FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

August 18, 2024 Rev. Patrick Poock



Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh "for the life of the world," not only as a sacrifice for sin but as "the living bread" from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. "Arise from the dead" and live in Him, because you are "light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, "and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness" (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you "out of the house of slavery" by His cross and resurrection, and now He does "great signs" in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible

which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

THIRD QUARTER MISSION PROJECT

The Third Quarter Elder Mission Project for 2024 is in support of the Lutheran Church in South Sudan. They would like to purchase 16 head of oxen and all the necessary harnesses and plows needed to be able to farm the land. This will help the pastors to become self-sufficient and not depend on foreign aid from the LCMS and others. Your checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with SOUTH SUDAN OXEN or THIRD QTR. MISSION on the memo line and placed in a pew envelope.

Weekly Memory Verse:

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

904 BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD 1 Bless - ed Je - sus. Your Word We gath - ered at are our knowl - edge, 2 All Lie deep - est sense, and sight in 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior. kind. Light Light, from good and of \triangle 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise You and to all You. Let hearts souls stirred to hear our and be Till breaks dark - ness shroud - ed Your Spir night it our pro - ceed - ing, God 0 heart and mind: _ pen now our Your Word, - o - ra - tion! Grant that ad trust we may Now and fear seek and love You, Bv Your teach-ings. to un - cloud - ed. a - lone With beams of You the truth to Spir - it's plead - ing. Help Your Hear us by the cry Your Con fi - dent of sal - va - tion, While our we here be ho - ly, Drawn from earth You sole love sweet and to ly. good with - in God can win us: You must work all us. Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais es. must wan-der. Till sing Your prais - es low we der. von Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st.

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INVOCATION

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

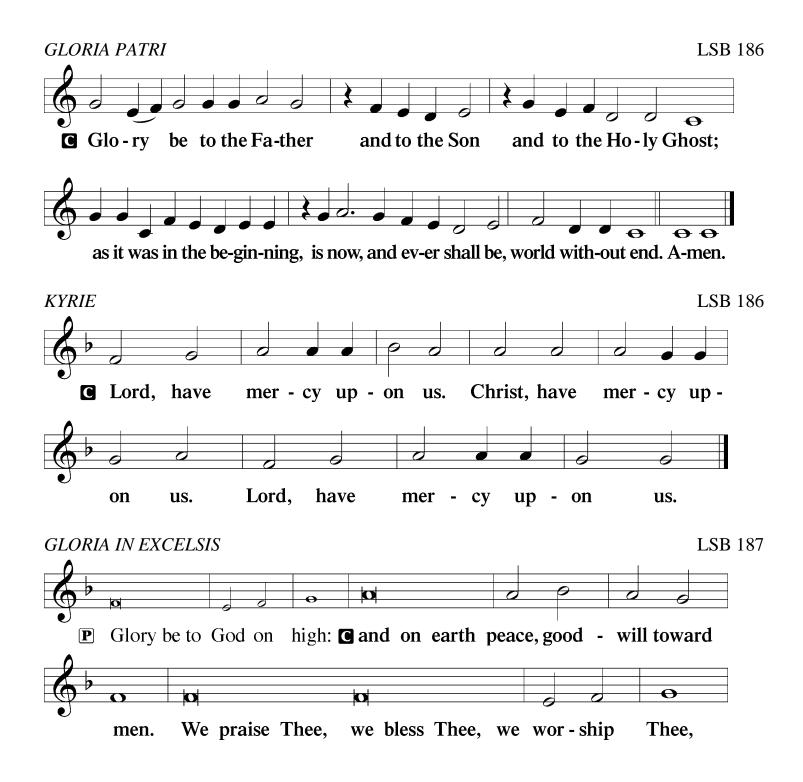
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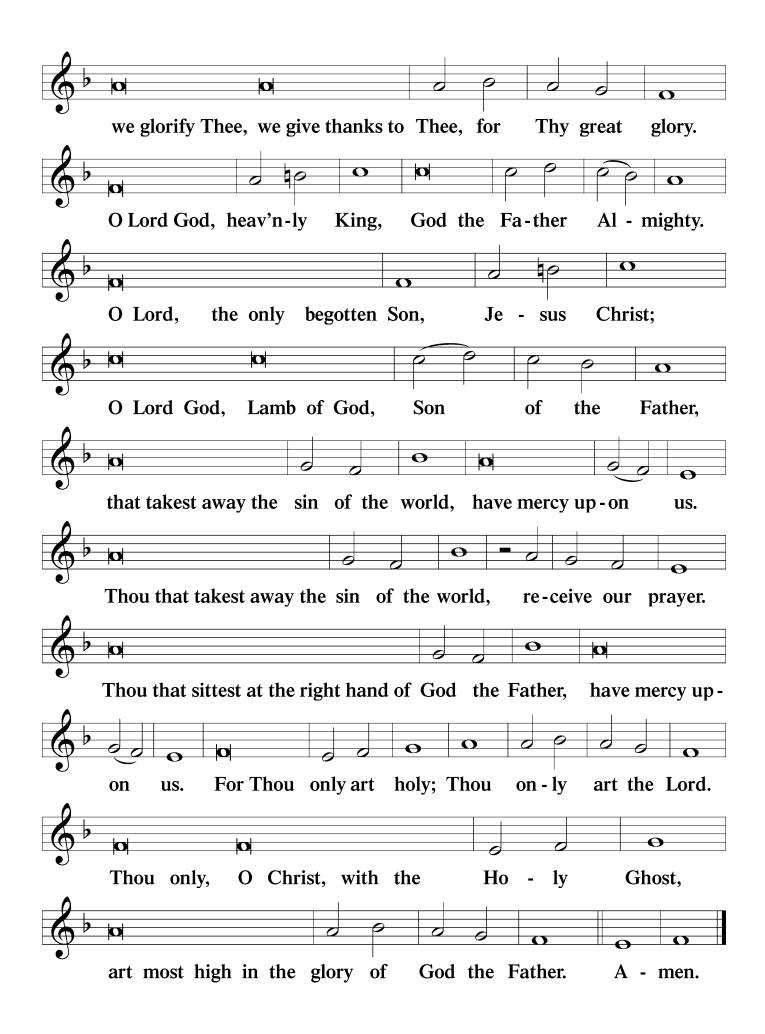
Psalm 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them Cong: and guided them with his skillful hand. Pastor: He commanded the skies above Cong: and opened the doors of heaven, LSB 184

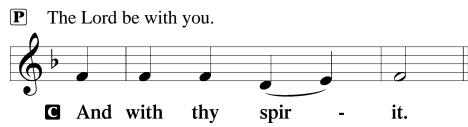
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Pastor: and he rained down on them manna to eatCong: and gave them the grain of heaven.Pastor: Man ate of the bread of the angels;Cong: he sent them food in abundance.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

¹⁴"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

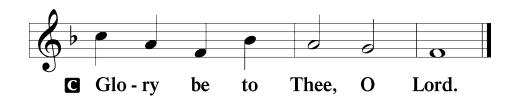
P This is the Word of the Lord.





GOSPEL

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



⁵¹[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, verv God of verv God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

696 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

faith - ful 1 O God, my God. True foun-tain ev - er flow ing, 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will ing say - ing 3 Keep me from That lat - er need words re - call ing; With kind - ly words and 4 Lord, let me win my foes ac tions. With - out whom noth - ing All per-fect gifts be-stow is, ing: call-ing here ful - fill What - ev - er You com-mand, My ing; i - dle speech May from my lips be Guard me lest fall ing; find good friends And let me For coun-sel and cor - rec tion. Give me health - y may Ι with - in a frame, And have That Ι do what should While trust - ing You bless Ι to But when with - in my place Ι must ought speak. and to Help me. as You have taught, То love both great and small con-science free from blame, soul sin. A A un - stained by The out - come for For You must my good, give suc - cess. Lest my words give Ι of - fend Then to grace the weak. by Your Spir - it's might To live in with all. And peace

5 Let me depart this life

Confiding in my Savior;

By grace receive my soul

That it may live forever;

And let my body have

A quiet resting place

Within a Christian grave;

And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking, Stretch out Your mighty hand,

My deathly slumber breaking.

Then let me hear Your voice,

Redeem this earthly frame,

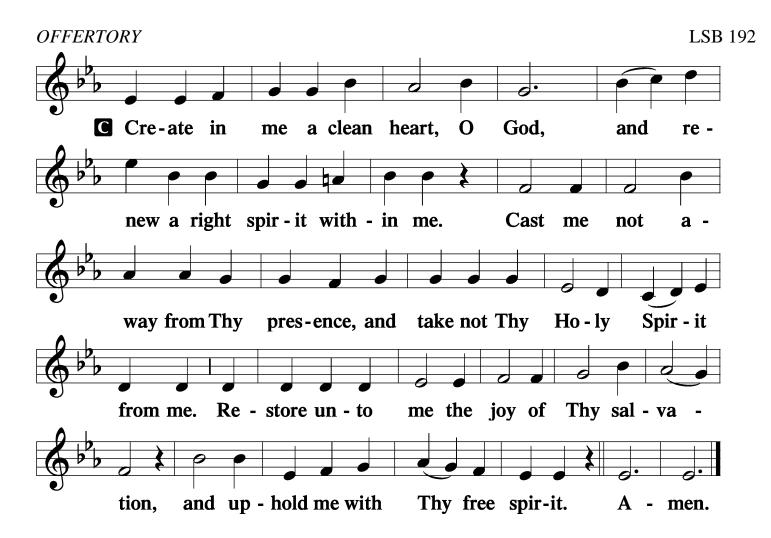
And bid me to rejoice

With those who love Your name.

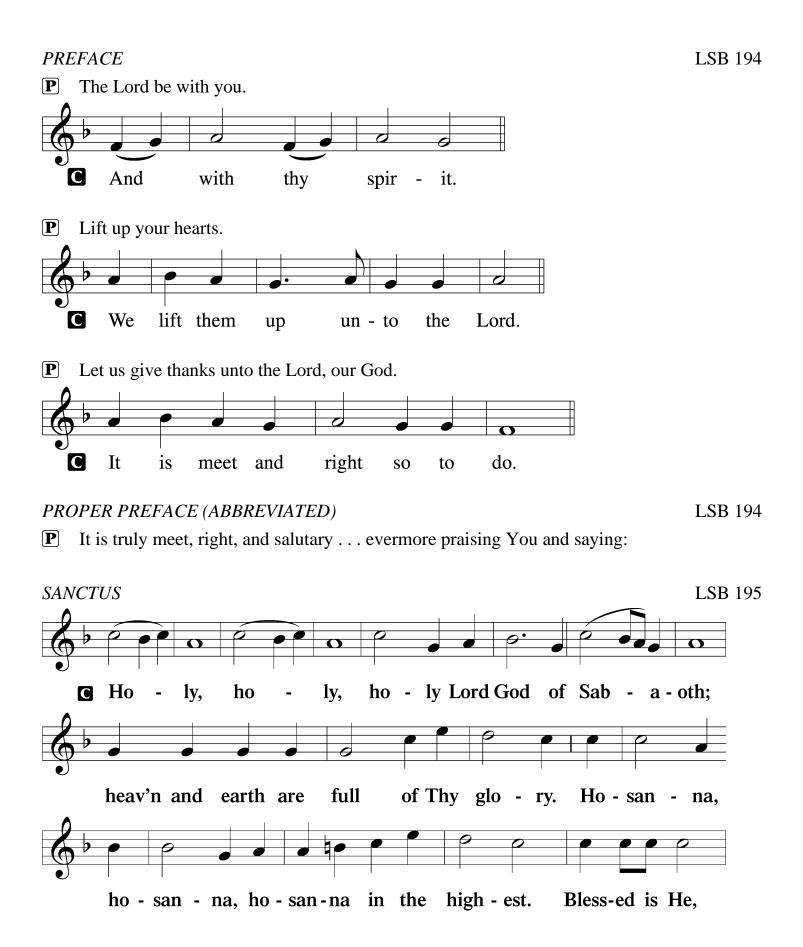
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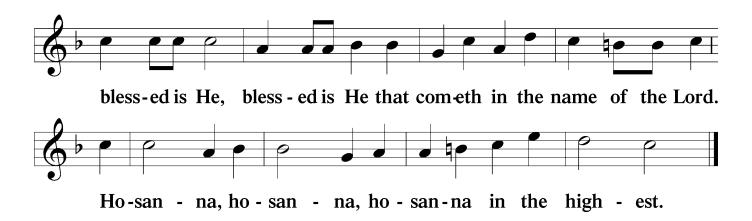
SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





LORD'S PRAYER

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P 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.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

P 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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



621 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



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813 REJOICE, O PILGRIM THRONG



5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain \triangle 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,

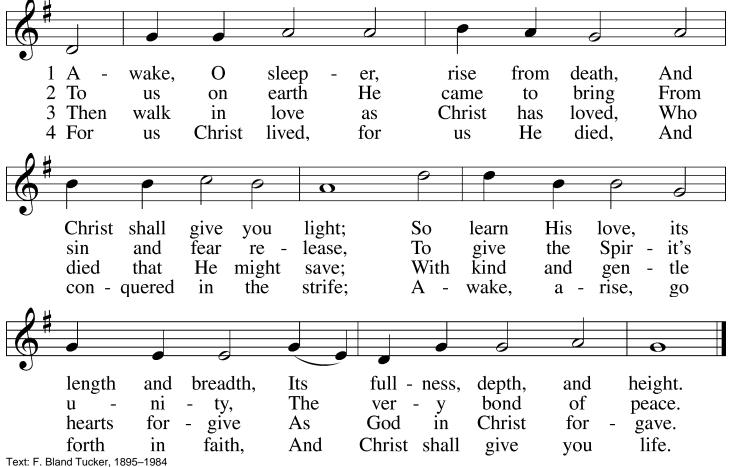
The Lord whom we adore:

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

One God forevermore. Refrain

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697 AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH



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523 O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



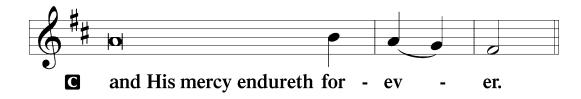
NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199 LSB 199 C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

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



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.



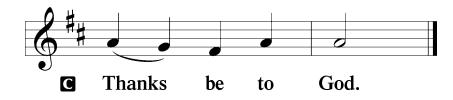
SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS

A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C Amen, amen, amen.

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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Pixie Reay 20th Jeff Snell 21st Mert Janovec 22nd Evelyn Lundgren 23rd

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Joyce Ryden 19th (47 yrs) Ken & Caroline Spirduso 20th (36 yrs) Brad & Roberta Teitelbaum 22nd (54 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, August 18th

8:00 am Divine Service9:15 am Bible Study9:15 am Sunday School10:30 am Divine Service11:30 am Coffee Bites

Wednesday, August 21st

3:30 pm Bible Study5:00 pm Divine Service6:30 pm Bible Study

Looking Ahead

August 25th Divine Service 8:00 & 10:30 am August 28th Divine Service 5:00 pm August 28th Bible Study 3:30 & 6:30 pm September 2nd Labor Day (Office Closed) September 3rd Elders Bible Study & Meeting 9:15 am