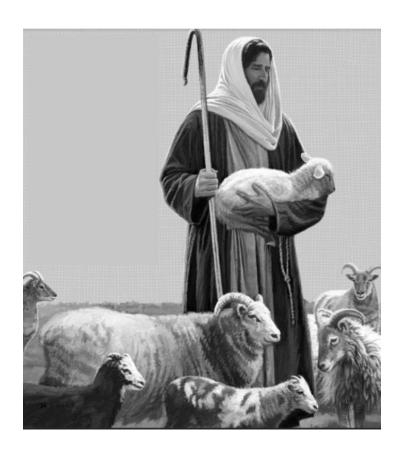
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As

they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") "care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

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.

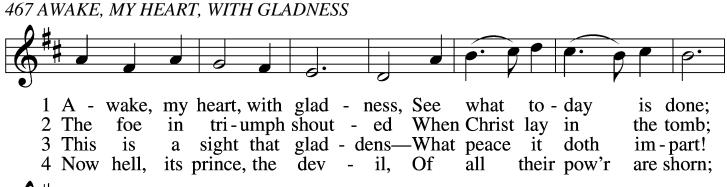
The second quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for Agape Flights.

Agape Flights is a nonprofit Christian aviation ministry delivering cargo, mail and humanitarian aid to hundreds of mission partners serving in the Caribbean. Mission flights depart weekly from Agape's hangar in Venice, Florida to Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic and deliver humanitarian aid to Cuba as regulations allow. Agape also speeds relief response throughout the Caribbean. Missionaries who live and work in some of the most challenging mission fields in the world depend on Agape's service, stateside connection, and aircraft to transport the immediate provision they need.

Weekly Memory Verse

Acts 16:31

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."





Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun. is rout - ed, His But he now boast is turned to gloom. ev - er sad dens The Now noth - ing joy with-in my heart. vil, And Now I am safe from e sin Ι laugh to scorn.



My there laid Where our bed Sav - ior must was be made free: In For Christ gain glo rious vic a is to - ry gloom shall ev shake, No shall take er foe ev er might Can - not Grim death with all its my soul af - fright;



light Our When to the realms of spir its flight. - it wings He who save Has tri - umphed o'er is strong to the grave. The own Son In hope which God's love for has won. me It pow'r - less form, How - e'er it and storm. is rave a

5 The world against me rages,

Its fury I disdain;

Though bitter war it wages,

Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free,

No trouble troubles me.

Misfortune now is play,

And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever

To Christ, my Savior true;

My Lord will leave me never,

Whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain;

He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's grim thrall;

I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal

That leads to bliss untold,

Whereon this rhyme immortal

Is found in script of gold:

"Who there My cross has shared

Finds here a crown prepared;

Who there with Me has died

Shall here be glorified."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.

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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 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

Cong: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Pastor: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

Cong: from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people,

Israel his inheritance.

Pastor: With upright heart he shepherded them

Cong: and guided them with his skillful hand.

Pastor: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

Cong: from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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

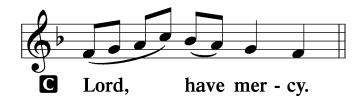
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



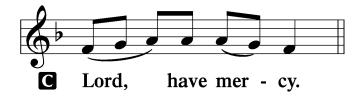
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. P



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



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



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



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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 154

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the

flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

EPISTLE Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

words of

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156 Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

GOSPEL John 10:22–30

Al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

e - ter - nal life.

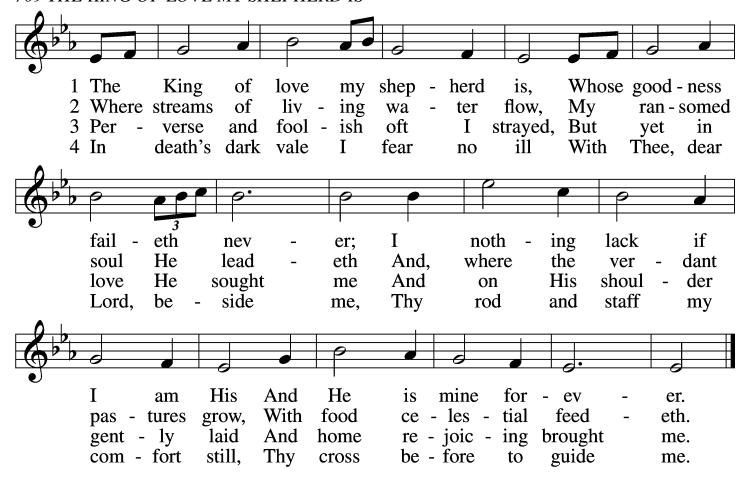


²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of daysThy goodness faileth never;Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praiseWithin Thy house forever!

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

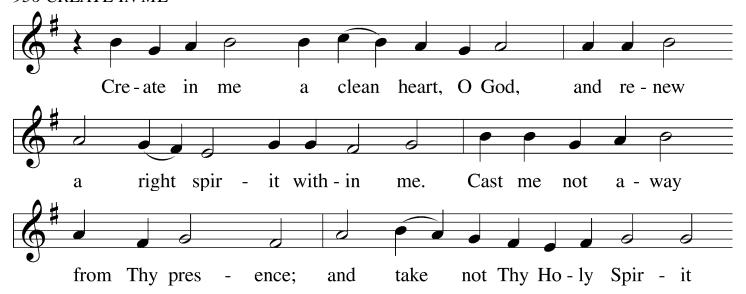
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the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

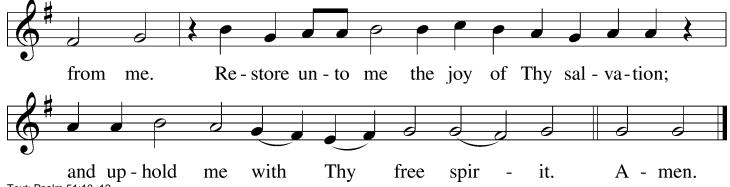
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CREATE IN ME

956 CREATE IN ME





Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

 \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts. P



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: SANCTUS LSB 161



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

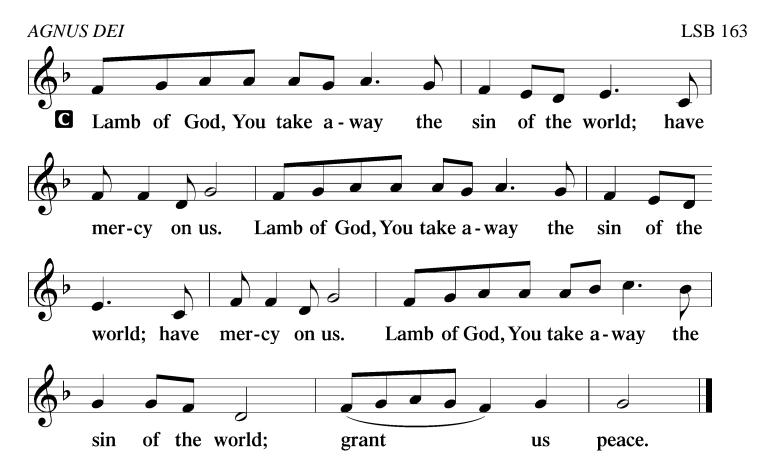
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son, The God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to-rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing
Fruit of the mys-tic rose,
No an - gels in the sky
His glo - ries now we sing,
Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee. Yet The of that rose the stem, ful - ly Can bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



Him thy match-less king Through all hail as e - ter - ni - tv. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies bright. SO to bring And e - ter - nal life lives that death may die. ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king all.

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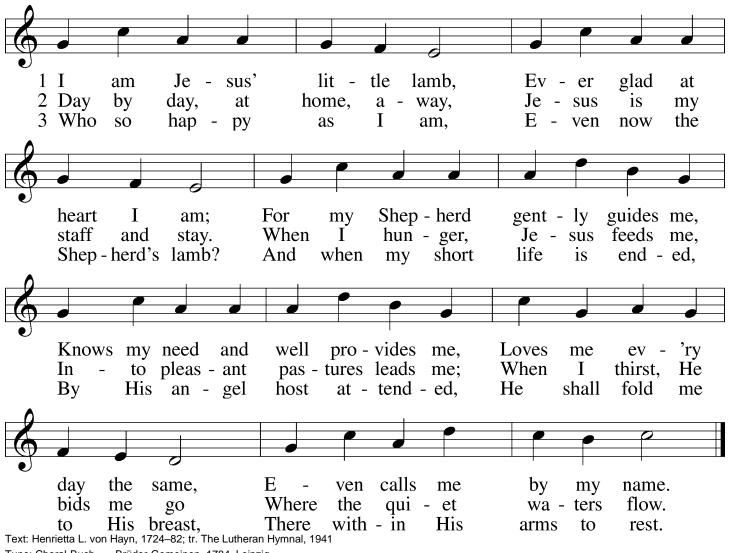
625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD



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740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

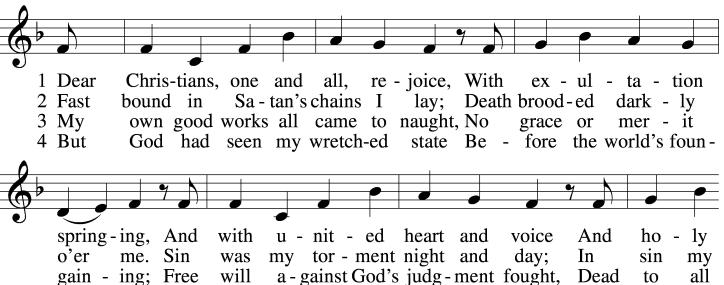


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556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

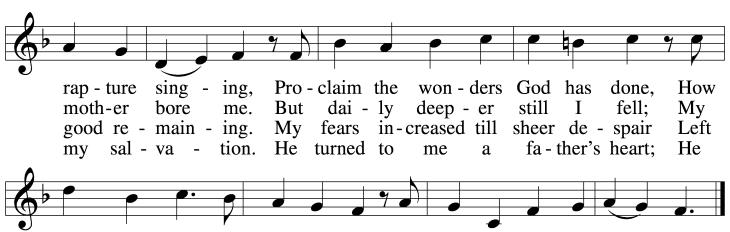


mind - ful of

His mer - cies

great,

He planned for



right arm vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost His the Him! liv - ing hell, So pos-sessed me. life be - came firm - ly sin a death ly my share; The pangs of hell suf - fered. on to 1 gave His dear - est trea - sure. did not choose the eas - y part But

- 5 God said to His belovèd Son:
 - "It's time to have compassion.
 - Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 - And bring to all salvation.
 - From sin and sorrow set them free;
 - Slay bitter death for them that they
 - May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine. He wo
 - A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
 - Your ransom I Myself will be;
 - For you I strive and wrestle.
 - For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 - And where I am you may remain;
 - The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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

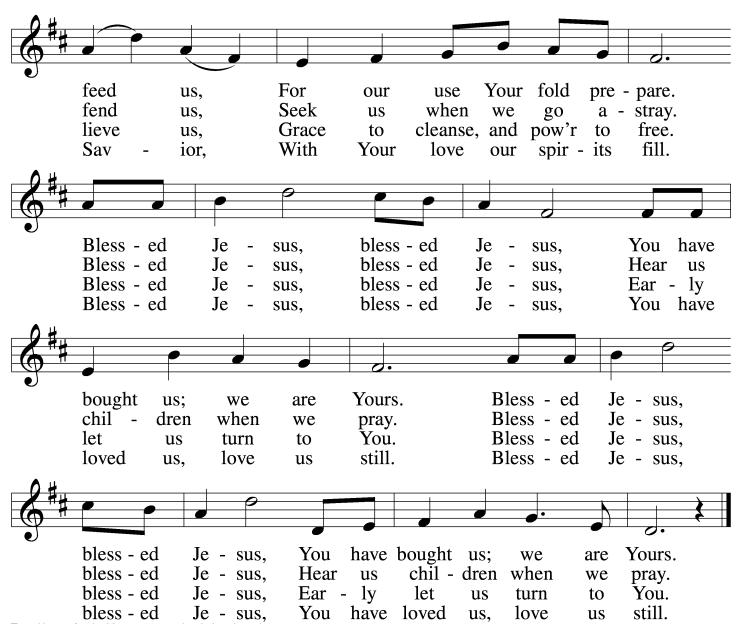
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



711 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US





Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.

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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday

Robert Harvey 11th
Nancy Bonadurer 12th
Chuck Moore 14th
Susan Heflin 15th
Chris Melchior 15th
Jeff Matson 17th

Happy Anniversary

David & Vanessa Benson 15th (26 yrs)

Jack & Hope Conte 15th (39 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, May 11th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites

Tuesday, May 13th

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 14th

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

Friday, May 16th

7:00 pm Lifelight Bible Study

Sunday, May 18th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, May 21^{st h} Bible Study 3:30 & 6:30 pm
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