# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025
Rev. Patrick Poock



Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is "like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces" (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able "to interpret the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith," and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1–2).

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 third quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for the **Orphan Grain Train.** 

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. https://www.ogt.org

## **Weekly Memory Verse**

Mark 12:30-31

'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

## 913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN



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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 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,
- **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

- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Pastor: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

Cong: he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Pastor: Give ear to my prayer, O God,

Cong: and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

Pastor: For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

Cong: it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

Pastor: But it is you, a man, my equal,

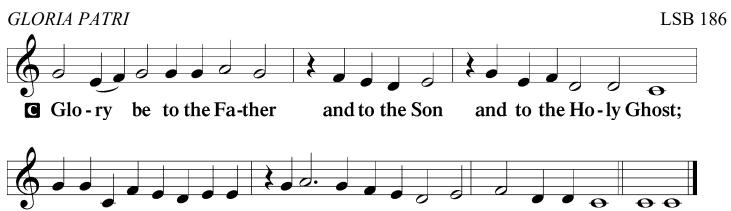
Cong: my companion, my familiar friend.

Pastor: We used to take sweet counsel together;

Cong: within God's house we walked in the throng.

Pastor: But I call to God,

Cong: and the LORD will save me.

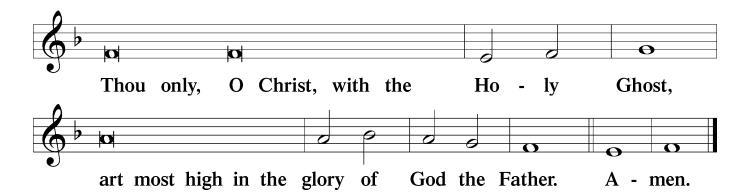


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187





#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



## P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 23:16–29

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you."

18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
19 Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

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a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

21 "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.
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<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:17—12:3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

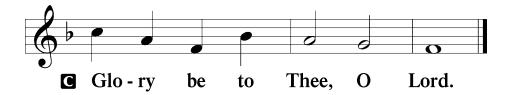
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA LSB 190



#### **GOSPEL**

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



<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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



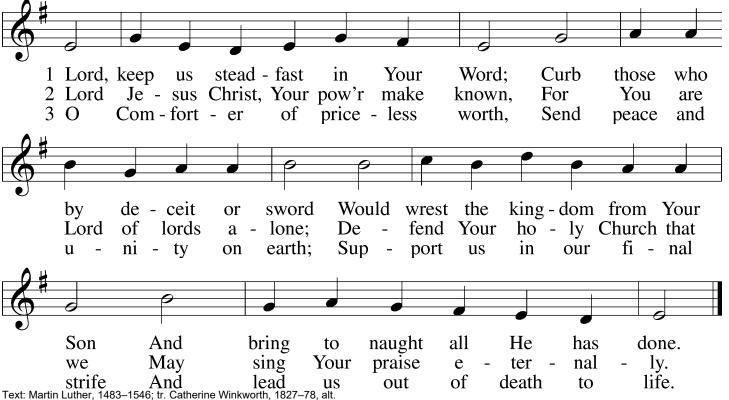
#### APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## 655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD



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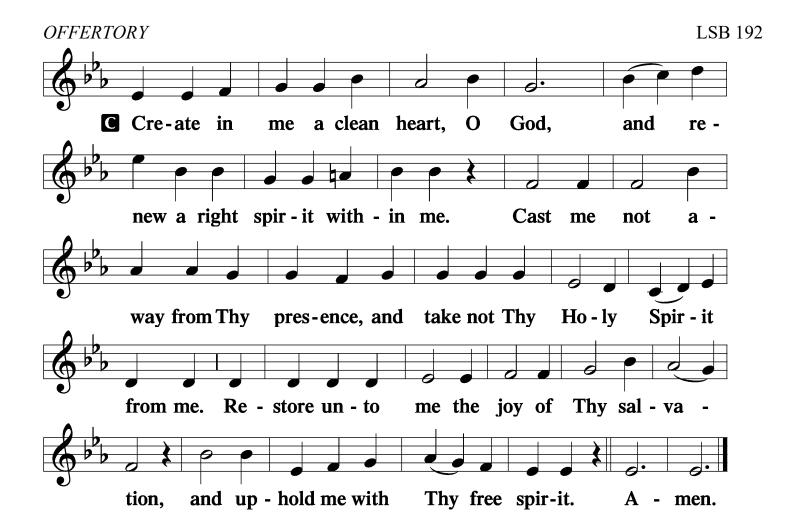
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#### **SERMON**

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

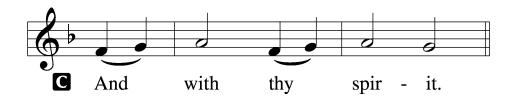
## **OFFERING**



## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



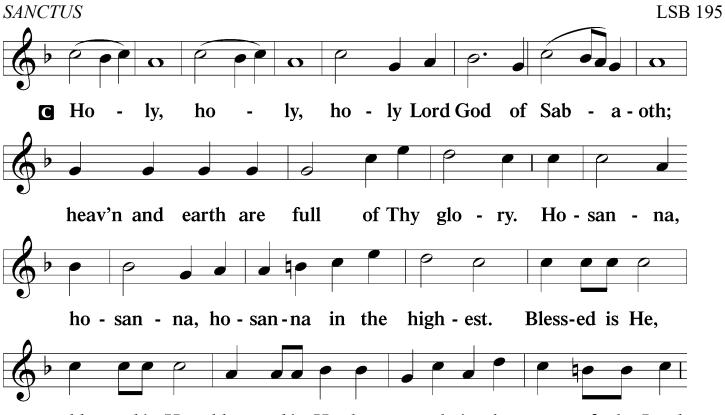
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



# PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

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



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER 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

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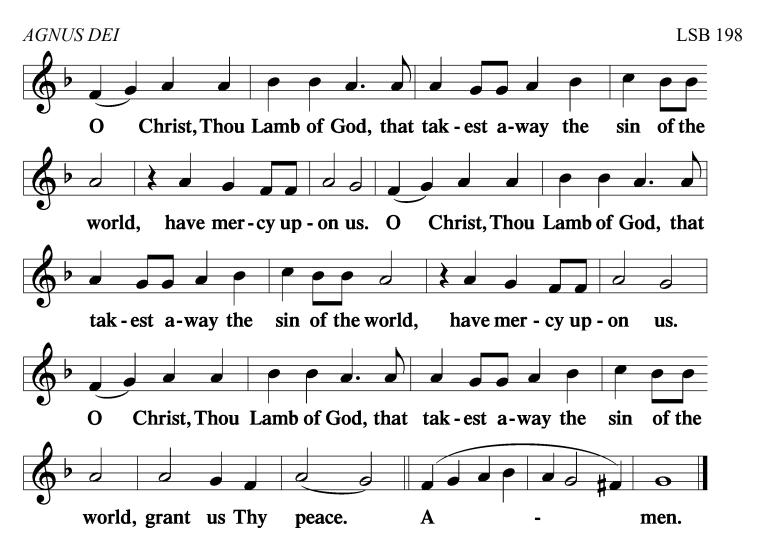
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

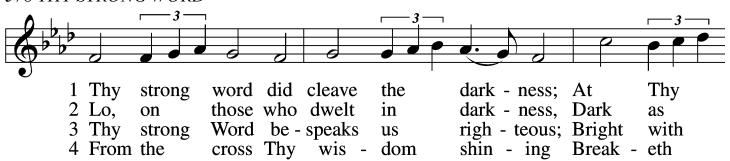
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

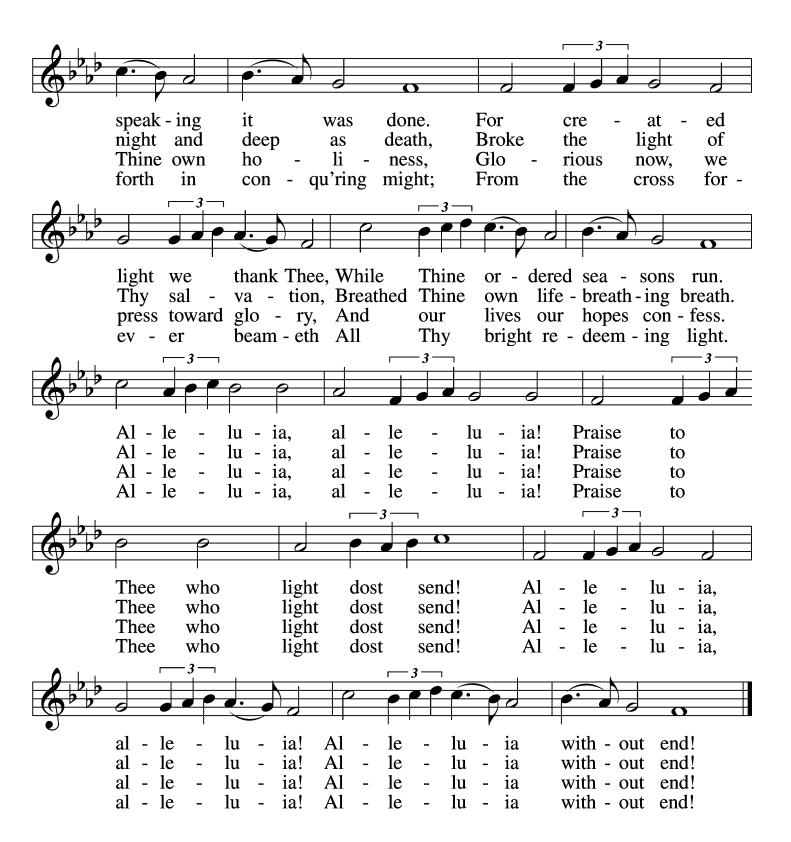




#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### 578 THY STRONG WORD





5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,

Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us,

Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

# $\triangle$ 6 God the Father, light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

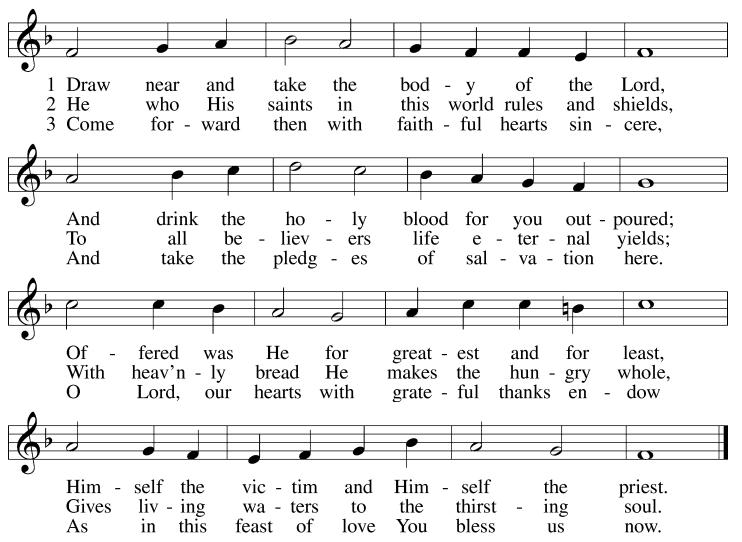
Praise the holy Trinity!

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#### 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD



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#### 726 EVENING AND MORNING



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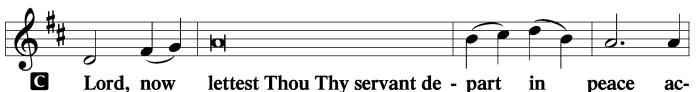
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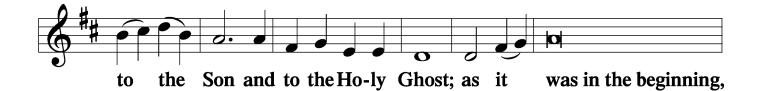


cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,









is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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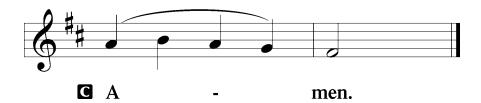
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



#### 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 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION 202

**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.



## 905 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING



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### Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

# **Happy Birthday**

Pixie Reay 20<sup>th</sup>
Jeff Snell 21<sup>st</sup>
Mert Janovec 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **Happy Anniversary**

Paul & Joyce Ryden 19<sup>th</sup> (48 yrs) Ken & Caroline Spirduso 20<sup>th</sup> (37 yrs) Chuck & Teresa Moore 21<sup>st</sup> (4 yrs) Brad & Roberta Teitelbaum 22<sup>nd</sup> (55 yrs)

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

# Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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

# Tuesday, August 19th

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

# Wednesday, August 20th

3:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Service 6:15 pm Adult Catechism

# Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Looking Ahead**

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Women of Faith 9:00 am
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 3:30 pm
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Divine Service 5:00 pm
Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Adult Catechism 6:15 pm