# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 2, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life

Jesus was sent to "preach the good news of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is "patient and kind" toward us; He "bears all things," "endures all things" and delivers up His body to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, "to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant" (Jer. 1:10).

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!

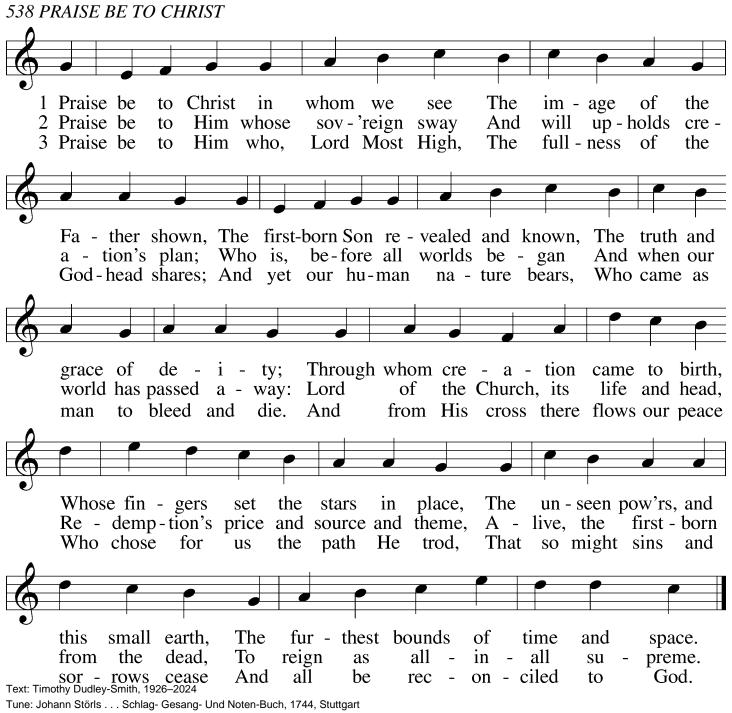
We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message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

The first quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for **Our Daily Bread of Bradenton**. The mission of Our Daily Bread is to provide for the nutritional needs of the poor and needy of our community in the context of compassion and affirmation of their human worth as Children of God. They achieve this by providing a daily soup kitchen and food pantry. Please note "Missions" on your donation check. Thank you for your generosity in supporting God's work.

# Weekly Memory Verse

# 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### INVOCATION

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

# **C** Amen.

# **EXHORTATION**

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- С But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# CONFESSION OF SINS

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

#### **ABSOLUTION** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you **P** 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.

С Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 10:16–18; antiphon: v. 12

Pastor: Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

# Cong: forget not the afflicted.

Pastor: The LORD is king forever and ever;

Cong: the nations perish from his land.

Pastor: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

# **Cong:** you will strengthen their heart;

Pastor: you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

Cong: so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

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# as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# KYRIE

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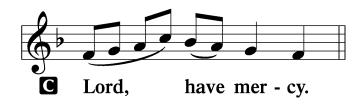
**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

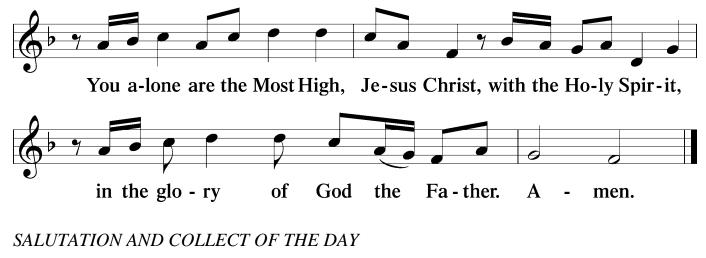


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

Jeremiah 1:4–19

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

<sup>11</sup>And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." <sup>12</sup>Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it."

<sup>13</sup>The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." <sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. <sup>15</sup>For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup>And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. <sup>17</sup>But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. <sup>18</sup>And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup>They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

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

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



#### LUKE 4:31–44

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



<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" <sup>37</sup>And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

<sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-inlaw was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

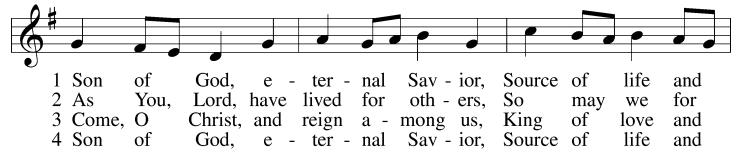
<sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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



#### 842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR





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**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.

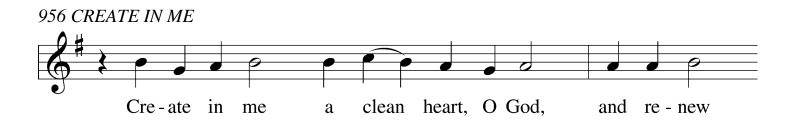
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

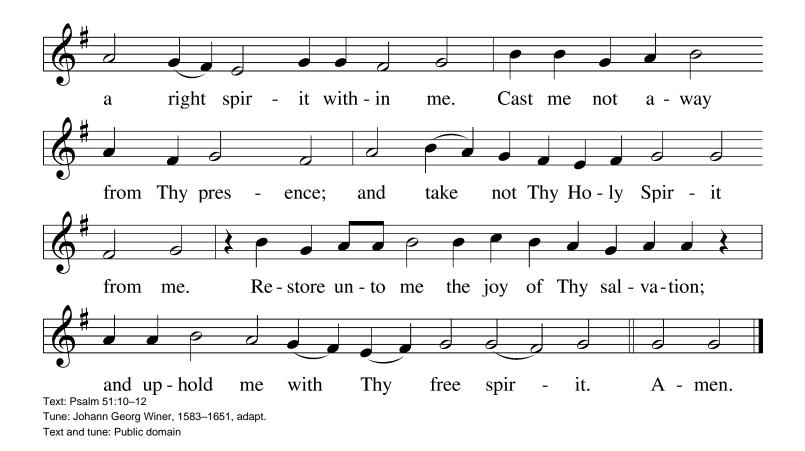
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



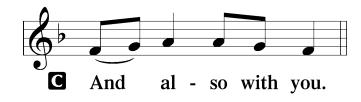


+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

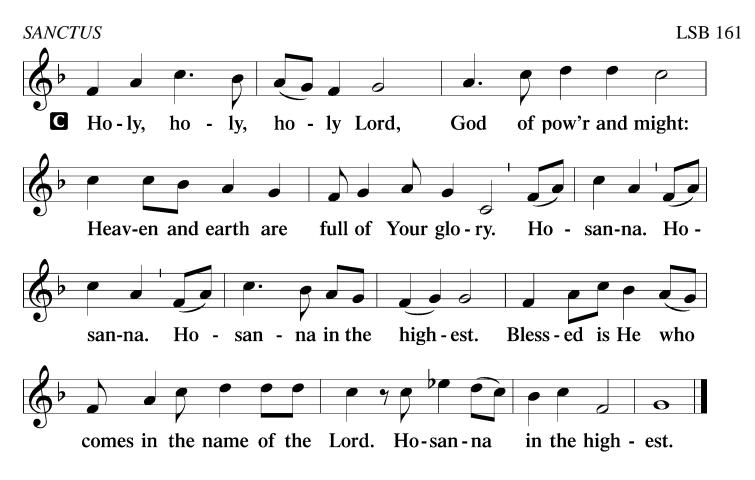


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



# PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

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



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#### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

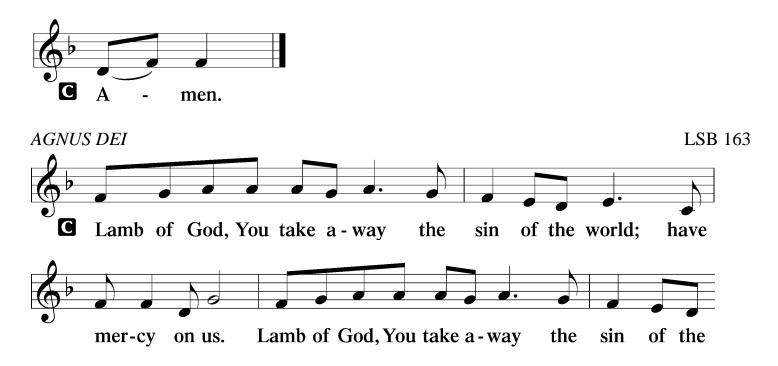
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

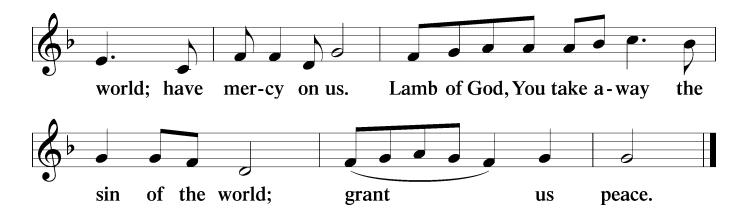
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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784 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE life 1 Take and be let it Con - se ed. my crat -2 Take hands let them At the my and move im pulse Al - ways, 3 Take my voice and let me sing on ly 4 Take sil and my gold, Not mite would my ver a Take my mo - ments and my Lord, to Thee; days, them Let of Thy love: Take my feet and let them be Swift and for King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with my with - hold; in - tel - lect and Ι Take my use Ev - 'ry flow cease - less praise, Let them flow in in cease-less praise. Swift and beau - ti - ful beau - ti - ful for Thee. Thee. for Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee, from Thee. mes - sag - es Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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#### 618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE



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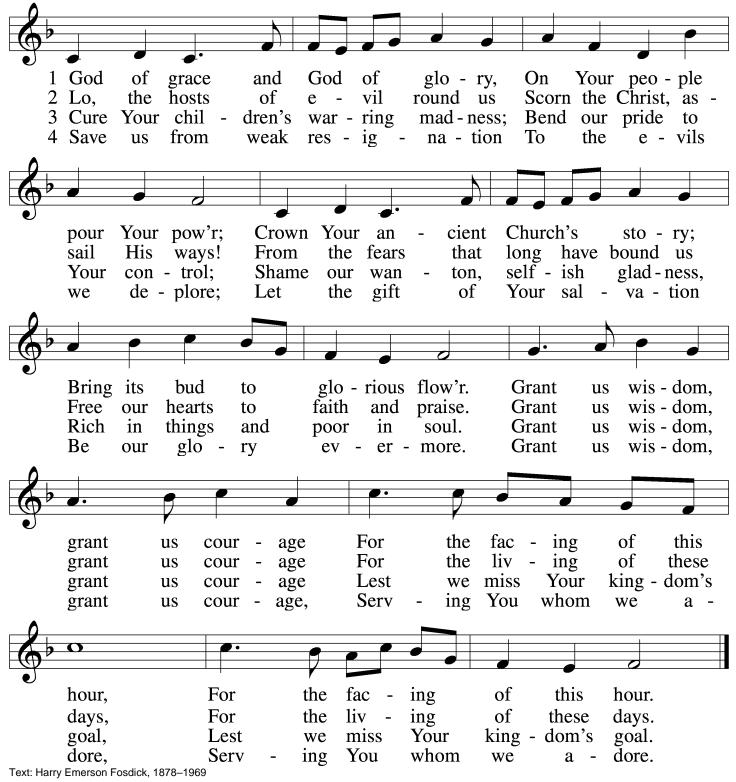
Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and 1 me, Par - don and spare 2 Fa - ther. 0 hear me: Calm all my 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows 4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv en! Come. let us glad-ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the Blot That by Thine eyes ter - rors, out my er - rors they may And winds Af the tow - er. gain pow - er, ter storm the fair of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a the \_ tor be Thine! Times with-out num - ber, A - wake in glo - ry or more be scanned. Or der my go - ings, Di - rect all my no Joys shows its face. e'er in-creas - ing And peace nev - er sun doth prize. He re - ceiv - eth gifts He well heart A that be -Thine slum - ber. eye ob-serves us, From dan - ger pre-serves us, it may please Thee, Re - tain do - ings: As or re-lease me: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea-sure ceas - ing: Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him liev - eth: Caus - ing Thy shine. mer cy up on us to A11 Thy fa Ι com - mit to ther - lv hand. \_ When His sions God in man grants me place. a His cense a - rise. And to throne like sweet in Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; (sts. 1-2): tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.; (sts. 3-4): tr. Hermann H. M. Brueckner, 1866-1942, alt.

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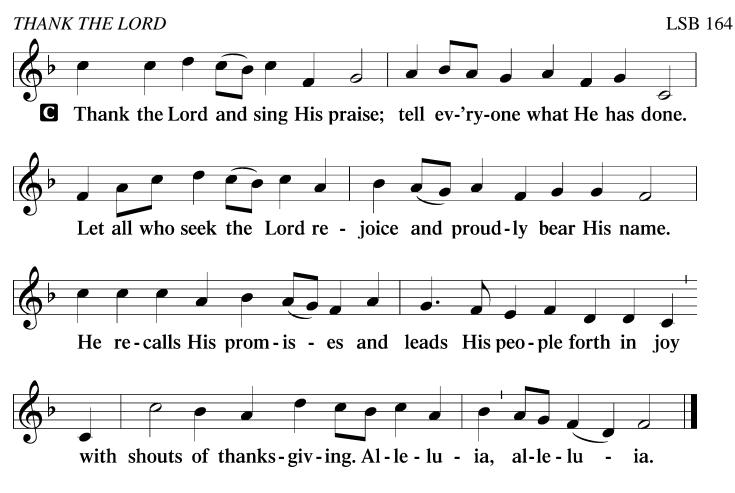
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850 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



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# BENEDICTION

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**P** 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.



922 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING





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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

### Happy Birthday

Bob Cascio 4<sup>th</sup> Terry Ruprecht 4<sup>th</sup> Judy Sattanno 4<sup>th</sup> Kim Morgan 5<sup>th</sup> Terry Uhl 5<sup>th</sup> Mike VanVelzer 7<sup>th</sup> Ralph Grotelueschen 8<sup>th</sup>

# Happy Anniversary

Arlene & Greg Gasper 5<sup>th</sup> (53 yrs) Terry & Jerry Uhl 5<sup>th</sup> (26 yrs) Frances & Dale Kurlinski 8<sup>th</sup> (32 yrs)

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites 12:15 pm Adult Catechism

# Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am Elder Board Meeting at church

# Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Women of Faith 5:00 pm Divine Service Bible Study 3:30 or 6:30

# Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm

<u>Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup></u> Wedding and Reception 9:00 am

# <u>Looking Ahead</u> Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Coffee Bites
12:15 pm Adult Catechism
February 11 - Church Council 6:00 pm
February 12 – Women of Faith 9:00 am
February 12 – Divine Service 5:00 pm
February 12 – Bible Study 3:30 & 6:30 pm
February 14 – LWML 10:00 am