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As We Gather: The Church in Every Generation Passes on Her Most Holy Faith Solomon writes, "Vanity, all is vanity" when it comes to human works, on our own, with this we must agree. Thus, God declares, "Hear, O Israel" (Deut. 6:4). The Church is the flock of sheep hearing the Lord's voice (John 10); His disciples are those who "abide" in His Word and thus "know the truth" that sets them free (John 8:31-32). The Lord loves students, which is what "disciple" means. He told Israel to teach His Word diligently to their children when they had been freed from Egypt's slavery (Deut. 6:7–12). And one generation declares to another the mighty works of God (Ps. 145:4). Fathers bring up their children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) because "the promise" of salvation "in the name of Jesus Christ" is a whole baptismal life of repentance and faith, and is given "for you and for your children" (Acts 2:38–39). The efforts of godly parents are aided and supported by Christian schools, pastors and teachers, for which we give thanks. Christians continually learn God's Word, whether in their houses or along the way (Deut. 6:9). We pass on the confession of Christ so that souls from the "crooked generation" of every age may be saved (Acts 2:40-41). "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

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 LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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**

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

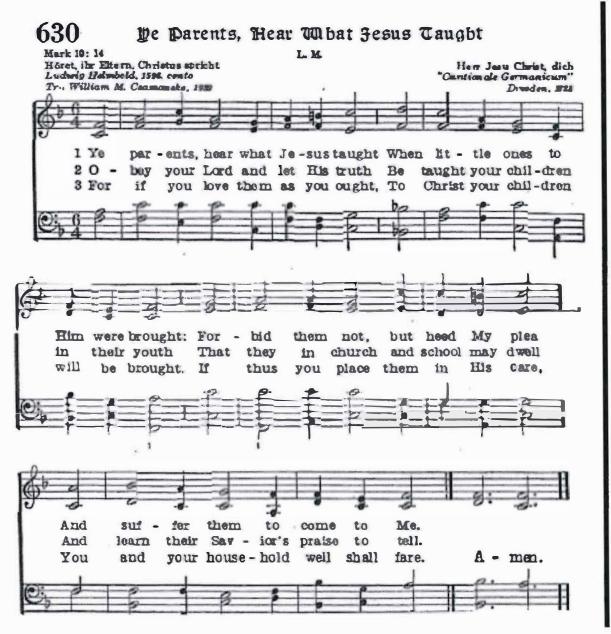
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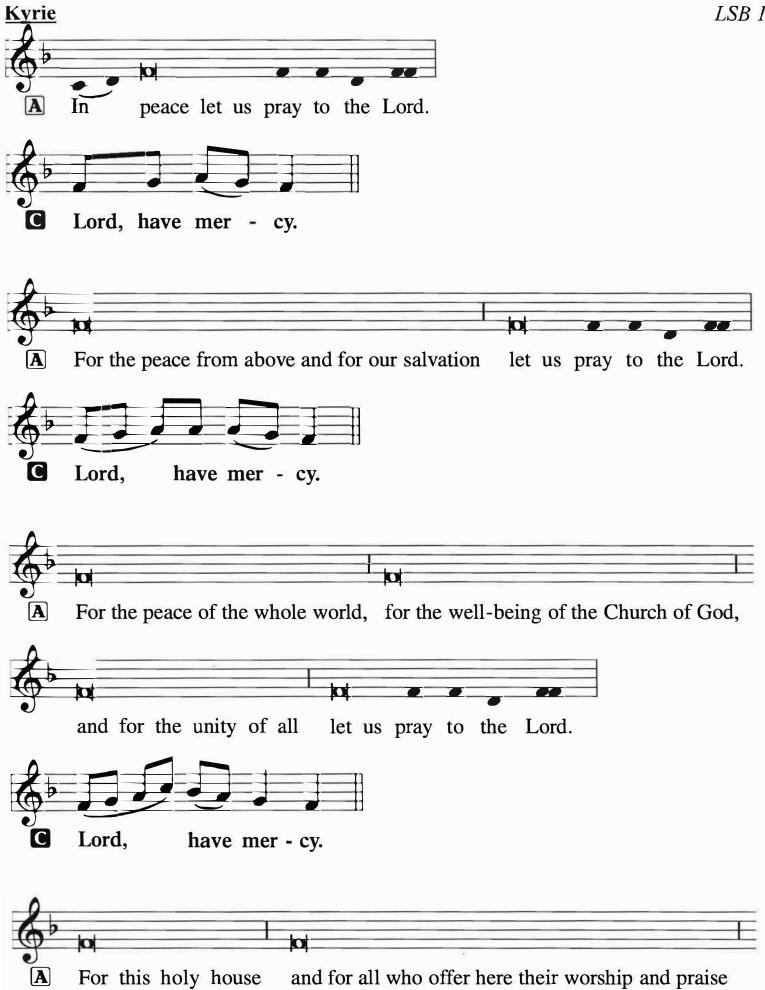
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

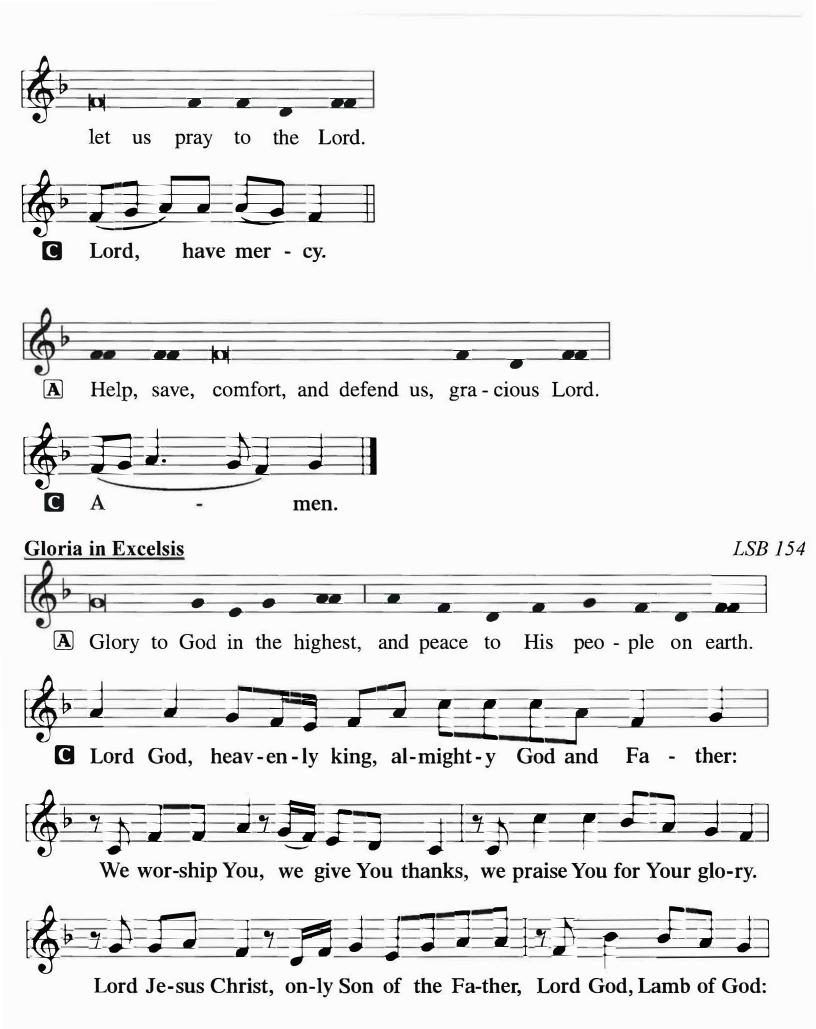
C Amen.

# Opening Hymn 'Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught'

TLH 630









**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

**Old Testament Reading** 

Exodus 2:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup>And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup>Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

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



Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

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. Psalm 34:8–10; antiphon: v. 11

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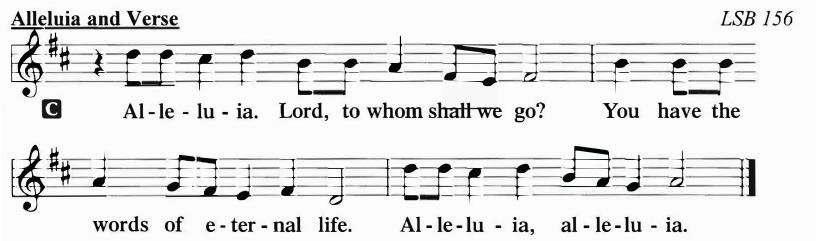
Second Reading Acts 2:37–42

37Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Be saved from this crooked generation." 41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42And they held fast continuing in the teaching of the apostles and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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

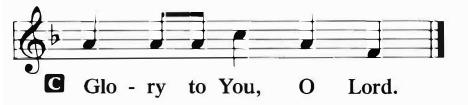
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Holy Gospel

Luke 18:15–17

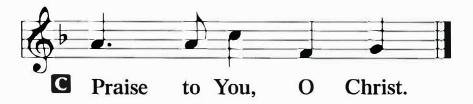
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



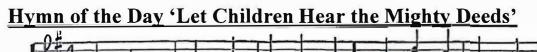
<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

<sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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



Please be seated.



1 Let chil-dren hear the might-y deeds Which God per-formed of old,

2 Make un - to them His glo-ries known, His works of pow'r and grace; 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they a - gain to theirs





Which in our young-er years we saw, And which our fa-thers told. And we'll con-vey His won-ders down Thro' ev-'ry ris-ing race. That gen-er-a-tions yet un-born May teach them to their heirs. A-men.



4 Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word, To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget His works,
But walk in His commands.

# **Sermon**

'Take this Child'

Ex. 2:1-9

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.

#### + BLESSING OF A LECTIONARY OR BIBLE FOR USE IN THE CHURCH +

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The Lord God, by His Holy Spirit. has caused all Scripture to be "written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Such learning takes place when we hear "the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." It is fitting that these Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, Books of Concord, workbooks, and memory work books be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, and memory work books. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read from them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
   P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, and memory work books for use by His children.
- C Amen.

Bibles, Catechisms and Memory Work Books are handed out.

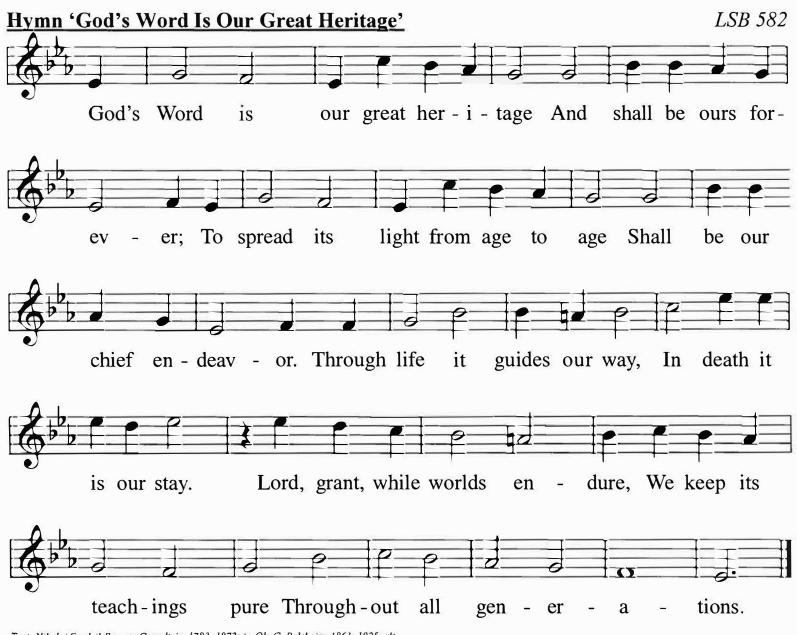
Please stand, as you are able.

## Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That our God would raise up men in the spirit of St. Paul, who are humble and strong to labor abundantly for the sake of preaching the grace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For God to fortify His Church by the preaching of the risen Christ, and so inspire His people to labor for His glory and the good of our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the families of the Church to share the love of God our Father and to provide for their own, in His name and with His blessing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For rulers who are set against all oppression and plead the cause of the widow, the fatherless and all those outcast, that we may live together in peace and holy joy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all the solitary and those in need, <u>[especially \_\_\_\_\_,]</u> that God would go before them in their trials and lead them to rejoice in His grace and goodness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who commune this day, that they may receive the forgiveness of their sins in this blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For the baptized, that as Cain's mark protected him despite his sin, we, too, might rejoice that Holy Baptism marks and protects us from spiritual harm despite our sin, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

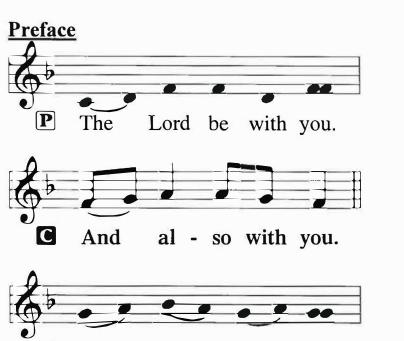
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).



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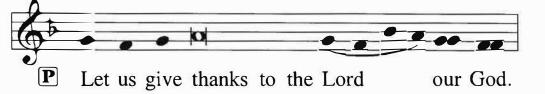






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**C** We lift them to the Lord.



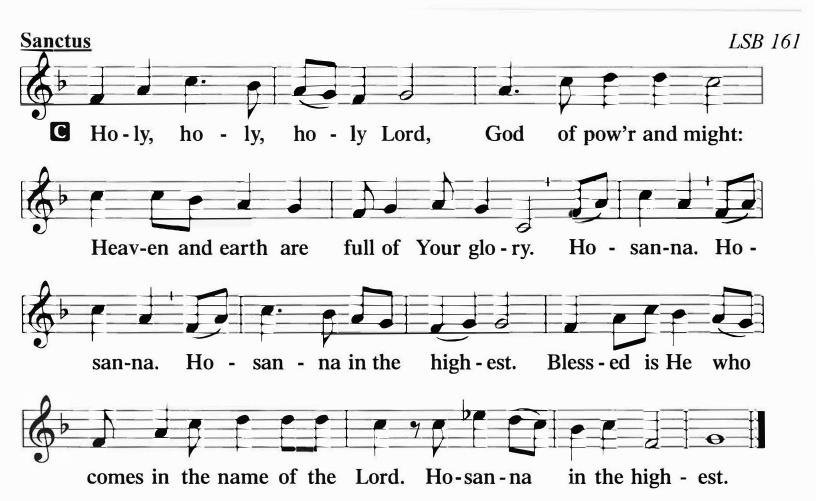
your hearts.



# **Proper Preface (Full)**

Lift

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:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

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 allavailing 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

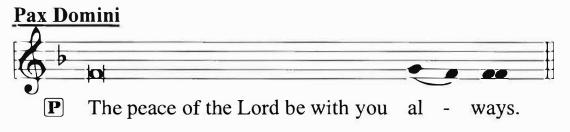
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# **Proclamation of Christ**

- 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.
- 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:

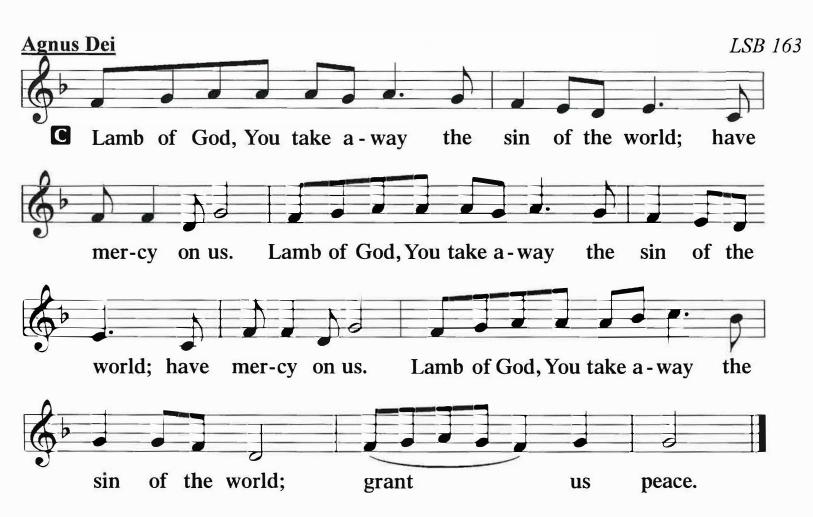
# Lord's Prayer

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.

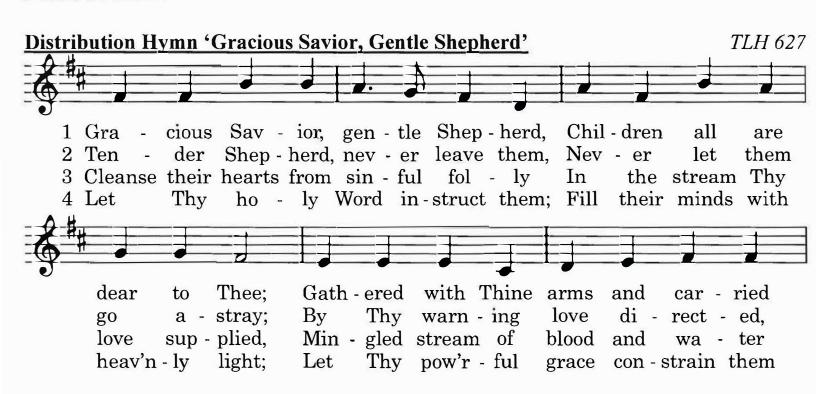


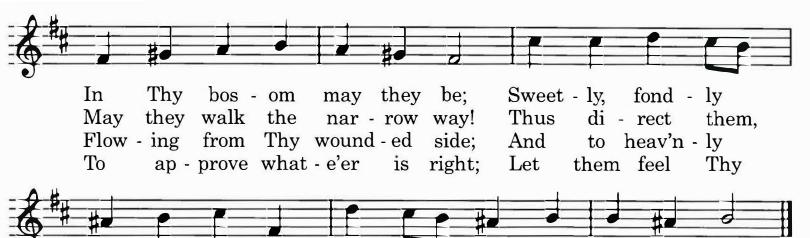
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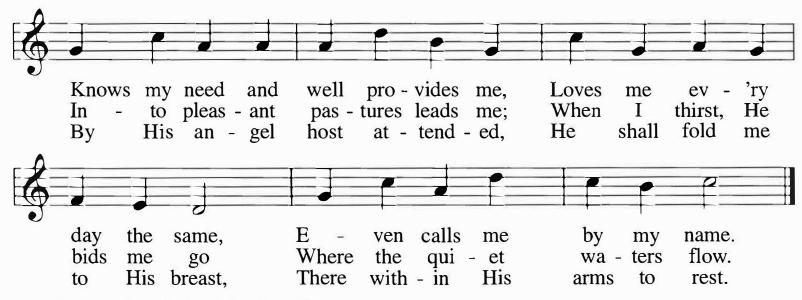


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Taught to lisp Thy holy praises
Which on earth Thy children sing,
Both with lips and hearts, unfeigned,
Glad thank-off rings may they bring;
Then with all the saints in glory
Join to praise their Lord and King.

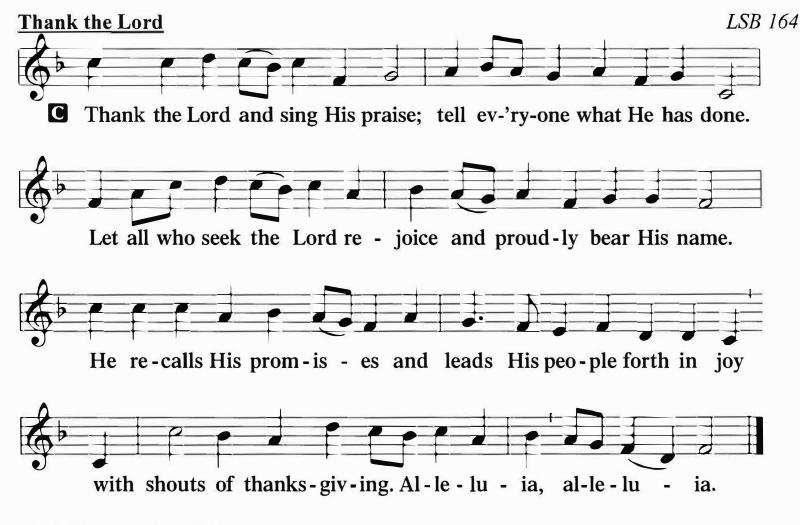
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#### Please stand as able.



## **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.



**Benediction** LSB 166



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.





- 1 Sav ior, who Thy flock art feed-ing With the Shep-herd's kind-est
- Now, these lit tle ones re-ceiv-ing, Fold them in Thy gra-cious arm;
- 3 Nev er, from Thy pas-ture rov-ing, Let them be the Li - on's prev:
- 4 Then with in Thy fold e - ter-nal Let them find rest - ing place. a



All Let Feed pas-tures ev - er ver-nal, Drink the riv - ers in

the fee - ble gen-tly lead-ing, While the lambs Thy bos - om share, There, we know, Thy Word be-liev-ing, On - ly there, se-cure from harm. Thy ten - der - ness, so lov-ing, Keep them thro' life's dan-g'rous way. of Thy grace.

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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.

**Sunday School:** We are looking for Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

Stewardship: Luke 18:14 — "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Our works never impress God; they are always lacking in some way and fall short of perfection. So there is no point in taking pride in them. But a broken and contrite heart the Lord will not despise — and the works that flow from a broken and contrite heart are indeed pleasing to the Lord in and through Christ. These works will be used by the Lord for His purposes and to His glory!

2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions for next Sunday, September 3rd is Lutheran Heritage Foundation. A second offering basket is available as you enter the sanctuary.

Building Healthy Families: If you're suffering today from a recent loss or tragedy, or struggling with a concern that's been with you for many years, please know you're not alone. It's not only okay but God-pleasing to reach for help. God created us to live in community, where we share each other's joys and challenges. Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 Lutheran Family Service counselors are part of your Lutheran Christian community and are available when others are not or when you need a trusted outside perspective. You don't have to continue to walk alone. ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: "God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed." *Christina, Missouri*,

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Lutheran Hour Ministries for Sept. 7th: Hear "Dying, We Live" based on Numbers 14:19-20 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. "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: God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin's hiding places to pull sons and daughters out (Luke 14:5).

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# **Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 3**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: First 17 Books of the Old Testament

# Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 7

7th & 8th Grades: Commandments 1-10

# LWML MARSHALLTOWN ZONE FALL RALLY

# Trinity Lutheran Church, Knoxville September 20, 2025

We will be doing a service project: assembling personal care kits for Orphan Grain Train. Please bring any of the following items to include in the kits.

## Each Personal Care Kit will contain:

- Towel
- Wash cloth
- Tooth brush
- Bar of soap
- Soap box
- 6 Band-Aids
- Nail clippers
- Pack of tissues
- Comb

Items do not need to be individually packaged. You can purchase them in multi packs to be split up. All left over items will be given to Orphan Grain Train.

\*\*\*Donations may be placed in the box under the information table by September 14th.

\*\*\*Patterns to make fabric eye glass cases are on the information table. These will be taken to the LWML Rally in Knoxville on September 20th to go to the Iowa District East group going to Belize in November.

# Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

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## Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 9:00am

Christian Education

10:30am Sunday School Rally Sunday/Potluck

Greeter: Huebner

Usher: Joel R. Koepp

Servers: Kris G. & Tamera S.

Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Thomas

Elder: Steve H.

Wednesday 5:30-7pm 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Confirmation

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Saturday 9am-12pm Lutheran Family Service Presentation at St. John's Oskaloosa

Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting

9:00am 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

Greeter: Johnson

Usher: Ben L.

Servers: Bev H. & Emily L.

Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia

Elder: Steve H.

3-4:30pm 7th & 8th Grades Confirmation

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