

+ THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +
Divine Service Setting One ~ Pg 151
August 3, 2025

As We Gather: *Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely*

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .*” (Gen. 3:19). In other words, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23).

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 'Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices'

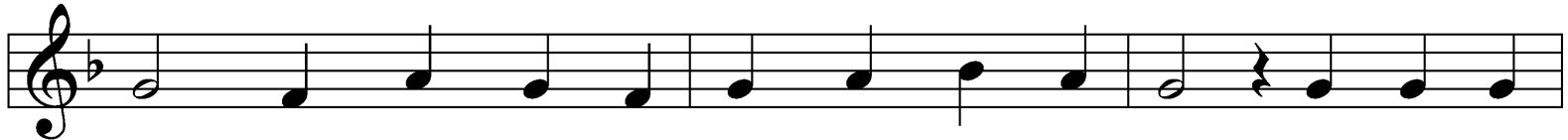
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1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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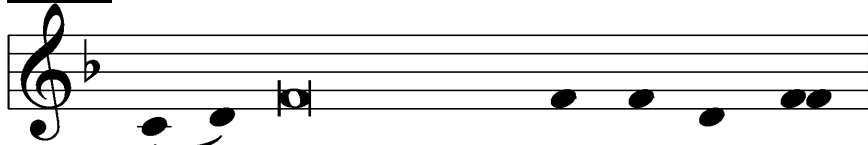
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Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



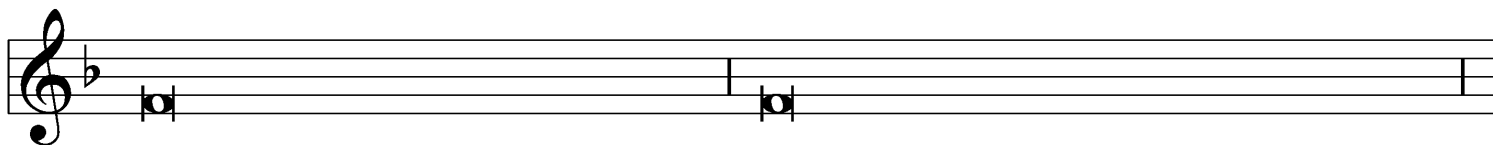
C Lord, have mer - cy.



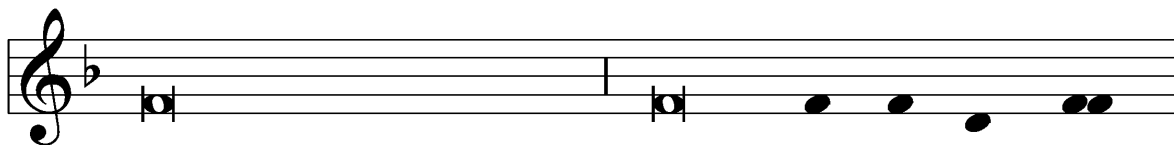
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




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




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







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

let us pray to the Lord.

 Lord, have mer - cy.




A - men.

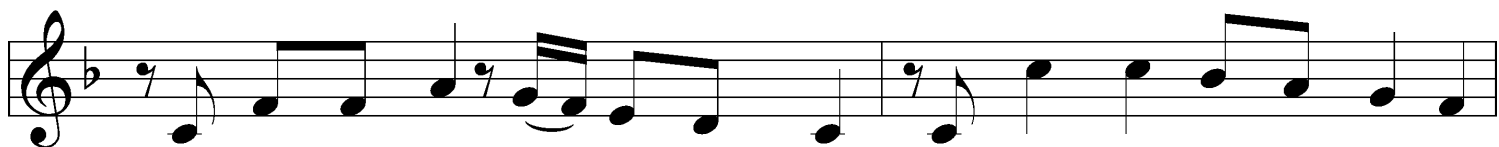
Gloria in Excelsis

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

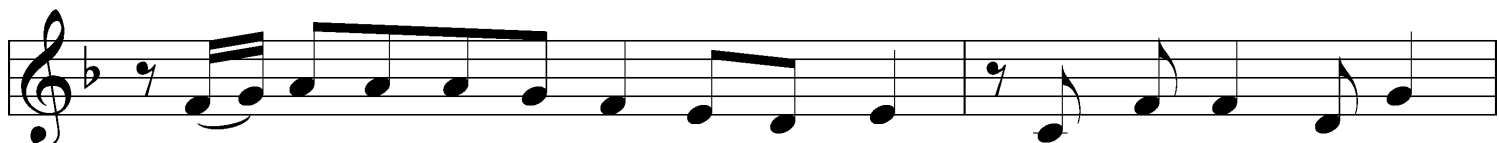




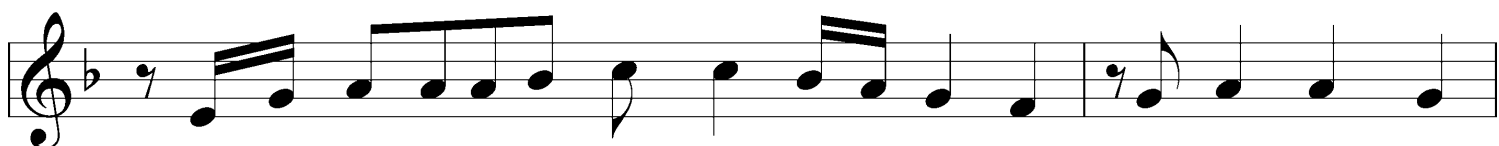
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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



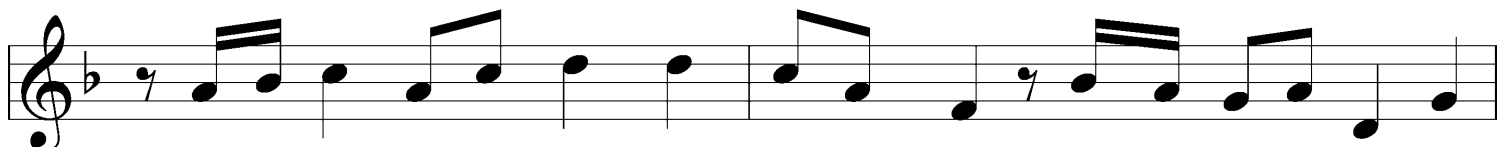
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



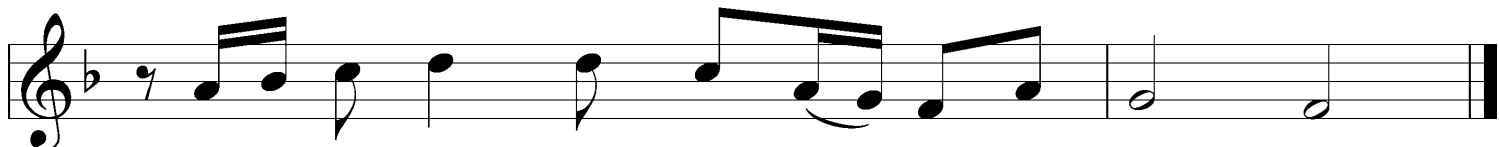
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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



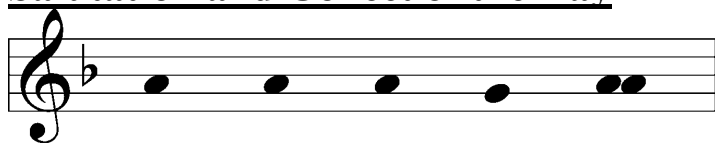
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Trinity 7



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2



Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

**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.

Clap your hands, all peoples!

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Epistle

Romans 6:15–23

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as 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

Mark 8:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

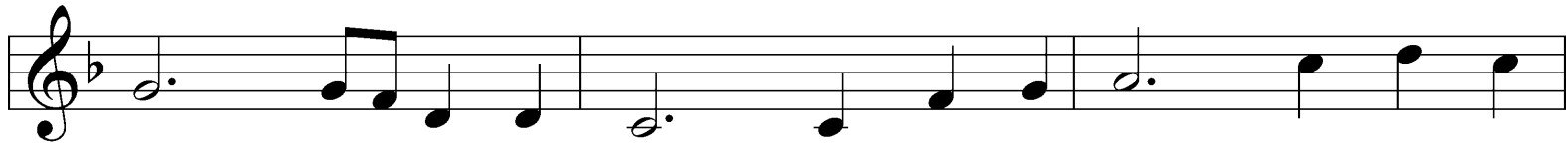
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Sermon Hymn 'The Tree of Life'

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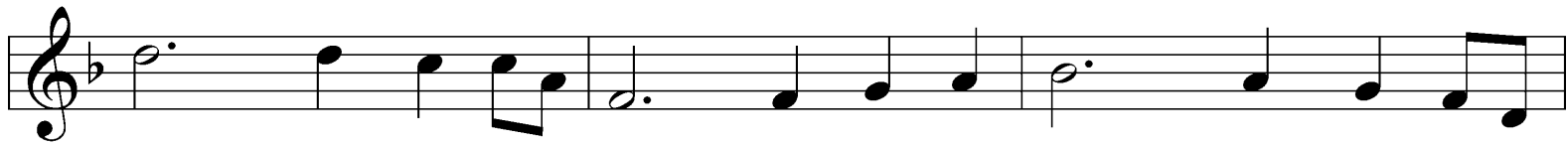
1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



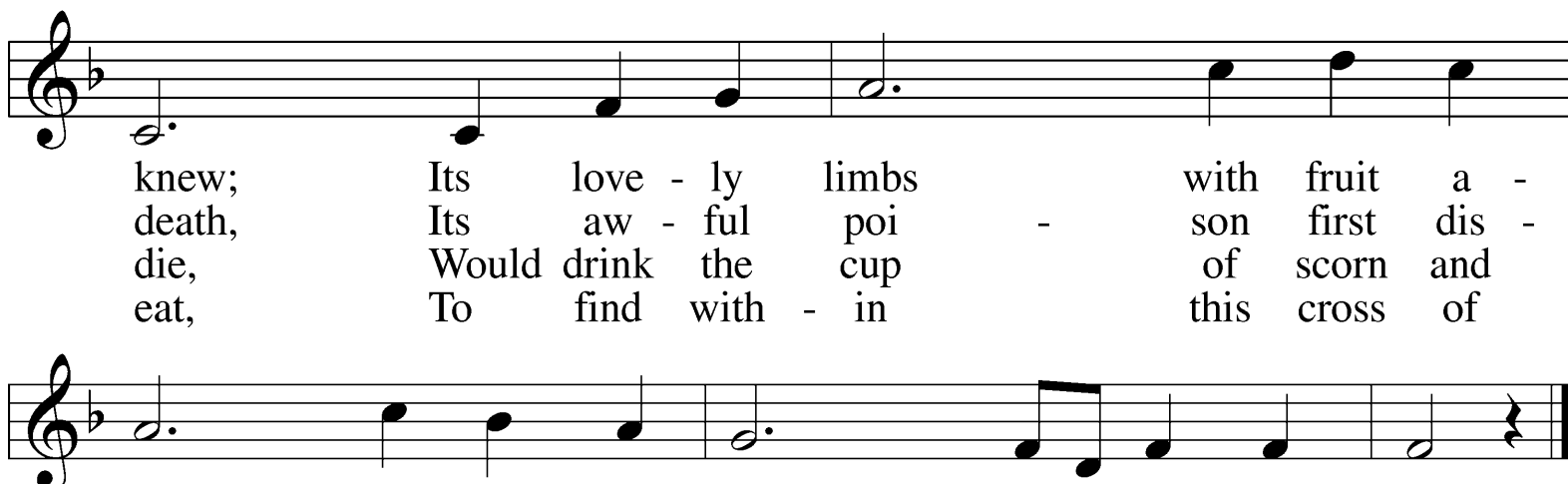
ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of
 dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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Sermon

‘The Tree: God’s Answer to Two Trees’

Gen. 2:7-17

Please stand as 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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful gathered here, that our almighty Maker would give us hearts to receive His gifts with thanksgiving; that He would free us from the cares of this world and fix our eyes on the saving work of Christ; and that He would root us in His Word, so that we look to Him for every need and remain faithful until death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our missionaries in this country and around the world, that all people would receive the bread of everlasting life given in the Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all mankind, made in God's image and given this dignity and worth in His sight, that His gift of earthly life would be defended at every age, from natural conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor to produce food and shelter, safety and peace, especially for those in need, that their work would be blessed and we would be led to recognize God's gracious hand in all things, receiving our daily bread with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That God's heavenly care would extend to each of His children, [*and especially to _____*],/ that they may rejoice in His sustaining and healing grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those gathered here to receive the Lord's Supper, that they would be given the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of Christ, our Savior, and share, even now, in the eternal life of paradise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from

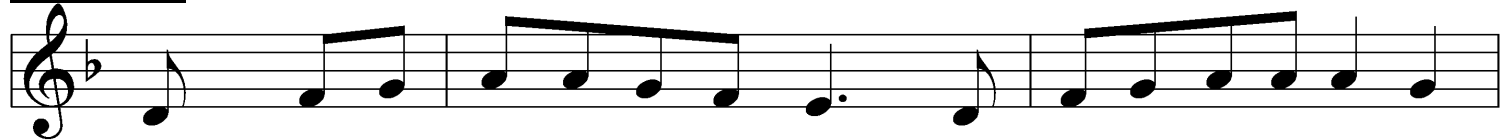
the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

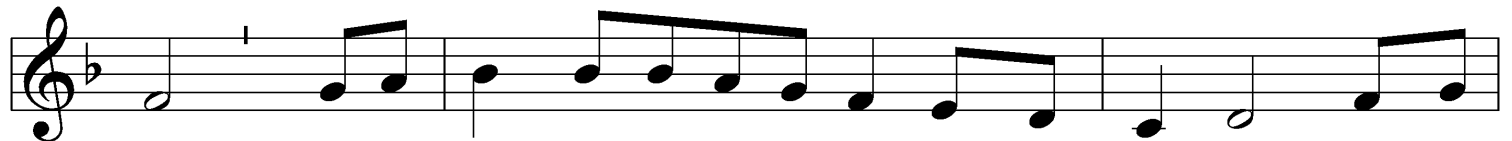
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offertory

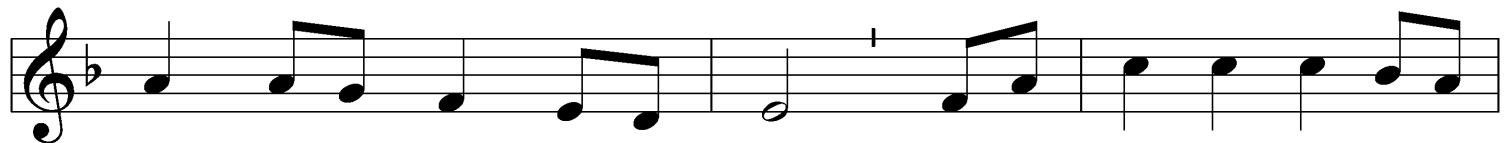
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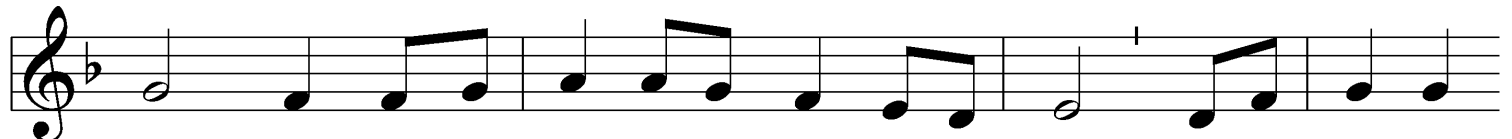
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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

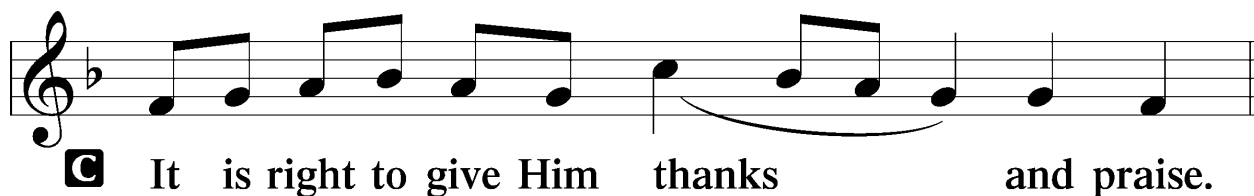
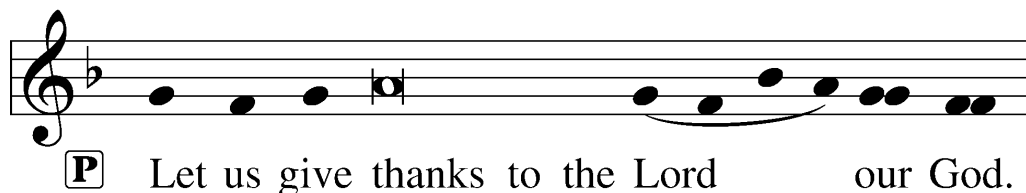
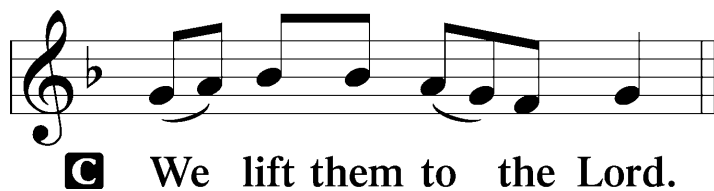
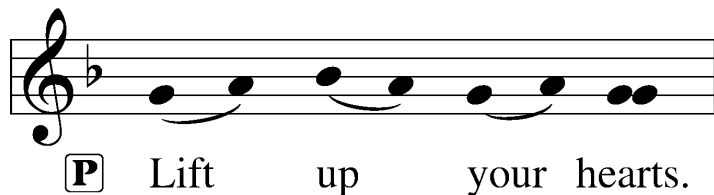
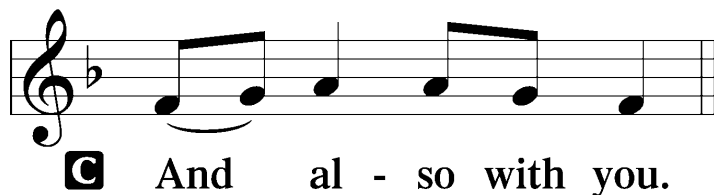
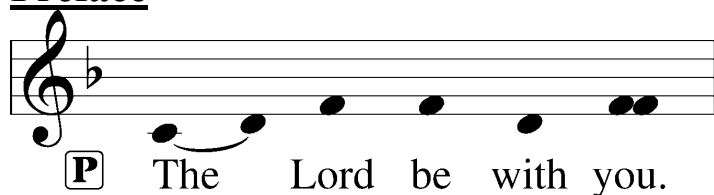


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

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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. 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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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

Lord's Prayer

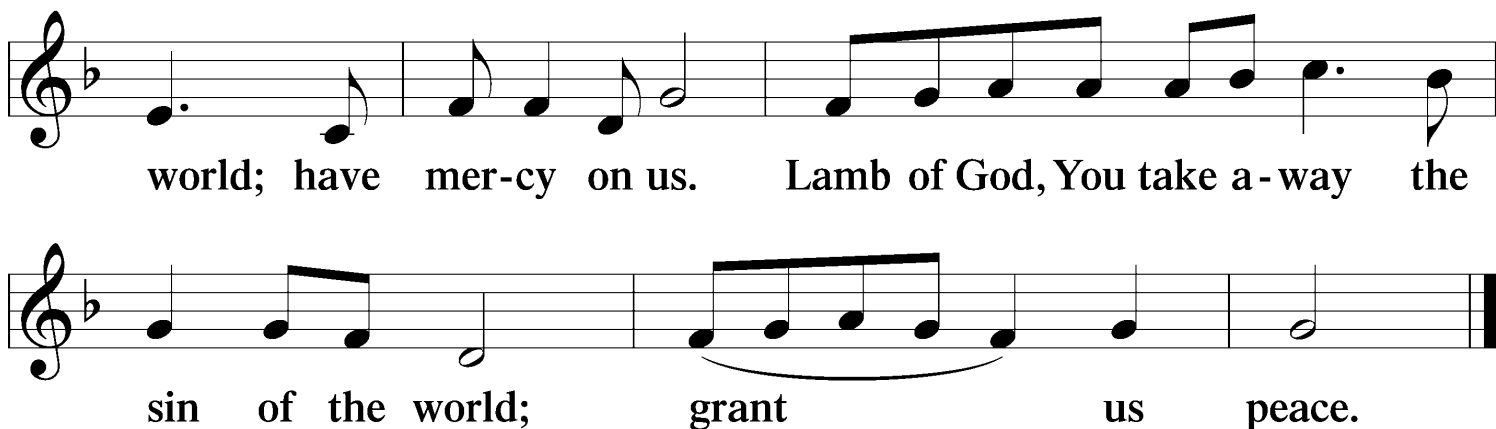
Pax Domini

The first measure of the exercise is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four eighth notes: B-flat (first line), A (second line), G (third line), and F (third space). The notes are beamed together in pairs, with a slur over the first pair and a slur under the second pair. The measure ends with a double bar line.

Agnus Dei

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The second measure contains a beamed eighth-note pair (G4, A4), followed by a beamed eighth-note pair (Bb4, A4), a dotted quarter note (G4), and an eighth note (F4). The third measure contains a beamed eighth-note pair (G4, A4), a beamed eighth-note pair (Bb4, A4), a dotted quarter note (G4), and an eighth note (F4).

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

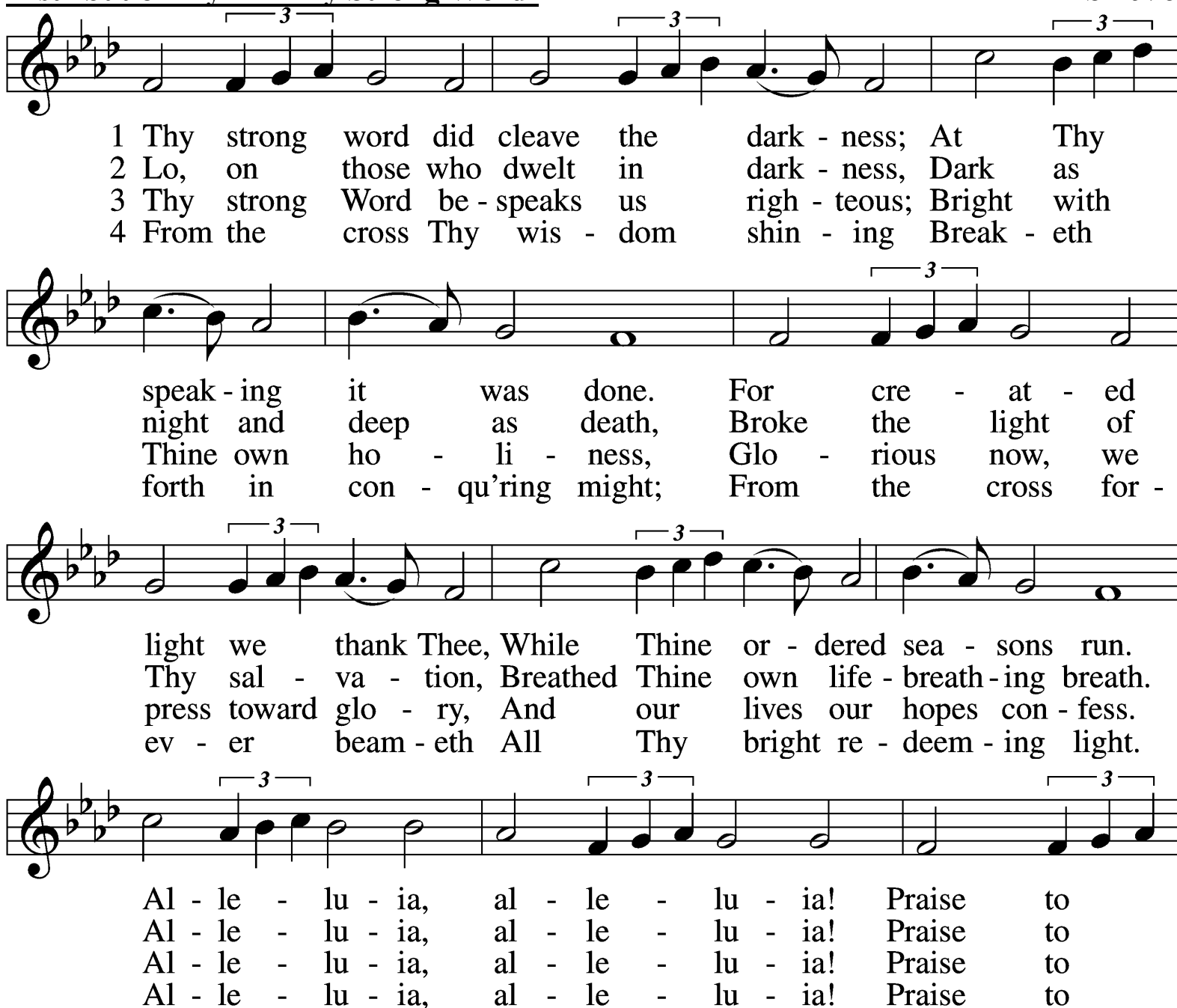


world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn 'Thy Strong Word'

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

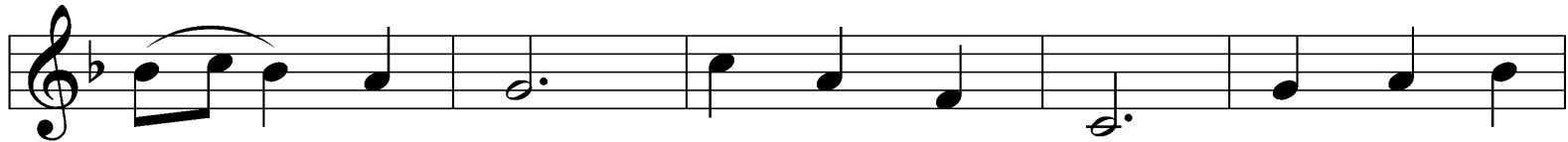
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Distribution Hymn 'Shepherd of Tender Youth'

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1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.

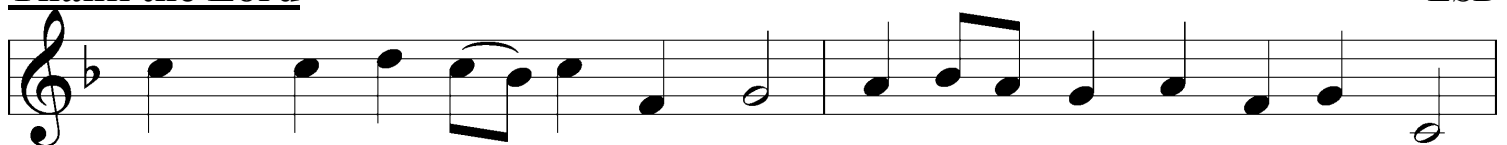
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Please stand as able.

Thank the Lord

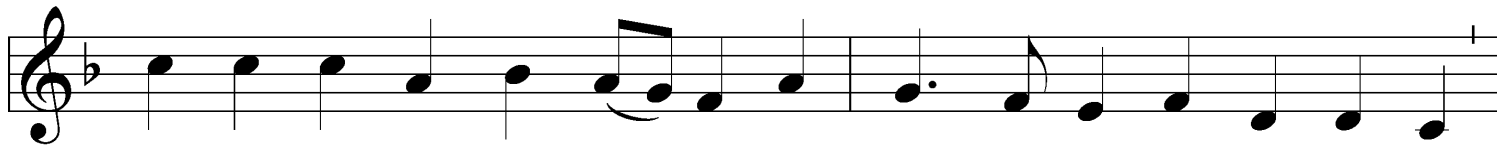
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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.

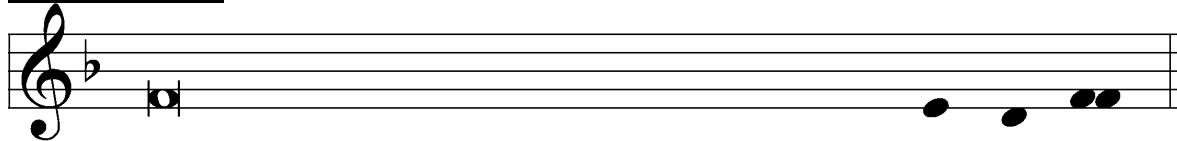
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

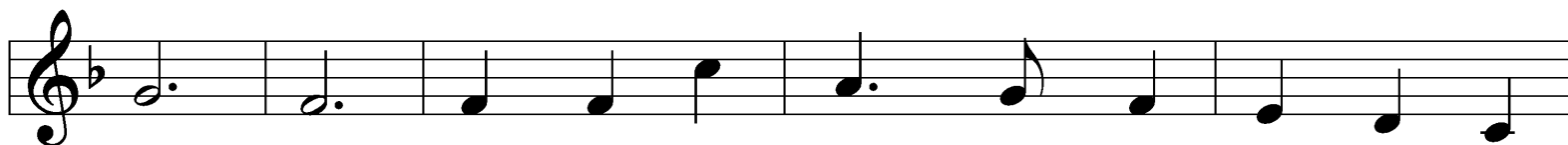
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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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.

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.

August calendars are available on the entryway table.

2nd Plate Mission for today Sunday, August 3rd is designated to Orphan Grain Train. The 1st Sunday of each month is designated for Missions, but you are welcome to leave a donation anytime in the offering plate.

Stewardship: *Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd.”* Still today the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know that we need it. Knowing the Lord's provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

Building Healthy Families: Parents and grandparents, looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during these waning days of summer? Take them to the cemetery with you on a mission to find your ancestors' grave sites. Bring along old family photos to match and give a face to the names on the tombstones. This could be a fun adventure for them and you, as well as a unique opportunity for you to share your faith and stories of the faith of your family in previous generations. *You shall teach [God's commandments] diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.* Deuteronomy 6:7 ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: "God isn't a page in your book, you're part of His. And He's delighted to have you in the family." Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, *The Lutheran Hour* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Aug. 10th: Hear "Writing Him Off" based on Luke 4:21-32 by Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. ~ *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: The Lord our God has made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church's business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor's body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.

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our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. On Concord Matters this Saturday (8/9 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through a study of the 4th Commandment in the Large Catechism. What should it look for us to honor our parents well? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

LCMS International Mission: “Is the Lord calling you to serve in Africa? LCMS International Mission looking for people from all walks of life to join our team as volunteer coordinators, business managers, theological educators, and more. To help you discern, consider joining the [Missionary Formation Trip](#), November 4-14, 2025, to explore ongoing international mission work in Kenya & Tanzania and prayerfully consider the opportunities to serve. To make it accessible to potential missionary candidates, the total cost for both ground expenses and airfare is \$1,000. If this is of interest to you, please apply today at servenow.lcms.org – the deadline to start the application process is **August 17th**. Please also feel free to share this opportunity with any LCMS folks you know who might make good missionaries.”

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

July 27, 2025

Attendance 61

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting
 9:00am Seventh Sunday after Trinity
 10:30am Bible Study
 Greeter: Ford
 Usher: Ben L.
 Servers: Emily L. & Lauren L.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Thomas
 Elder: Joel M.

Tuesday 9:00am GMA

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00am Council Meeting
 9:00am Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 10:30am Bible Study
 10:30am LWML
 Greeter: Eichenberger
 Usher: Lucas B.
 Servers: Tamera S. & Barb S.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia
 Elder: Joel M.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Zone of the Month Mt. Pleasant					IED Leaders	Faith in Mt. Pleasant Pastor Michael Scudder
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Missionary Rev. Michael Paul serving in Taiwan	Missionary Jordan Andreasen	LCMS Disaster Relief	Zion in Wilton Pastor Daniel Ognoskie	Seminarians	Thanksgiving for 540 campers at Io-Dis-E-Ca this season.	LCMS Leaders
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Concordia in Burlington Pastor Chris Roepke	4kenyaskids	Missionaries Dennis and Lorna Meeker serving in Kenya	Missionary Pastor Micah Wildauer in Belize	Our Savior in Fort Madison Pastor Chris Roepke	Lutheran Hour Ministries	Students and Educators returning to school.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Paul in Wapello Pastor Mark Kluzek	IDE Education Workshop 2025 Zion Luthera in Hiawatha	Hospital Chaplaincy at University of Iowa Hospitals	Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT)	KFUO Radio	Immanuel in Fairfield Pastor Chris Hinkle (vacancy Pastor)	Thanksgiving for Pastor Mark Brase (Recently retired)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
LCMS Seminaries	IDE Schools, Pre- Schools and Daycares	Our Savior in Muscatine Pastor Jeffrey Pautz	Rev. Carl Grulke and family - Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana	Campus Ministries	Orphan Grain Train	IED Mission Grant projects
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Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf					LWML Iowa East District Prayer Calendar	