# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025

Rev. Patrick Poock



The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come "to gather all nations and tongues" (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord's glory "among the nations" (Is. 66:19). Many "will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ's disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb. 12:22).

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**

**James 5:16** 

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

#### 915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US



Your pre-cious blood can wash And make us clean to - day. us fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo-rious crown in heav'n. oft have wan - dered, It Al - though we is Fa - ther's home. our will We know one gate is o - pen, One ear hear our prayer.

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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

- 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 +

INTROIT Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before him;

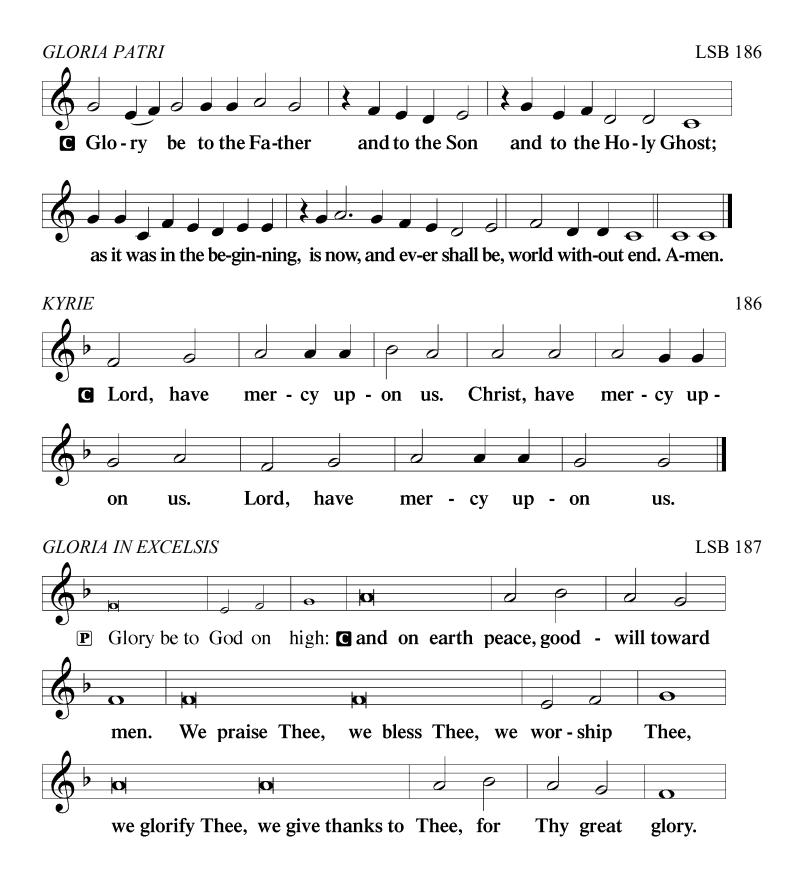
Cong: we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

Cong: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

# Cong: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!





# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



# **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18-23

<sup>18</sup>"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

224 For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

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

HEBREWS 12:4–29 Hebrews 12:4–29

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns

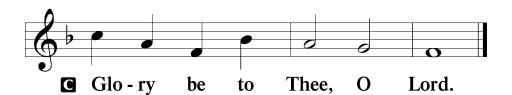
from heaven. <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

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



GOSPEL Luke 13:22–30

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



<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

# **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.

# 516 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING



- 2 Zi on hears the watch-men sing ing,
- 3 Now let all the heav'ns a dore Thee,

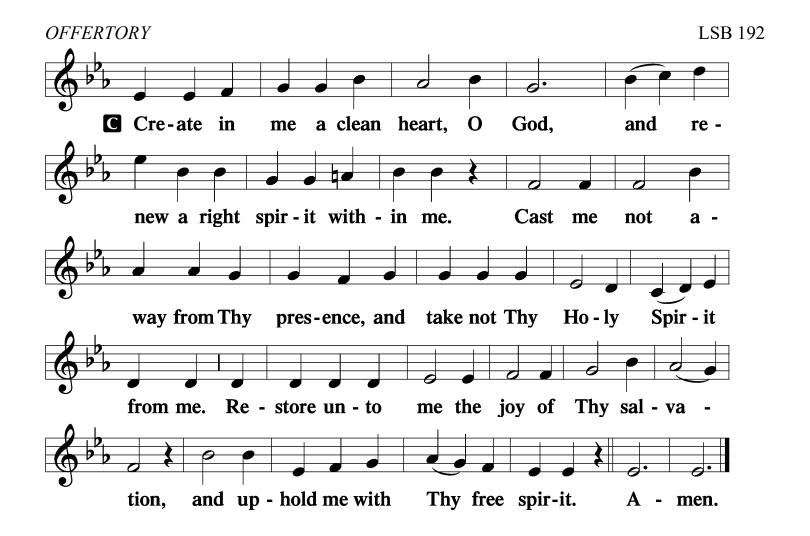
And all her heart with Let saints and an - gels



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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# **OFFERING**



#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



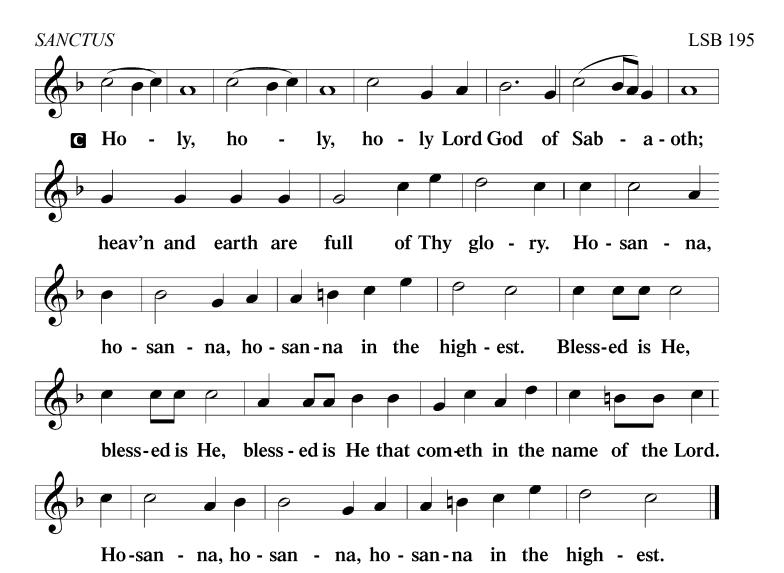
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



# PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

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



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."

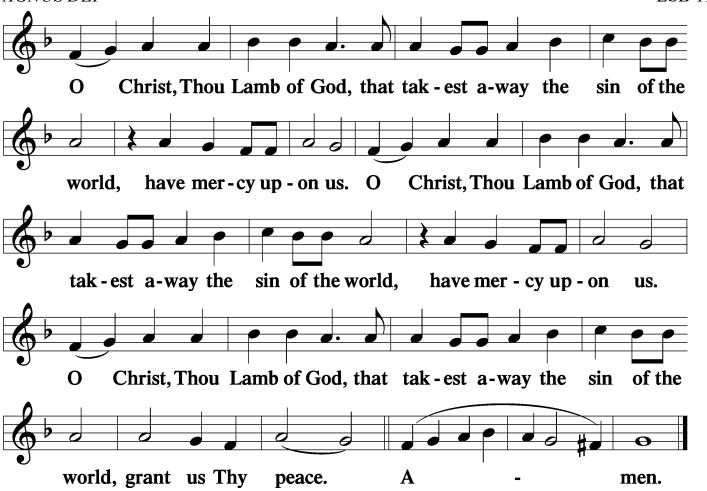
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 197

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

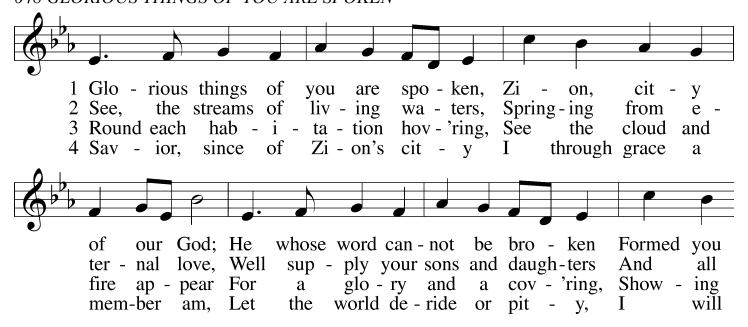


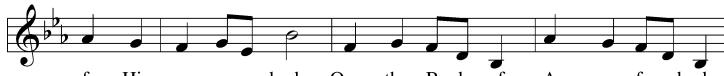
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### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### 648 GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN





bode. Rock of for His On the ges found-ed, own a Α Who can faint while such riv - er fear of want re move. a that the Lord Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner is near. in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea-sures. glo - rv



shake With va - tion's What can your re - pose? sal sure Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the by Light by night shade day, feed and Safe they up and show; All their boast - ed pomp Sol id and joys



walls sur-round - ed, You smile foes. may at all your Lord, the giv - er, Nev fails from er age to age. God the man - na Which gives them their on way. on last - ing trea - sures None but Zi on's chil - dren know.

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# 643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

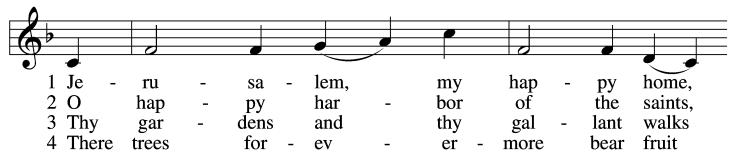


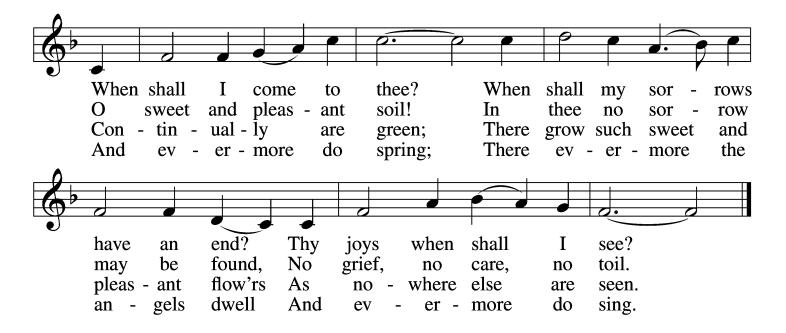


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#### 673 JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME



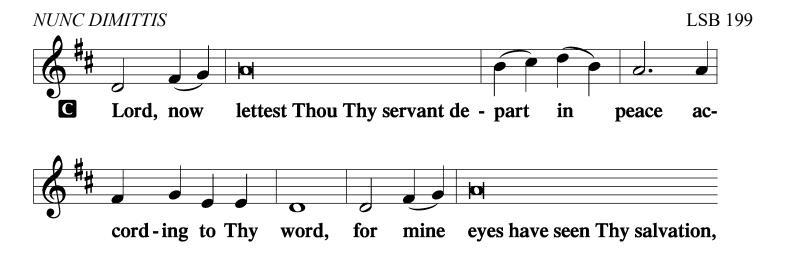


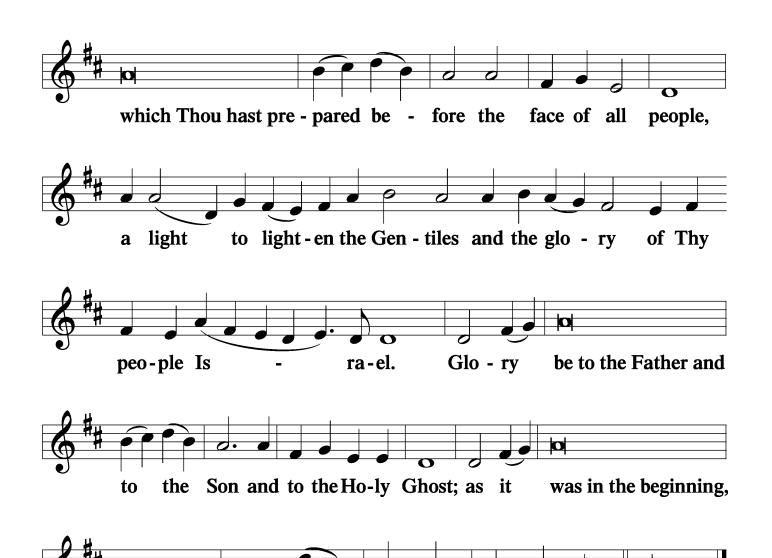
- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
   Around my Savior stand;
   And soon my friends in Christ below
   Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
  For that bright home of love
  That I may see Thee and adore
  With all Thy saints above.

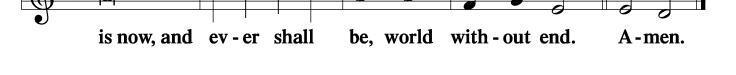
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THANKSGIVING 200

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.



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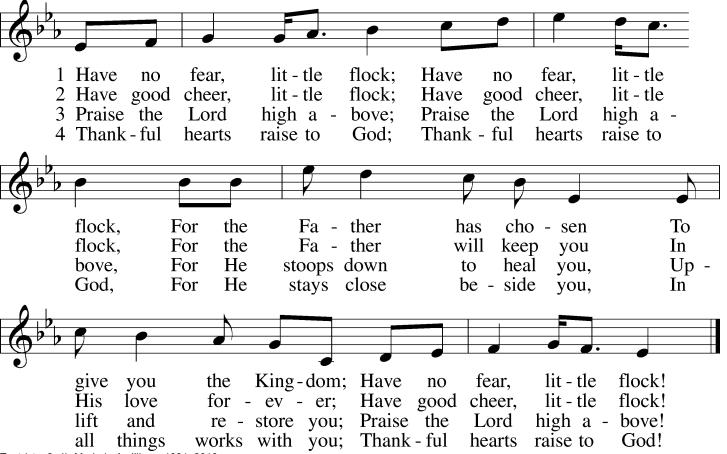
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.



#### 735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK



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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Robert W. Hall

# **Happy Birthday**

Susmitha Madidi 25<sup>th</sup> Dave Cashon 28<sup>th</sup> Raji Madidi 29<sup>th</sup> Barbara Wormald 30<sup>th</sup>

# **Happy Anniversary**

Bob & Janice Cascio 26<sup>th</sup> (53 yrs) Greg & Carol Wissner 26<sup>th</sup> (53 yrs) Stu & Noy Lindberg 27<sup>th</sup> (55 yrs)

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

# Sunday, August 24th

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

# Wednesday, August 27th

9:00 am Women of Faith3:30 pm Bible Study5:00 pm Divine Service6:15 pm Adult Catechism

# Sunday, August 31st

NO 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am ONE Divine Service 11:30 am Fellowship Brunch

# Monday, September 1st

Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

# **Looking Ahead**

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Elders Mtg 9:00 am Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study 3:30 pm Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> NO Divine Service 5:00 pm Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> NO Adult Catechism 6:15 pm