

**+ THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +**  
**Divine Service Setting One ~ Pg 151**  
**July 13, 2025**

**As We Gather: *Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others***

*“Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful”* (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”* (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8–13).

*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** 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 and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

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**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**

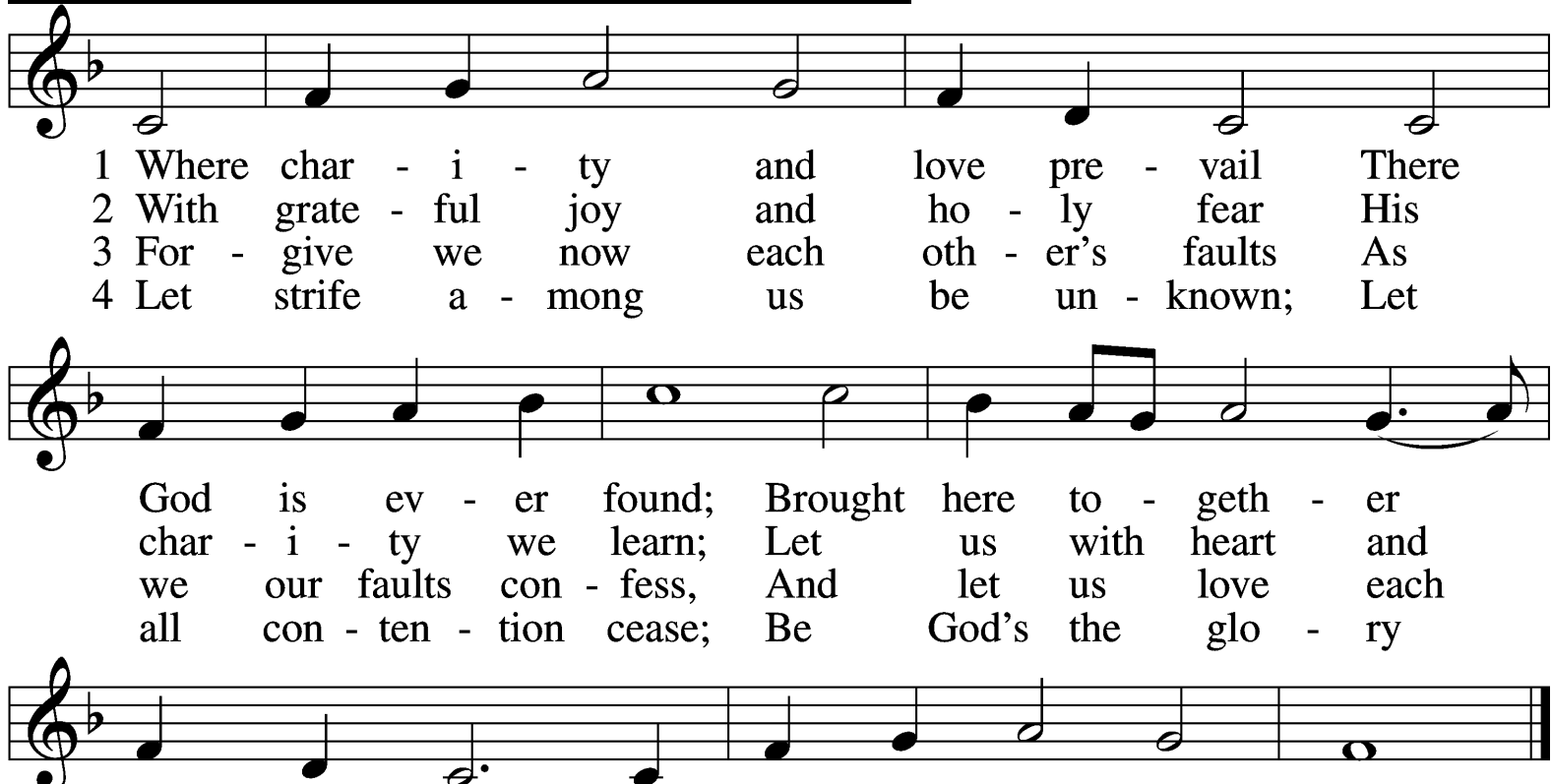
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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Opening Hymn ‘Where Charity and Love Prevail’**

*LSB 845*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

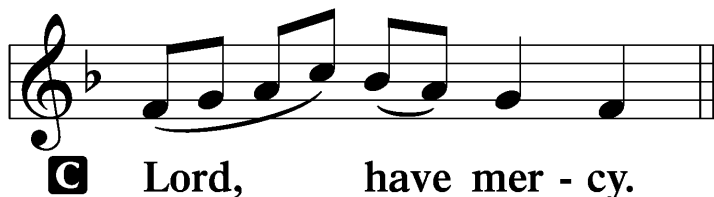
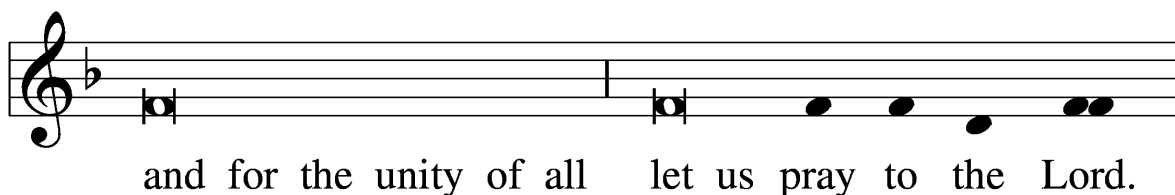
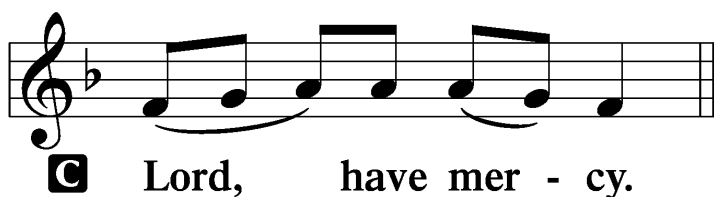
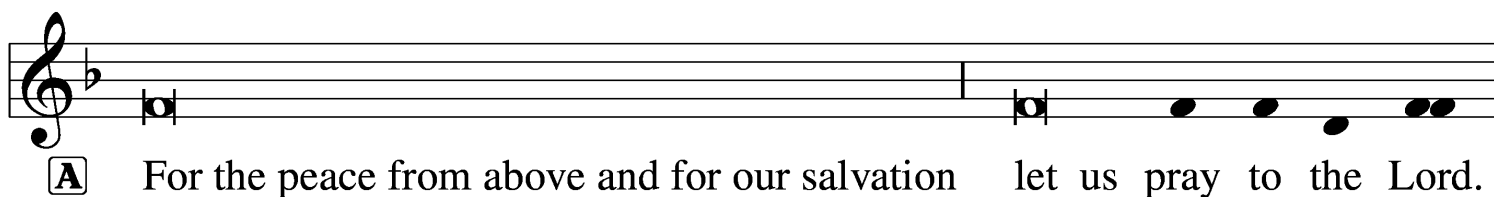
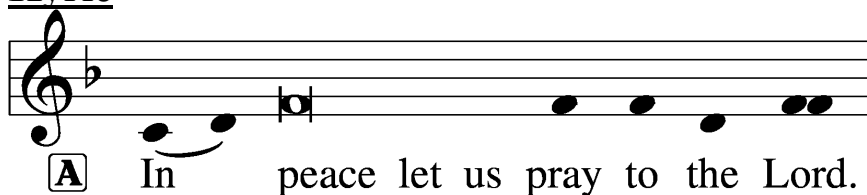
God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

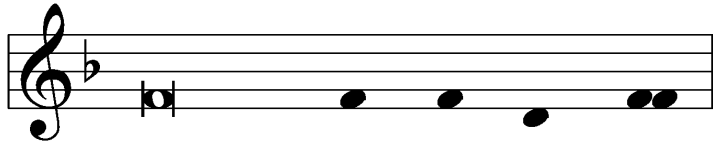
6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

## Kyrie





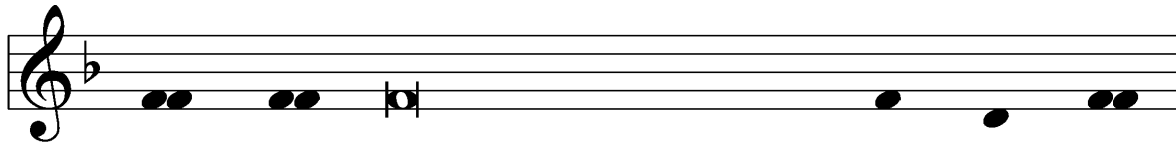
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



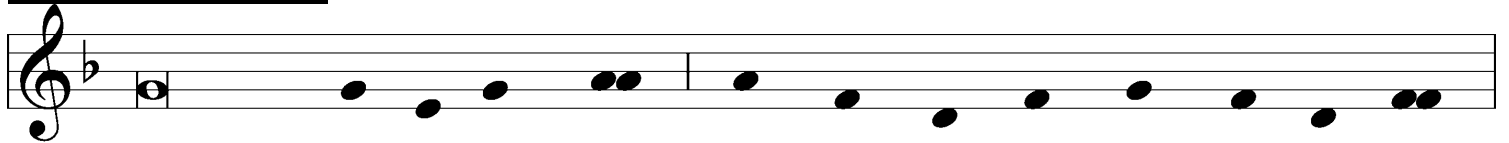
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



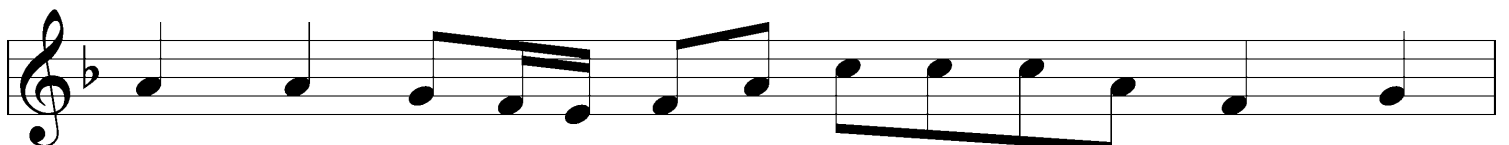
**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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



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



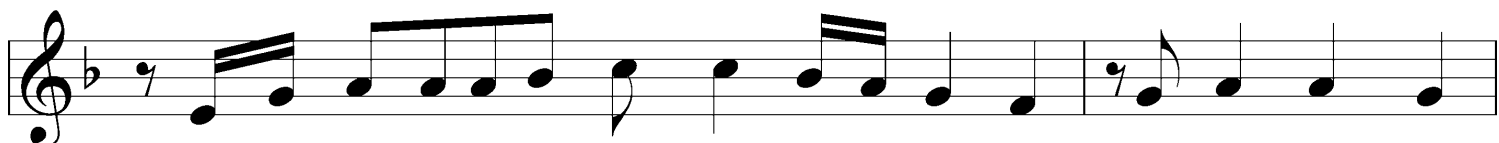
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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



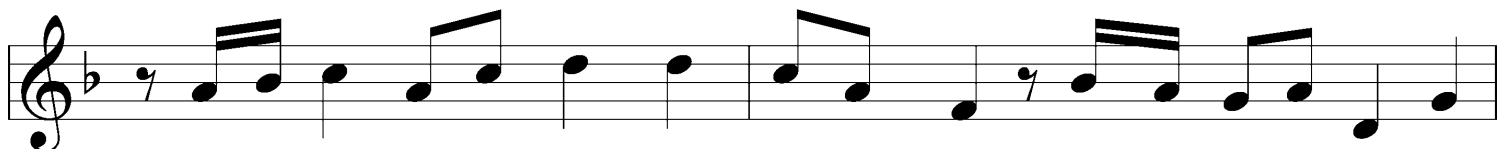
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



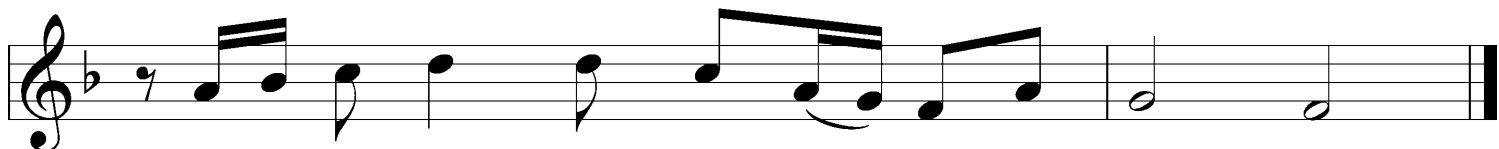
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



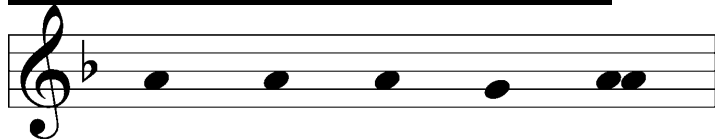
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Trinity 4*



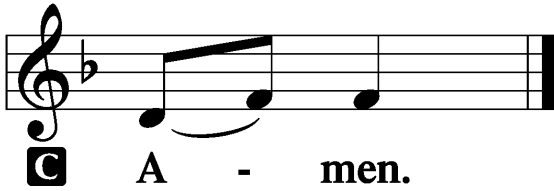
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Introit**

*Psalm 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,**

**my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**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 my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

### **Epistle**

*Romans 12:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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**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**

*Luke 6:36–42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



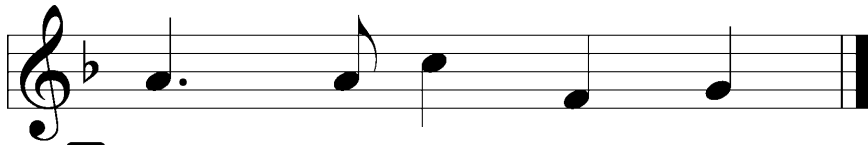
**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon Hymn ‘Jesus Sinners Doth Receive’**

*LSB 609*



1 Je - sus sin - ners	doth re - ceive;	Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but	grief and shame,	Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the	fold did stray	No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner,	come to Thee	With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der	Who in sin’s de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing,	Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e’er for - sak - eth;	Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion.	Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;





And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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## **Sermon**

‘God Meant It For Good’

Gen. 50:15-21

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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.

## Prayer of the Church

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church, that the Lord would pour out His mercy in rich measure; for all ministers, that their mouths would be opened to preach the saving Gospel; for all

Christians, that their mouths would be opened to proclaim the marvels of Christ who called us from darkness into His marvelous light; and that all works of mercy would attest to His love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For true humility, that our Father would teach us to confess our sin rather than excuse or deny it; that He would guard us from all pride that leads us to disdain; and that He would lead us to rejoice at His patience, which freely forgives our many trespasses, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation, that the Lord would bless our leaders with wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land so that the Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the members of Christ, groaning as we await the redemption of our bodies and the freedom of the glory of the children of God, that He would turn away the corruption of sin, the futility of our fallen state, and every ill of body and soul; and for \_\_\_\_\_, that He would give comfort in suffering through the certain hope of His incomparable glory which will be revealed in us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God would keep us from avenging ourselves, repaying evil with evil; and that He would lead us to overcome evil with good and live peaceably with all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all communicants, that our Father would clear away any grudges, unbelief or impenitence so that we would receive His Supper with lively faith in His promises and for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving to the Lord for the faithful departed who now abide with Him in glory, that God would hear our inward groans and sustain us in faith, as we long for the redemption of our bodies at the return of His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You are merciful and through Christ have promised that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive all our sins and

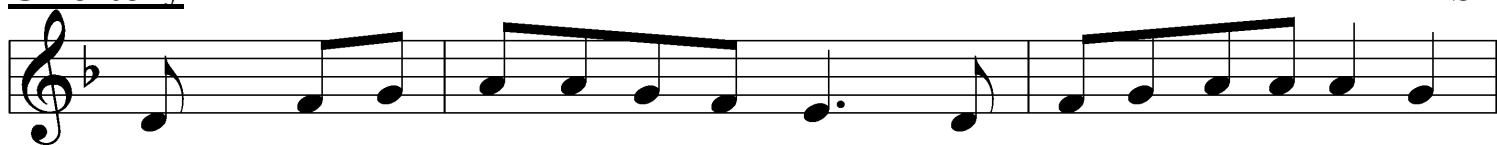
abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. By Your Holy Spirit, establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy. Teach us in turn to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

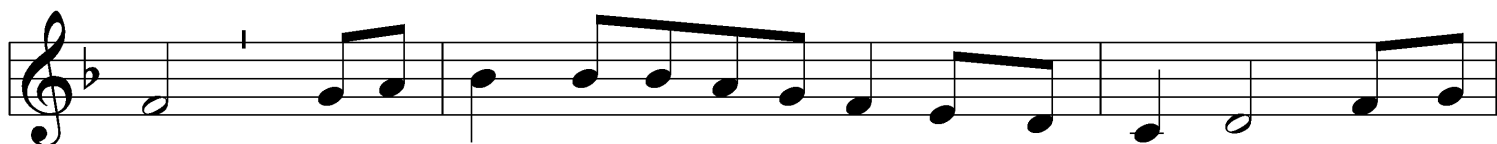
*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Offertory

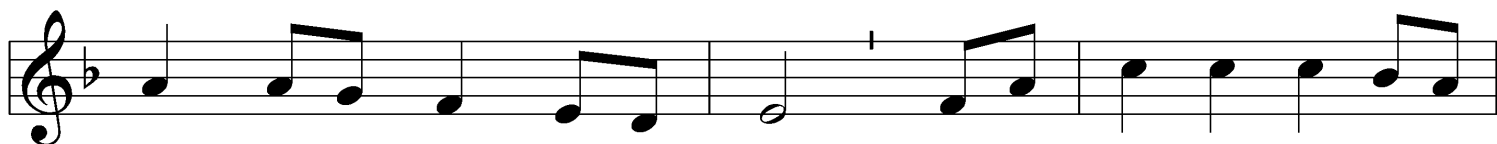
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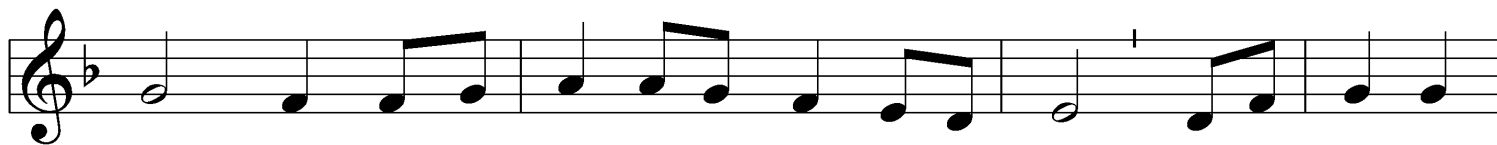
**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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

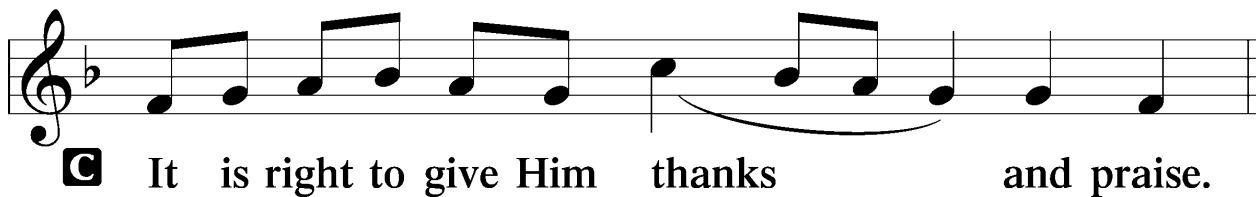
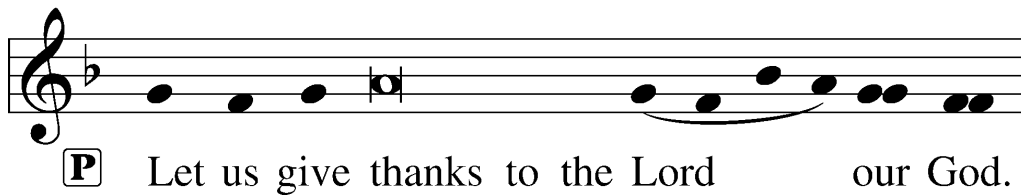
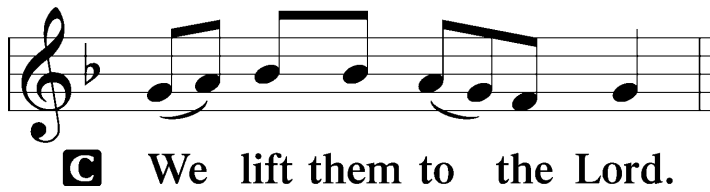
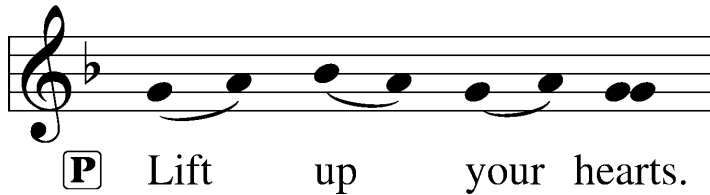
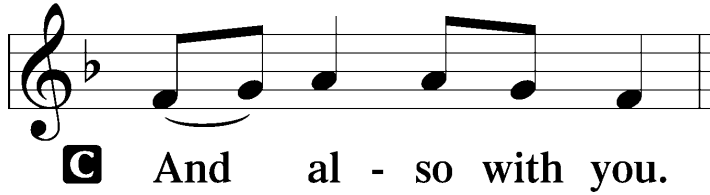
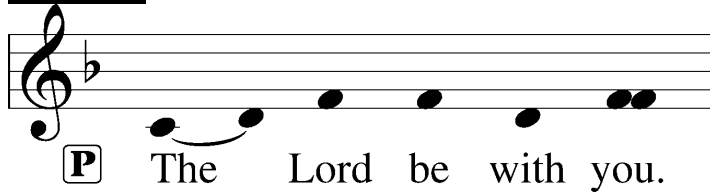


vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



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

**Preface**



**Proper Preface (Full)**

**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, 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 161



**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

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**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 Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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

### Pax Domini

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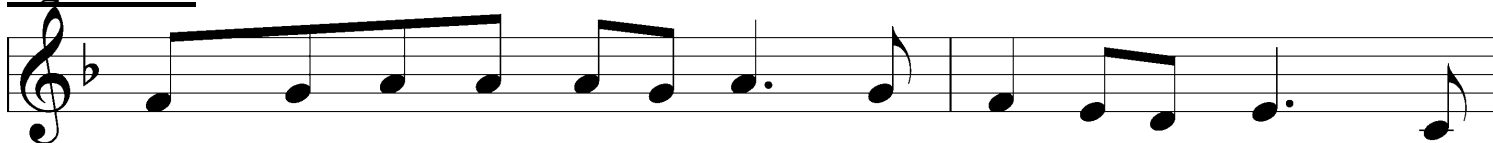
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

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**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.

*Please be seated.*

### Distribution Hymn 'All Depends on Our Possessing'

LSB 732

1 All de-pends on our pos-sess-ing God's a-bun-dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man-y  
 3 Man-y spend their lives in fret-ting O-ver tri-fles  
 4 When with sor-row I am strick-en, Hope a-new my

grace and bless-ing, Though all earth-ly wealth de-part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev-er shall be mine.  
 and in get-ting Things that have no sol-id ground.  
 heart will quick-en; All my long-ing shall be stilled.

They who trust with faith un-shak-en By their God are  
 He who ev-er gent-ly schools me, He who dai-ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea-sure That will bring me  
 To His lov-ing-kind-ness ten-der Soul and bod-y





not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever;  
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
 God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in His grace.


*Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
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## **Distribution Hymn ‘The Will of God Is Always Best’**

*LSB 758*



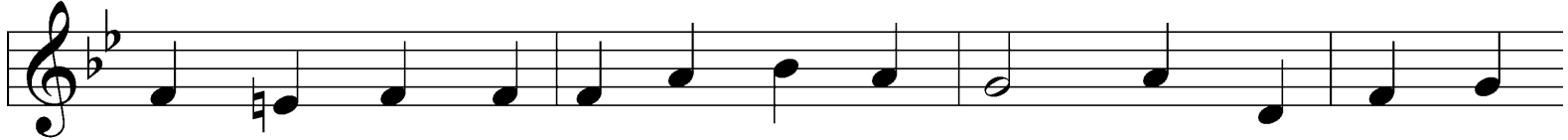
1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -  
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -  
 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this  
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



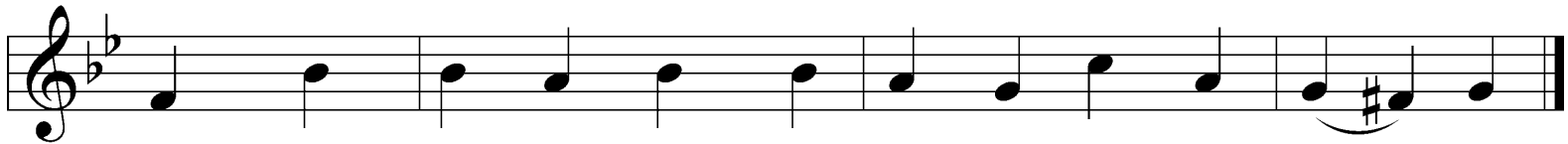
ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;  
 bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,  
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,  
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, “Your will be done,”



He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In  
I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His  
Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My  
Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I



time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -  
Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and  
fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -  
now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and



pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.  
day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.  
lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.  
hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

*Text: Albrecht von Preussen, 1490–1568; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Thank the Lord**

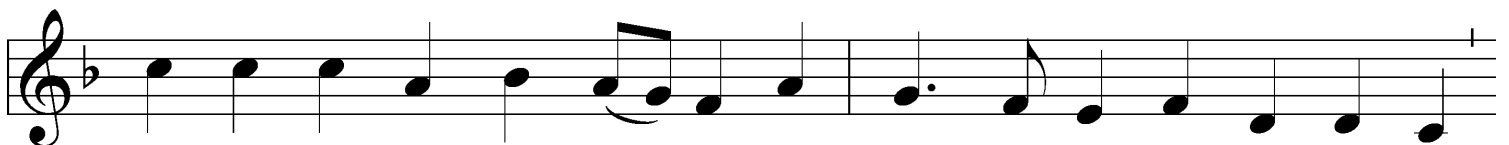
*LSB 164*



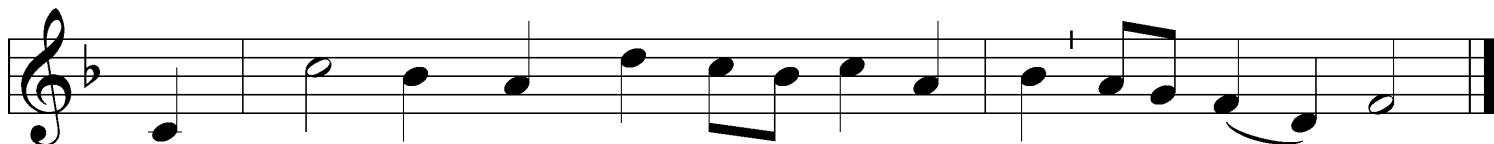
**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

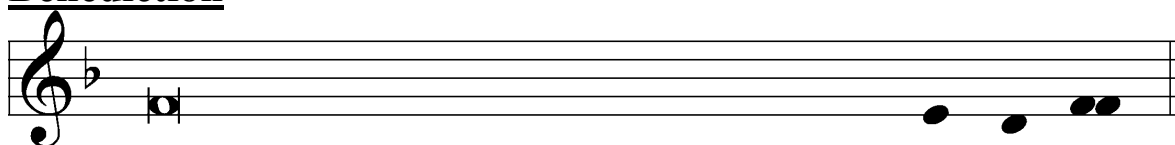
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

*LSB 166*



**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.



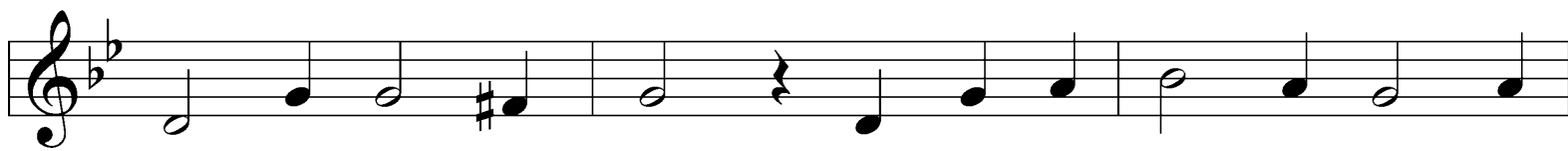
**C** A - men.

### Closing Hymn 'I Leave All Things to God's Direction'

*LSB 719*



1	I	leave	all	things	to	God's	di -	rec -	tion;	He	loves	me
2	God	knows	what	must	be	done	to	save	me;	His	love	for
3	My	God	de -	sires	the	soul's	sal -	va -	tion;	My	soul	He,
4	My	God	has	all	things	in	His	keep -	ing;	He	is	the

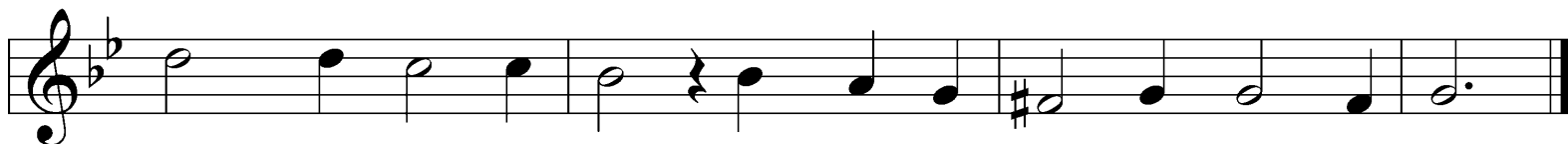


both in joy and woe.  
me will nev - er cease.  
too, de - sires to save.  
ev - er faith - ful friend.

His will is good, sure His af -  
Up - on His hands He did en -  
There-fore with Chris - tian res - ig -  
He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for-tress  
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be  
weep-ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.  
preme must ev - er be: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.  
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.  
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.

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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.

**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. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

**Stewardship:** *Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**The Marshalltown Zone is hosting the LWML Retreat** at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on July 18-19. A list of items everyone can donate for our servant events and for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca can be found on the table in the entry way. Please place items in the box by Sunday, July 13. THANK YOU for your generosity and support of LWML and Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

**Please check your boxes** for your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter giving statements.

**Building Healthy Families:** Maybe you are experiencing some of the greatest joys of your life right now, or perhaps you feel you are in the lowest of valleys. God knows what you're experiencing. In fact, He has known of your highs and lows all along. Take a moment to recall one of the best times in your life and one of the most difficult. God was there. Both times. He promises to always be with you, and He keeps every one of His promises. Your circumstances will change, as will your emotional responses. But the one constant in your life on which you can depend? His faithfulness. "I will never leave you nor forsake you...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:5,8  
~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** "Take heart and have hope, God's people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful." *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope* ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for July 20th:** Hear "God's Plan = Jesus" based on John 16:33 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton. ~ *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:** Trinity IV – "Judge not," Jesus says (Luke 6:37). We have no authority to convict or to acquit. We cannot permit what God forbids—namely, the intentional ending of a neighbor's life, whether elderly or embryonic—nor may we condemn those whom He forgives—namely, those broken by the abortion of their own children. As disciples, we get to become more like our Teacher—and teach.

**WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Seeking Truth & Speaking Truth, The Worsening Pandemic of Gambling, A New Study on Christian Faith & Marriage, Eastern Mysticism in Public Schools, A Supreme Court Ruling on Children & Pornography and more. You can listen 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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a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through "Part 2" of our study on the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

## **Voters' Assembly**

**Sunday, July 20th after the Divine 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.



# VBS

## God or Not God?

*"Be Watchful,  
Stand Firm in the Faith,  
Be Strong."  
1 Corinthians 16:15*

**July 21, 22, 23  
9:00am -11:00am**

**Please let the Board of Education know if any parents or grandparents plan to have their children and/or grandchildren attending so we can properly prepare. Even if they are only doing one or two of the three days, please sign-up and inform the Board of Education.**

**Registration forms are available on the entryway table at church and on our website.**



## **Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

July 6, 2025

Attendance 61

### **Calendar of Events for This Week**

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	LWML
		Greeter: Bayer
		Usher: Joel K.
		Servers: Kris G. & Bev H.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Thatcher
		Elder: Steve H.
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Saturday	9:00am	LFS Presentation at St. John Lutheran, Oskaloosa
Next Sunday	9:00am	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Voters Assembly
		Greeter: Christinson
		Usher: Tim B.
		Servers: Bev H. & Tamera S.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Thomas
		Elder: Joe W.