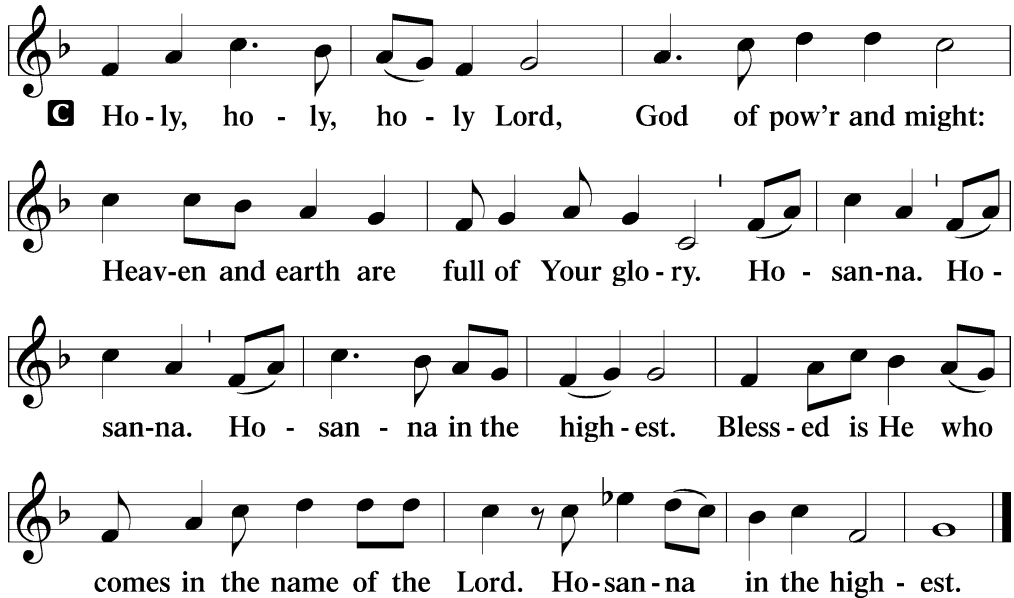
PREFACE

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



PROPER 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, 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:*



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

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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

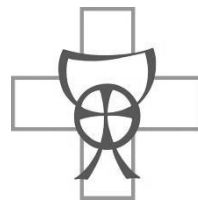
C *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; *give us this day our daily bread;	and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

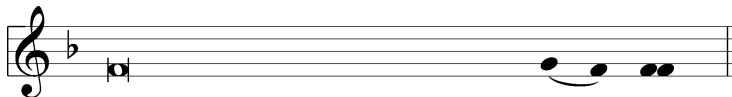
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

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.

DISTRIBUTION

FIRST DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



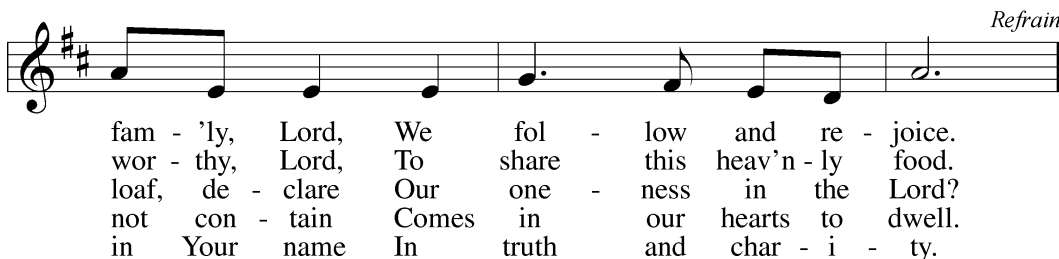
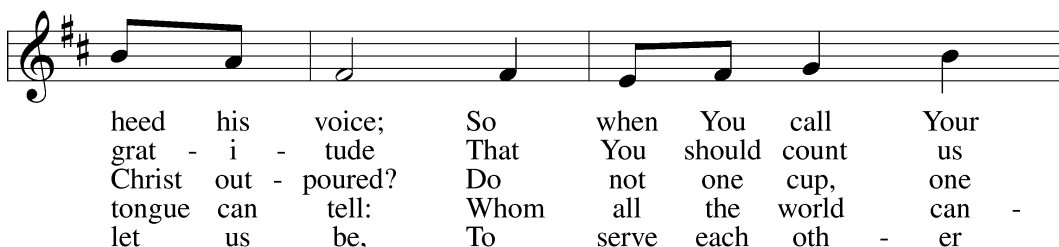
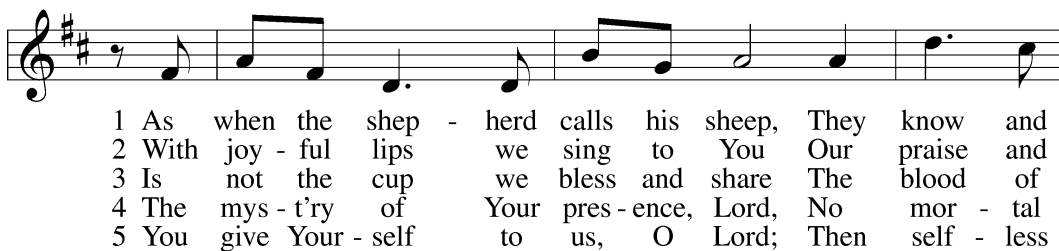
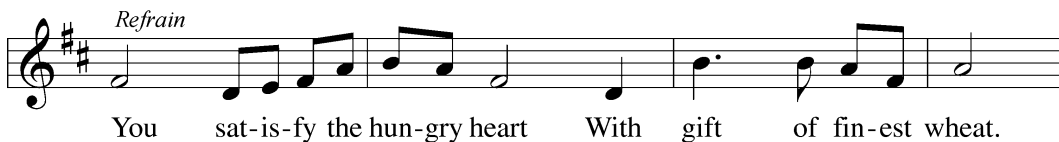
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



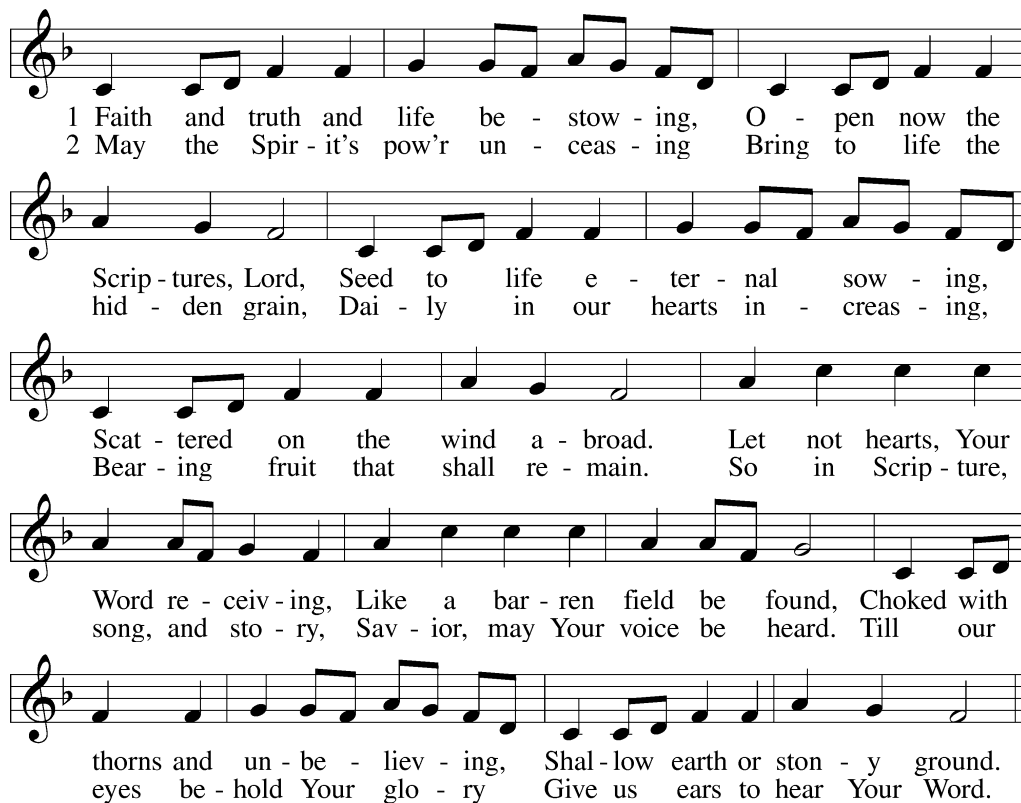
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.



THIRD DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 584



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
 hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

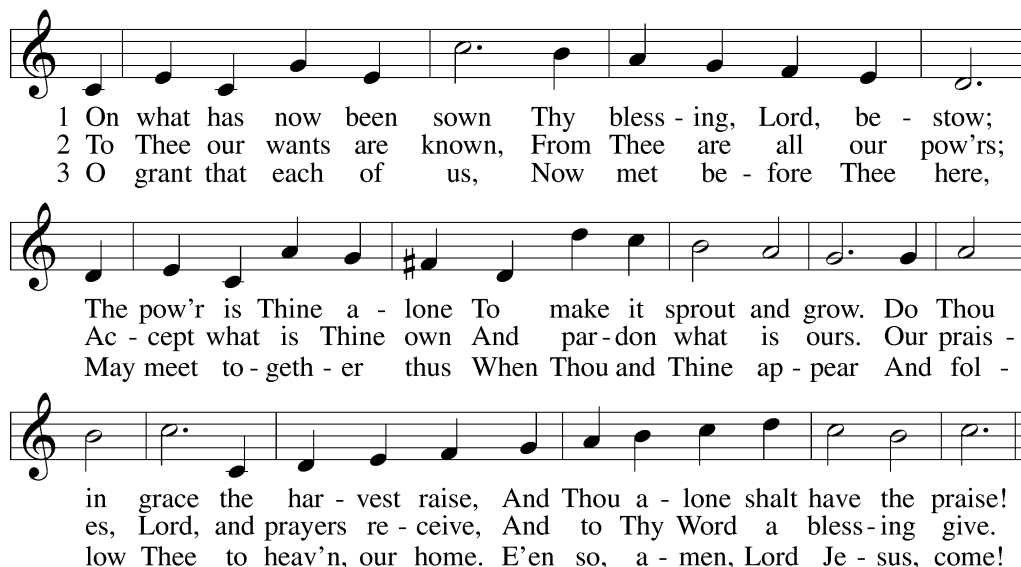
Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
 Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
 song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
 eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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FOURTH DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,

The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -

in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

*By the Holy Spirit's work in lives and hearts does He make souls receptive
to the seed of God's teaching – Stanza 1; cf. Matthew 13:8, 23*

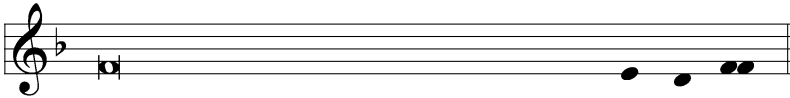
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

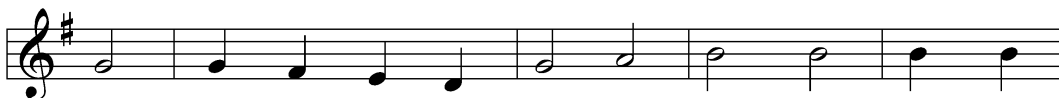


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.





1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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POSTLUDE

~ Announcements ~

◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday, and begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

SUNDAY SCHOOL ... *PK-Grade 5* – Sunday School is on summer hiatus June through August, but is scheduled to resume in September.

YOUTH CLASS ... *Grade 6-High School* – Youth Class meets with the Adult Class for the summer months of Christian Education.

ADULT CLASS ... Class meets in Parish Hall. Topic: *“Learning from the Lives of the Saints.”*

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD” ...

- ◆ *For the HARD-OF-HEARING* ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers.
[Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,
- ◆ *For CHILDREN* ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE ... Please turn off or silence all mobile electronic communication devices during the time of worship.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Mai Pham, Willard Sievert, Joseph and Patricia Townsend (homebound, or otherwise unable to attend); Jimmy Coffey, Stephen Herschbach (medical); Kaelin Peralta (LCOS-supported missionary); Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Milpitas; Trinity Lutheran Church, San Jose (Circuit congregations with pastoral vacancy).

“WHAT ABOUT...?” ... Have you ever wondered: “What about...Baptism?” “What about...Death and Dying?” or “What about...Lutheran Worship?” Know someone who has? Find on the narthex cart wonderful brief pamphlets from The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod’s “What About...?” Series. *Today’s feature: “What About... The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod?”*

BOARD OF ELDERS ... The LCOS Board of Elders is scheduled to meet this Tue, July 14, 7:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room (or online by arrangement).

WORDS OF WISDOM ... “My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.” Proverbs 3:11-12

PREPARING FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL SYNOD CONVENTION ... The 69th regular convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is scheduled to take place in Phoenix, Arizona, from July 18-23. Essays and reports will be shared, individuals will be elected to synodical offices, resolutions will be considered, and men and women from all around the synod will enjoy camaraderie, fellowship, and worship.

The bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod expect of convention delegates: “Delegates are responsible to the circuits they represent and shall attempt to discover the sentiment of the members thereof” (3.1.2.2). If you would like to express your sentiments regarding convention matters to the lay and pastoral delegates representing your electoral circuit, please feel free to contact the following prior to the beginning of the convention.

- ❖ **Lay Delegate:** Mr. Brian Yamabe, of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, San Jose. E-mail: *brian@yamabe.net*; phone: 408.375.3750
- ❖ **Pastoral Delegate:** Pastor John Bestul, of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Cupertino. E-mail: *pastorjbestul@lcos.org*; phone: 408.252.0345

“WE BELIEVE, TEACH, & CONFESS” ... Interested in a class that presents the fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ, as confessed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and that leads to communicant membership in this congregation (and all those with whom we share fellowship)? Or, interested in a review? If so, please contact Pastor J. Bestul (408.252.0345, *pastorjbestul@lcos.org*).

CATECHISM CLASS 2026-2027 ... Is your 10+ year-old ready for pastorally-taught classes preparing him for deeper instruction in the holy faith, and for the reception of the Lord’s Supper? Contact Pastor J. Bestul for more info.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY JULY MEETING ... The July meeting of the LCOS Voters Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 7:30 p.m., to meet in the Fireside Rm. If voters are unable to attend due to illness or business travel, please notify the assembly (Secretary Paul Kvamme) or the assembly via the Church Office. Thank you.

PASTOR’S VACATION ... Pastor Debner is away from pastoral duties. He intends to return to duties July 16. If emergency pastoral care is needed, please call Pastor J. Bestul.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING ... In preparation for next Sunday morn...
Occasion: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; *Lessons:* Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; *Hymn of the Day:* 668, “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You.”

SERVING WEEK OF:	July 12	July 19
Ushers	D. Bunsey, M. McThrow, I. Bestul	J. Bestul, T. Lung, N. Mogor
Acolyte	Henry Mitby	Henry Mitby
Altar Guild	Ling Chen, Mary Carlson	Heidi Carlson, Julie Gould
Comm. Music	Charlotte Bunsey and Marla Stein	Walter Mitby
Counters	Team 4	Team 5