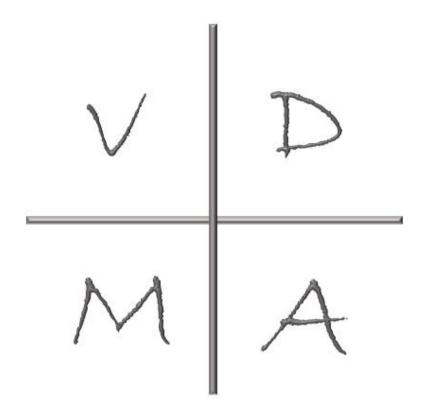
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025
Rev. Patrick Poock



The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

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 fourth quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for the **Hope Children's Home**

They care for neglected, abandoned and abused children in a residential setting with a Christian school by providing them with a loving family environment, meeting their physical needs, providing them with an excellent Christian education and pointing them to Jesus Christ.

Weekly Memory Verse

Genesis 15:6

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

645 BUILT ON THE ROCK





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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,
- **C** 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 Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

Cong: and shall not be put to shame.

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;

Cong: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

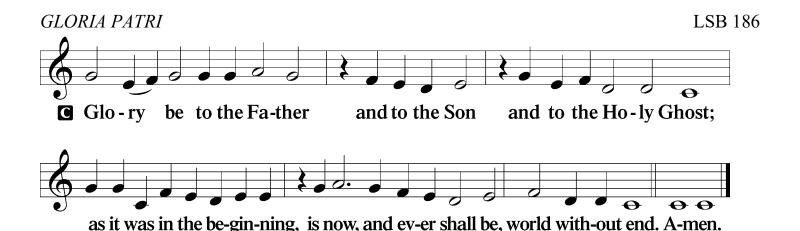
Cong: let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;

Cong: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Pastor: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

Cong: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

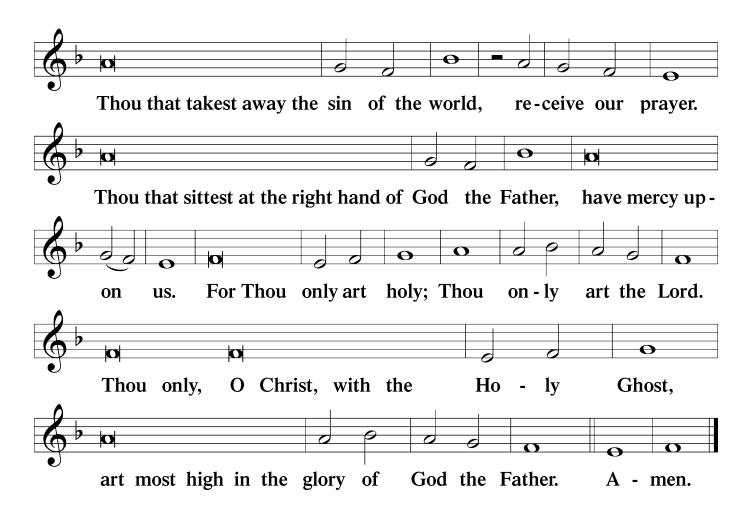


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O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son the Father, of

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

EPISTLE Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

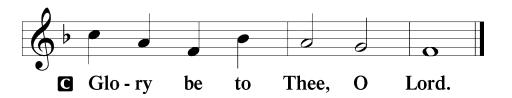
²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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



GOSPEL John 8:31–36

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



³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

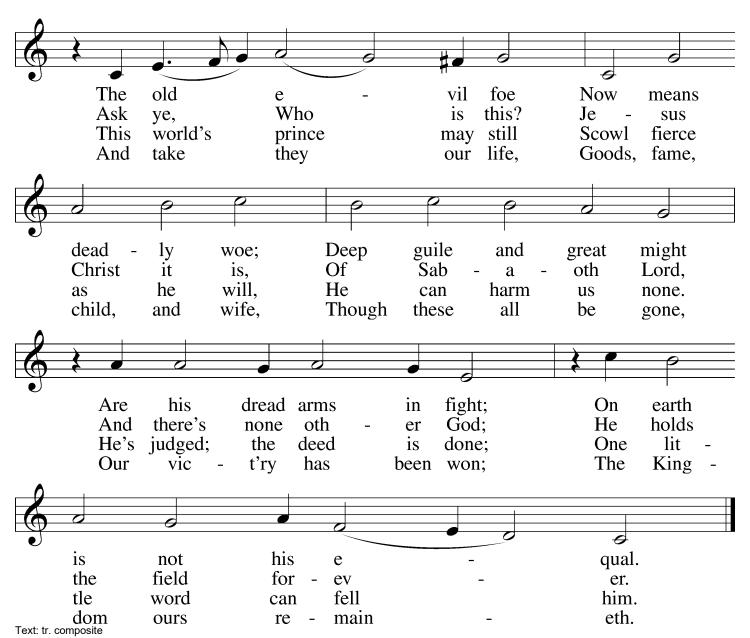
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the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

656 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD





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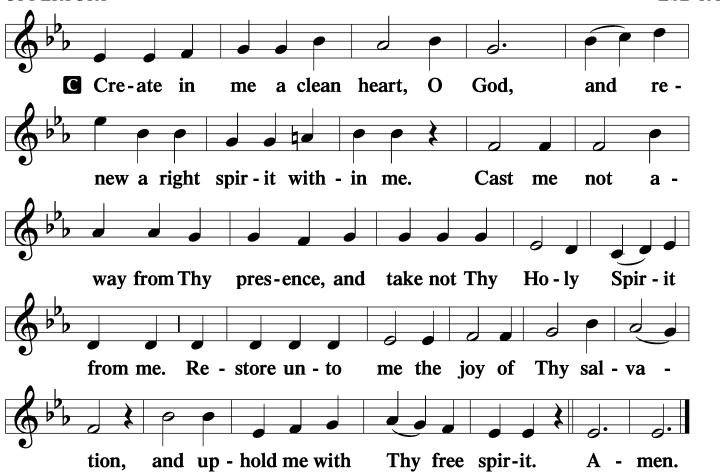
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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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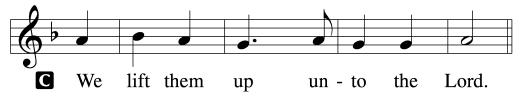
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



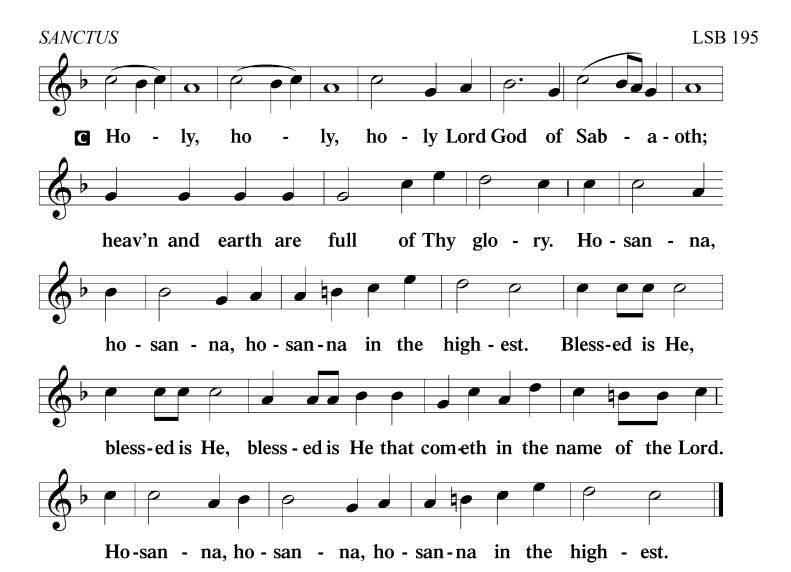
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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."

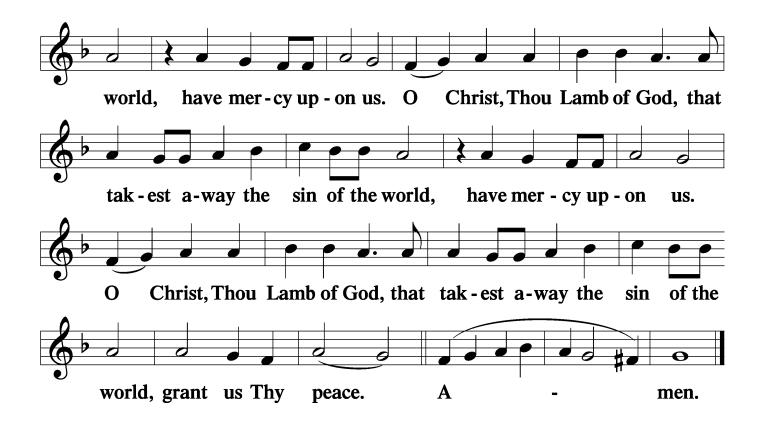
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



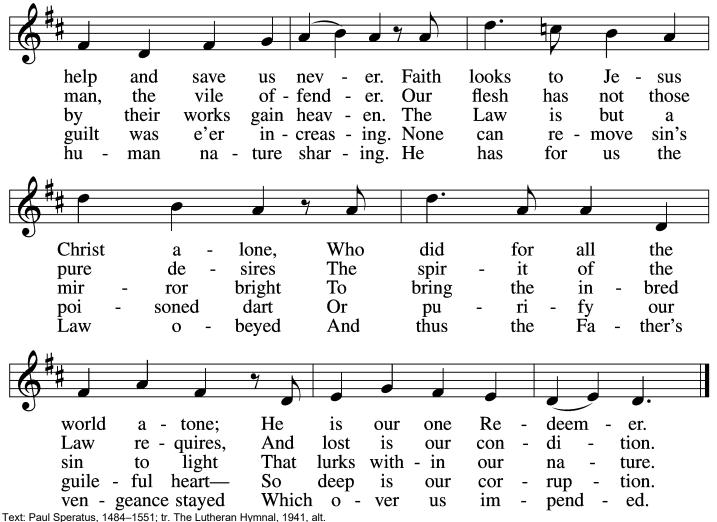




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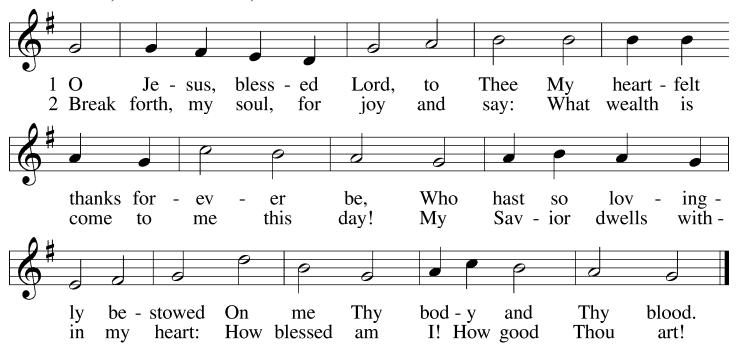




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632 O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE



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398 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a noint ed, Great Da vid's great er Son!
- 2 He comes with res cue speed y To those who suf fer wrong,
- 3 He shall come down like show ers Up on the fruit ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be fore Him And gold and in cense bring;
- 5 O'er ev 'ry foe vic to rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun! in To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong; joy, and hope, like Spring in His path to flow - ers, birth. Love. A11 na-tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing. From age age more glo - rious, All bless-ing and all - blest. to



He break op - pres - sion, the cap-tive free. comes to To set sigh - ing, give them songs for Their dark-ness turn to To light, Be - fore Him on the moun-tains Shall peace, the her - ald, Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend; time shall nev - er The tide of His cov - e - nant re - move:

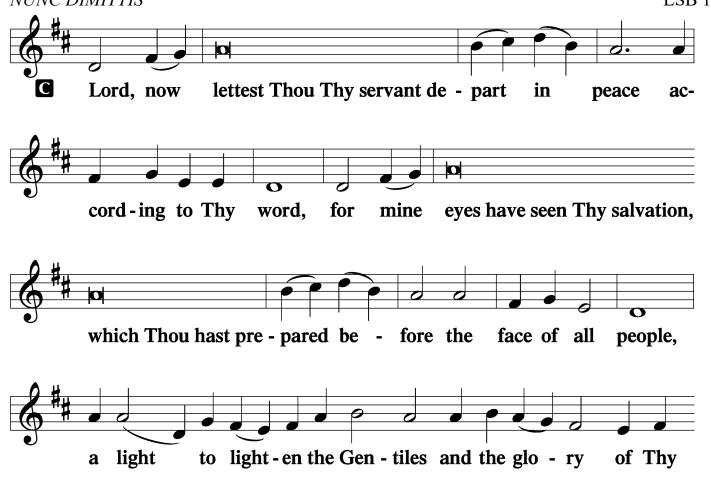


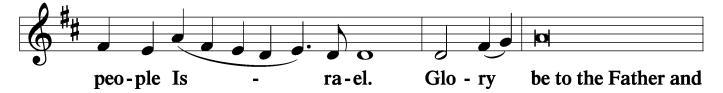
a - way trans-gres-sion And rule To take in eq ui - ty. Whose souls, con-demned and dy-ing, Were pre-cious in His sight. in foun-tains From hill And righ-teous - ness to val ley flow. in - creas-ing, A His king-dom still king-dom with out end. His name shall Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

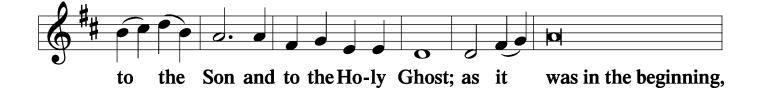
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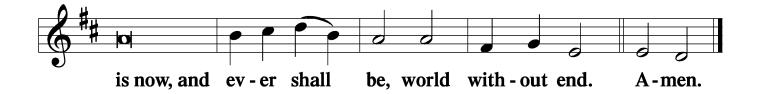
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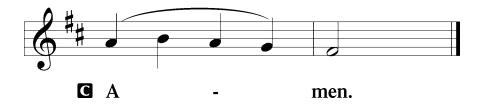
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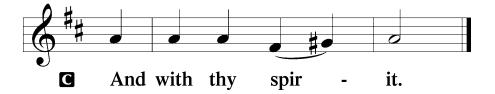
P Let us pray.

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.



566 BY GRACE I'M SAVED



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer it; Our works and con duct
- 3 By grace God's Son, our on ly Sav ior, Came down to earth to
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. have no worth. bear our sin. true, it stands.

this word Why stag - ger at of prom - ise? His God in love sent our Re - deem - er, your Was it be - cause of own mer - it What saints have penned in spi - ra - tion, by



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, What in His Word our God com-mands, Our

Then this word must death did for our it was grace, and faith in what our



re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain. true sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone. That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. grace a - lone, De - pends on grace— grace through His Son. God done

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

In tribulation's furnace tried,

By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,

The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure

If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,

I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday

Joseph Kaczmarek 26th Alice Bowen 31st Joseph Rawlinson 1st Christine Stisser 1st

Happy Anniversary

Ronald & Jessica Franklin 29th (30 yrs) Aaron & Lisa Boettcher 1st (28 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, October 26th

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 5:00 pm Martin Luther Movie

Wednesday, October 29th

3:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Service 6:30 pm Book of Concord

Sunday, November 2nd

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

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, November 4th Elders Meeting 9:15 am
Wednesday, November 5th Bible Study 3:30 pm
Wednesday, November 5th Divine Service 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 5th Book of Concord 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 6th Bell Choir 6:00 pm
Saturday, November 8th Soul Spa 10:00 am