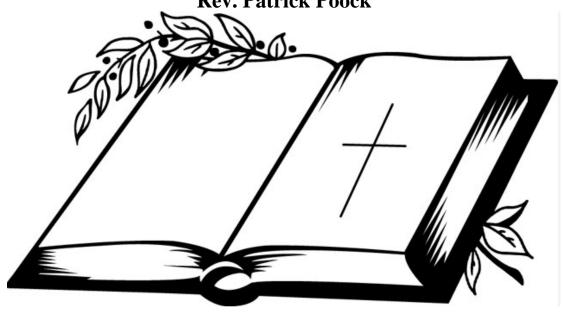
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 1, 2024 Rev. Patrick Poock



We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

Wickedness and evil come "from within, out of the heart," and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus "declared all foods clean" (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, "listen to the statutes and the rules" of the Lord, "and do them, that you may live" (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is "your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples" (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it "to your children and your children" (Deut. 4:9). Put on this "armor of God" by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may "stand firm" in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the "gospel of peace," and take up "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," by confessing Christ Jesus and "praying at all times in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:14–18).

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:

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73: 25-26

666 O LITTLE FLOCK, FEAR NOT THE FOE



+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 184

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 OF SINS

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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 LSB 185

- 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 +

INTROIT

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

Cong: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Cong: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

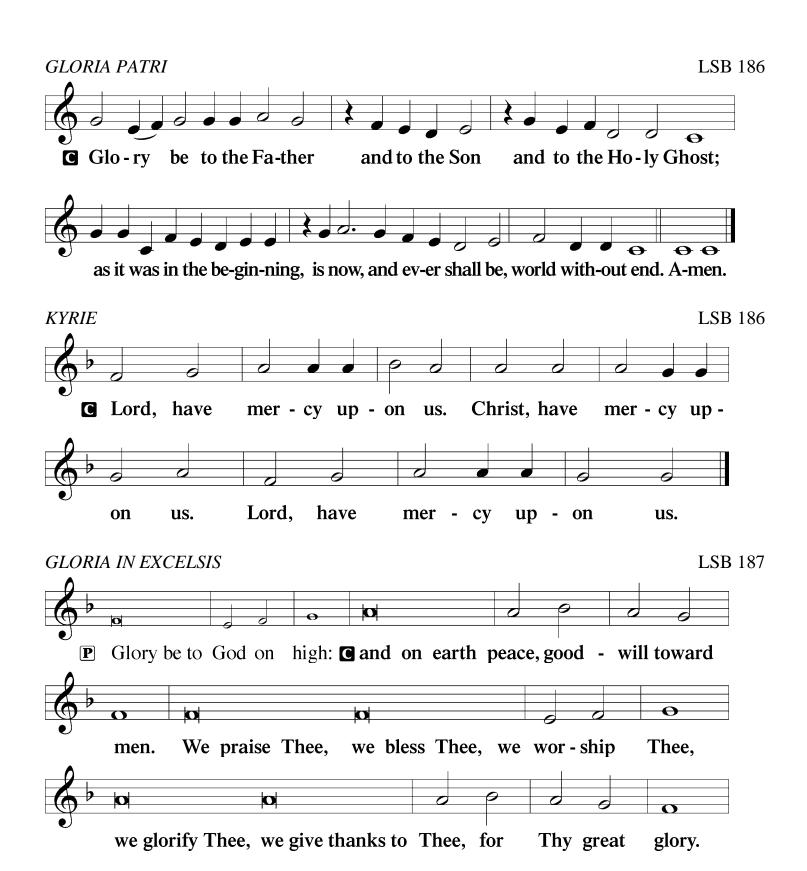
Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Cong: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence, Cong: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

Cong: and uphold me with a willing spirit.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

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

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers

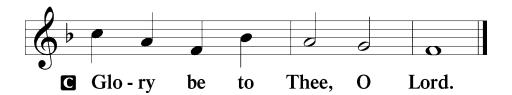
over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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



GOSPEL Mark 7:14–23

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



¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer it; Our works and con duct
- 3 By grace God's Son, our on ly Sav ior, Came down to earth to
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. have no worth. bear our sin. true, it stands.

this word Why stag - ger at of prom - ise? God in His love sent our Re - deem - er. Was your it be - cause of own mer - it What saints have penned by in spi - ra - tion,



false - hood taught? No! Has Scrip-ture ev - er this sin - ful His Christ Je - sus, to earth: That Je - sus died your soul win? No. to His Word our God com - mands, Our Then this word must death did for our it was grace, and faith in what our



re - main: By grace you will life ob - tain. true too a - lone. sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. a - lone, grace De - pends on grace— grace through God done His Son.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
 - By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,

The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure

If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,

I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709-61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

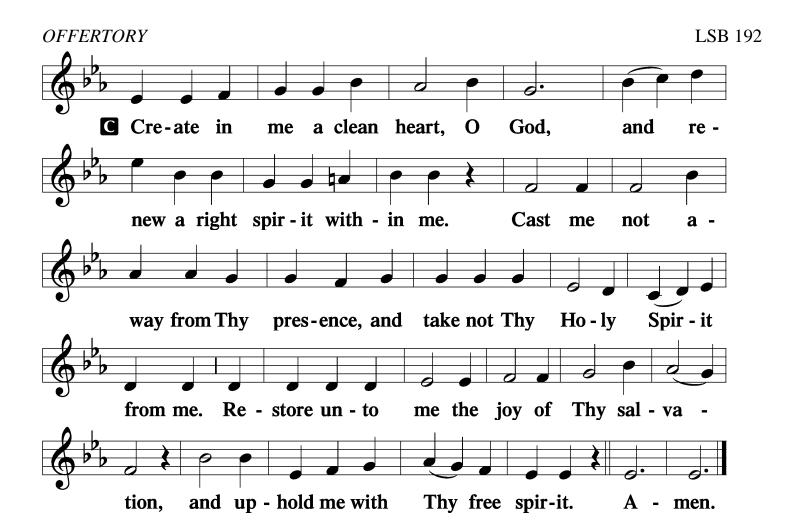
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SERMON

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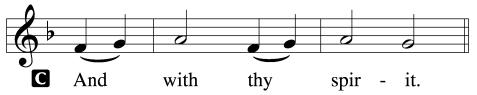
- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

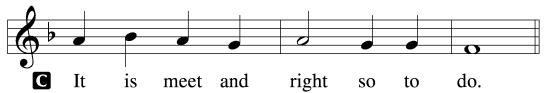
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



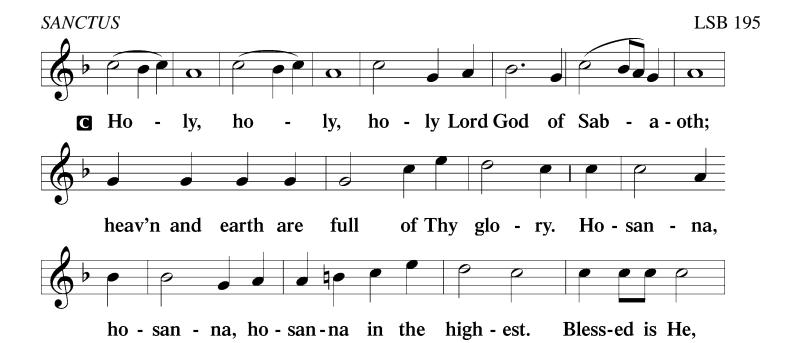
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

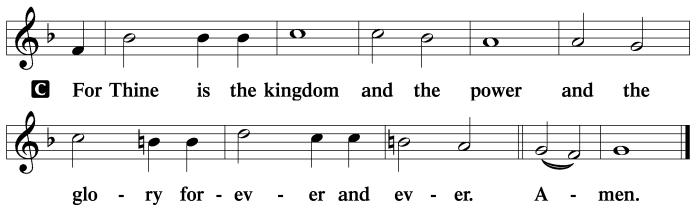
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

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

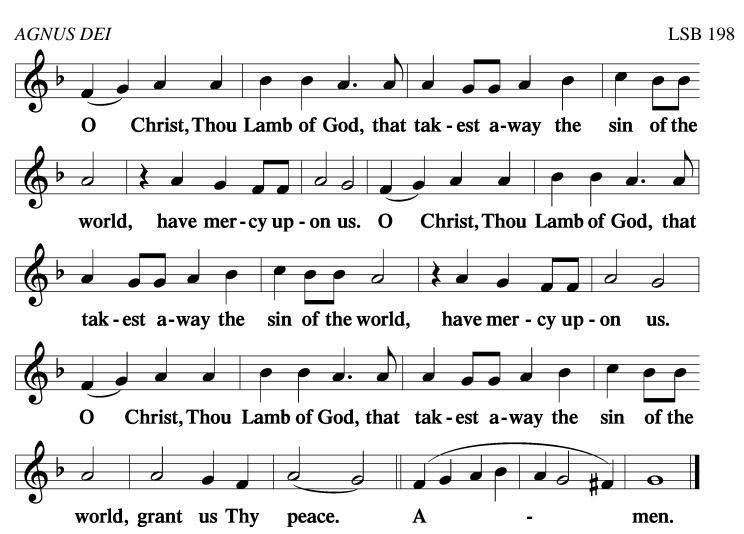
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

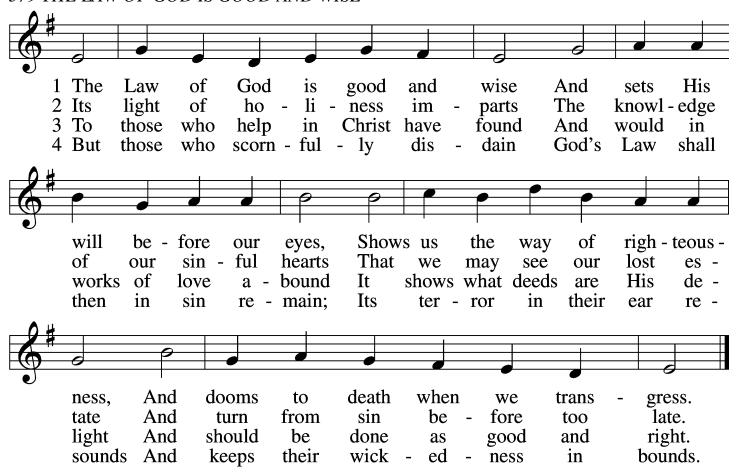
PAX DOMINI LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





579 THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE



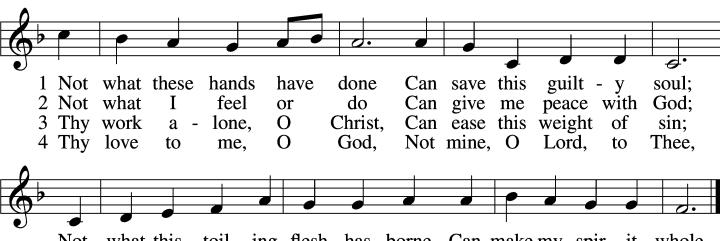
- The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- To Jesus we for refuge flee,Who from the curse has set us free,And humbly worship at His throne,Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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567 NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE



Not what this toil - ing flesh Can make my spir - it has borne whole. Can bear my aw - ful my prayers and sighs Not all and tears Can give me peace with - in. Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, And set my spir - it rid of this dark Can me un - rest

- Thy grace alone, O God,To me can pardon speak;Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,Can this sore bondage break.
- I bless the Christ of God,I rest on love divine,And with unfalt'ring lip and heartI call this Savior mine.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89 Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89 Text and tune: Public domain

565 THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST



- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruis ed soul;
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crush-ing load
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran som due;
- 5 Thy righ teous ness, O Christ, A lone can cov er me;



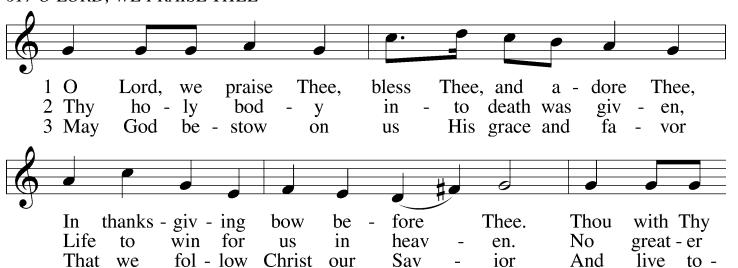
They tell all is done, They bid my fear de - part. me Thy stripes, not The mine, con - tain balm that makes me whole. Of sins that none could bear But the in car - nate God. thou - sand deaths like mine Would have few. Ten been all too No righ - teous - ness Save that which of Thee. vails is a -



To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt. Tune: The Parish Choir, 1850, London Text and tune: Public domain

617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE





Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter

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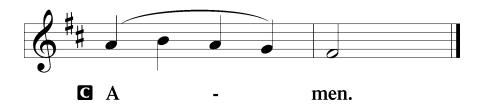
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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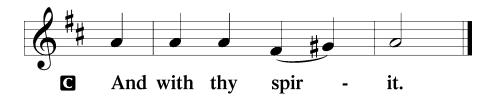
A Let us pray.

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 LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

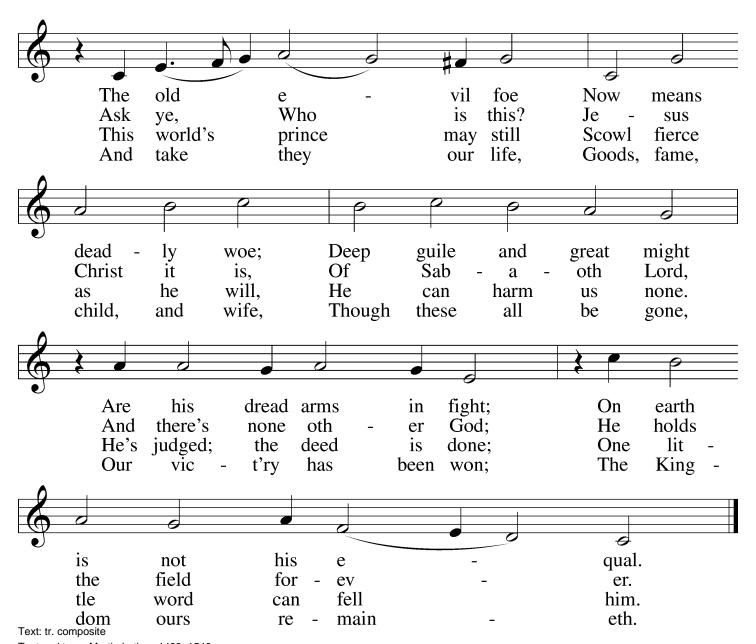
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD





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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Reatha Snyder 1st
Shawn McAnally 2nd
Paul Nordbrock 2nd
Carol Wisner 3rd
Janice Cascio 3rd
Curt McCarty 5th
Daniel Pope Sr 7th

Happy Anniversary

None

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, September 1st

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Coffee Bites

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

9:15 am Board of Elders Meeting @ Popi's

Wednesday, September 4th

NO 3:30 or 6:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Service

Looking Ahead

September 9th Grief Share 6:30 pm

September 10th Church Council 10:00

September 11th Women of Faith

September 11th Divine Service 5:00 pm

September 11th No 3:30 or 6:30 Bible Study

September 13th LWMW Convention (Orlando)