Welcome

If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you in the name of Jesus! If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.

Welcome to all! Thanks for joining us this morning.

Children's bulletins and church bags (soft activity books, quiet toys and other "surprises") are available in the narthex.

The Children's Nursery Area is available downstairs in the Parish Hall. The service streams on the monitor and there is a soft rug, chairs, books and toys available. Turn right out of the sanctuary and go down the stairs.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews facing you. You may give the card to an usher or place in the offering plate.

For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays, and gluten free wafers are also available.)

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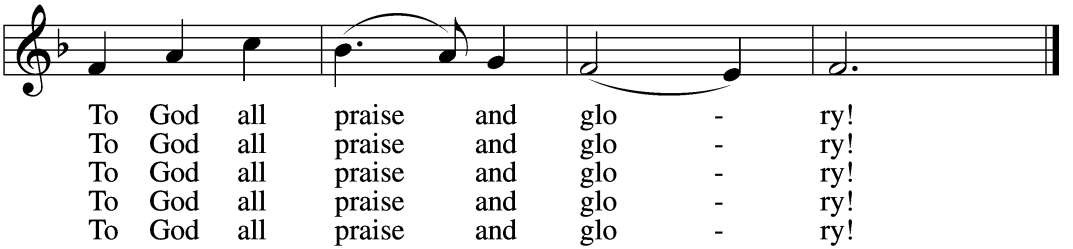
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Prelude: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence setting, Al Roberts (b. 1946)

Stand

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good *LSB 819*





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Confession and Absolution

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *1 John 1:8–9*

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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 *[John 20:19–23]*

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

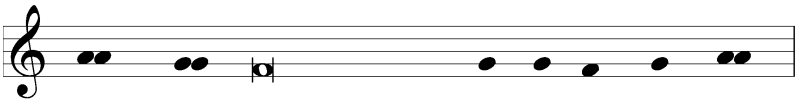
Service of the Word

Kyrie *Mark 10:47*



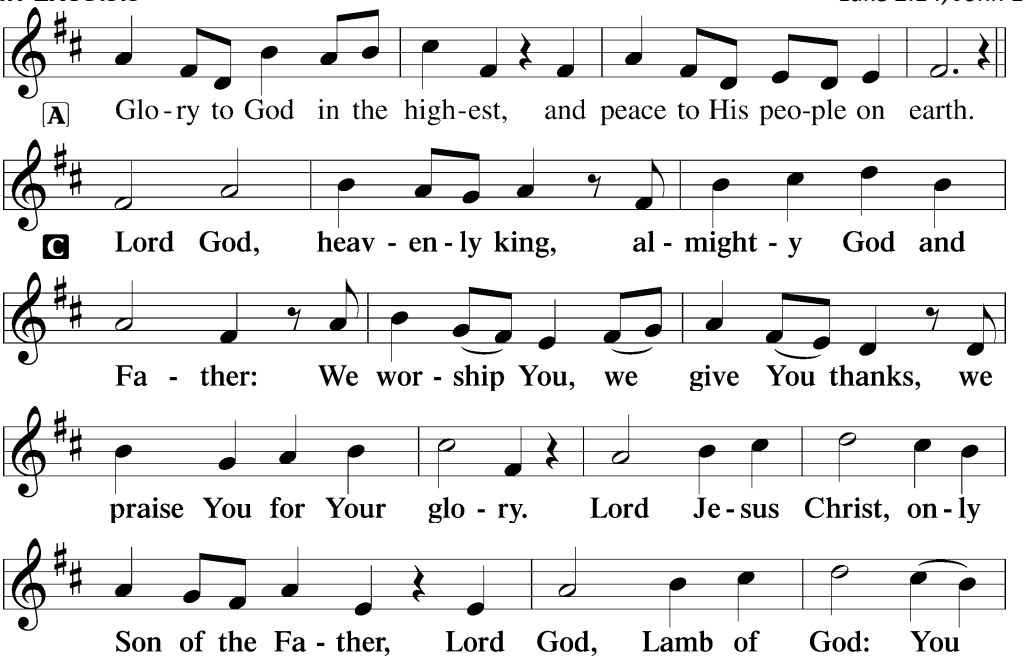


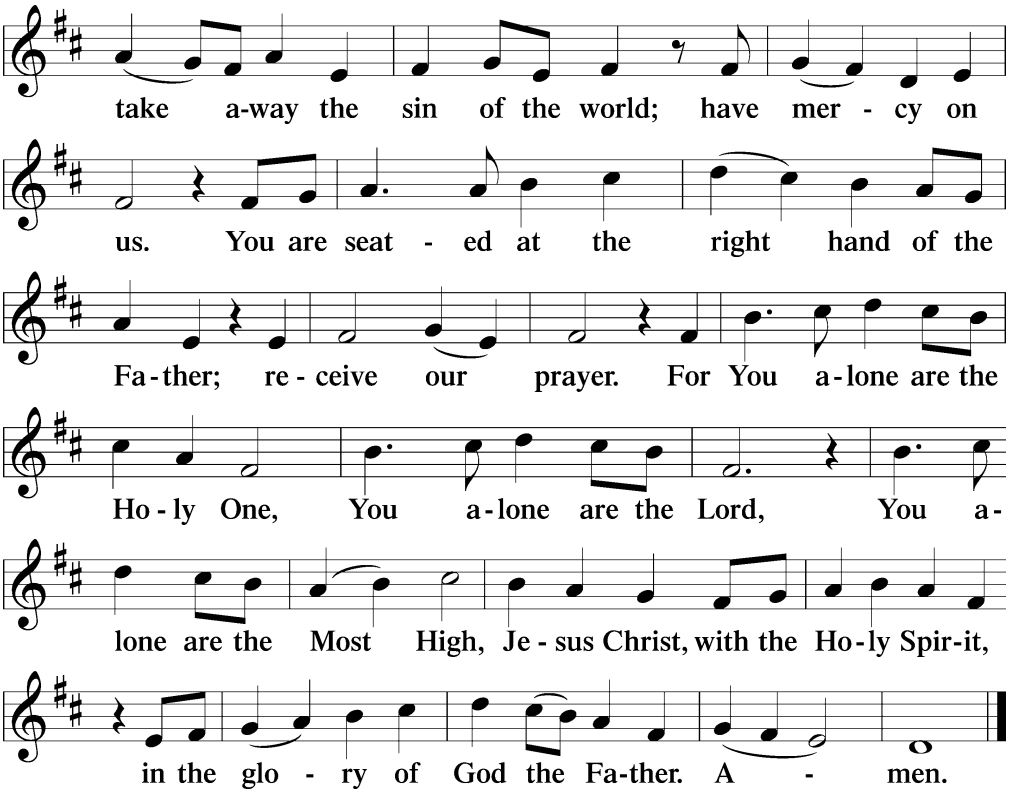




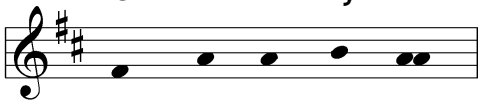


Gloria in Excelsis *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*





Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



Sit

Anthem: *Anima Christi*: Soul of Christ — Father Marco Frisina (b. 1954)

Anima Christi, sanctifica me. Corpus Christi, salva me.
Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Sanguis Christi, inebria me. Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passio Christi, conforta me. O bone Jesu, exaudi me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.
Intra vulnera tua, absconde me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Ne permittas a te me separari. Ab hoste maligno defende me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In hora mortis meæ, voca me.
In the hour of my death, call me.

Et iube me venire ad te, Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te,
And bid me to come to Thee. That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee.
Per infinita sæcula sæculorum. Amen.
Forever and ever. Amen.

† The *Anima Christi* is a powerful prayer that has been a source of inspiration and comfort for many. It is a traditional Christian prayer to Jesus used in the Roman Catholic and Evangelical-Lutheran traditions. The prayer is a medieval origin and is often associated with the Real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Baptism, and the Passion of Jesus. It has been found in various prayer books and manuscripts, with its origins possibly dating back to the early 14th century. The prayer is also used in some Maronite churches in the United States at the end of the Mass.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12

So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
[2]Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

[3]You return | man to dust*
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
[4]For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
or as a watch | in the night.

[5]You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
[6]in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.

[12]So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

"Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

[12]So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to
surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not
of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are
drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not
destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died
for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore
encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

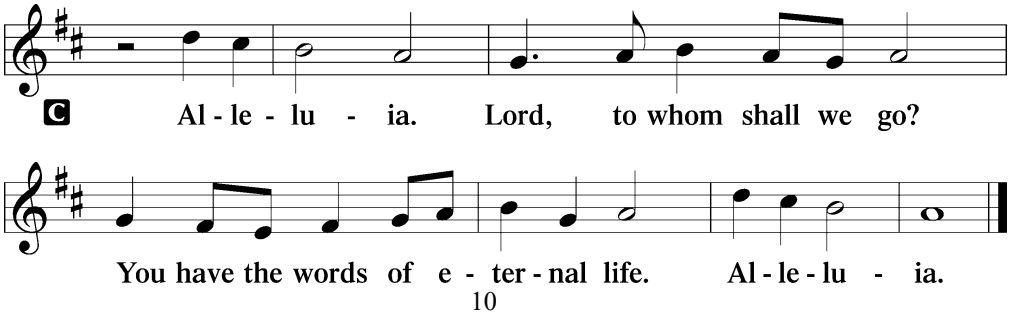
Handbell Anthem: How Firm a Foundation Arranged Sandra Eithun

How firm a foundation O Saints of the Lord
Is laid for your Faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior have fled?

Fear not I am with you O Be Not dismayed
For I am your God and will give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand .

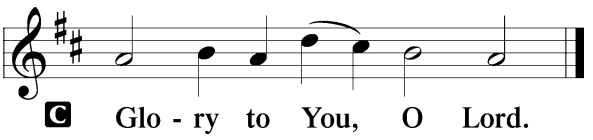
Stand

Alleluia and Verse *John 6:68*



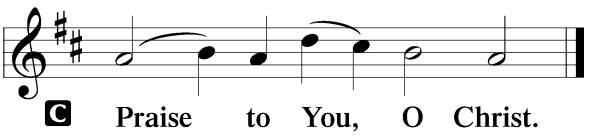
Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



14[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and
entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received
the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So
also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the
one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19Now after a long
time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master,
you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said
to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will
set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two
talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have
made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I
knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you
scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful
servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no
seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming
I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him
and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514



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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ⊤ **of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Offertory

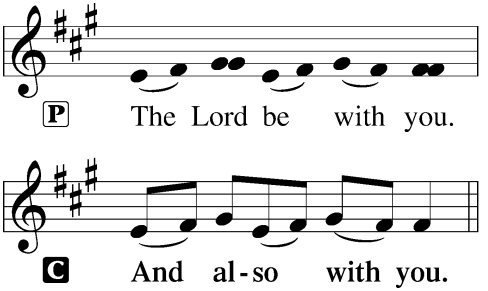
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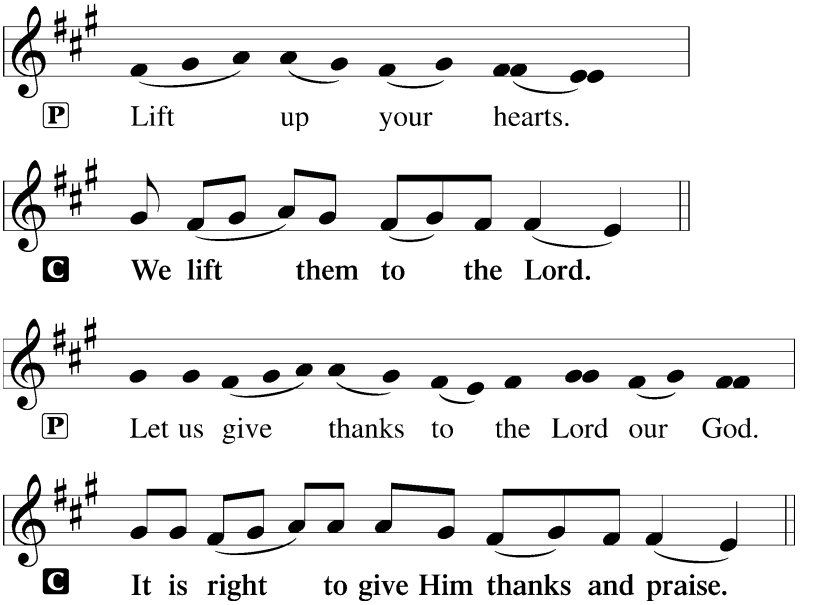




Service of the Sacrament

Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

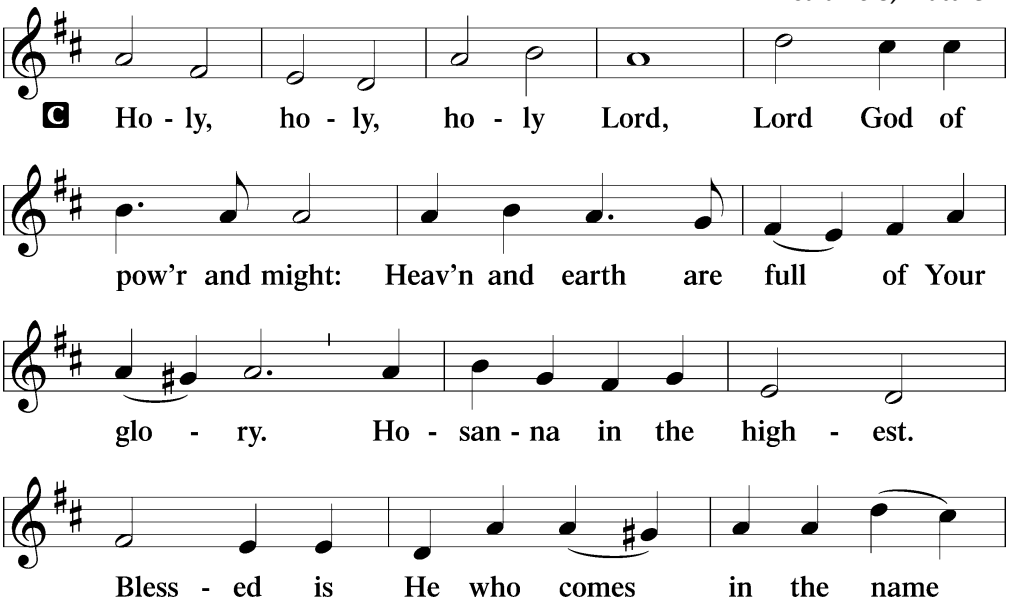




Proper Preface

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

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

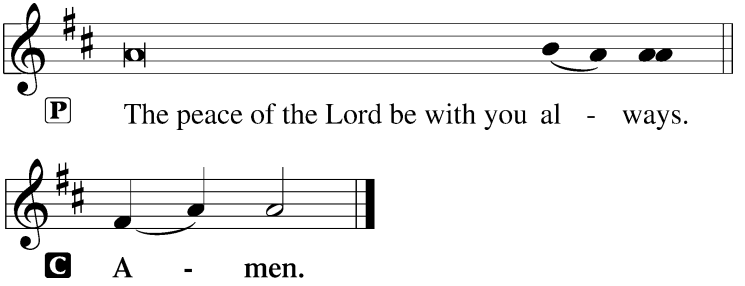
The Words of Our Lord

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

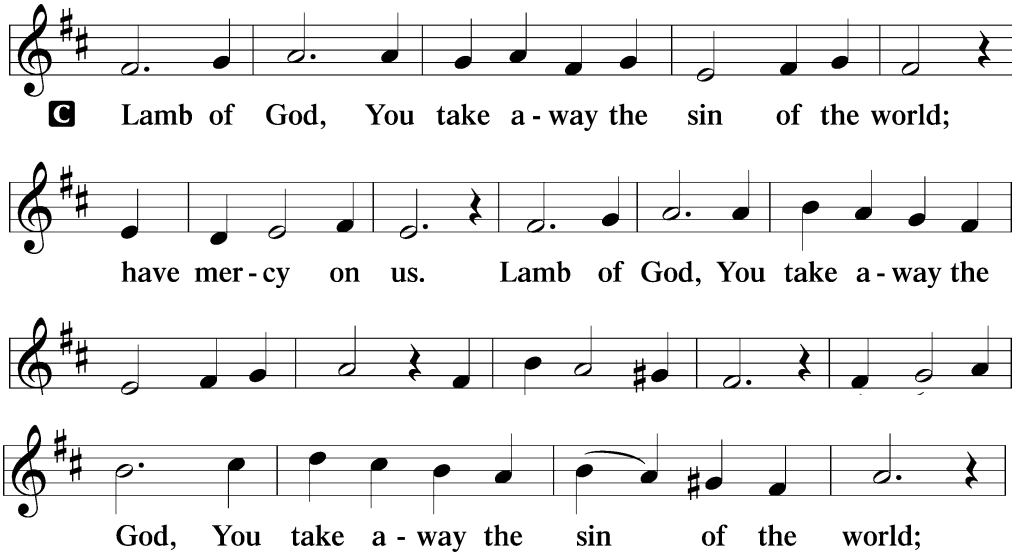
Pax Domini

John 20:19



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

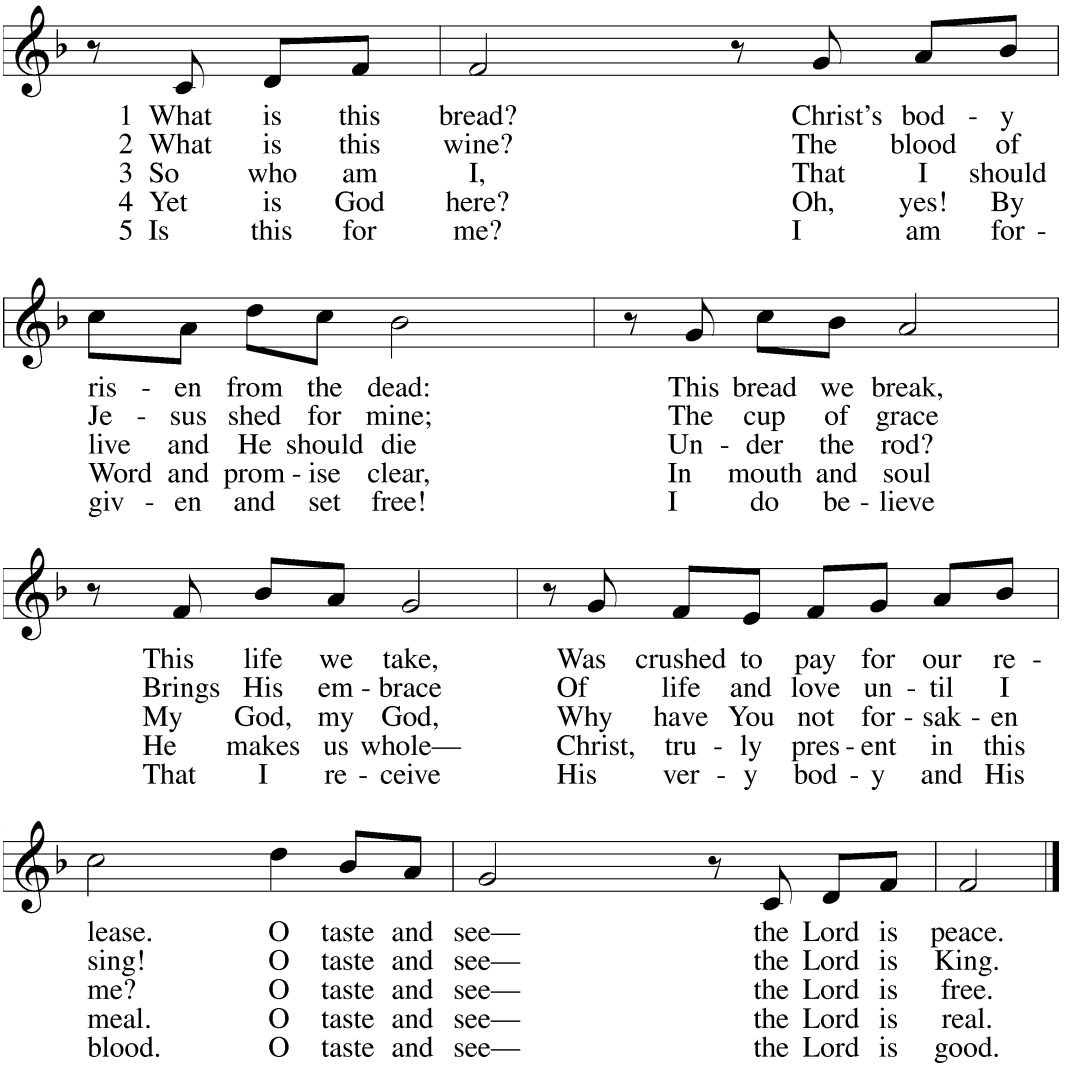




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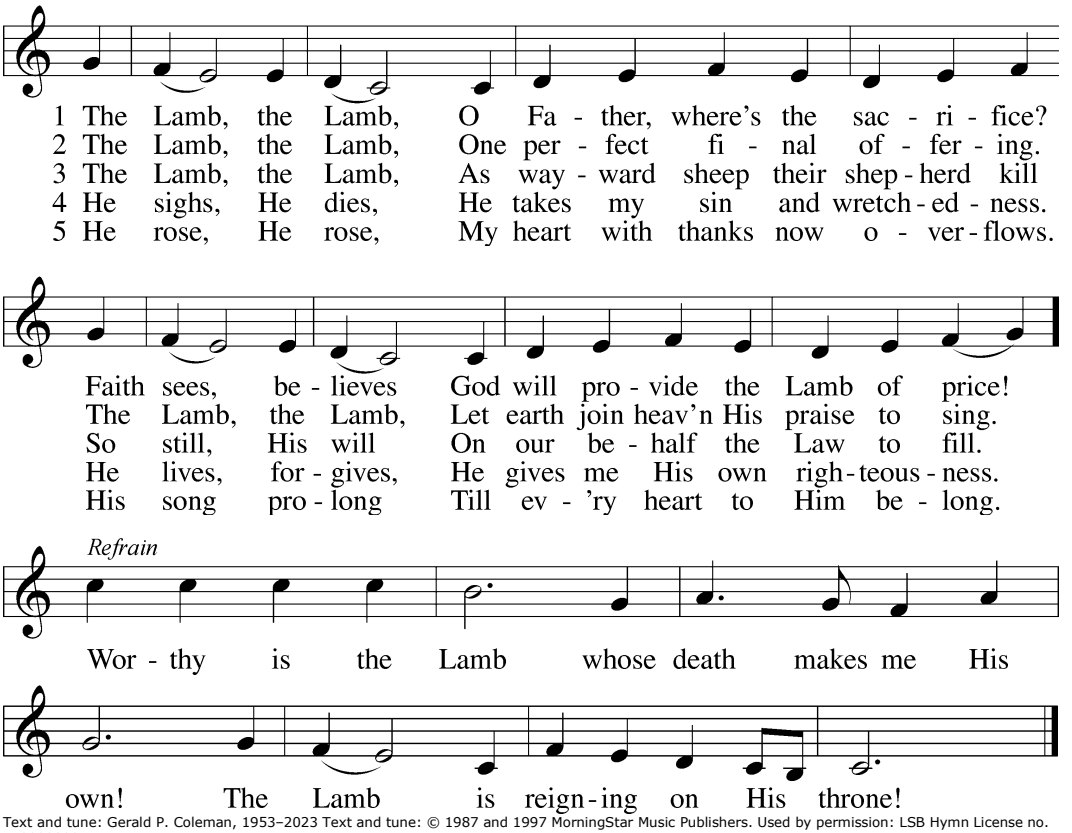
Distribution

What Is This Bread *LSB 629*



The Lamb

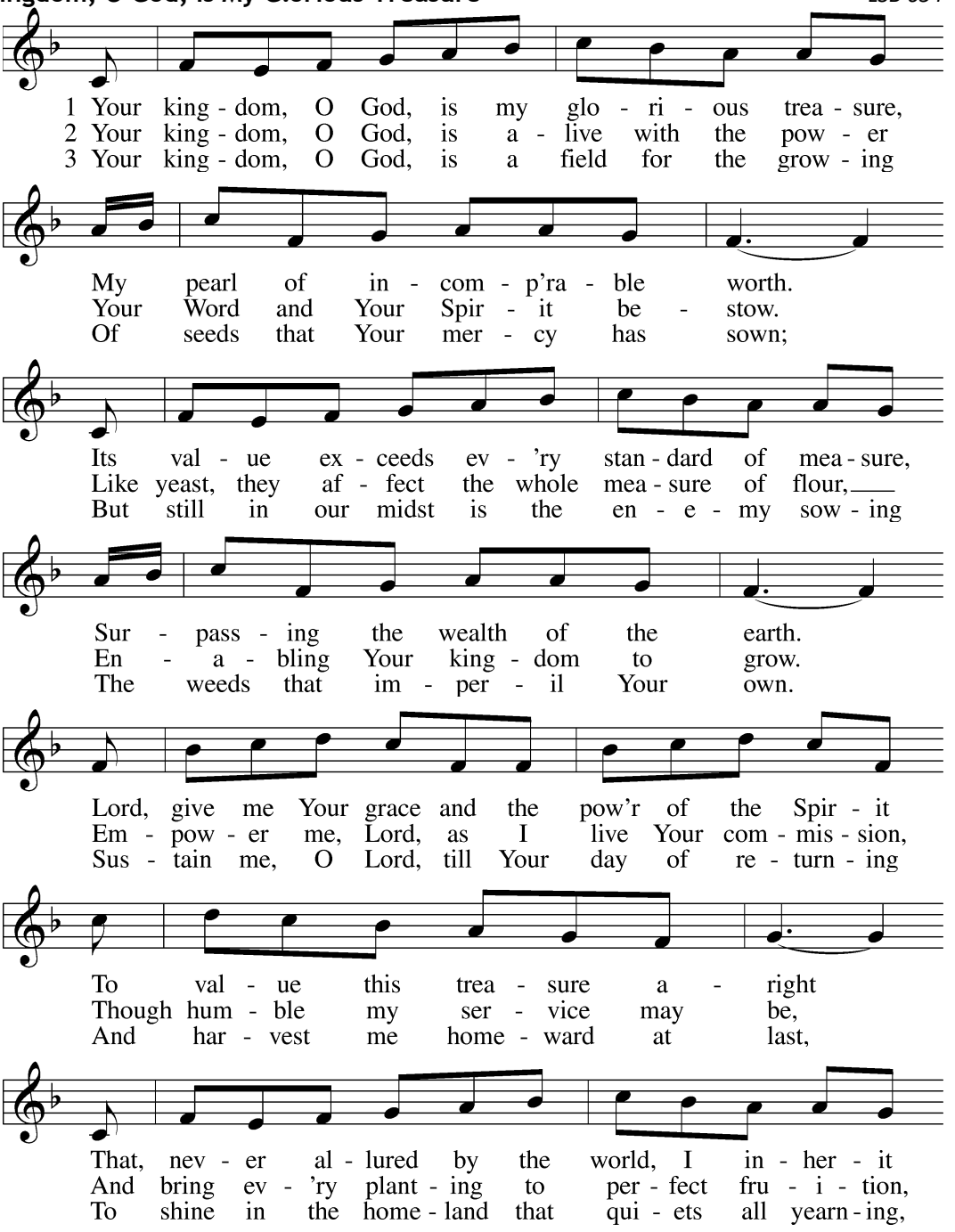
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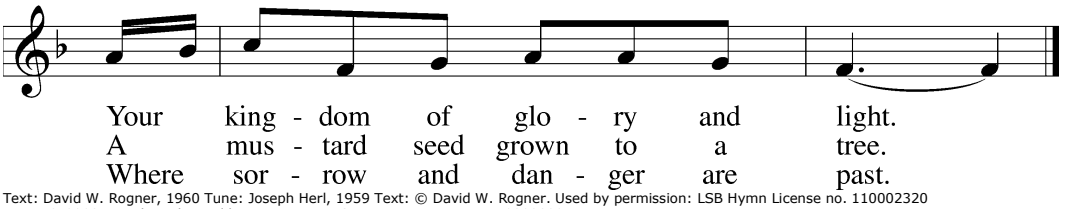


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Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

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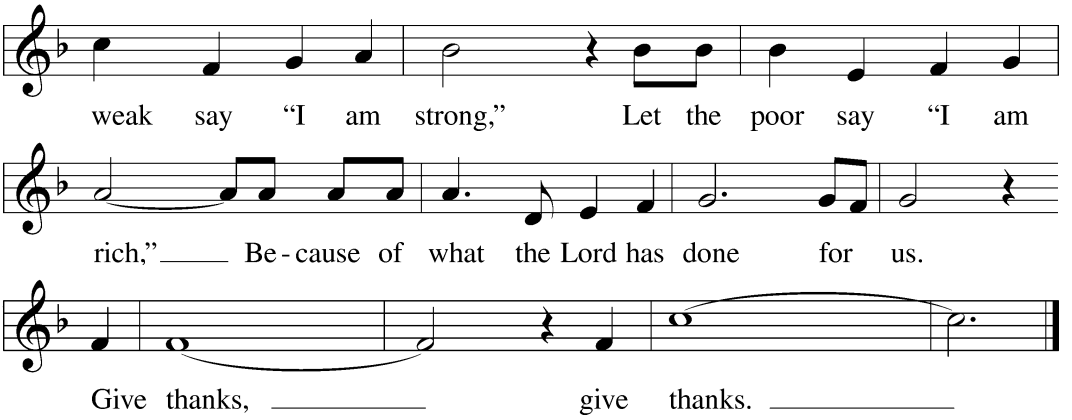


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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

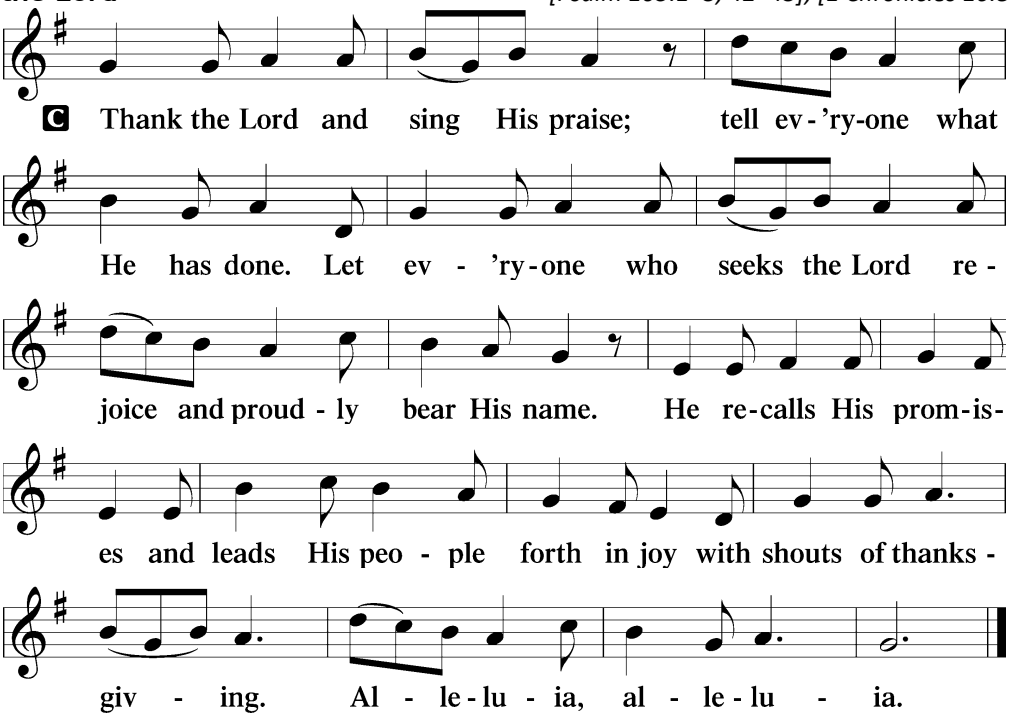
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Stand

Thank the Lord *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



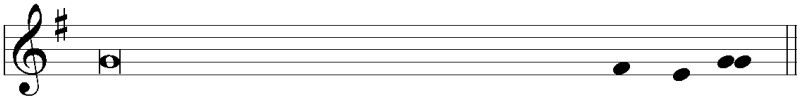
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray…



Benediction

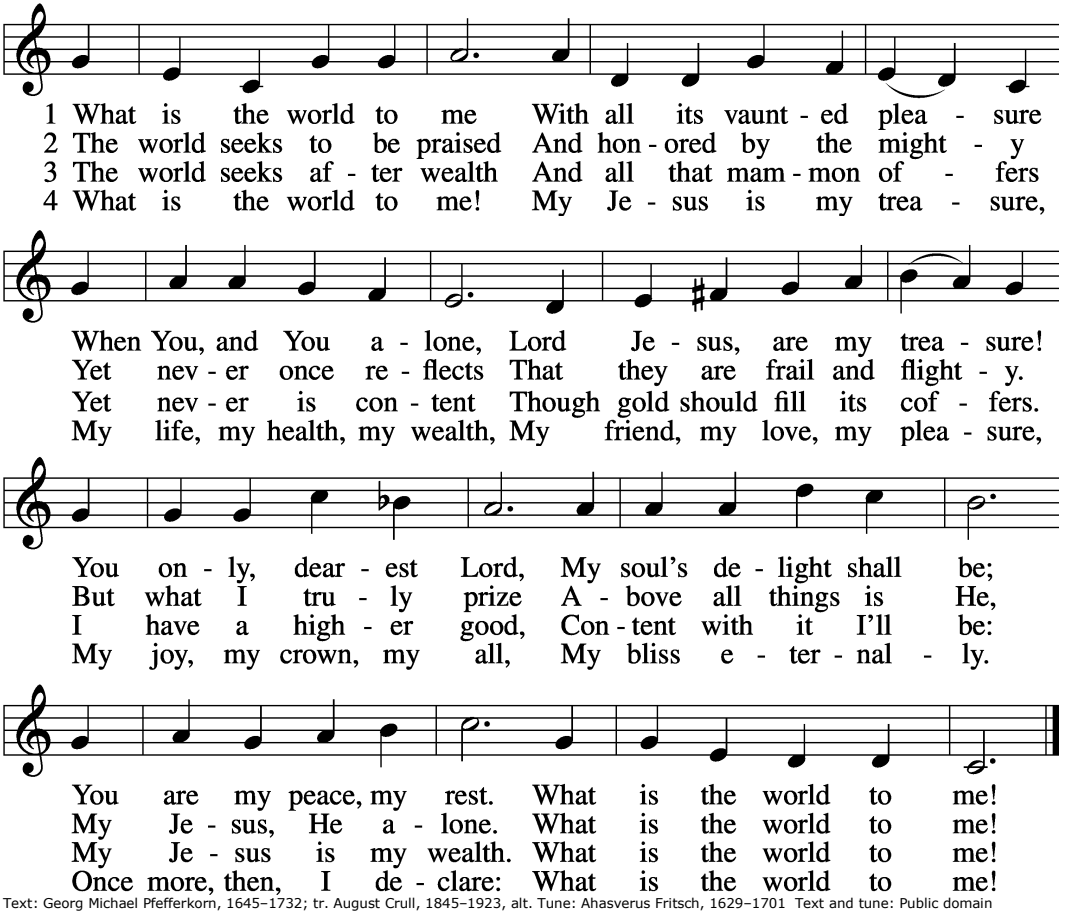
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



What Is the World to Me *LSB 730*



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Sit

Ministry Expansion Campaign Commitment

All members will be invited to bring their pledges and commitments forward during this time. Following brief remarks and prayers, everyone will have an opportunity to fill out a pledge card. The ushers will then guide the congregation, pew by pew, to place their pledge cards in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

We will sing the following hymns while the cards are being completed and brought forward. We will conclude this time together by singing the Common Doxology. We will then move downstairs for a harvest-themed celebration where we will gather and give thanks for all God has done.

For the Fruits of His Creation, #894
Come Ye thankful People Come, #892
Now Thank We All Our God, #895

Postlude: Now the Silence Now the Peace setting, Micheal Helman (b. 1965)

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Carolyn McDaniel to the Glory of God.

Joshua Bible Study

Vicar Demlow will begin a new Sunday Bible Study on the book of Joshua starting on November 29th. We will explore the lives of the Israelites as they move from wandering in the wilderness to inhabiting Canaan, the Promised Land. We will also see how Joshua, Moses' successor, prefigures Christ.

Ministry Expansion Campaign

On **Sunday, December 6**, First Gifts Sunday, we will bring our first gifts to launch the St. Paul Ministry Expansion Fund. Visit **https://stpaulministryexpansion.org/** for updated FAQs and resources, and contact Cameron Jones with questions, feedback, or interest in helping during the fulfillment phase. We are grateful for your prayers and excited for what God is doing among us.

Ministry Expansion Campaign Prayer

Dear Lord, as the Ministry Expansion Campaign comes to its conclusion, we give you thanks for all the wonderful fellowship, the spiritual encouragement, and the prayers that have been said to build up each of us at St. Paul. We pray that each member will support the Ministry Expansion Campaign as each member is able; above all, we pray that every member of St. Paul will lift up the campaign in prayer. We pray also that the upcoming Commitment Celebration will inspire us with the joy brought about by Christ's salvation and that the Holy Spirit will lead all of us to commit ourselves to this wonderful opportunity to expand the ministry at St. Paul. Amen.

Lutheran Books and Beer Is November 19th At 7 P.M.

This is a week earlier than usual on account of Thanksgiving. We are meeting at our new location at the Bavarian Brauhaus located in Hanover. The address is: 7304 Parkway Dr S, Hanover, MD 21076. Reading assignment is chapters 3 and 4 of "Has American Christianity Failed." By Bryan Wolfmueller. We will meet at 7 p.m.

Giving Tuesday For St. Paul Lutheran School is December 1st.

Giving Tuesday is just around the corner and are we ever ready**!** We'll add the funds collected to our Brighter Media advertising campaign. Specifically, we can build on the success of last year's spots, which highlighted our church worship times and invited everyone to join us during December.

Women's Guild

Ladies, our November meeting date is this Tuesday at the home of Pat Wesselman. We will be having our annual cookie walk on December 13th. We will once again be putting together food bags for St Thomas for delivery on Saturday December 19th. Check news and notes in the weeks to come for more information on both of these events.

Workday is November 21st- Come Help!

The St. Paul's Property and Maintenance Committee meets at St. Paul on the third Saturday of every month from 9 AM until 12 PM. They take care of odd jobs around the campus, such as minor weeding and landscaping of the grounds, spot cleaning, changing light bulbs, touch-up painting, and identifying areas for future repair or improvement. DYI home improvement experience a plus but not required!

Kids Christmas Morning

Kids Xmas Morning is Saturday, Dec 12th, 9-Noon. Many hands are needed and there are many ways you can participate. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Advent: People Of The Promise

Eve. Sarah. Elizabeth. Mary. They were all people of the promise. Faith in the promise of Christ is what each person's story proclaims. Faith in Christ is what shapes us as Christian people. All of these figures serve as "role models" for us. They show us what it means to hear the Word of God in faith and, through faith, to receive Christ. They will be our focus during Advent Midweek services. Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project that brings the joy of the Gospel to children in need around the world. By packing a shoebox with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, you can share God's love with a child experiencing poverty, war or disaster. Empty shoeboxes and packing guides are in the Narthex. Pick up a box to fill as you leave church between November 8 and November 22. Please return all boxes to the narthex by November 23.

Poinsettias For Christmas Worship

Order poinsettias to help beautify our worship for Christmas. Orders are $16.00 each. Envelopes will be on the credenza in the narthex, and orders can be left in a box there or in the offering plate. Orders are due by November 30th. Contact Janet Lister with any questions. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Service at 10 am Thanksgiving Day

Please join us to give thanks to God for all his blessings. Pastor Alms will lead the service. As a special treat Pastor and Suzanne 's daughter, Katie Rudy, will be the guest organist that day. O, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Breakfast with Santa at Augsburg December 12th

Augsburg residents will host this event from 10am -noon. Proceeds will go to the Benevolent Fund, which financially assists residents. Informational poster is on the bulletin board. Reservations and money are due by 12/1 to Sandy (Hayes) Milton.

Additional Prayer Requests

Hayden Reynolds (infant great grandson of the Waibels): possible surgery
Layla Haar (infant granddaughter of Barba Haar): recovering from surgery
Billy Emmerich (brother of Betsy Mitchell) hospitalized for heart problems and cancer;
Linda Emmerich (sister-in-law of Betsy Mitchell) Alzheimers.
Amy Barton and Carl Emmerich, care takers for Billy and Linda.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 15th	**Next week 22nd**
Cantor	Caleb Ferry	TBD
Reader	Pastor Roemer	Alicia Dreessen
Usher	Bruce Staudinger	Paul Lubell
Usher	Chris Meyer	Brian Erwin
Greeter	Robbin Dungey	Betsy Mitchell

Daily Readings

Nov 15, 2026	Deut 31:30—32:27, Matt 20:1–16
Nov 16, 2026	Deut 32:28–52, Matt 20:17–34
Nov 17, 2026	Deut 34:1–12, Matt 21:1–22
Nov 18, 2026	Jer 1:1–19, Matt 21:23–46
Nov 19, 2026	Jer 3:6—4:2, Matt 22:1–22
Nov 20, 2026	Jer 5:1–19, Matt 22:23–46
Nov 21, 2026	Jer 7:1–29, Matt 23:1–12