## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21–23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

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**

**Numbers 23:19** 

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

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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 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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 LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.
- C Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7

Pastor: I will praise you with an upright heart,

Cong: when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Pastor: Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

Cong: who walk in the law of the LORD!

Pastor: Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,

Cong: who seek him with their whole heart.

Pastor: You have commanded your precepts

Cong: to be kept diligently.

Pastor: Oh that my ways may be steadfast

Cong: in keeping your statutes!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

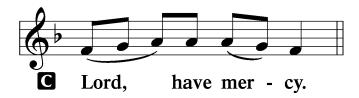
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE LSB 152

**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.









#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



## **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Jeremiah 17:5–8

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

7"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

8He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1–20

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is

futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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



GOSPEL Luke 6:17–26

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



<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

- <sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:
- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

- <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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



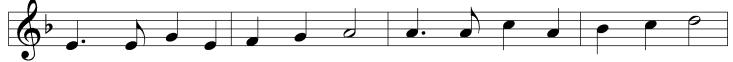
#### 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



- 1 Songs of thank ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
- 2 Man i fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
- 3 Man i fest in mak-ing whole Pal sied limbs and faint ing soul;
- 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres ent in Thy ho ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by To the sa - ges from a - far, the star at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; val - iant fight, Man - i - fest in dev - il's might; Quell - ing all the Christ will then like light - ning shine, will see His glo-rious sign; All Grace to im - i - tate Thee now pure art Thou; And be pure, as



Da - vid's stem Branch of roy - al In Thy birth Beth - le - hem: at Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; gra-cious will, good from ill; Man - i - fest in Ev er bring-ing will then the trum - pet hear, All All will see the Judge ap-pear; Thy great e - piph - a - ny we might be-come like Thee That At



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest. And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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#### **SERMON**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

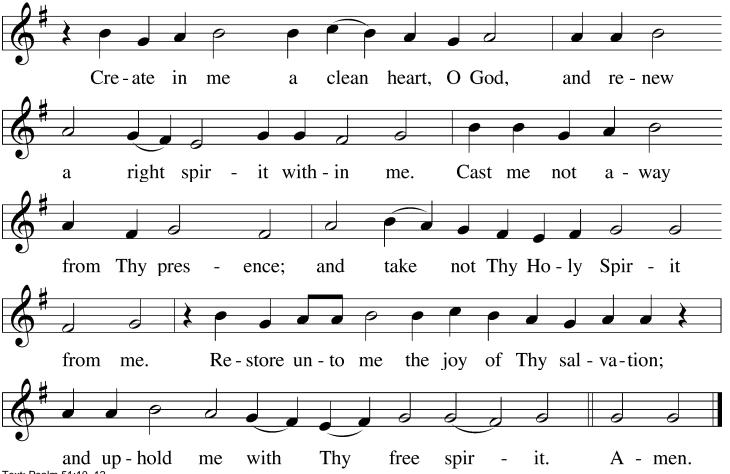
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

#### **OFFERING**

## 956 CREATE IN ME



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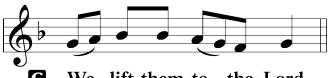
#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**PREFACE** LSB 160

The Lord be with you.  $\mathbf{P}$ 



Lift up your hearts. P



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

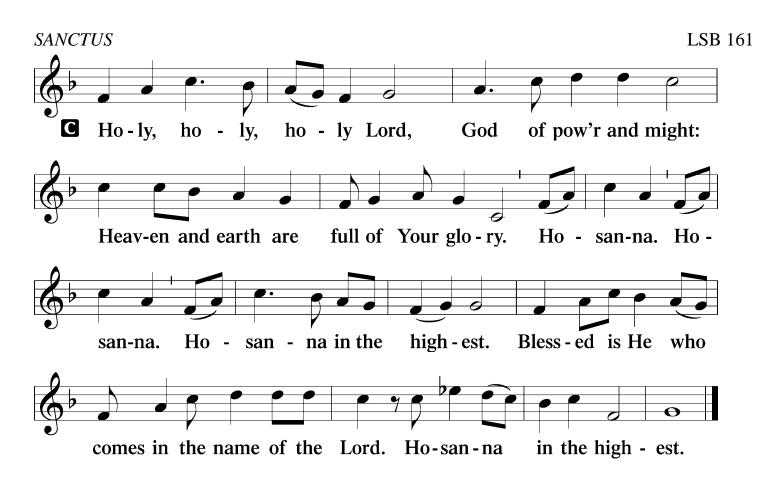
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



## PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 161

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



LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

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

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."

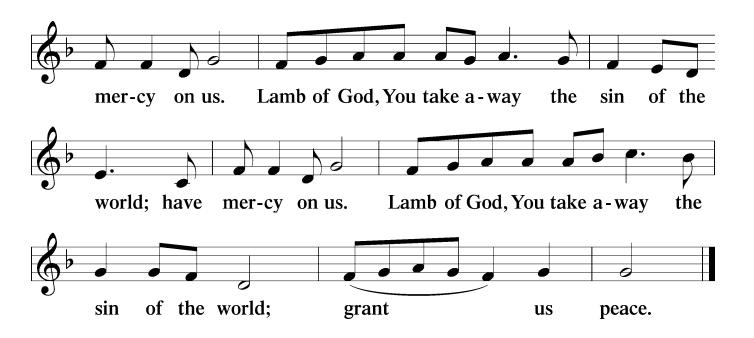
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

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

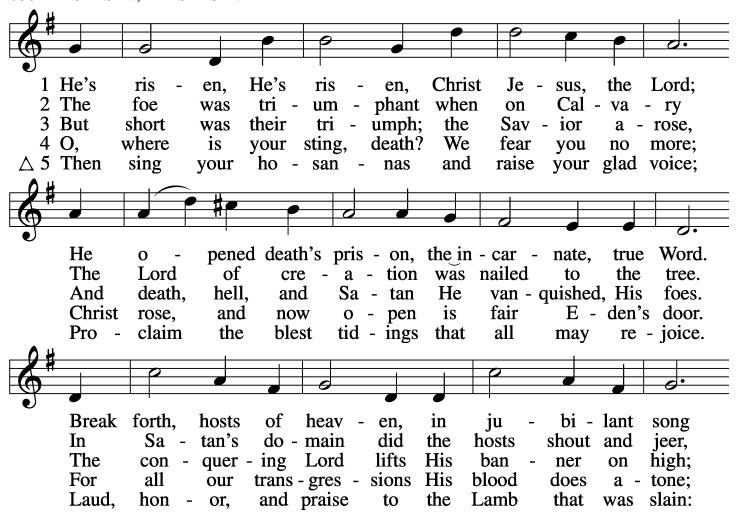






#### **DISTRIBUTION**

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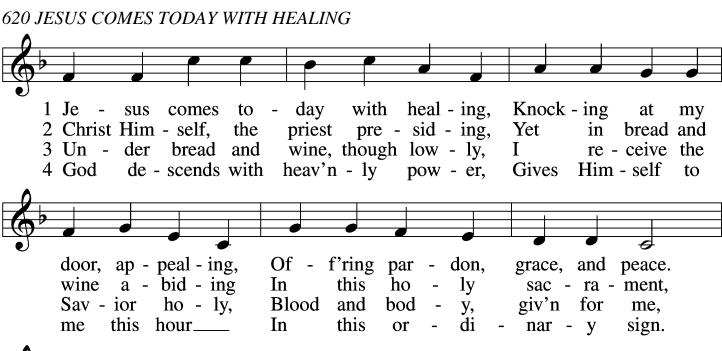
and moun - tain their prais And earth. es sea. pro - long. For Je sus was slain, whom the e vil ones fear. He lives. He will nev lives, and er - more die. yes, Re - deemed for - giv His and we are own. en. now Fa ther He and Spir it ev er shall reign.

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He Him - self makes Gives the bread of Lamb of Ver - y On my tongue His

prep - a hear His And Ι ra - tion, life. once bro - ken. And the cup, the God from heav - en, Who bit - ter to pledge re - ceiv - ing, Ι ac - cept His



in vi ta - tion: pre - cious to - ken giv - en. death was grace, be - liev - ing

"Come and taste the His Of cred sa -Hung the up - on That His Ι taste

bless - ed feast." cov - e - nant. curs - ed tree. di - vine. love

Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

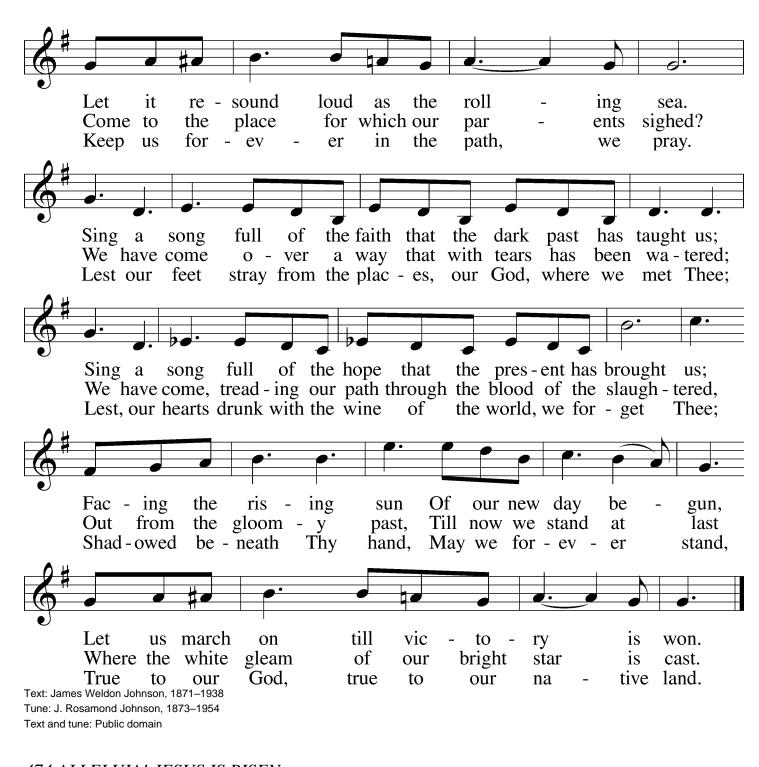
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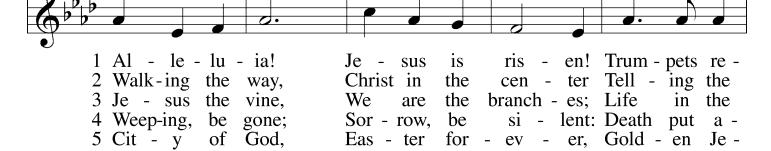
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#### 964 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING





### 474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN





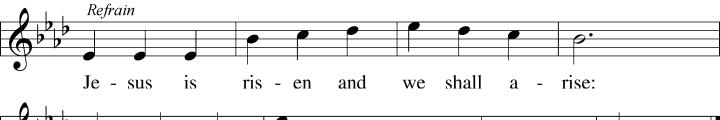
sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! sto - ry to tree; Spir - it the fruit of the sun - der, and Eas - ter ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life,

Splen-dor, the Lamb, o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Heav - en to earth, is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:

Heav - en for-Giv - ing us Christ to the "O grave, be Saints and arch-



what a mir - a - cle has Oh. God sight! ev in sus our glo Je bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise. ry: fu - ture now flow - ing Gift of the ple, to me. pen!" Clothe us in won - der, dorn light. a us in Sing with cre - a - tion God an - gels, the Ι AM! to





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Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

#### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

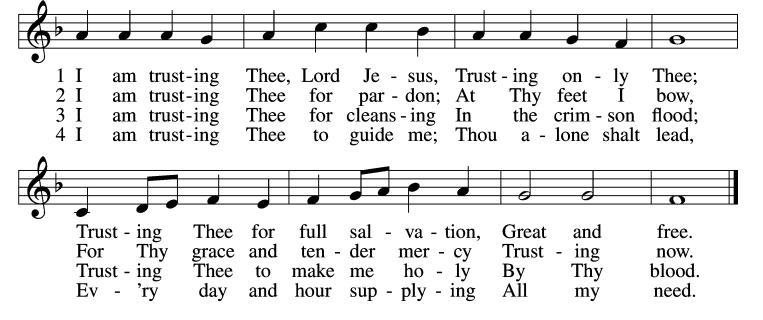
BENEDICTION LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



## 729 I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS



5 I am trusting Thee for power;

Thine can never fail.

# Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

## 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;

Never let me fall.

I am trusting Thee forever

And for all.

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### Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

## **Happy Birthday**

Robin Parkin 16<sup>th</sup> Jim Jones 18<sup>th</sup> Joan Toye 20<sup>th</sup>

## **Happy Anniversary**

Ray & Vickie Gilbert 18th (19 yrs)

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

## Sunday, February 16th

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

## Wednesday, February 19th

Divine Service 5:00 pm Bible Study 3:30 or 6:30

## Friday, February 21st

Lifelight Bible Study 7:00 pm

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
Tuesday, March 4, Elder Board Meeting
9:30 am
Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday
5:00 & 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 6, Hand Bell Practice
6:00 pm

**Looking Ahead Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**