FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

September 8, 2024 Rev. Patrick Poock



Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well

The Lord proclaims the Gospel "to those who have an anxious heart" to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of "vengeance" and "recompense," but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens "the eyes of the blind" and "the ears of the deaf," and He loosens "the tongue of the mute" to "sing for joy" (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does "all things well," so that you may now speak "plainly" (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also "love your neighbor as yourself" (James 2:8). Show your faith "in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory," by loving without partiality. For God has "chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom" (James 2:1–5).

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 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

848 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE



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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- **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.

INTROIT

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,

Pastor: and he rained down on them manna to eat

Cong: and gave them the grain of heaven.

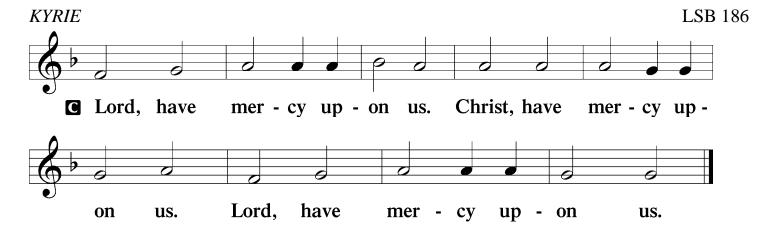
Pastor: Man ate of the bread of the angels;

Cong: he sent them food in abundance.

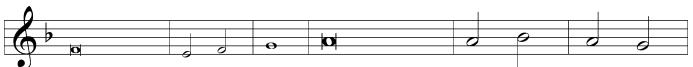




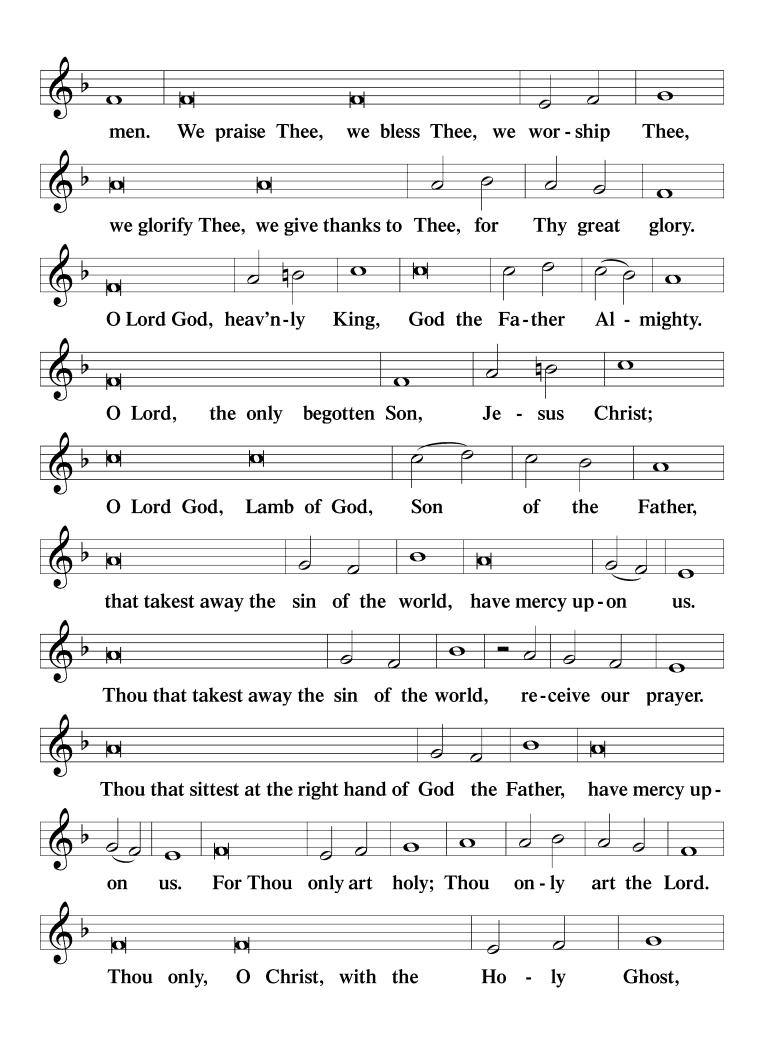
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

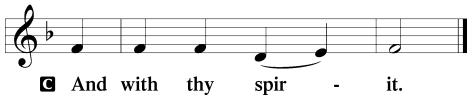




art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert:

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

EPISTLE James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

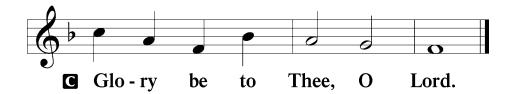
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA LSB 190



GOSPEL Mark 7:24–37

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



²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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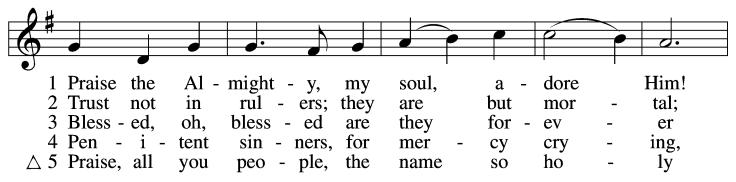
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

797 PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY

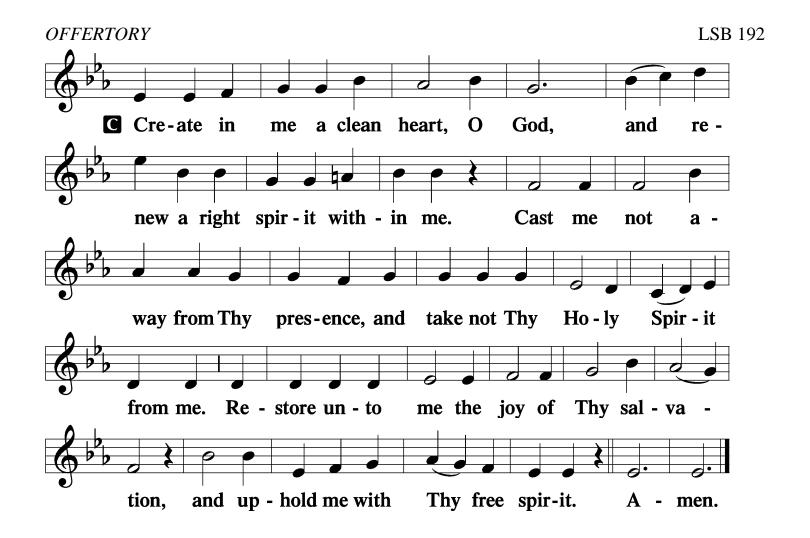




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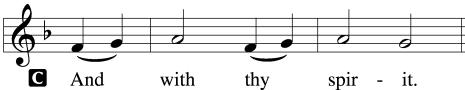
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194





P Lift up your hearts.



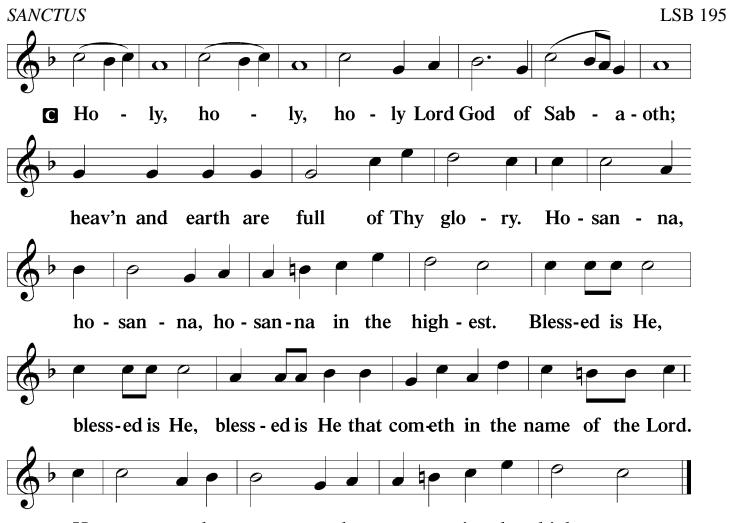
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

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



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,

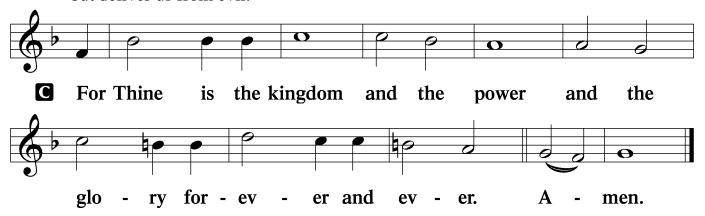
Thy kingdom come,

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

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."

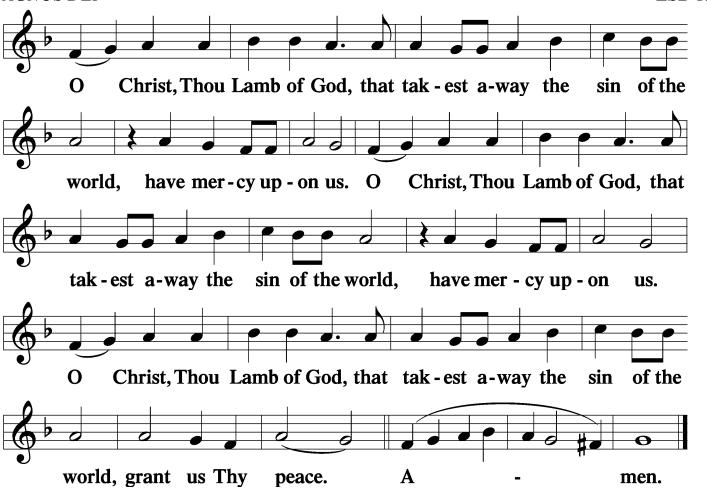
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 197

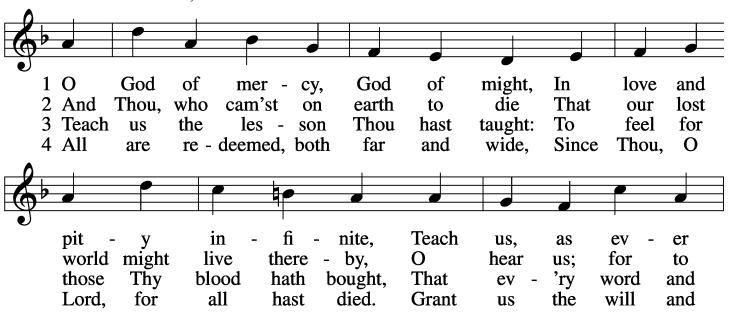
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

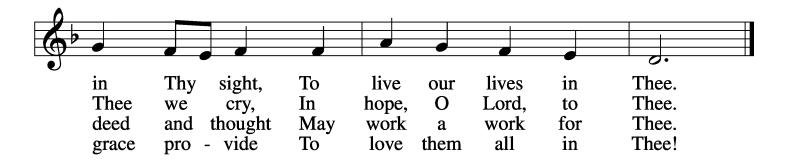


AGNUS DEI LSB 198



852 O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MIGHT

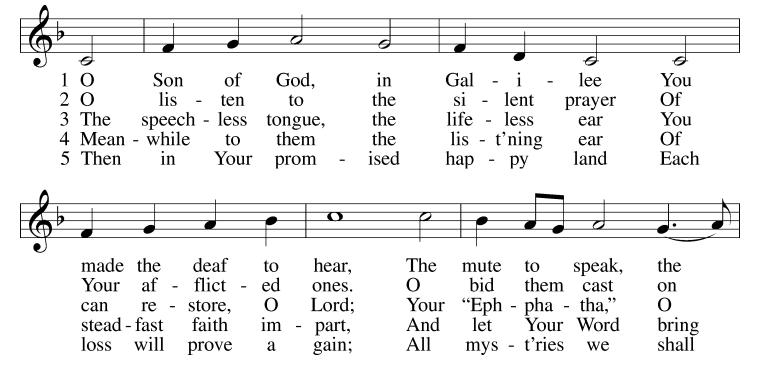




- In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,May we each other's burdens share;May we, where help is needed, thereGive help as unto Thee!
- And may Thy Holy Spirit move
 All those who live to live in love
 Till Thou shalt greet in heav'n above
 All those who live in Thee.

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841 O SON OF GOD, IN GALILEE





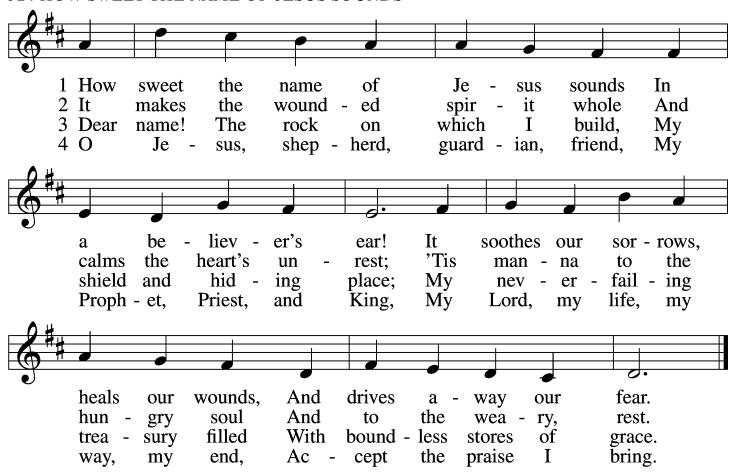
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524 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS



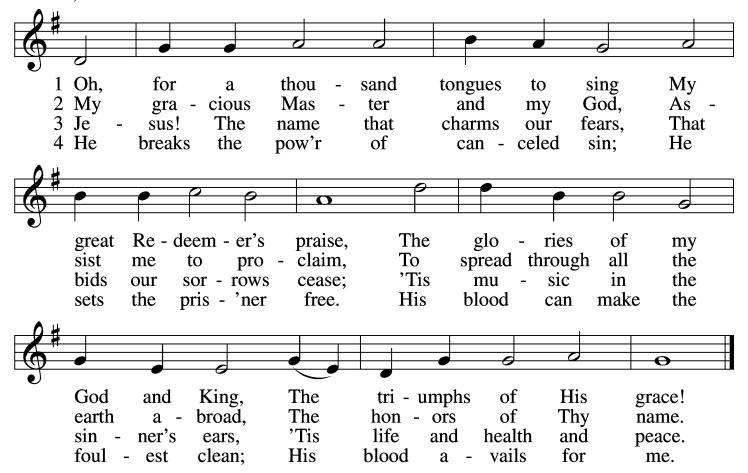
5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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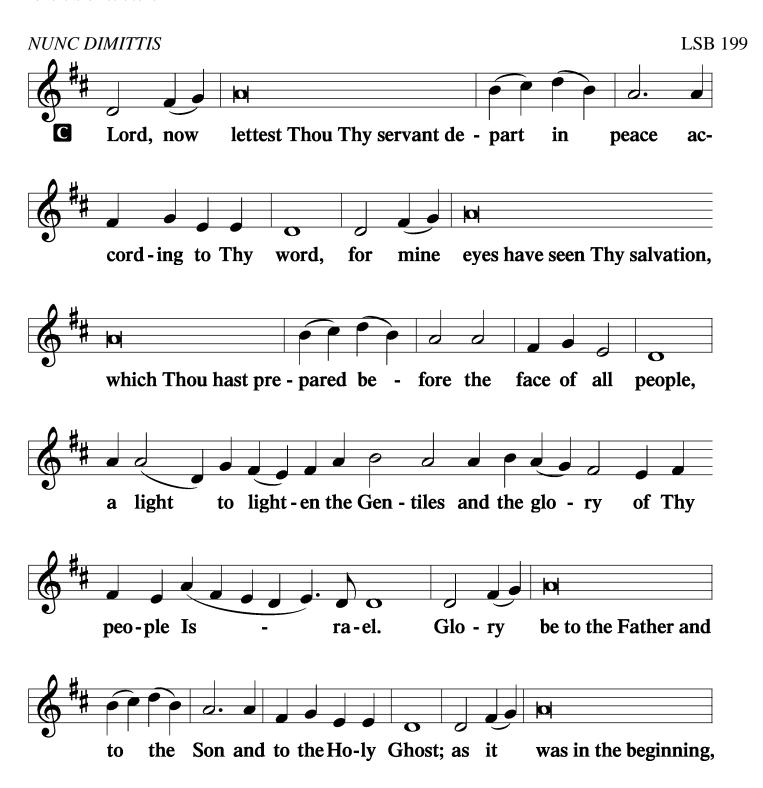
528 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



- Look unto Him, ye nations; ownYour God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone,Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;The Lamb of God was slain.His soul was once an off'ring madeFor ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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THANKSGIVING LSB 200

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



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.



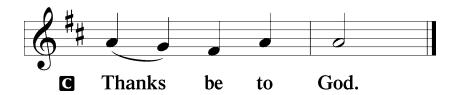
SALUTATION LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



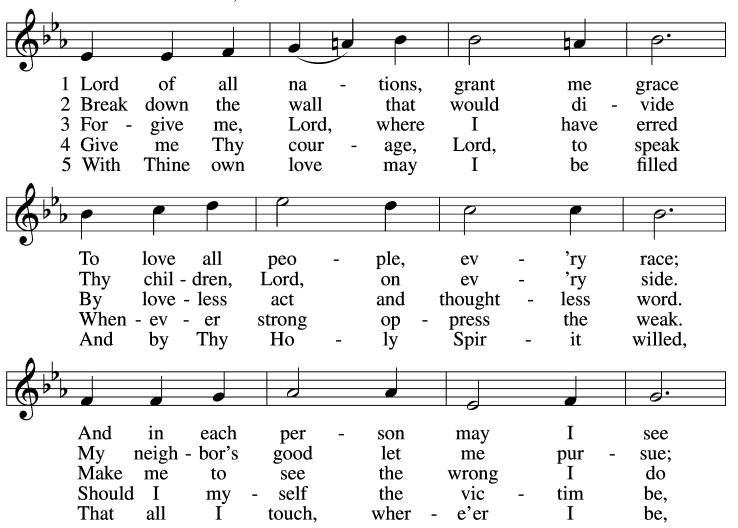
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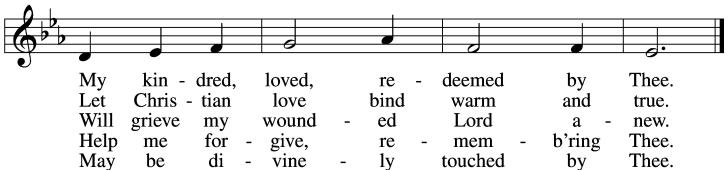
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



844 LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE





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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday

Ann Colton 8th Karen Pollari 9th AJ Barto 11th David Barber 11th

Judy Faries 13th

Tom Barlow 13th

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Nancy Bonadurer 9th (57 yrs) Ron & Diane Durham 12th (37 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, September 8th

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 9th

6:30 pm Griefshare

Tuesday, September 10th

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th

9:00 am Women of Faith NO 3:30 or 6:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Service

Friday, September 13th

LWML Biennial Convention (Orlando)

Looking Ahead

September 15th Adult Catechism begins 12:30 pm September 16th GriefShare 6:30 pm September 20th Lifelight Bible Study 7:00 pm