FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024 Rev. Patrick Poock



The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has

Those who contribute "large sums" from "out of their abundance" have done very little. They cannot purchase God's favor with their money. But the "poor widow" with her two small coins, who "out of her poverty has put in everything she had," entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah "for many days," as well as herself and her household, "according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah" (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. "By the sacrifice of himself," by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.

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.

FOURTH QUARTER MISSION PROJECT

The fourth quarter Elder mission project is **Bridging Freedom**, a Tampa, Florida rehab for teens involved in Human trafficking. Their mission is to combat minor sex-trafficking by bringing restoration to those rescued and victim prevention to those we reach with our message. They provide a therapeutic safe home campus community providing long term, comprehensive care to these victims in a secure environment. They educate the community and work with partnering organizations to increase awareness about this horrendous issue. Bridging Freedom is, and will continue to be, a community of God loving people dedicated to sectoring the broken spirits of sex trafficking victims.

Weekly Memory Verse

Romans 4:24–25

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

801 HOW GREAT THOU ART



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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \dashv Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

EXHORTATION

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- 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

- **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 +

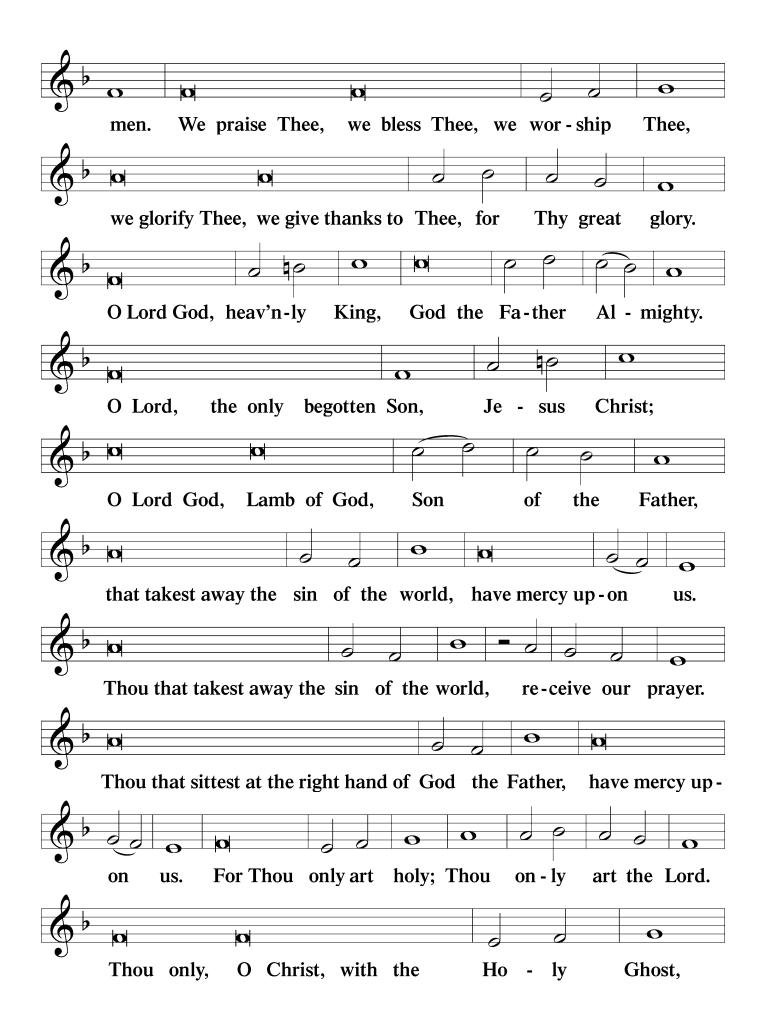
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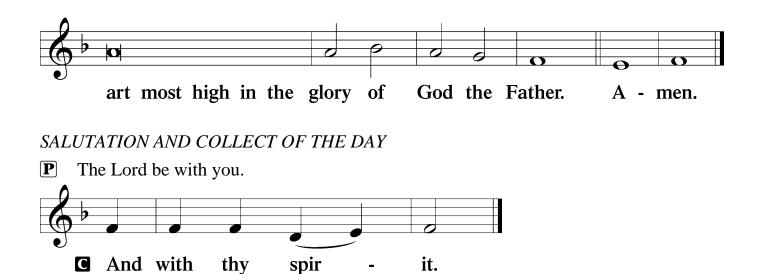
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INTROIT

Pastor: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
Cong: for his wondrous works to the children of men!
Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
Cong: for his steadfast love endures forever!
Pastor: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Cong: whom he has redeemed from trouble.
Pastor: He raises up the needy out of affliction
Cong: and makes their families like flocks.
Pastor: The upright see it and are glad,
Cong: and all wickedness shuts its mouth.







P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she

1 Kings 17:8–16

and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.





GOSPEL

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



³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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, very God of very 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.

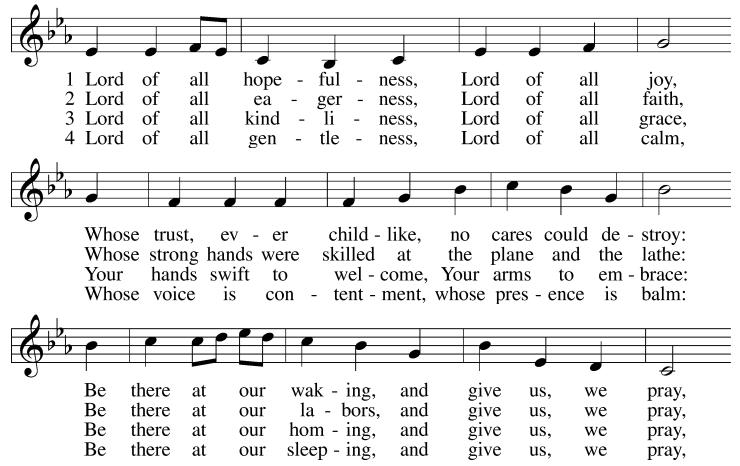
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

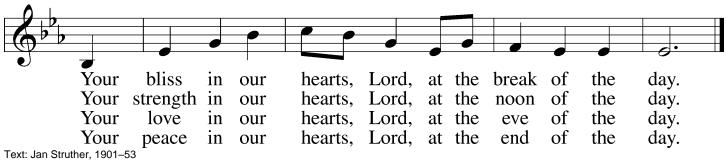
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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

738 LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



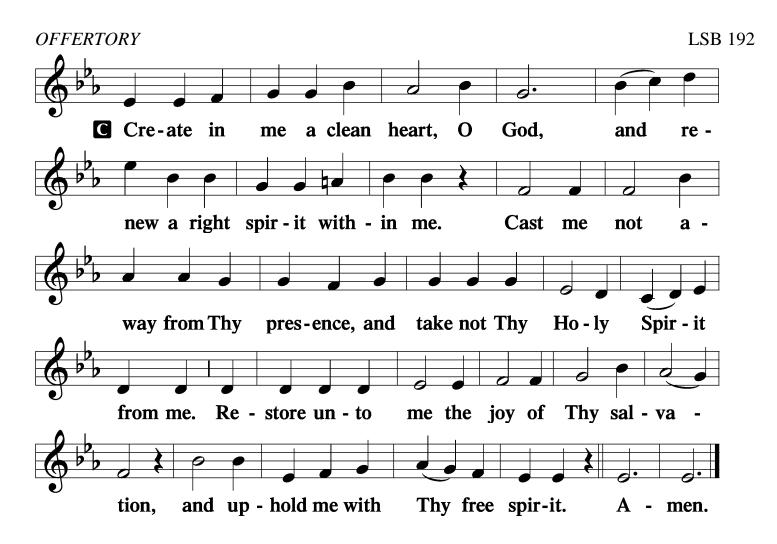


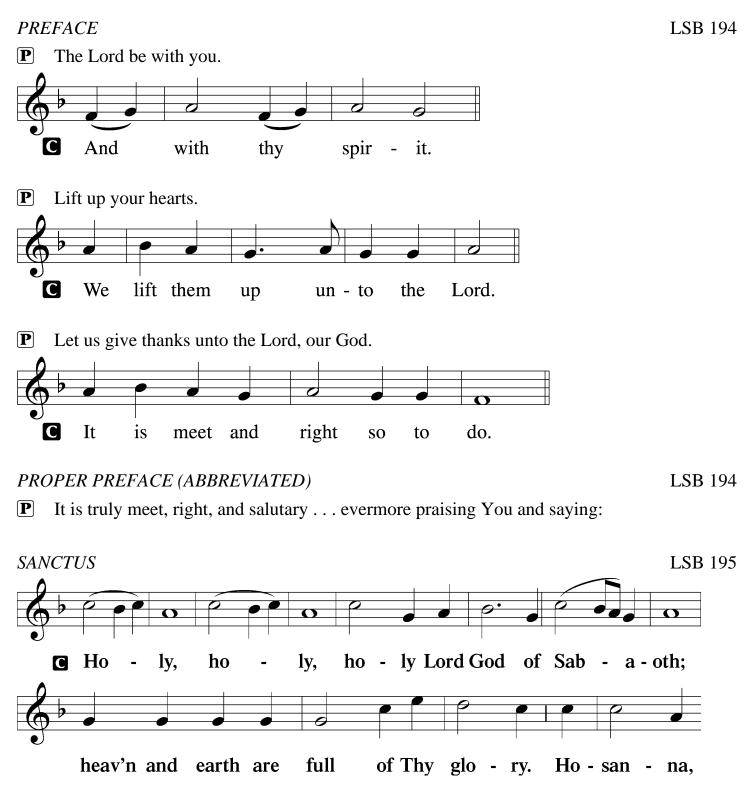
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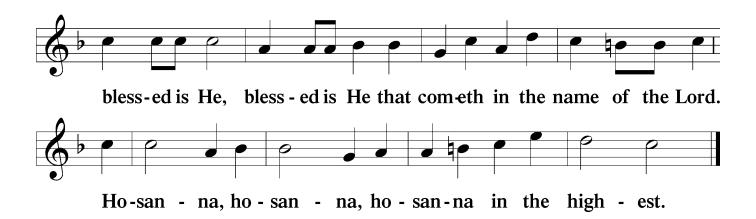
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH







ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



LORD'S PRAYER

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

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- 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."

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PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



732 ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING



- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,God my weary soul will strengthen;All my trust in Him I place.

Earthly wealth is not abiding,

Like a stream away is gliding;

Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

622 LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
As wea - ry souls, with sin op-pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.
Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.

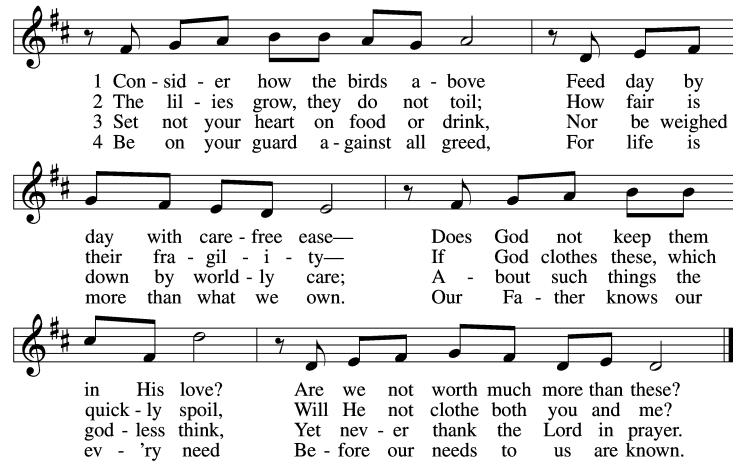
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736 CONSIDER HOW THE BIRDS ABOVE



5 Be not afraid to suffer loss

Of all the things for which you pray,

For He who faced for you the cross

Will give you strength to live each day.

6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,

His holy name in all you do:

Christ first and last in ev'ry place;

All else will then be given you.

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THANKSGIVING

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



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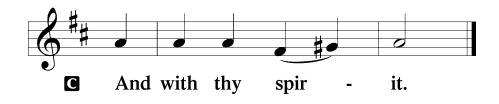
P Let us pray.

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.



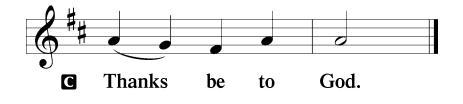
SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS

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.

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



966 BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW

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1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow	, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have bles	
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain heig	.
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voic	
5 And when in pow'r He come	
5 And when in powr ne conv	is, On, may but ha - tive fand
And rules the world be - low.	Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
	Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light,	•
	And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs	Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -
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	Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
	Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise A	
your pride, Your sin de - plore, A	
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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday

David Ladwig 10th Alexandra Laser 10th Ron Durham 11th Ilene Heminway 11th Carol Schreiber 14th Sandra Tuttle 14th Laura Matson 16th

Happy Anniversary

Stan & Carli Zygowicz 11th (35 yrs) Robert & Sarah Biebl 14th (43 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, November 10th 8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
12:15 pm Adult Catechism
2:00 pm Surviving the Holidays - Griefshare

Monday, November 11th 6:30 pm Griefshare

<u>Tuesday, November 12th</u> 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th

9:00 am Women of Faith3:30 pm Bible Study5:00 pm Divine Service6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 14th

6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Friday, November 15th 7:00 pm Lifelight Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 17th 8:00 & 10:30 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 12:15 pm Adult Catechism