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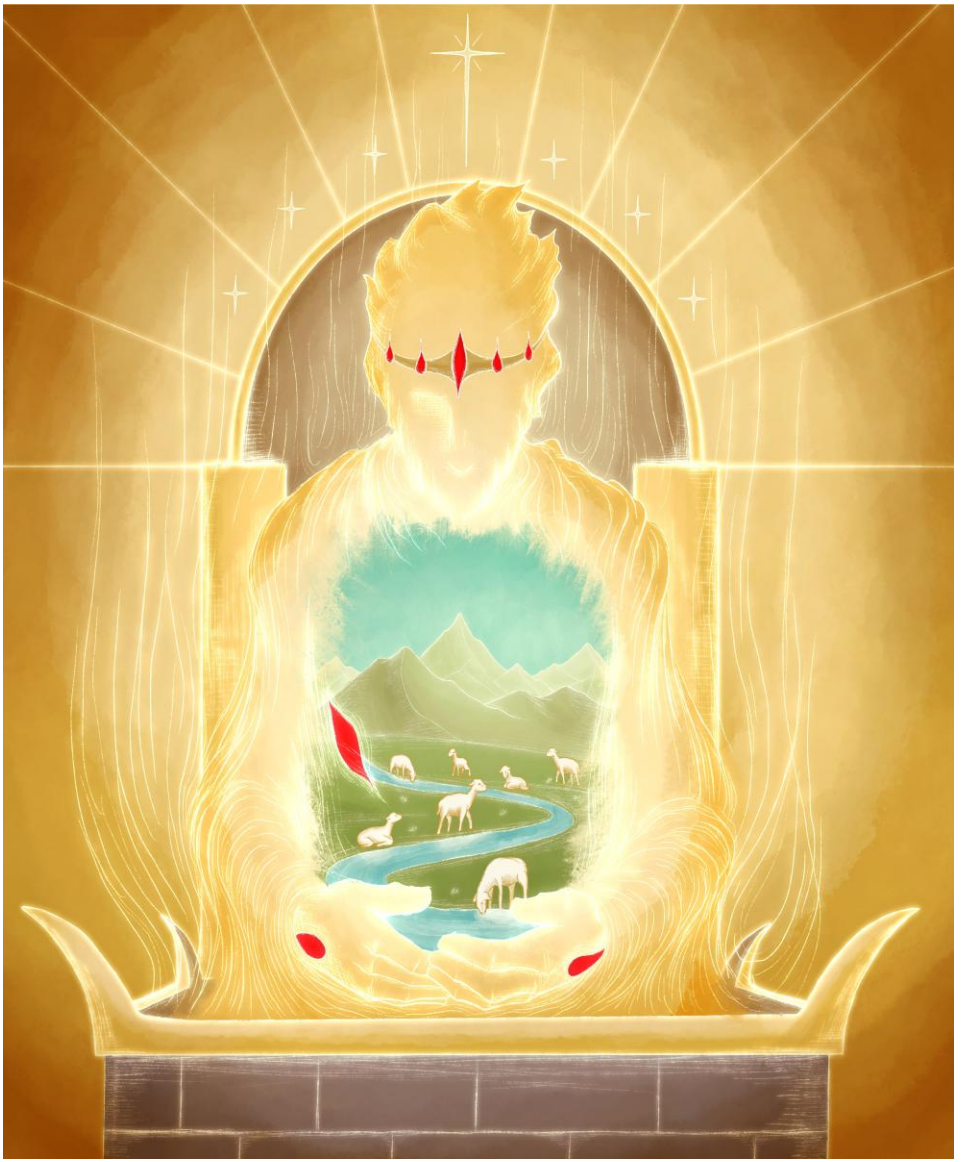

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A Christian family who cares for you!

Welcome to historic Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

In Christian Love: A Statement on the Lord's Supper

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church believes, teaches, and confesses that in the Sacrament of the Altar—also known as the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, and Communion—we receive the true body and true blood of Christ given to us under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our union with Him and with one another. The Lord Jesus Christ invites sinners to His table, sinners who repent of their sins and trust His promises. Christ Himself makes sinners worthy of receiving His good gifts in this Sacrament.

In Christian love, we are compelled to share that Scripture does warn us that it is possible to receive this Sacrament unworthily! So, what does this mean for us? It all comes down to our Lord's own Words when He instituted the Sacrament: "**Take, eat; this is My body**," and, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**" (Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:25). The Apostle Paul says that "**anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself**" (see 1 Corinthians 11:27–32). This is especially true when we ignore, redefine, or disbelieve the words of Jesus, which we, as one body, confess to be true.

Therefore, we ask, please, that those who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold to a confession different from that of this congregation and of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod first speak with the Pastor.

Even if you discern not to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to approach the altar rail and receive a blessing! Everyone who comes to our Church is a blessing to us, and we wish to bless you in return. Please simply cross your arms over your chest to receive the blessing from the Lord. Thank you, in Christian love.

The Preparation of our hearts and minds:

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude … from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

The Preparation and Sharing the Peace

Please Stand

Hymn We're Together Again (*located on the front inside cover of: This Far By Faith hymnal*)

Sharing the Peace

We joyfully greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph 4:1-3).

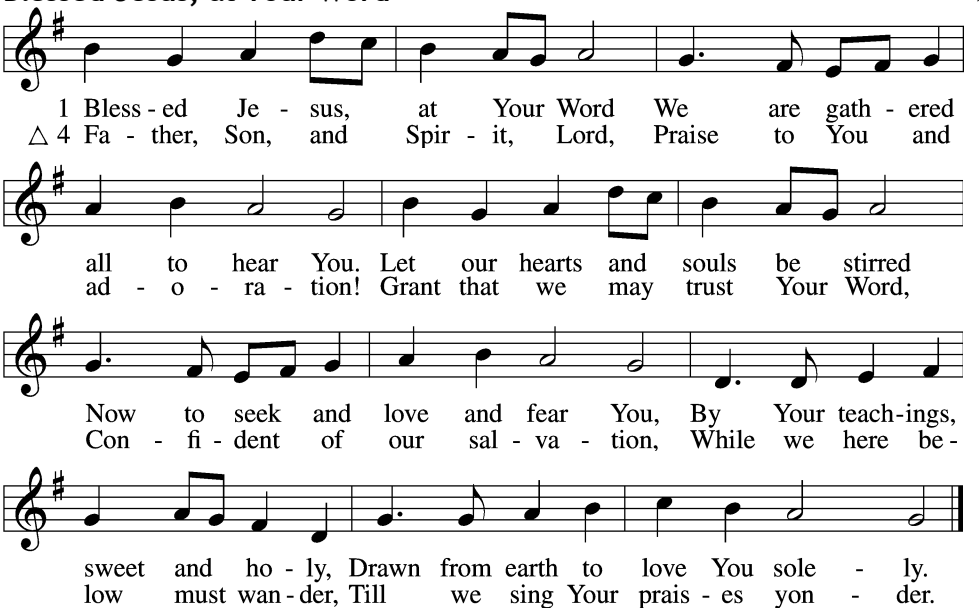
Be Seated

(Order of Worship is taken from Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting 3, pg 184)

Confession and Absolution

Please Stand for our last verse in honor of our Triune God

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *sts. 1, 4*



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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.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

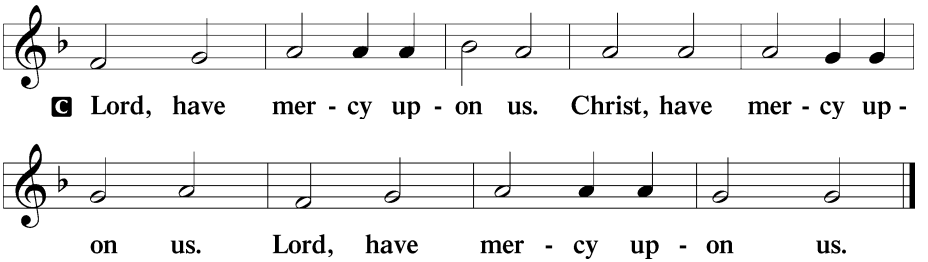
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

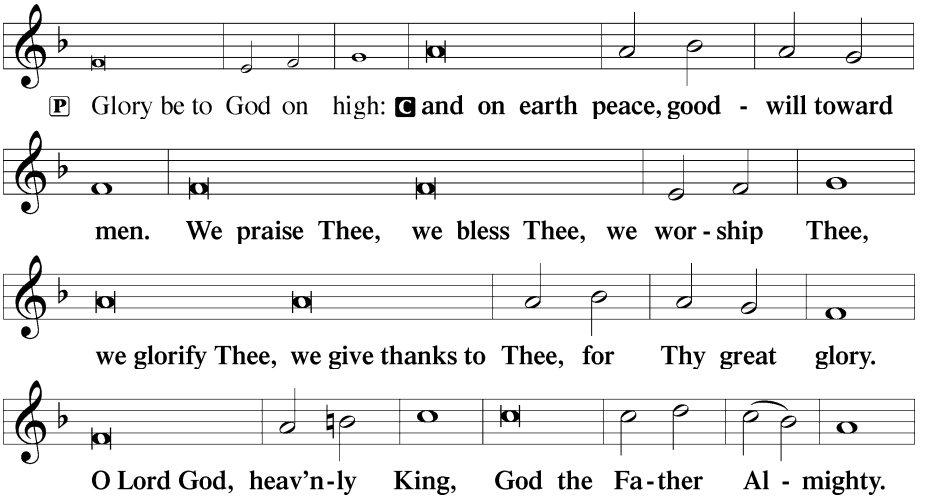
Kyrie

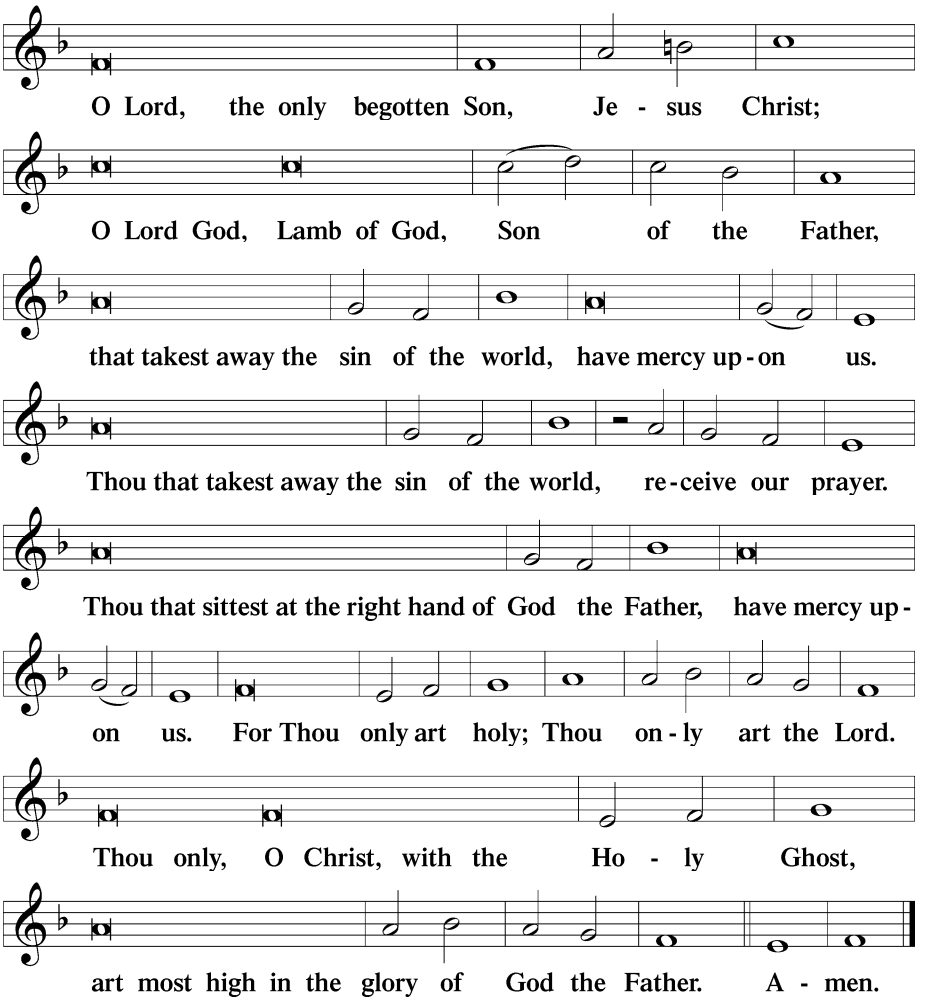
Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





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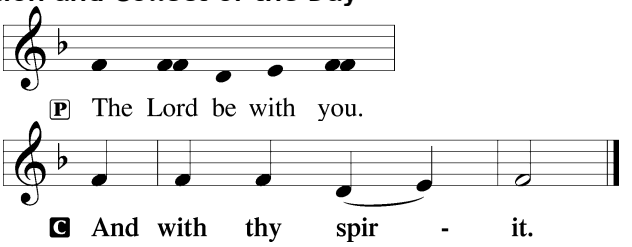
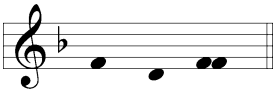




P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Be Seated

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud
voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the
angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and
from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are
the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is spoken responsively: Leader: odd # verses, congregation: even # verses.

Psalm

Psalm 149

[1]Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

[2]Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

[3]Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

[4]For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

[5]Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

[6]Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

[7]to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

[8]to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

[9]to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Epistle

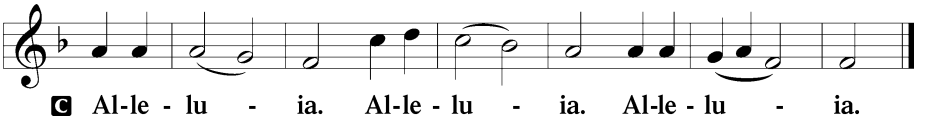
1 John 3:1–3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

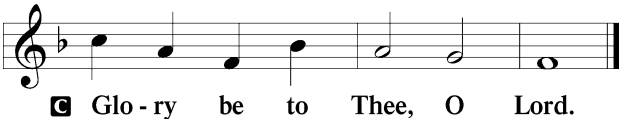
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

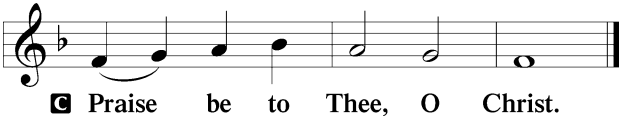
Matthew 5:1–12

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



[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples
came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against
you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so
they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Be Seated. We invite the children to come forward for the Children's message.

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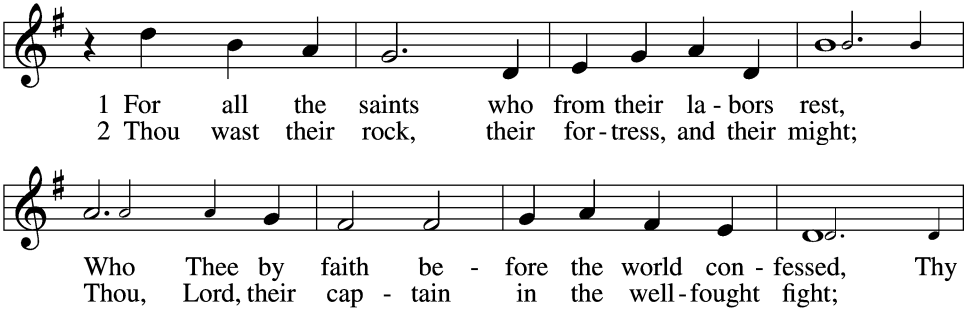

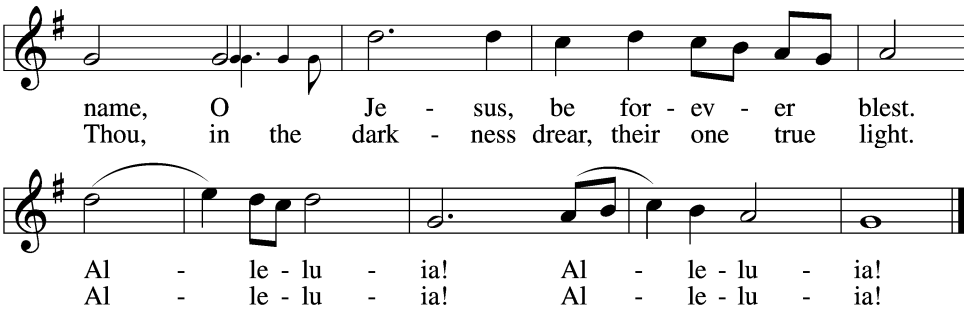

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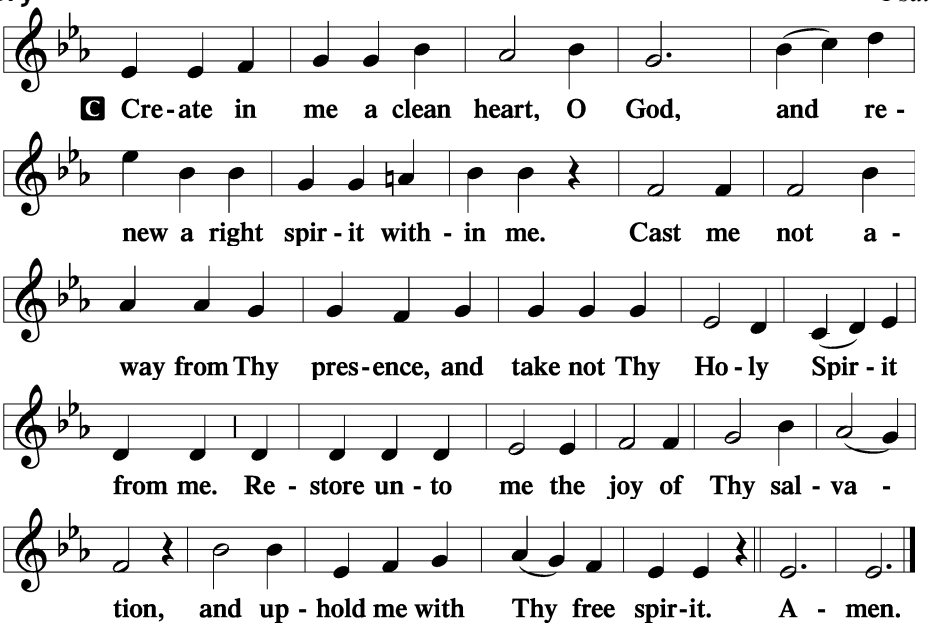
Offertory *Psalm 51:10–12*



Offering

When you come forward for Holy Communion OR to receive a blessing, please place your tithes and gifts in the Offering plate at the front of the left pew.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

L: Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Stir up the hearts of those who receive the "call to worship" postcard that they may come to the house of the Lord to hear of Your grace and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering *[especially _____]*. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

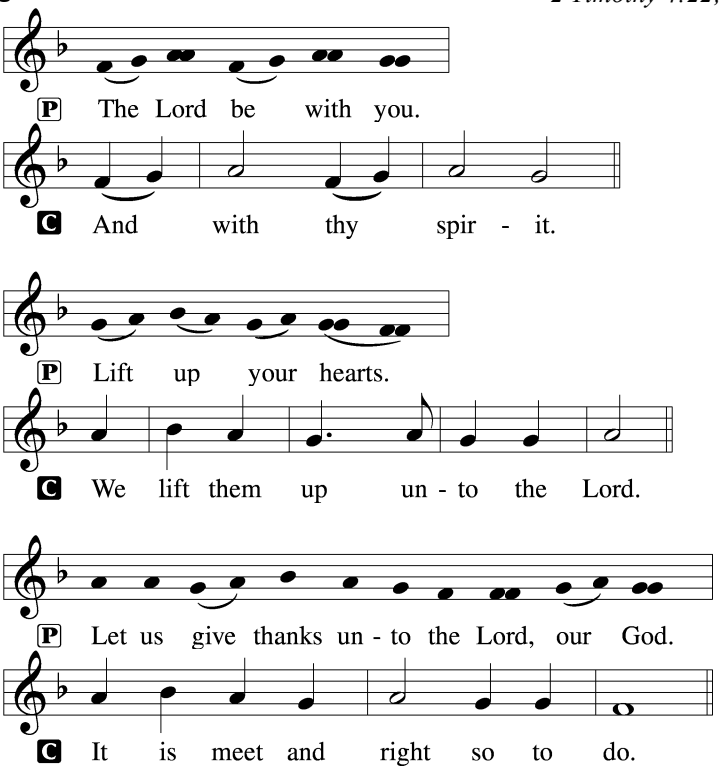
L: Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

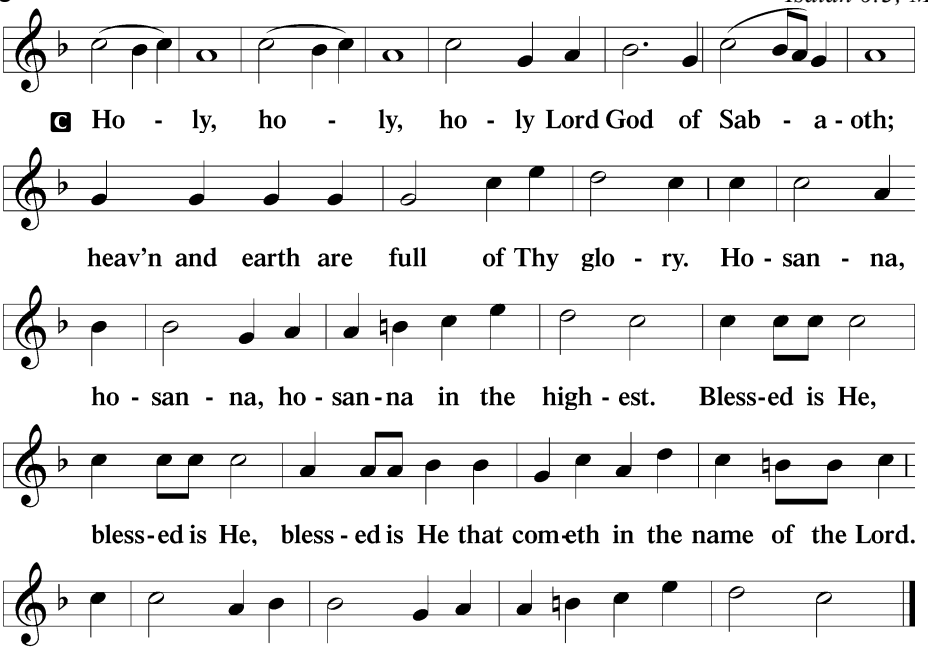
Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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

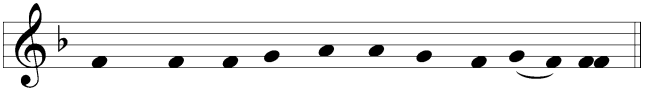
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

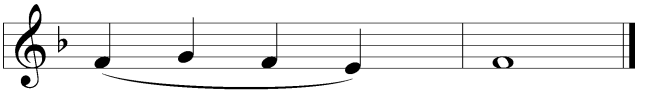
The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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."

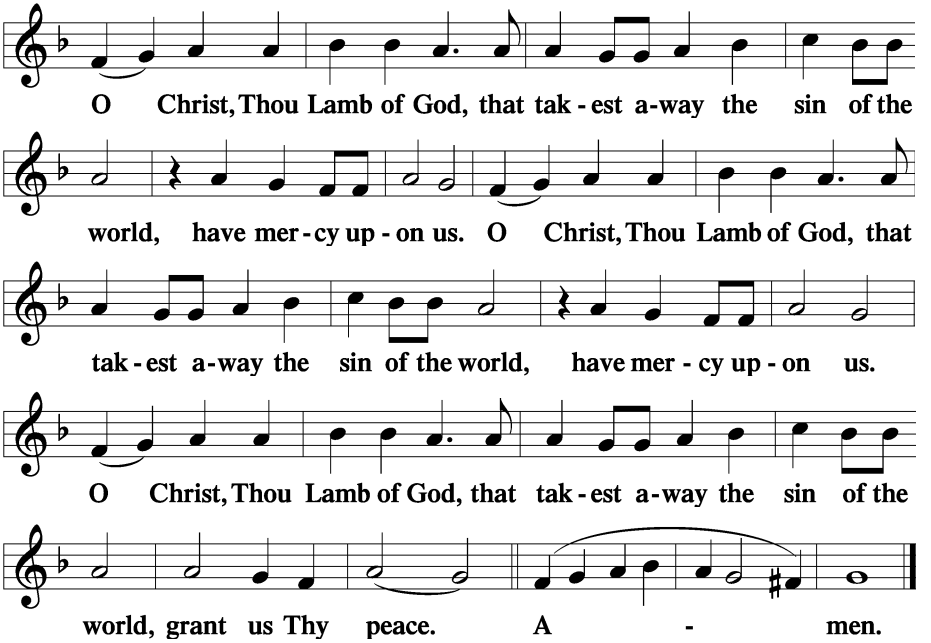
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *John 20:19*





Agnus Dei *John 1:29*



Be Seated

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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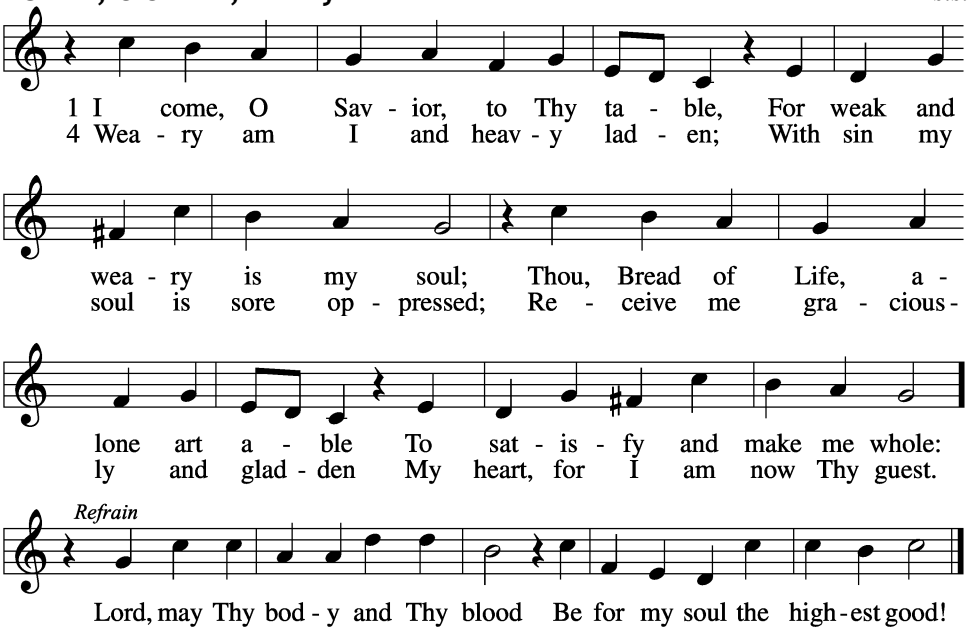

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Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

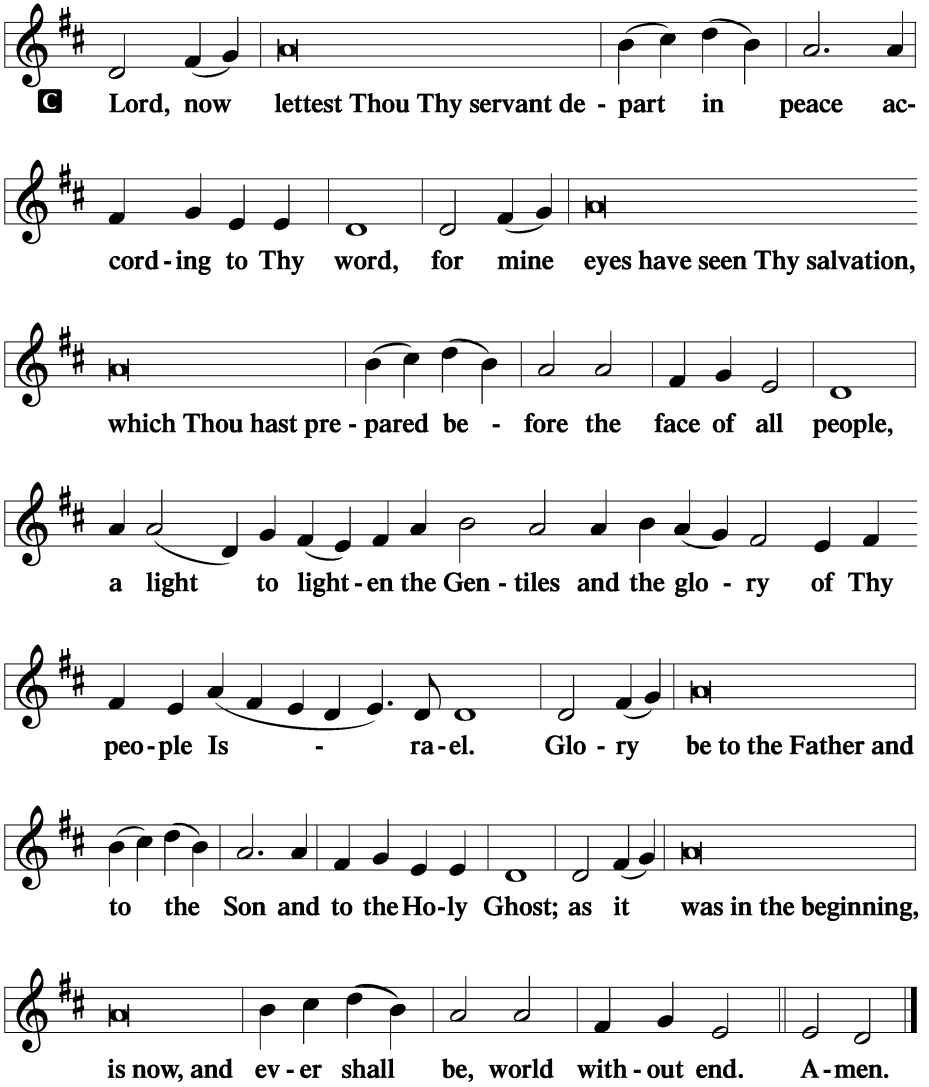
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Please Stand

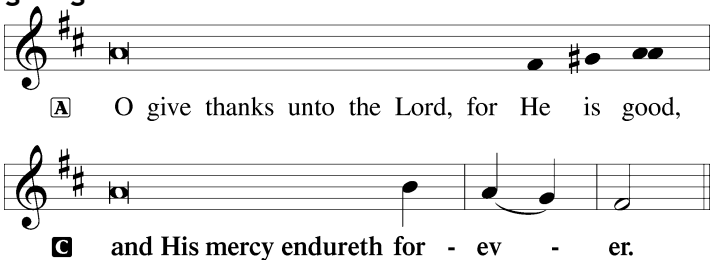
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



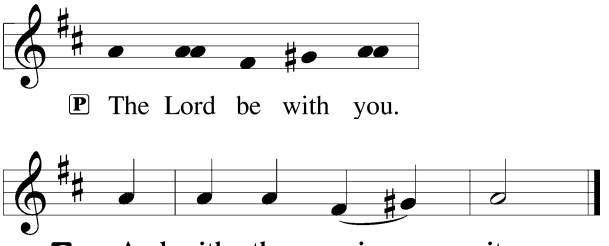
Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



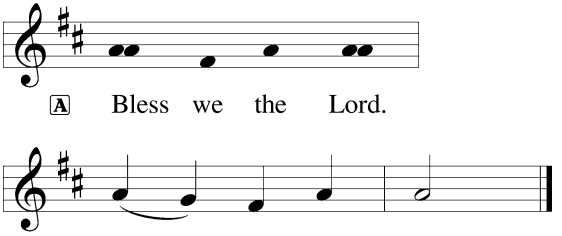
℣ Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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

℟ **Amen.**



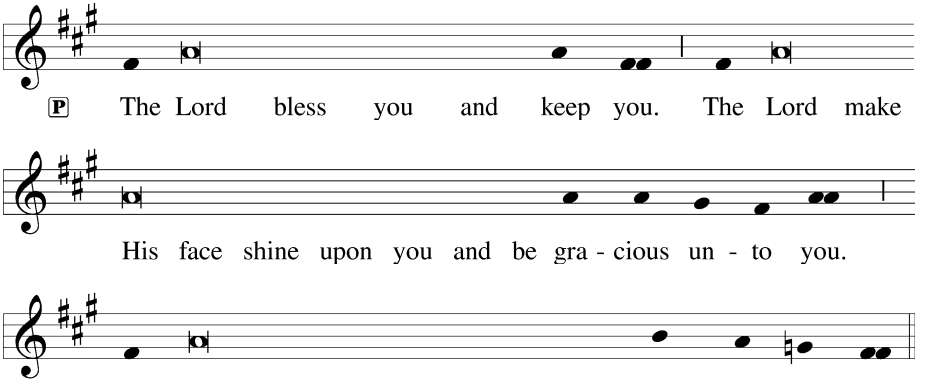
Benedicamus

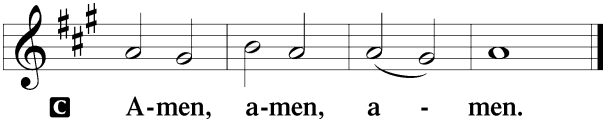
Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26





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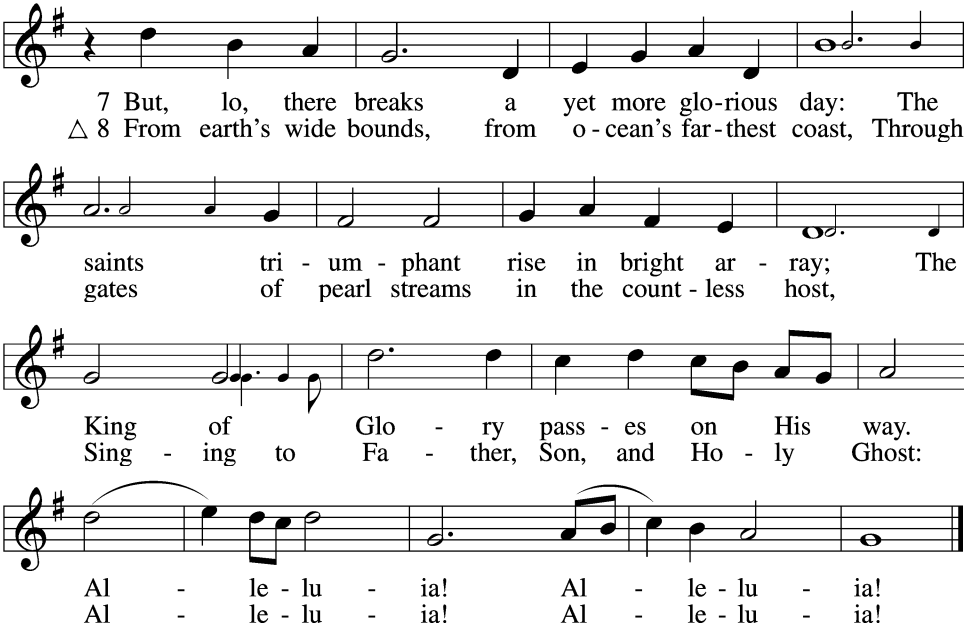

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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The Promise of our Lord:

[20] Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, (or imagine) according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Eph 3:20-21 KJV).

Thank you!

We are so blessed to have you worship with us!

CALENDAR of MINISTRY EVENTS:

Nov	Sun	1	8:00am Divine Service for All Saints' Day with Holy Communion
			9:15am Bible Study "Body Building" (See I Cor 12:12ff)
			10:00am We adjourn to serve and love our neighbors
	Mon	2	2:00-6:30pm Office hours***
			7:00pm Bible Study, "Matthew" verse by verse with James Halfacer
	Wed	4	2-6:30pm Office hours***

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UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS:

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	Mon	9	2:00-6:30pm Office hours***
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	Wed	11	2-6:30pm Office hours***

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MORE UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS:

Nov	Sun	29	First Sunday in Advent
Dec	Wed	2	First Evening Advent Service ??
	Thur	24	Christmas Eve day ??
	Fri	25	Christmas Day ??

SERVANTS of THE LORD for TODAY:

Organist:	Linda Redmann	Tambourine:	Paula Lewis
Altar Guild:	Sheryl Herold	Greeter/Usher:	Don Campbell
Counter:	Sarah Brown	Asst. Counter:	Paula Lewis
Communion Asst.:	Don Campbell	Lector:	James Halfacer

We're Together Again

What a great song to prepare our hearts for worship!

We're together again…
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all
the more as you see the Day drawing near (Heb 10.23-25).

Praising the Lord…
18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord (Psalm 102.18).

in one accord…
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ (I Cor 12.12).

Something good is gonna happen…
28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt 11.28).

Something good is in store…
16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The
bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (I Cor 10.16).

Lutherans for Life

November 1 – All Saints Day – Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully, awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed from all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

About the Artwork on the front cover:

The artist said:
I tried to capture each of these biblical truths about Christ in this image.

First — Christ's kingship is shown in the fact that He is seated on a throne and wearing a crown. Notice that the crown has five jewels which represent the five wounds traditionally associated with Christ's crucifixion. The wounds of His suffering have now become the gems of His glory. This illustrates the biblical teaching that–in light of the resurrection–the crucifixion of Jesus is the supreme manifestation of God's beauty and the eternal joy of the saints (consider Hebrews 2:9, Revelation 5:9ff, or Philippians 2:6-11. Consider also John 8:28, 12:27-28, 13:31-32, 17:1-5, 20:27-28).

Second — Christ's role as shepherd is pictured in the green pastures, still waters, and guarded flock depicted at the center of the image and upheld by His hands. This flock is literally within Jesus in this picture as a way of showing not only that He holds His sheep close to His heart (Isaiah 40:11), but also that He Himself is their pasture and rest (Deuteronomy 32:7, 16:33, Colossians 3:3); Christ Himself is the abundant food upon which His flock feeds (Psalm 36:8, Isaiah 55:1-3, John 6:35), and from His own pierced side flows the spring living water, the Holy Spirit, who is the river of God's own delight, from whom His people are called to drink (Psalm 36:8, John 7:37-39, 19:34, Revelation 22:1, 17).

Finally — The fact that Christ is the Sacrificial Lamb who saves His people from their sins is alluded to in that the throne upon which he sits is also an altar. It seems to me that John himself makes this connection with his repeated statements that the Lamb who was slain, now stands alive in the midst of the throne of God (7:17, 22:1, 3). The mention of a slain lamb evokes imagery of altar and sacrifice, but instead of a lamb on an altar, we see a lamb who was slain–and yet now lives–standing on a throne. John seems to be telling his readers that, in the crucified and risen Christ, the ALTAR of sacrifice (ultimately the cross)–seen in light of the resurrection–becomes the THRONE of God. In Jesus, the altar for burnt offering that stood in the middle of the temple court, and the throne of God that stood in the middle of the holy of holies have been made one (just as, in Him, heaven and earth are made one, Revelation 21:3). The slain and living Lamb will ever be "face" of God's glory, shining from the altar-throne of the New Jerusalem, so that–for all eternity–we will ever more deeply know that the beauty, the identity, the name of the One True God–King of kings and Lord of lords–is manifest with greatest perfection in the Crucified Jesus who lives forevermore.

A Brief History of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Founding & Early History

In 1888, the Lutheran community which would become Zion began as one of six Mission stations served by a single Pastor. In 1889 the first Missionary Pastor to serve Central Florida was called. Under this Missionary Pastor, the first regular Worship Services began in Tampa, attended by 20 adults and 5 children. Services were conducted in the afternoon in a room of the local Methodist Church. Moving several times from rented church rooms to a vacant store, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was chartered on August 26th, 1893, with a constitution signed by her five male members. Zion celebrated their first infant baptism on October 28th, 1894.

Zion's First Home

On November 18th, 1894, Zion celebrated the dedication of their first home on Marion & Tyler Avenues, a modest, unpainted building constructed from surplus materials. A Christian Day School opening a week later, with 2 pupils. By 1896, school enrollment had increased to 22. Now having a home of their own, Zion began offering evening Services in English, with the first English Confirmation in 1902. English Sunday Morning Services began in 1904, alternating with German every other Sunday.

Zion's Present Home

In 1922, Zion began working toward a new, larger home, dedicating the present building on October 25th, 1925. In 1929, Zion suffered a severe blow when they were forced to re-acquire $18,000 in debt from the default by the buyer of their former location. It would be 1944, supported by contributions from WWII GI's, before that debt was paid.
During WWII, Zion conducted Services at the nearby German POW Camp, even bringing POW's into Zion with special permission for Communion Service and Sunday meals.
Zion's present location was finally completed in 1944. The Ascension Window at the rear is a Memorial to all of Zion's former Pastors.

Zion's Legacy & Future

Zion is the "Mother Church" of seven LCMS Congregations in the Greater Tampa Bay area and has always been filled with a spirit of service and evangelism, both within her four walls and to the outside community.
Zion is no stranger to struggle and real adversity. The people of Zion have, with God's help, engaged and overcome real trial in every generation. Zion has proclaimed the Word truly and administered the Sacraments rightly – to every soul within her reach.

During wartime, Depression, civil unrest, countless hurricanes and a pandemic, Zion has always had a passion for true Doctrine, about our common salvation, and contended for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.
We, the Faithful Remnant of Zion, are blessed to be the legacy of those faithful souls who persevered and prospered through every trial and hardship and who have now entered their deserved and joyful rest in the loving arms of their Savior. It is our privilege to carry on in their name the Great Commission, to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that the Lord has commanded. For He is with us always, to the end of the age.

