

**+ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +**  
**Divine Service Setting One ~ Pg 151**  
**July 6, 2025**

**As We Gather: *Jesus Receives Sinners***

*“This man receives sinners and eats with them”* (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you”* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

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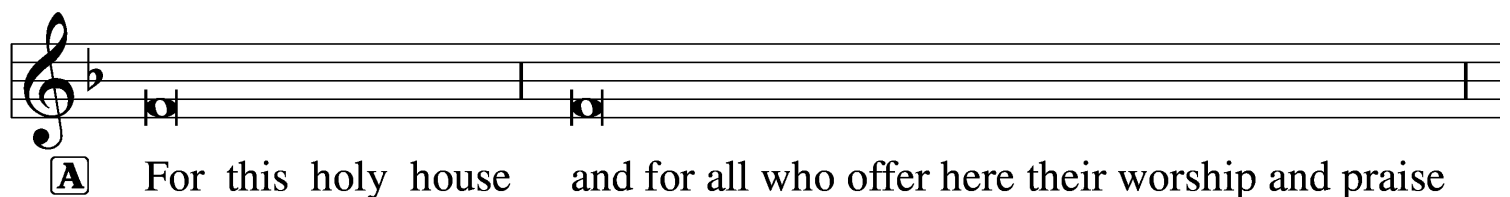
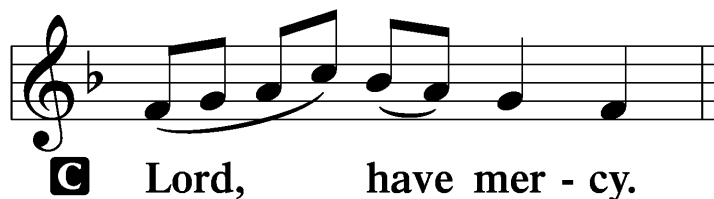
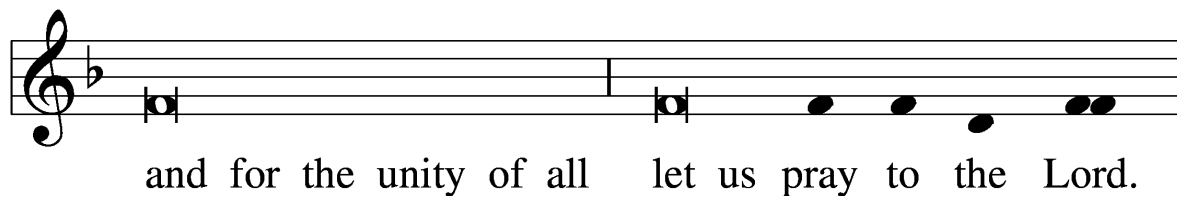
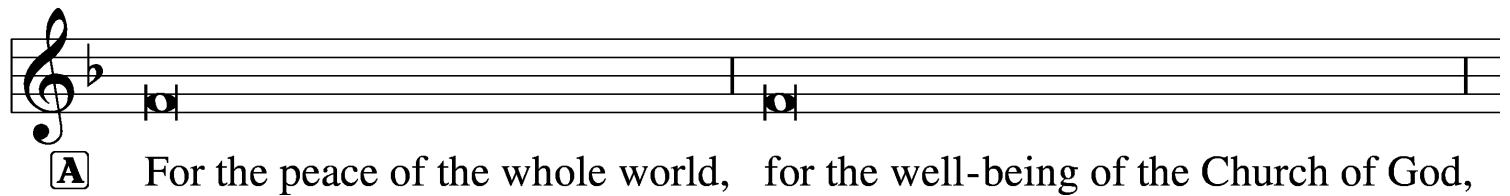
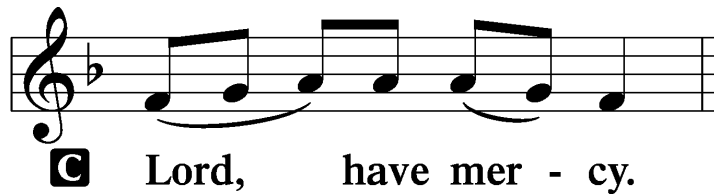
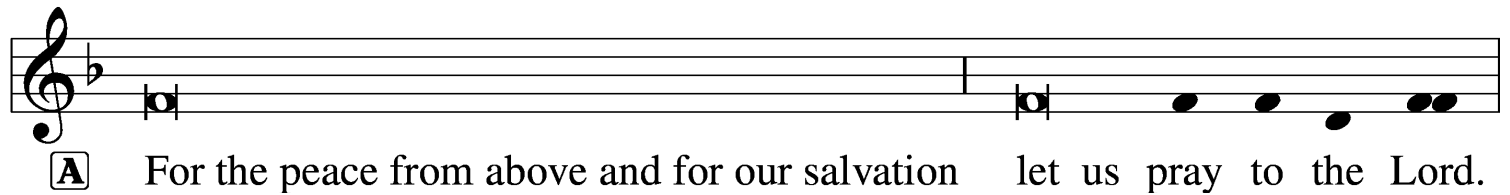
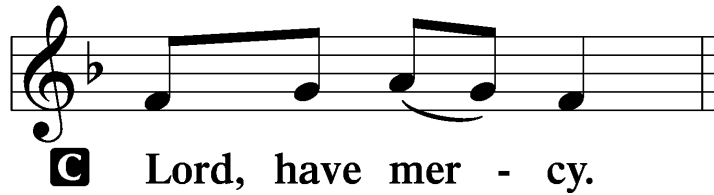
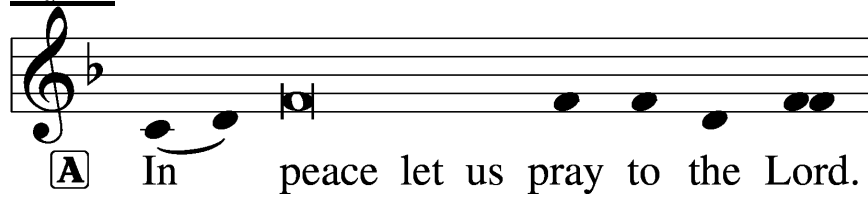
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

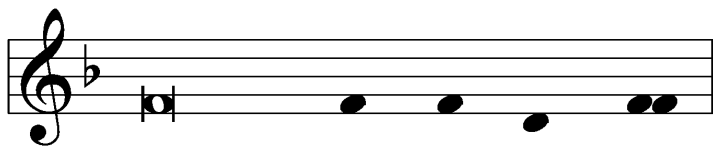
**C** Amen.

### Opening Hymn 'O Bless the Lord, My Soul'

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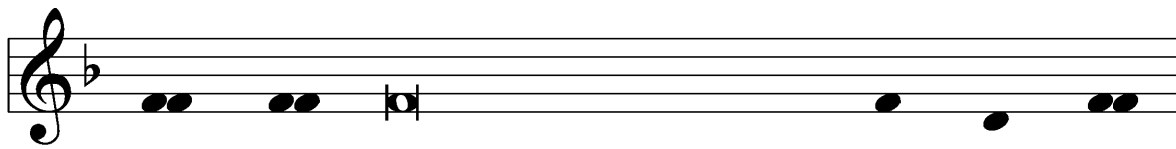




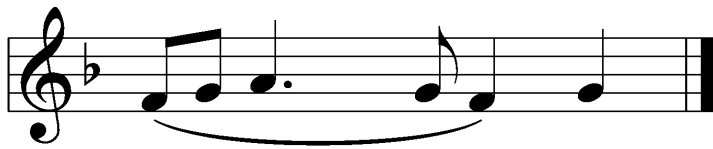
let us pray to the Lord.



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



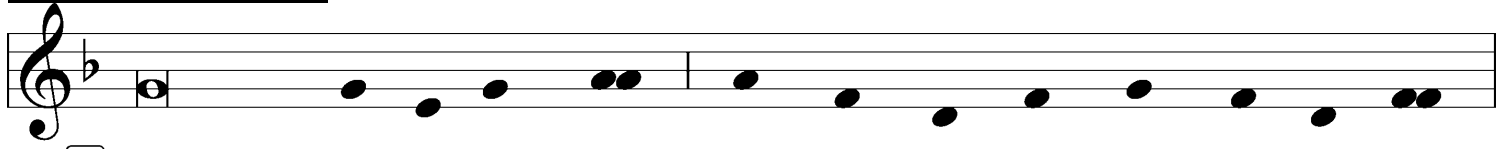
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

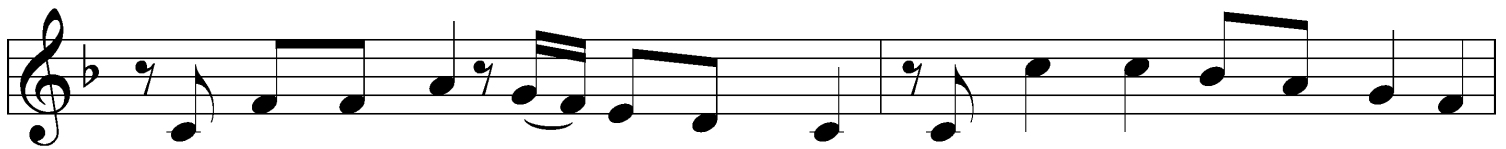
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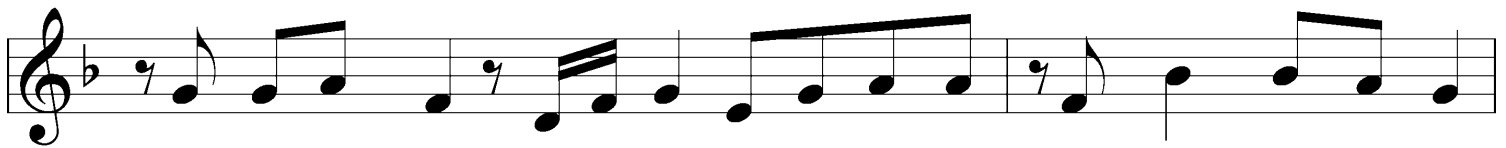
**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



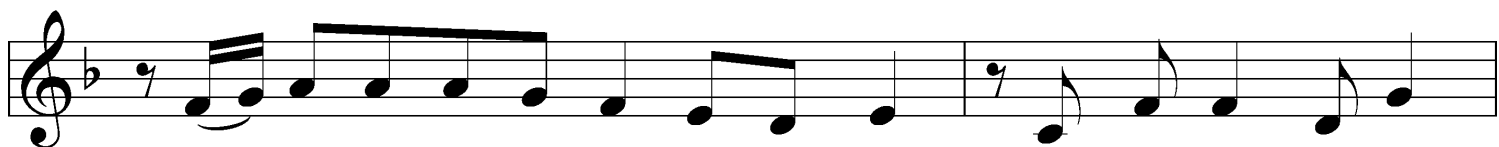
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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:



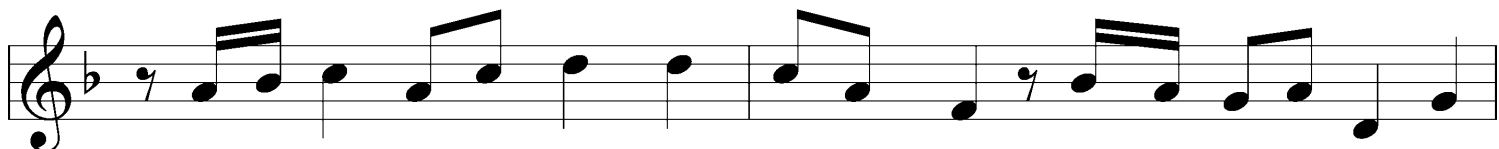
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



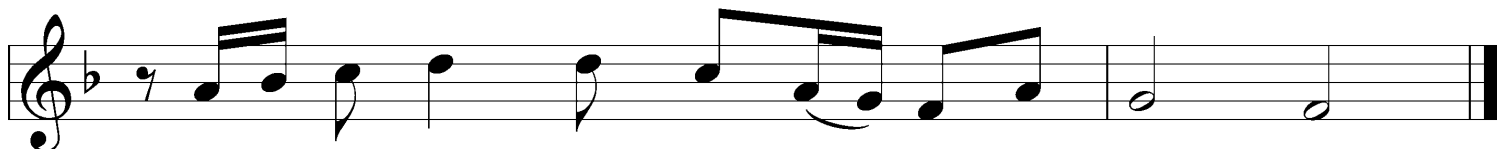
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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 3*



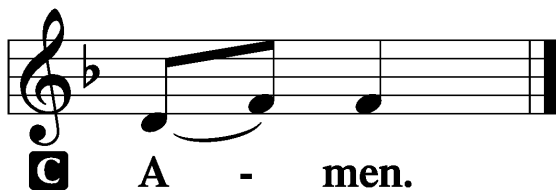
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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**

*Micah 7:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

<sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

<sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Introit**

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: vv. 16, 18*



Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**You are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
**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.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
**Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.**

### Epistle

*1 Peter 5:6–11*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**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 15*

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



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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things



meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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



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

*Please be seated.*

# Hymn ‘Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing’

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1 Re -	joyce,	my	heart,	be	glad	and	sing,	A
2 He	is	your	trea -	sure,	He	your	joy,	Your
3 Why	spend	the	day	in	blank	de -	spair,	In
4 Did	not	His	love	and	truth	and	pow'r	Guard



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life	and	light	and	Lord,	Your	coun -	sel -	or	when
rest -	less	thought	the	night?	On	your	Cre -	a -	tor
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ev -	'ry -	thing,	Your	por -	tion	shall	re -	main.
doubts	an -	noy,	Your	shield	and	great	re -	ward.
cast	your	care;	He	makes	your	bur -	dens	light.
threat -	'ning	hour	Turn	dread -	ed	ills	a -	way?

- 5    He only will with patience chide,  
      His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
      In ocean depths to drown.
- 6    His wisdom never plans in vain  
      Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
      A blessed ending makes.
- 7    Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
      And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
      Here and in heav'n above.

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## **Sermon**

"Who Is God Like God?"

*Micah 7:18-20*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩    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,**

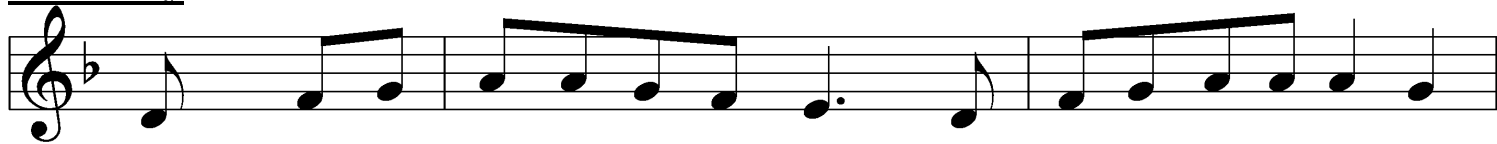
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

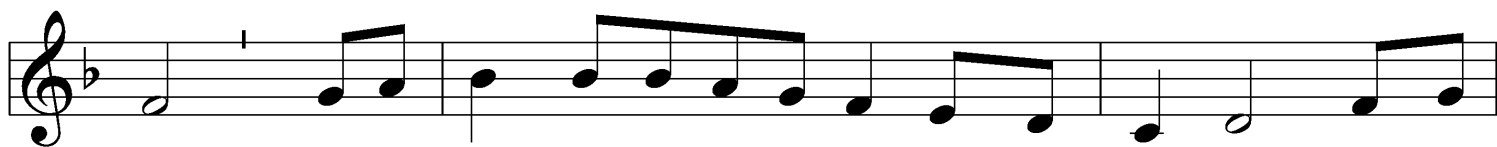
*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Offertory

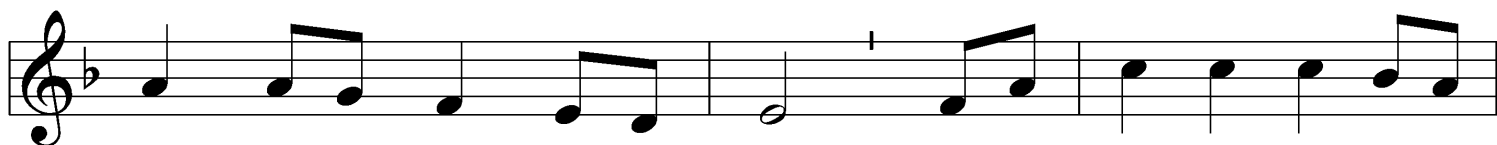
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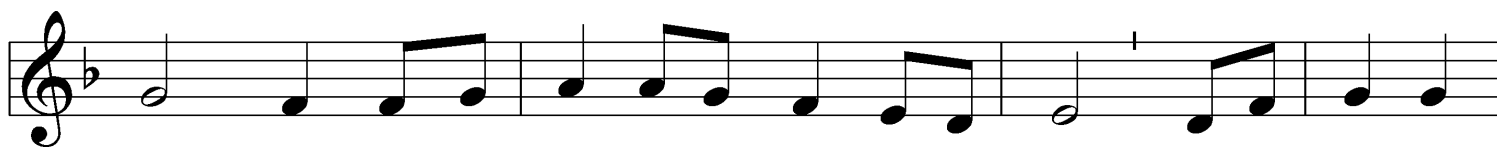
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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

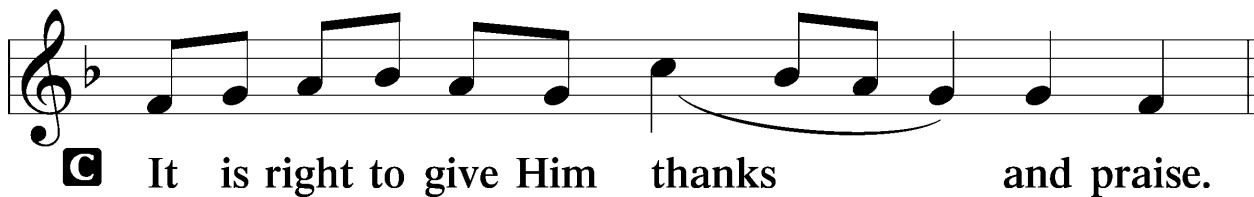
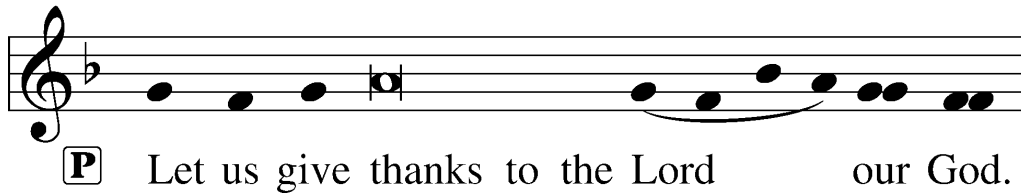
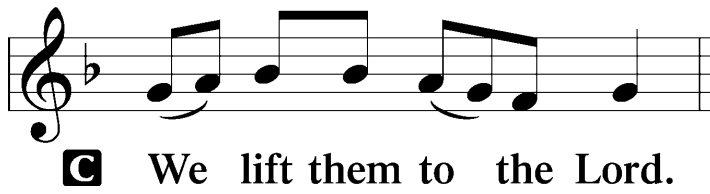
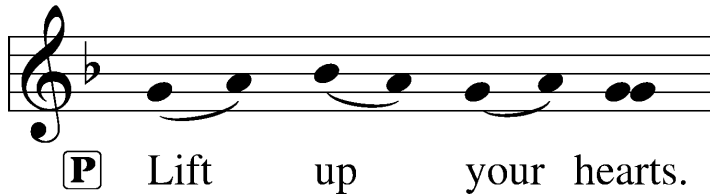
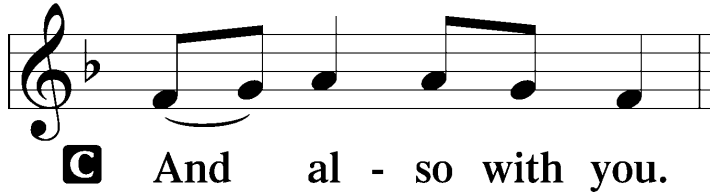
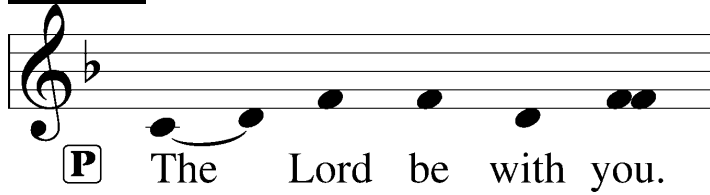


vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



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

**Preface**

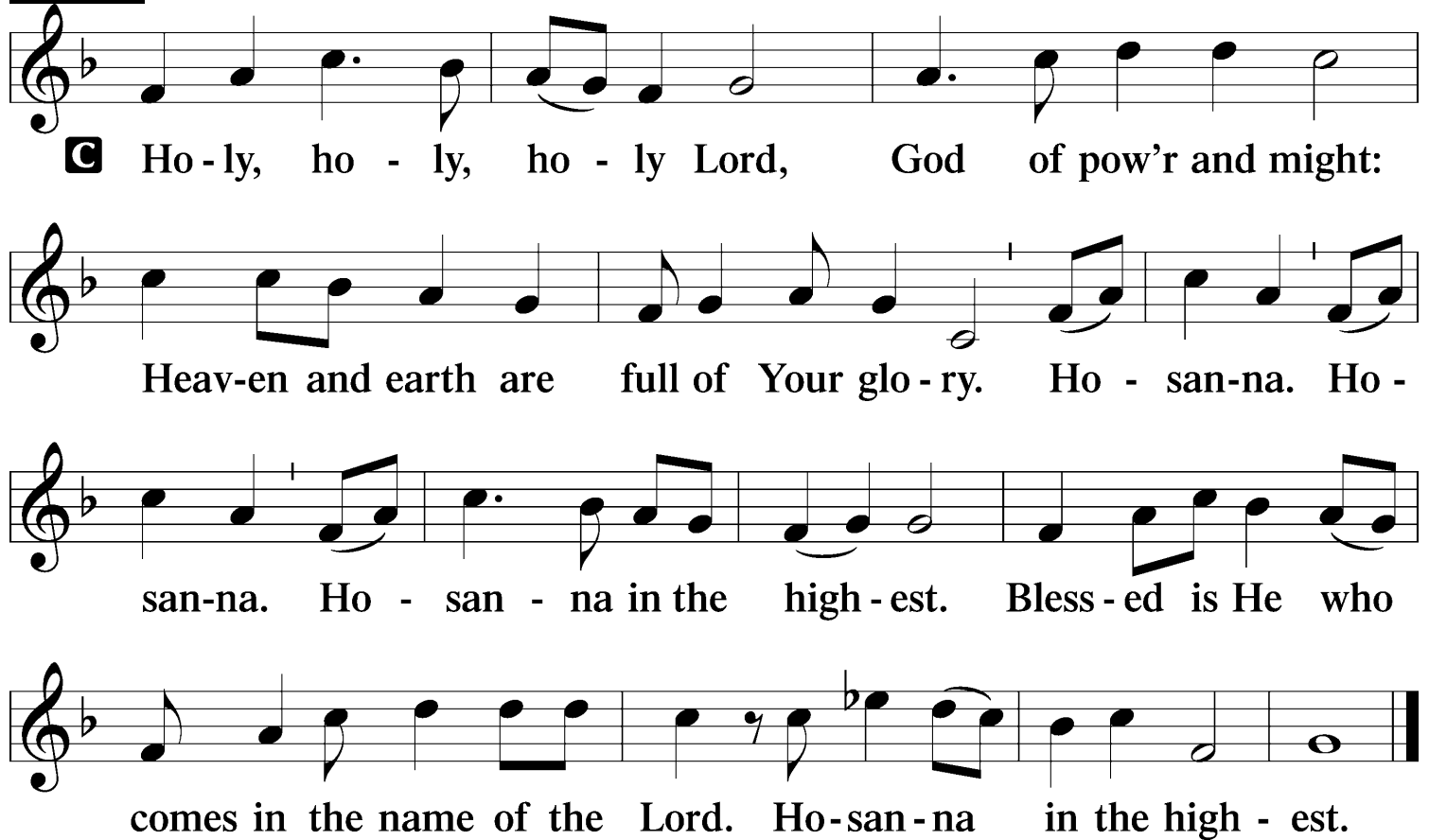


**Proper Preface (Full)**

**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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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**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.

## Lord's Prayer

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

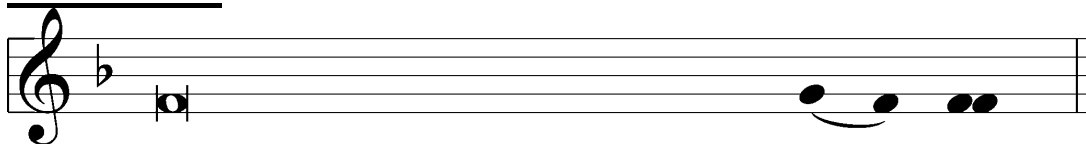
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth

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

### Pax Domini

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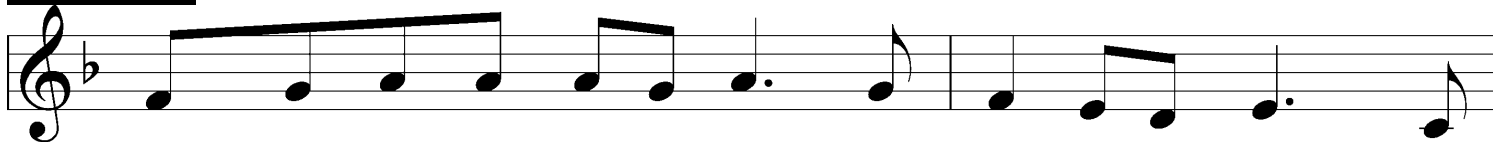
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



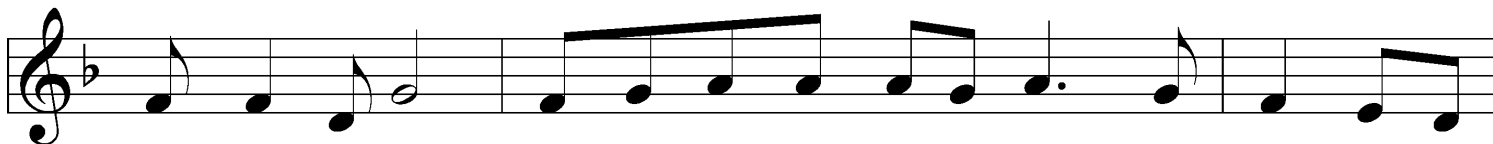
**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

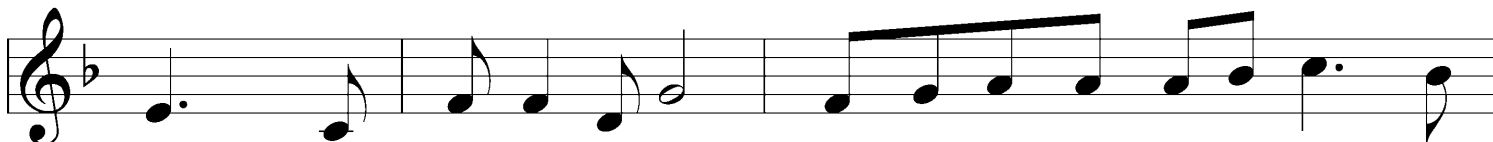
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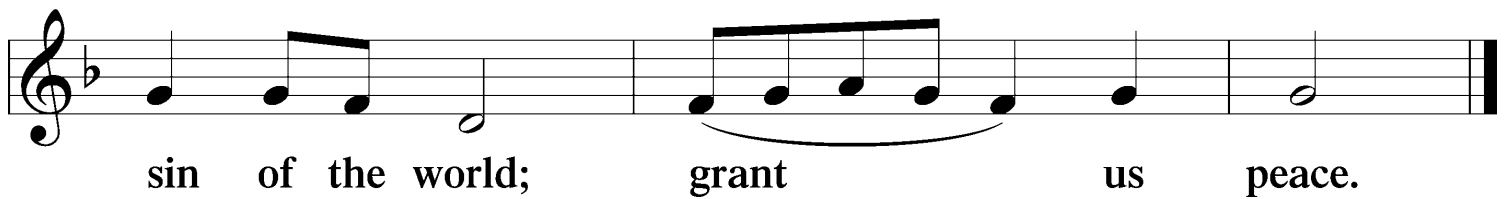
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



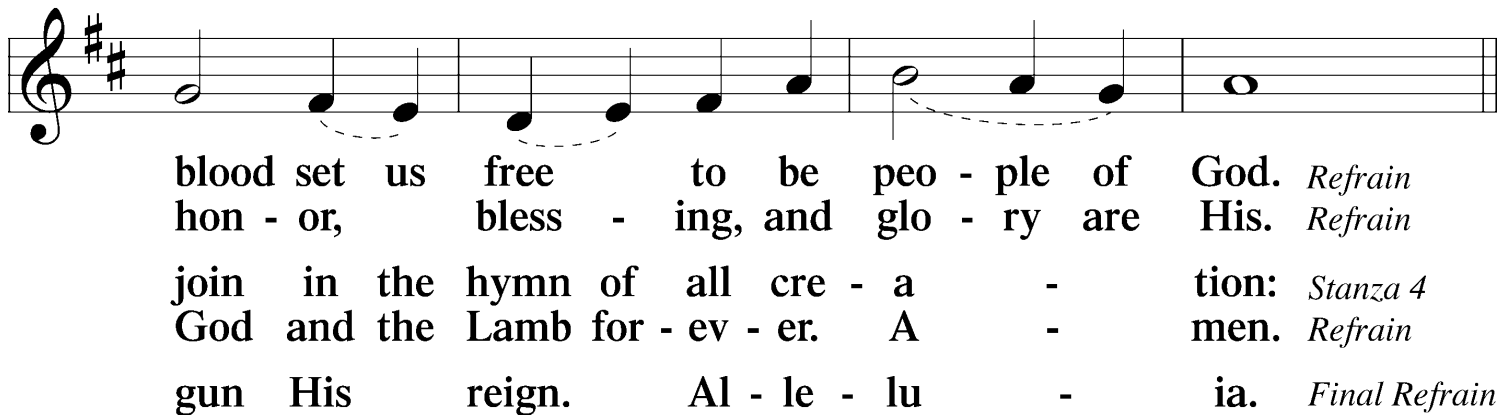
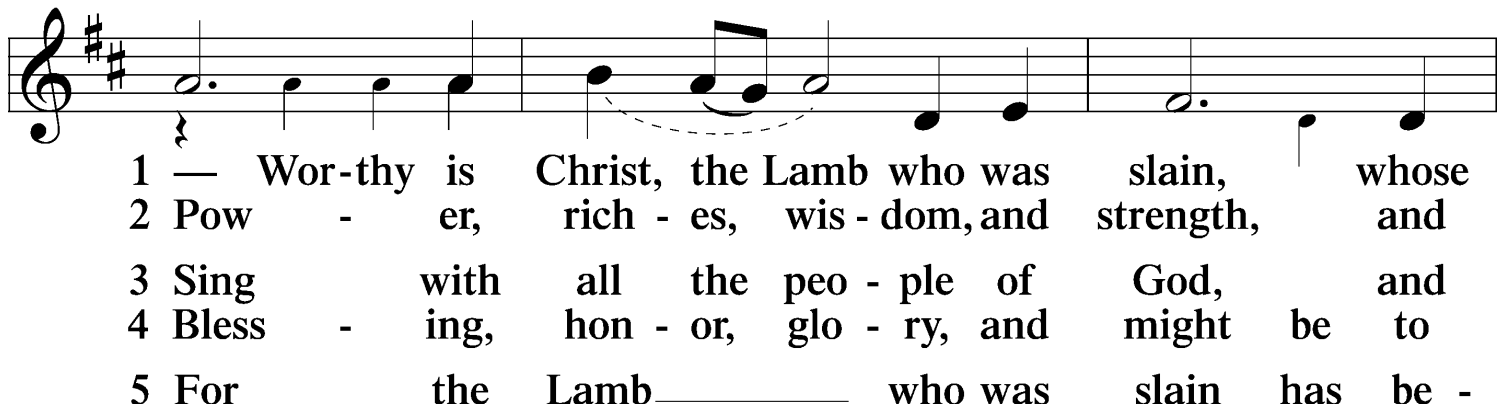
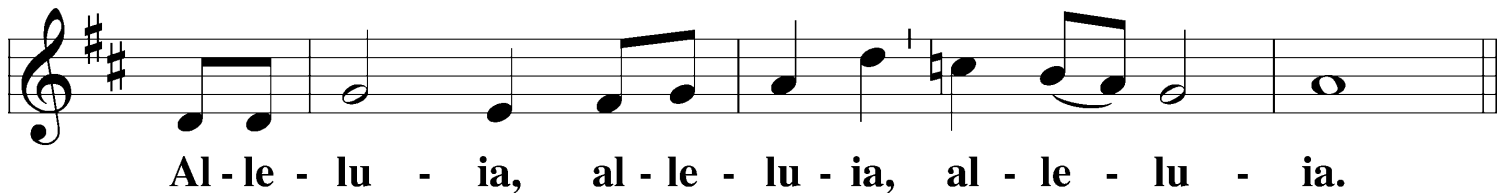
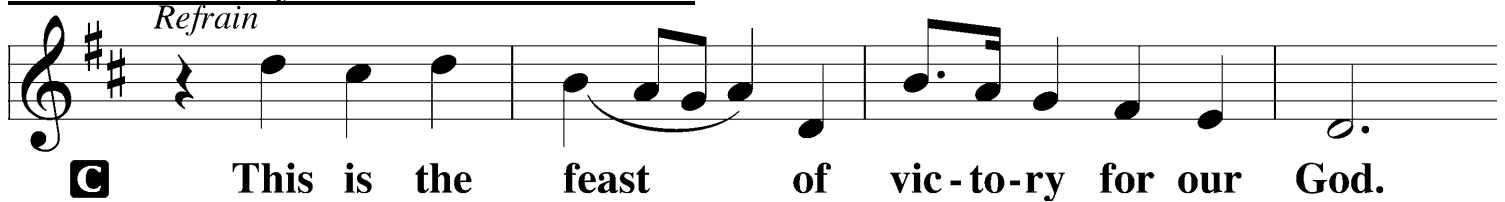
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



*Please be seated.*

**Distribution Hymn 'This Is the Feast'**

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*Final Refrain*



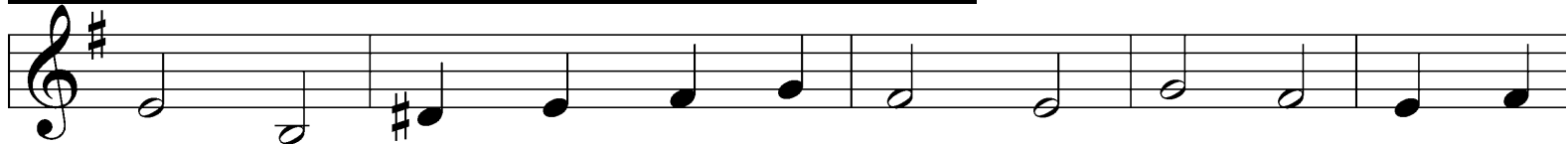
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Distribution Hymn 'Lord, to You I Make Confession'**

*LSB 608*



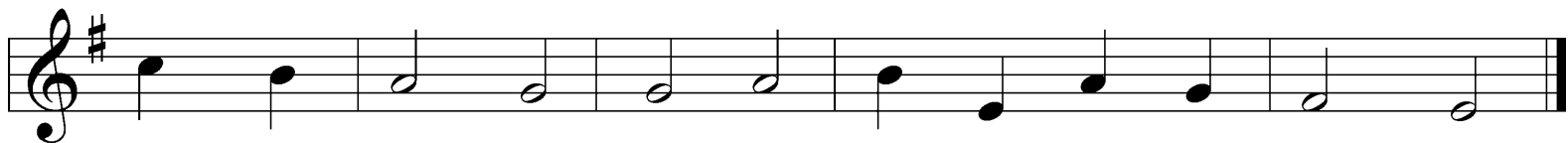
1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the



gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,



Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it



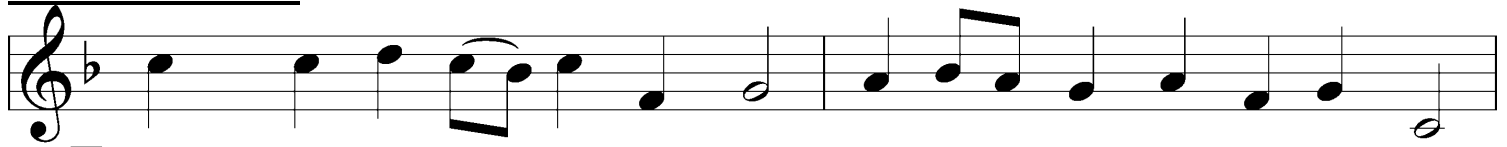
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.



*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Thank the Lord**

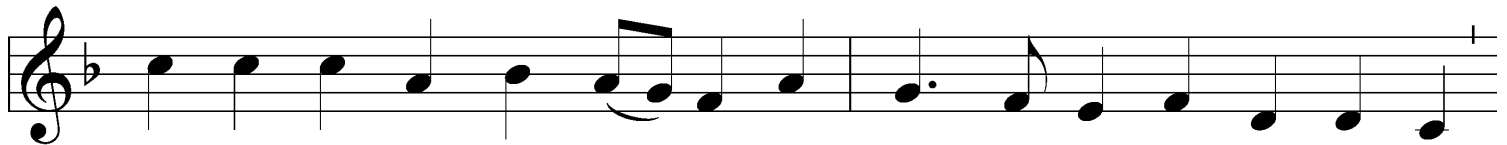
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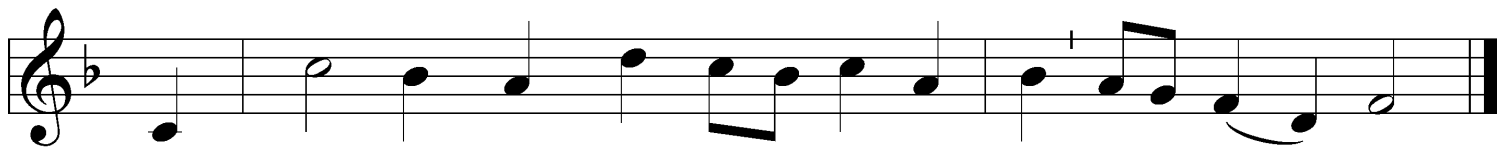
**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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



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



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

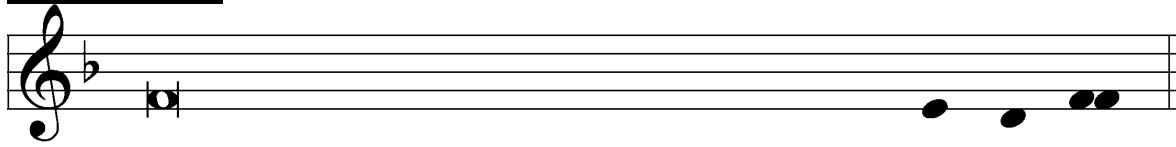
## **Post-Communion Collect**

**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.



**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 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88*

*Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87*

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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:** *Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* Why does Jesus eat with sinners? Certainly not so that they will remain stuck in their sins! Jesus meets sinners where they are so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn — turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions** for July is Orphan Grain Train. A second offering basket is available as you enter the sanctuary.

**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Martin Luther reportedly once said something to the effect of “When you wash your face, remember your baptism!” With warmer temperatures and (sometimes) more relaxed schedules, this time of year brings with it an increase in swimming, running through sprinklers and otherwise splashing about in various water sources. As you and your family are refreshed by such water play, take the opportunity to remind one another that you’re baptized and beloved children of God, washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, and “heirs having the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:5-7). ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** “As you walk the path of life with your neighbor, learn and celebrate the depth and breadth of the infinite worth of their life—whether they are preborn, homeless, destitute, dying, friend, or foe. Learn, through the trials set before you and the sacrifices you make to improve the life of your neighbor, the awesome worth of life. Life is sacred. Every life matters.” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for July 13th:** Hear "Fearless and Endless Growing" based on Colossians 1:1-14 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. ~ **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 III** – The prodigal’s father kept watching every day for his wayward son’s return. He had to have done so in order to spot him “while he was still a long way off” (Luke 15:20). Our Gracious God (Psalm 103:10-13) never gives up on a human life, no matter what size, skills, circumstances, or sins it involves. We need not let surprise pregnancies, chronic conditions, or terminal diagnoses steal our hope—or anyone else’s!

**YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to recent in-depth interviews about: A Lutheran View of Natural Law, The Problem of Male Friendship, Christian Endurance, Did Martin Luther Remove Books from the Bible? and more. You can listen at your convenience 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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we'll take a look at 2 Kings chapters 21-25. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we begin a new study of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians! Don't forget to join us this Saturday (7/12 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! We will be studying the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. What does it mean to direct our mouth and tongue toward God? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUEO 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)**

June 29, 2025

Attendance 47

Communion 41

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

Today      8:00am Elders Meeting  
              9:00am Third Sunday after Trinity  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions: Orphan Grain Train  
              10:30am Bible Study  
                         Greeter: Baker  
                         Usher: Keith T.  
                         Servers: Emily L. & Sophia L.  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Elsie  
                         Elder: Joel M.

Wednesday 10:00am Board of Education

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 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.