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**Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184**  
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***As We Gather: Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness***

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “*See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast*” (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: “*He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.*” (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).

*As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it.*

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

**Invocation**

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

**Exhortation**

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- 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,

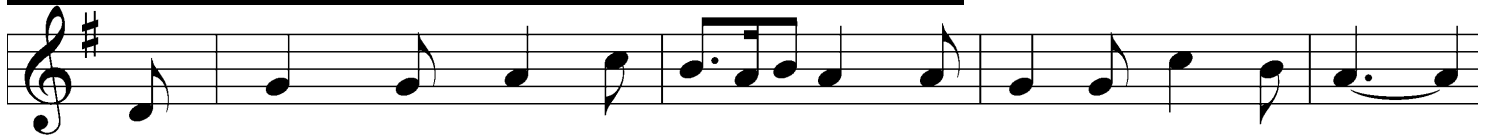
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,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

**Absolution**

**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.

**Opening Hymn ‘The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us’**



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, “Come to the wed-ding feast.”  
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er’s face;  
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic’s voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav’n - ly joy takes place:  
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets’ ho - ly band;  
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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## Kyrie

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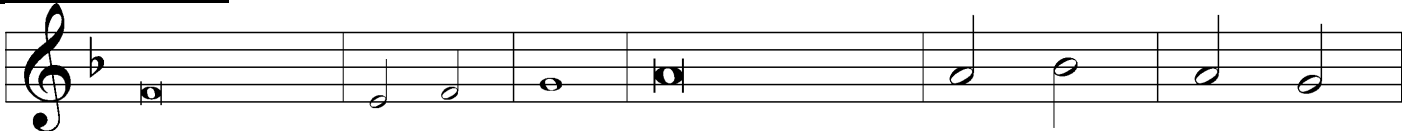
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



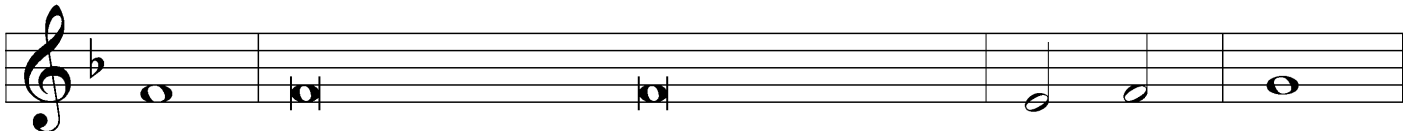
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

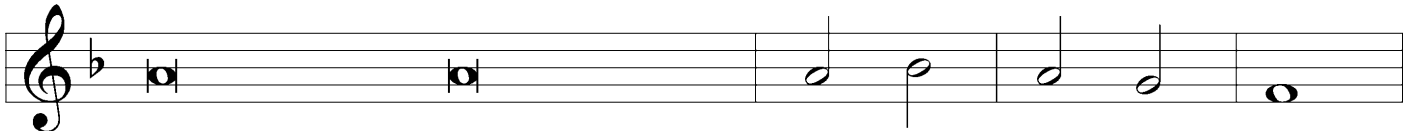
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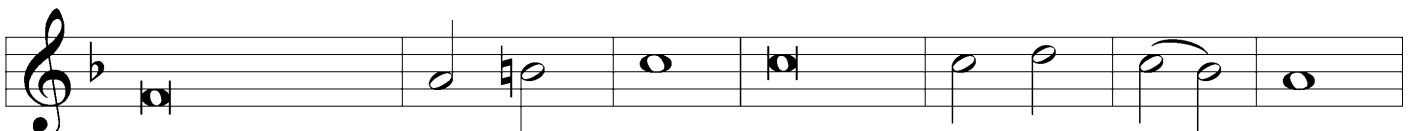
☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



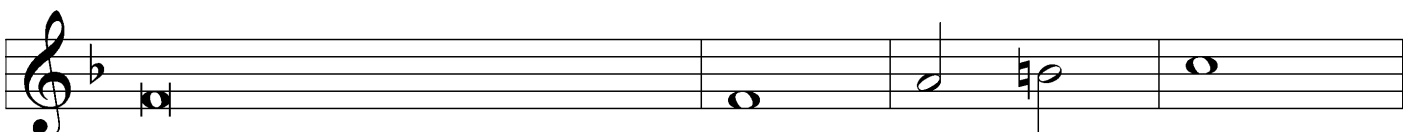
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

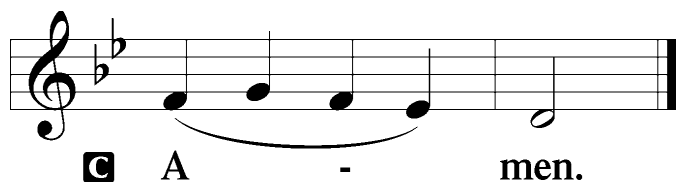
**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**Q** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

- ☐ O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 55:1–9*

- <sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Introit

*Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,  
for we have not obeyed his commandments.

**Glorify your name, O Lord;  
and deal with us according to your great mercy.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.**

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

**Let Mount Zion be glad!**

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,  
for we have not obeyed his commandments.

**Glorify your name, O Lord;  
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.**

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Alleluia**

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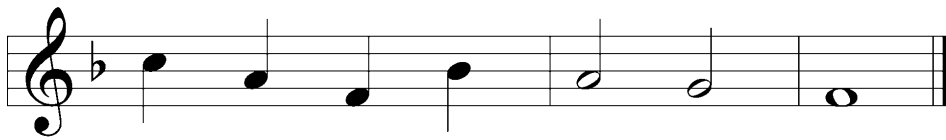


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 22:1–14*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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 Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Sermon Hymn 'From Eternity, O God'

*TLH 411*



1 From e - ter - ni - ty, O God, In Thy Son Thou  
2 Though a - live, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good  
3 Drive a - way the gloom - y night Of my hearts' per -  
4 Oh, cre - ate a heart in me That in Thee, my

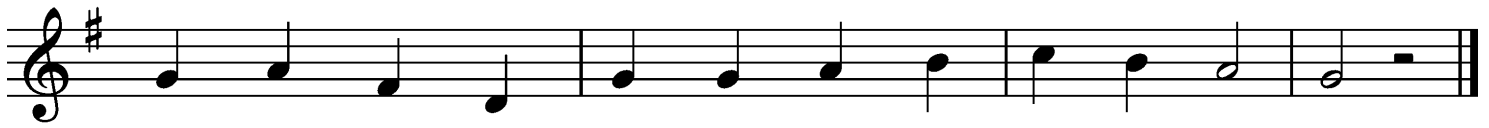




didst e - lect me;      There - fore, Fa - ther, on life's road  
things by na - ture.      Ho - ly Ghost, change me with - in,  
- verse re - flec - tion;      Quench all tho'ts that are not right,  
God, be - liev - eth      And o'er the in - i - qui - ty



Gra - cious - ly to heav'n di - rect me;      Send to me Thy  
Make of me a new - born crea - ture;      For the flesh works  
Hold my rea - son in sub - jec - tion;      Grant that I from  
Of my sins most tru - ly griev - eth.      When dark hours of



Ho - ly Spir - it      That His gifts I may in - her - it.  
ru - i - na - tion      And can nev - er gain sal - va - tion.  
Thee, with yearn - ing,      Wis - dom al - ways may be learn - ing.  
woe be - tide me,      In the wounds of Je - sus hide me.

- 5    As a branch upon a vine  
      In my blessed Lord implant me;  
      Ever of my Head divine  
      To remain a member grant me.  
      Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior,  
      Be my Life and Love forever!
  
- 6    Faith and hope and charity  
      Graciously, O Father, give me;  
      Be my Guardian constantly  
      That the devil may not grieve me;  
      Grant me humbleness and gladness,  
      Peace and patience in my sadness.
  
- 7    Help me speak what's right and good  
      And keep silence on occasion;  
      Help me pray, Lord, as I should,  
      Help me bear my tribulation;  
      Help me die and let my spirit  
      Everlasting life inherit.

**Votum**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Hymn ‘God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage’**

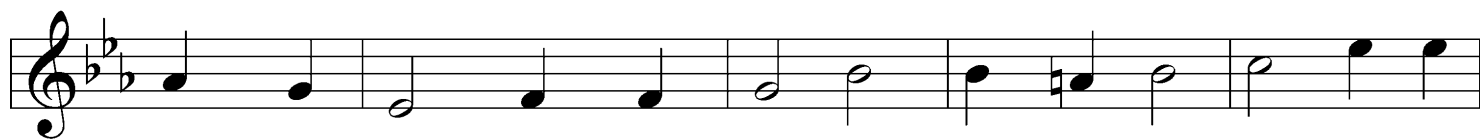
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God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all pastors, that they may eagerly follow Christ and answer His call to forgive sinners in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For zeal in our witness to Christ, that we would bring those we know and love to His feet to receive the healing of forgiveness, which alone restores true life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the vocations of the Christian home — husband and wife; father and mother; sons, daughters and siblings — that they may be established on the enduring promises of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For Joseph, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all our leaders, that even as God rules the world by His mighty power, He would be pleased to give our nation wisdom, peace and success in accordance with His commandments, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, broken and needy among us, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that Christ who has authority over sin and death would grant them healing now and resurrection at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

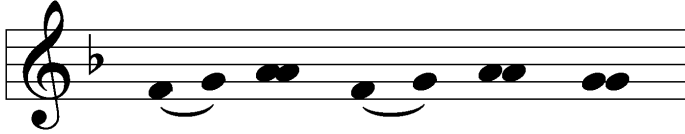
**P** For all who come to the altar this day, that they would see this as the very house of God and gate of heaven, where Christ is bodily present to forgive, heal and renew us in true righteousness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

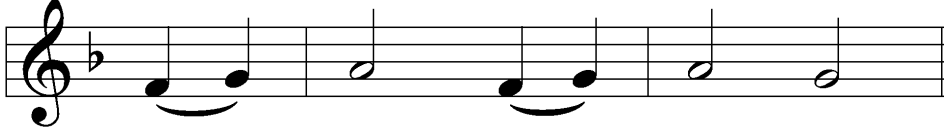
**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



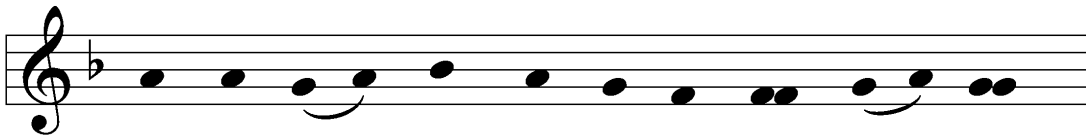
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface (Full)**

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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**

*LSB 195*



**☐** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



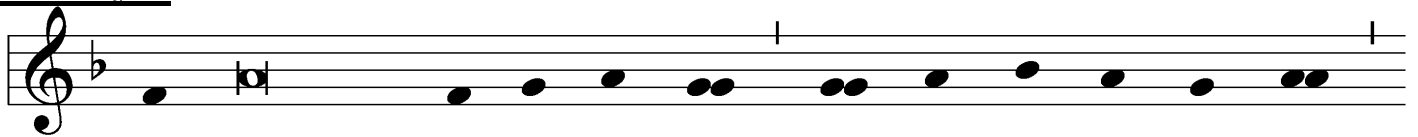
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



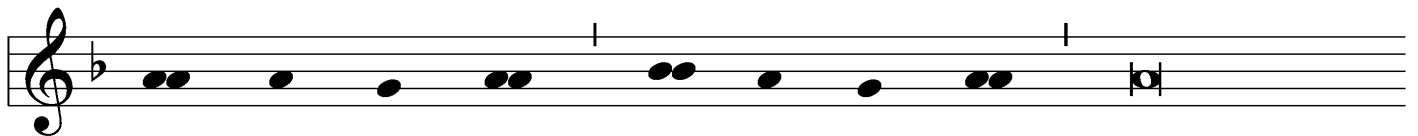
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

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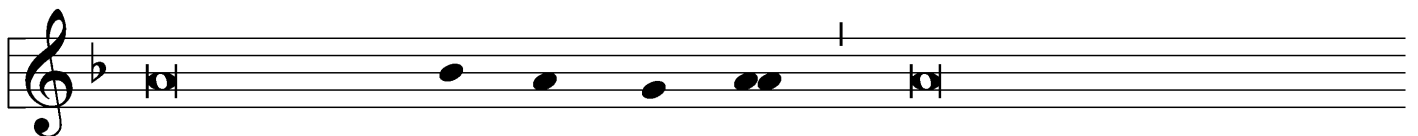
**☐** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



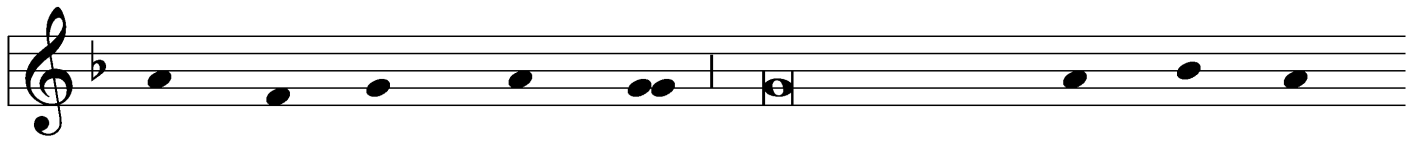
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



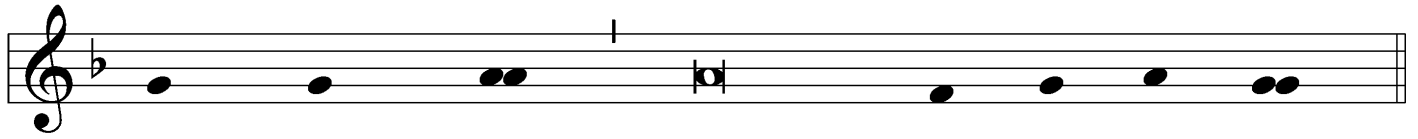
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



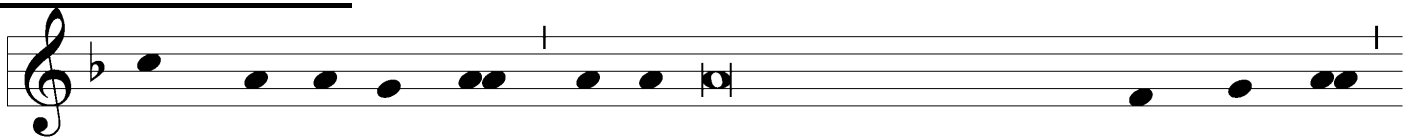
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



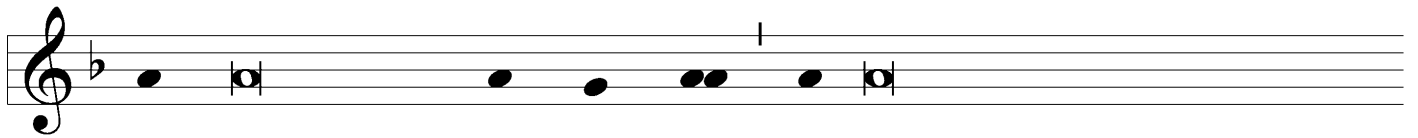
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

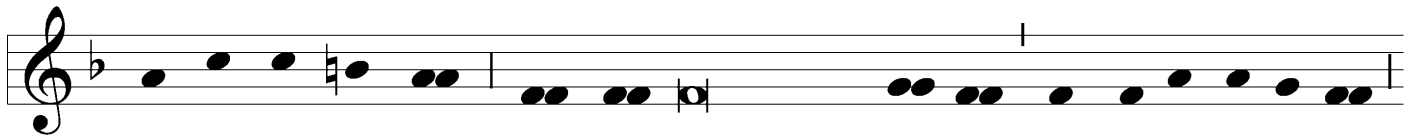
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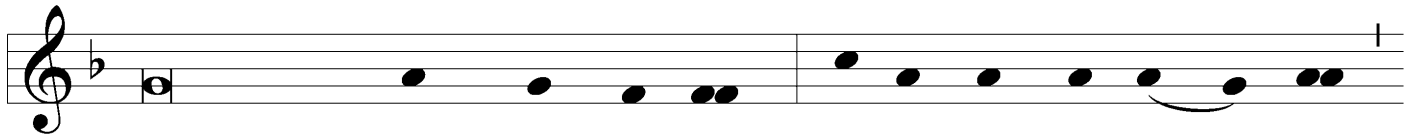
**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



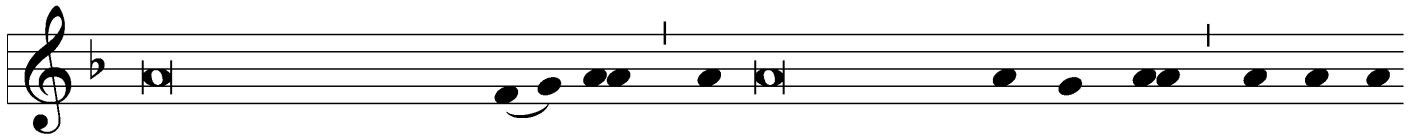
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
 My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**G** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

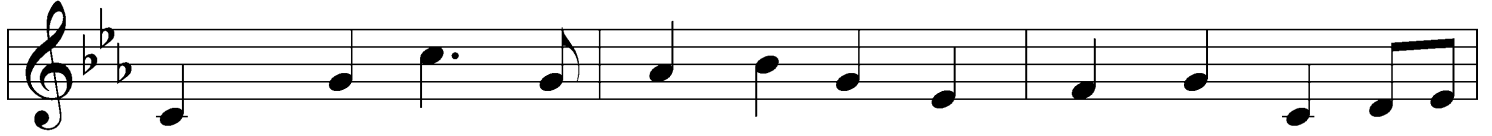


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution Hymn 'We Are Called to Stand Together'**

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1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of  
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,  
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

*Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1962*

*Tune: Henry V. Gerike, 1948*

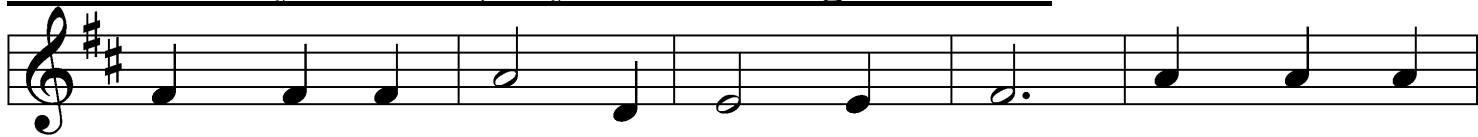
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# Distribution Hymn 'Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness'

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

*Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.*

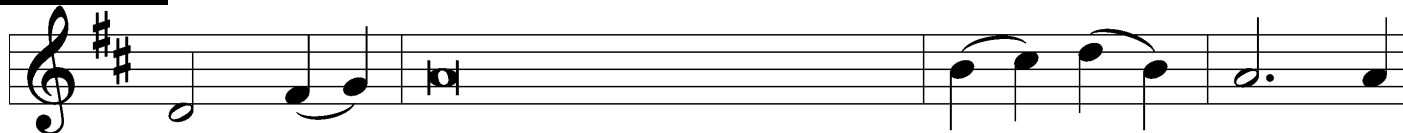
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*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

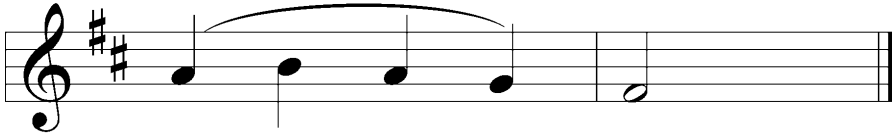
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

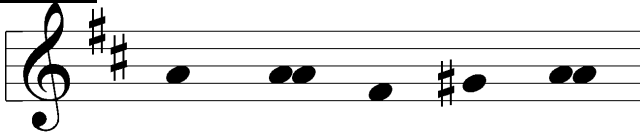
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*



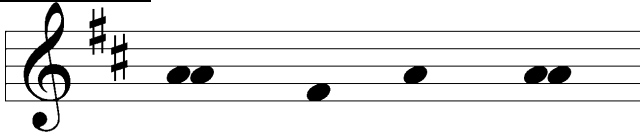
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



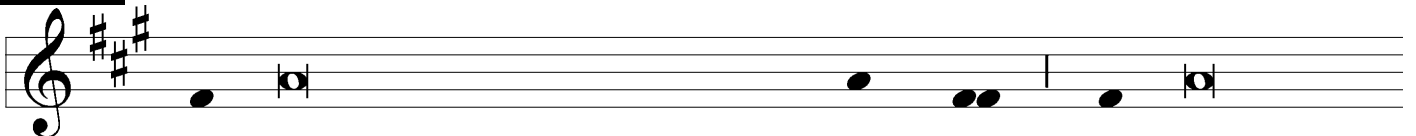
**A** Bless we the Lord.



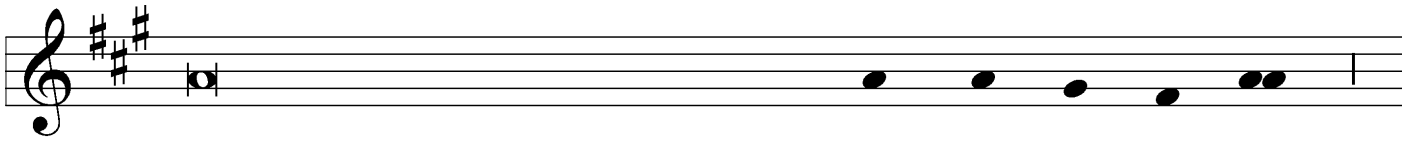
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

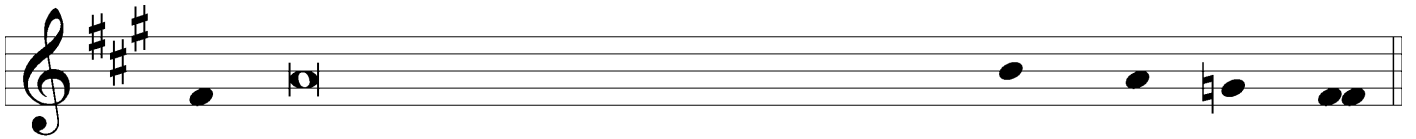
*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn 'Spread the Reign of God the Lord'**

*LSB 830*



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**NEW EMAIL:** Our church office email has changed. Going forward, please use [lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com)

**Stewardship:** *Ephesians 4:24* – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man which is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. So we do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

**Please check your boxes for your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statements.**

**October calendars are on the entryway table.**

**Sunday School:** “The Pointing Prophet” is the title of this week’s lesson. John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel’s hair and eating locusts and honey. John’s message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, “This is My beloved Son” (Matthew 3:17).

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

**We encourage members to consider electronic giving.** It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

**Building Healthy Families:** Over 40 percent of pregnancies, or over 2.3 million pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended. The role of life-affirming, Christian unplanned pregnancy support services, adoption agencies, and pregnancy resource centers is increasingly important. It’s imperative that women facing an unplanned pregnancy receive Christ-centered help so that they can choose life. Research what organizations and services are available in your area, and then plan to get involved. Volunteer, serve on the board, donate needed items, and/or provide your financial support. By working together in God’s name, these efforts make a real difference in the lives of so many, born and yet unborn! ~ *Lutheran Family Service* [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** “Having received God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His divine services to us in our congregations, we jointly put on His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) in the public square, proclaiming Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins, even those of babies still in the womb. In so doing, we advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of fertilization and pray that God will use us to change the hearts of the abortion-minded in our communities.” *Dr. Roni Grad, Catalina Lutheran Church Life Team and National Lutherans For Life Board of Directors member – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct. 13th:** Hear "Difficult People" based on Genesis 31:6-7 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.**

**A Life Thought in the Church Year:** Our Almighty Maker carefully creates every human male or female (Genesis 2:21-22). Jesus Himself took on the same flesh in fertilization and gestation to redeem our entire race (Hebrews 2:14, 17). And the Lord our God calls even the littlest among us for His own (Mark 10:14). Could the Scriptures get any clearer about the sanctity of life? Can we?

**YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics are: Pro-Child Politics & Race, Using Legal Reasoning with Unbelievers, The Minor Prophets Haggai & Malachi, Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts and more. You can listen at on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the **week of 10/6—10/12 is Schutt**. Household(s) responsible for the **week of 10/13—10/19 is Sittig**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$75.00. Please contact Amber at [lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com). Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

**Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 9th**

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades

4<sup>th</sup> *Commandment and Meaning*

8th Grade

7<sup>th</sup> *Commandment and Meaning*

## **Voters' Assembly Sunday, Oct. 20th after the service**

*If you are not a member and desire to become one:*

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

4.3.3 Duties: Voting members shall attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly regularly, participate in the work of the congregation, and willingly accept responsibility according to their ability.





**November will be picture taking time for the new pictorial directory for Immanuel.**

The dates and times for picture taking are:

Sunday, November 3

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Immanuel

Tuesday, November 5

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

Wednesday, November 6

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

Sunday, November 10

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

The session on Sunday, November 3rd will be in the fellowship hall at Immanuel. The other three sessions will be held at Cory Hall Photography, 811 4th Avenue, Grinnell.

Members will be able to order picture packages, which will arrive by mid-December.

Sign-up for picture times will be on Sundays, October 13, 20 and 27.

We will also ask you to proof your names, address, phone number, and email address on the directory in the fellowship hall.

*Any questions please contact the Evangelism Committee  
Dianna Kelting, June Routier, Bev Huebner*

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

For the Week of Sept 29, 2024

Worship Attendance --

Communion --

General \$4165.00

Missions \$25.00

## WEEK AHEAD

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting  
9:00am 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - LWML Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions: Lutheran Heritage Foundation  
10:30am Christian Education/Bible Study  
11:30am Board of Education Meeting  
Greeter: Mintle  
Usher: Tim B.  
Servers: LWML  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia/Alivia  
Elder: Joel M.  
3:00pm Circuit Forum in Newton

Monday 5:00pm Organ Meeting  
Monday & Tuesday Fall Pastor's Conference

Wednesday 4-5:15pm Confirmation Grades 5-7  
6-7:15pm Confirmation Grade 8

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Friday & Saturday Confirmation Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Next Sunday 8:00am Council Meeting  
9:00am 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
10:30am Christian Education/Bible Study  
Greeter: Nolte  
Usher: Keith T.  
Servers: Bev H./Cayli C.  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Thatcher  
Elder: Darlo K.

# HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE



**HURRICANE HELENE** made landfall near Perry, Fla., on Sept. 26 as a Category 4 storm. Since that time, it has left a devastating trail of death and destruction across the southeastern United States. The death toll is currently estimated at more than 180 people in six states.

On Sept. 30, the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, departed for a multi-day visit to assess the damage, after which an initial response plan will be developed in cooperation with the districts affected. Other LCMS districts and Recognized Service Organizations are also assisting with the response.

While early reports seemed to indicate the damage would not be extensive, that quickly changed. In Florida, the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas sustained severe flooding, with multiple homes taking in water, making them currently uninhabitable. Meanwhile, south-central Georgia experienced significant tree damage, and western North Carolina — particularly Asheville — remains in dire conditions, with closed roads impeding transportation, and widespread power and cellular outages making communication difficult or impossible.

Johnson encourages everyone in the LCMS to take part in the response as they are able. First, and most important, please pray for those affected by the storms. Second, consider volunteering to assist with the response. Third, consider a gift to LCMS Disaster Response.

## PRAYER

*Lord of heaven and earth, we know that you hold all things and people in Your hands. In your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected, in big ways or small, by Hurricane Helene. Work through the efforts of those who bring relief, aid and comfort, and protect all involved from any further harm. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In His name we pray. Amen.*

## TO VOLUNTEER

Visit [lcms-lert.org](https://lcms-lert.org).

## TO GIVE

VISIT [lcms.org/givenow/disaster](https://lcms.org/givenow/disaster).

TEXT "LCMSDISASTERS" to 41444.

CALL the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

MAIL — Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response" and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

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