The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
Morris Plains, New Jersey
Pastor David Russert

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

Grace Alone: God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

Faith Alone: Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

Scripture Alone: The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!

Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+
Confirmation Class – Contact the Church Office for more info
Membership Class – Contact the Church Office for more info

A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated 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 those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

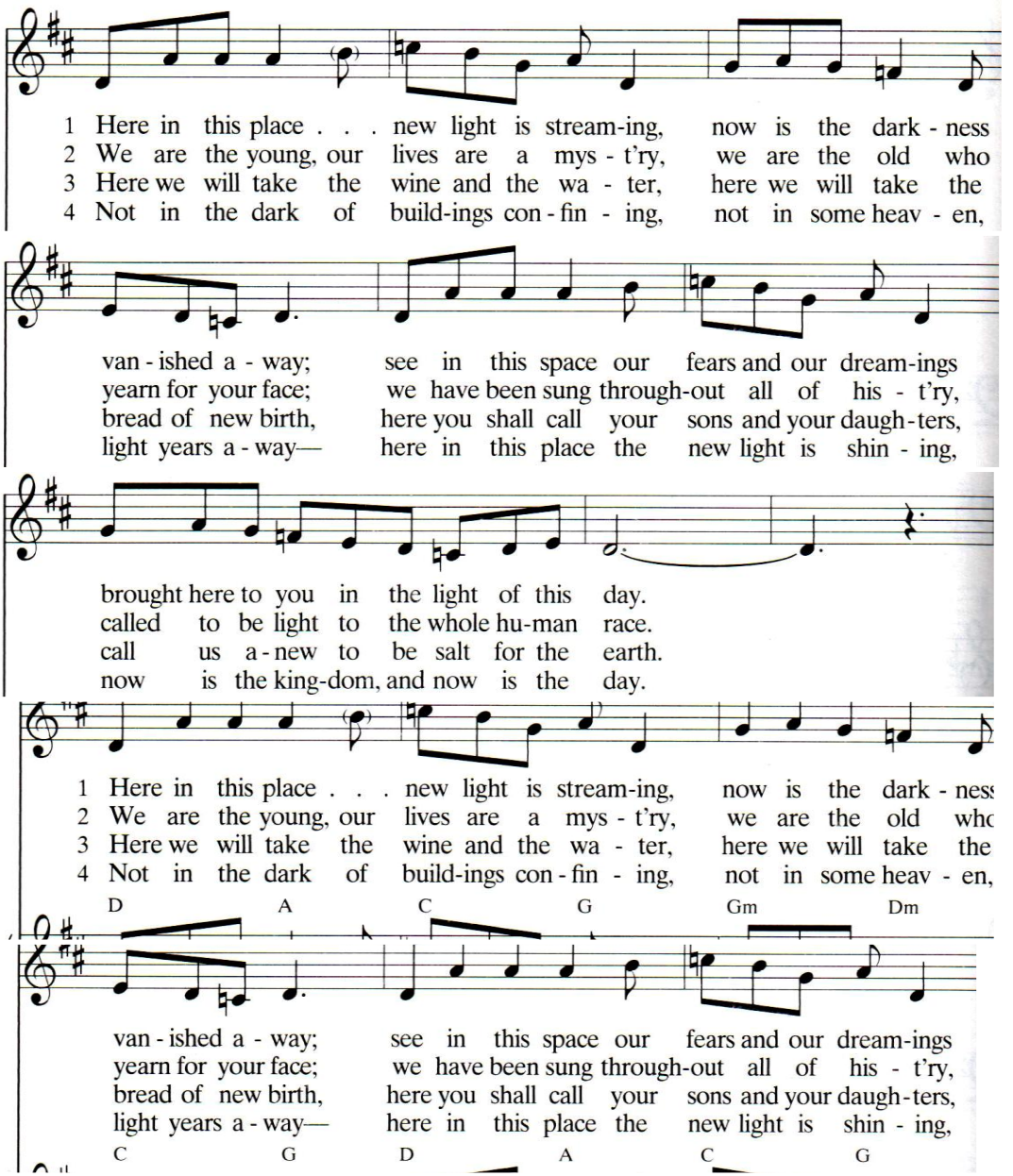
"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27-28

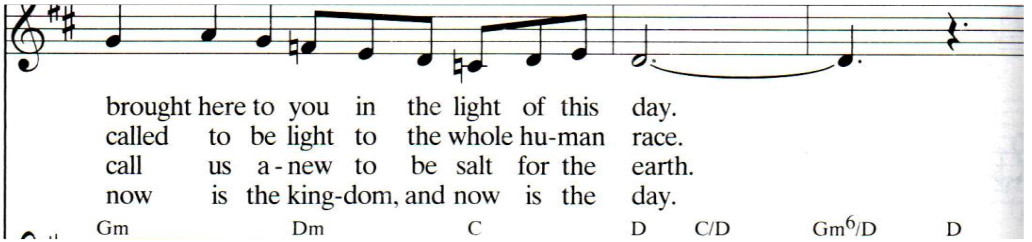
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Opening Hymn
718 Gather Us In - WOV





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GATHER US IN
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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

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 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3
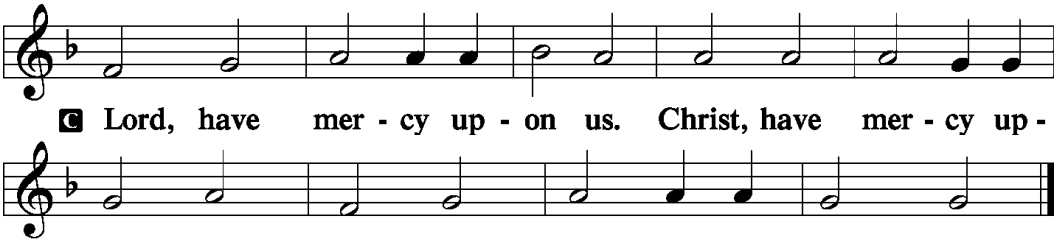
*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,**
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!
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.
*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,**
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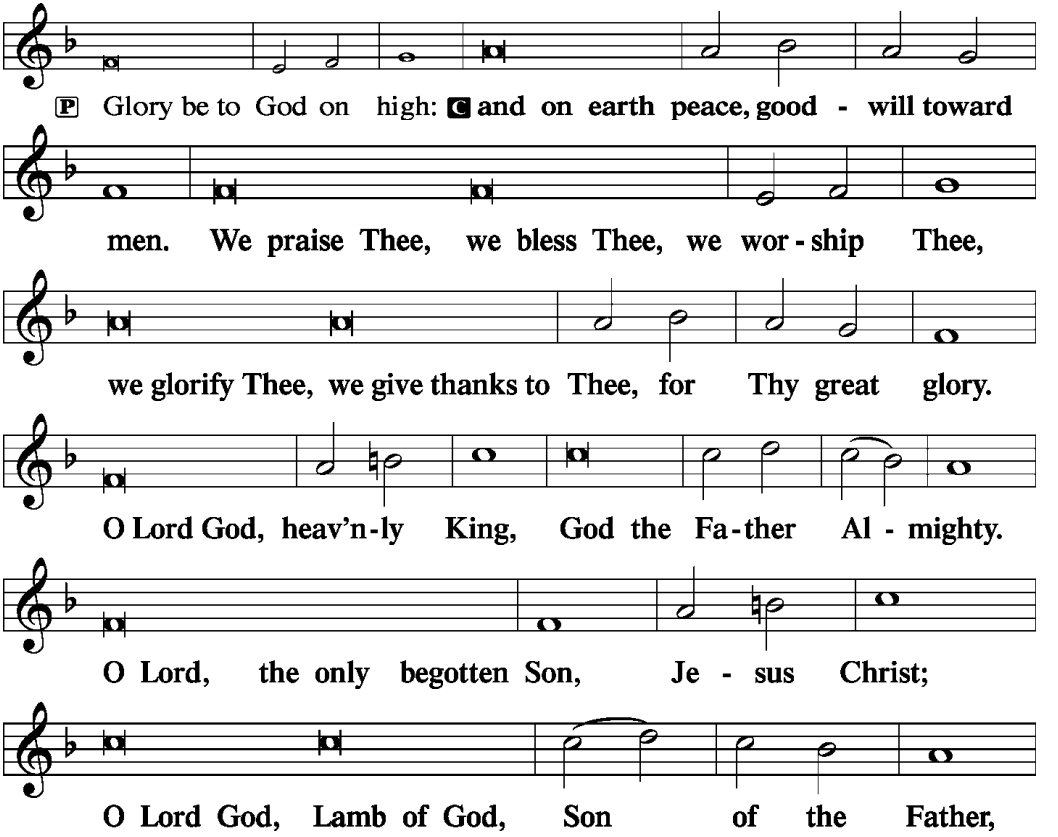
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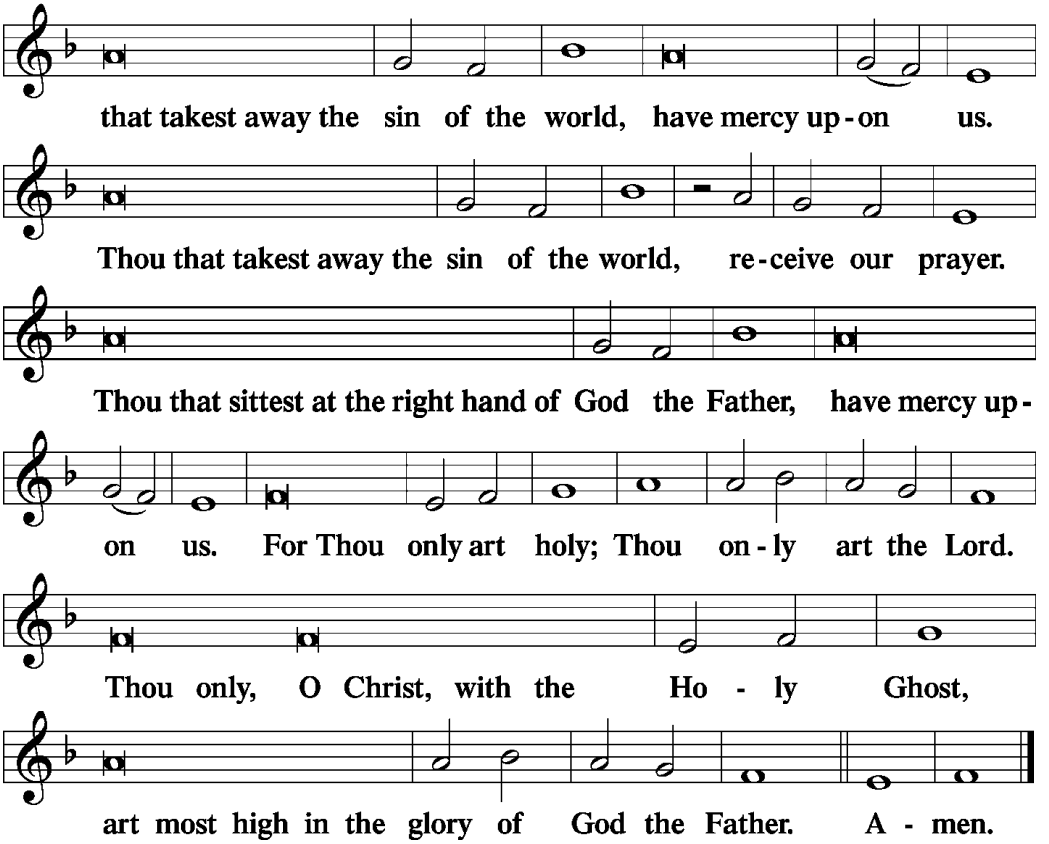


HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis
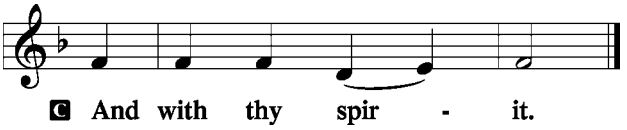
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *LSB 189*

℗ The Lord be with you



℗ Let us pray.
O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

[18]Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,[19]as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and

leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? [21]"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

Psalm *(spoken responsively)*

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

*May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!**
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

[1]Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
O LORD, make haste to | help me!

[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!*
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

[3]Let them turn back because | of their shame*
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"

[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

[5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, | O God!*
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do | not delay!

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.

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
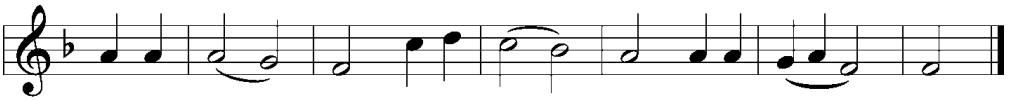
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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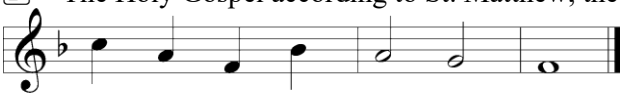
ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel

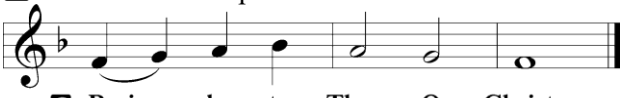
Matthew 25:1–13

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



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed
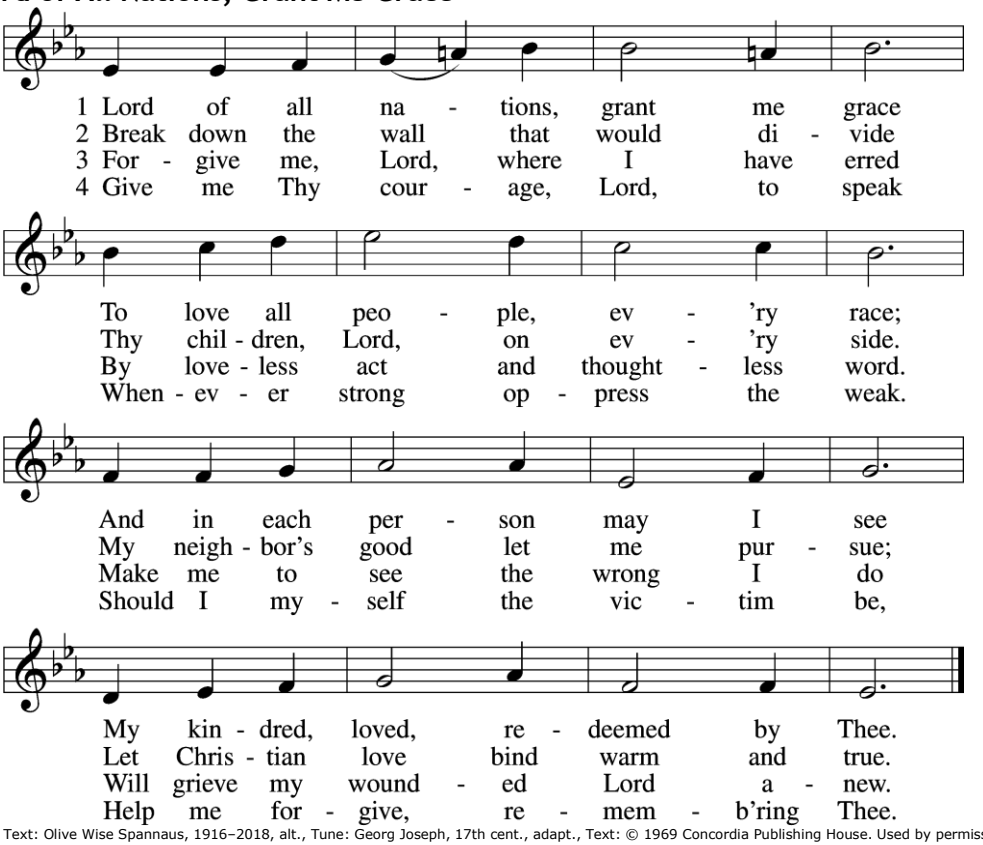
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



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SERMON *Pastor David Russert*

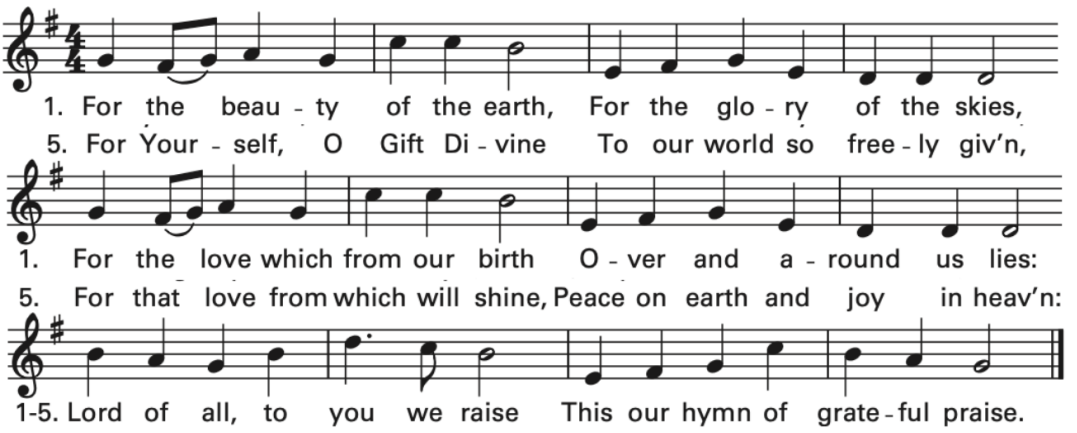
OFFERING

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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DIX



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Healing & Comfort

DONNA FINKE
BILL FINKE
ZACH AUGER
FRANK FERRY
ANTHONY LANDGRAF
LYNIA REDDING
MARIE
WALTER
MARYANN REDONDO
PETER DOMBROWSKI
GIL SOTO
LARRY GEORGE
MARISSA CHRISTENSON
RITA FERRY
STEVEN BRYANT
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RAMON ANGELES
MARY ANN REED
ANNETTE DAVIS
JOSE SOUSA
JOSEPH TRIFUN
THEO NIEGLOS
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CAROLYN CHERMAK
LINDA SULLIVAN
MELISSA NOTIS
FRED
JASON ANDRIOPOULOS
BROOKE MORGAN
CAROL OLSEN
JESSICA IMHAUSER
ARLENE BACCAGLINI
SUE FRANCE
ANGELO
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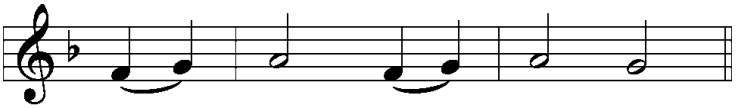


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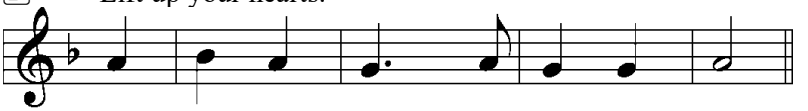


PREFACE *LSB 194*

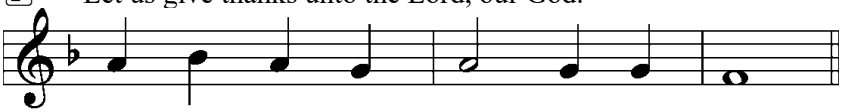
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.
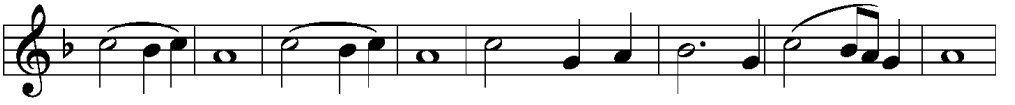


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
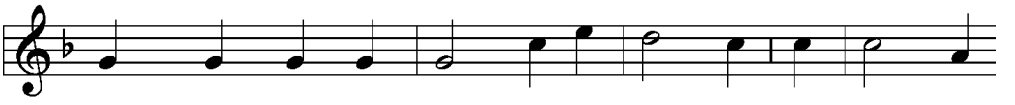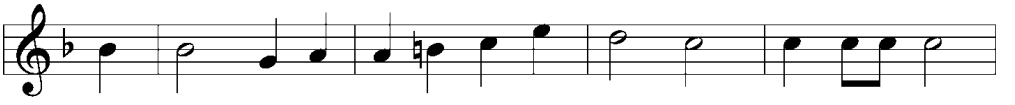


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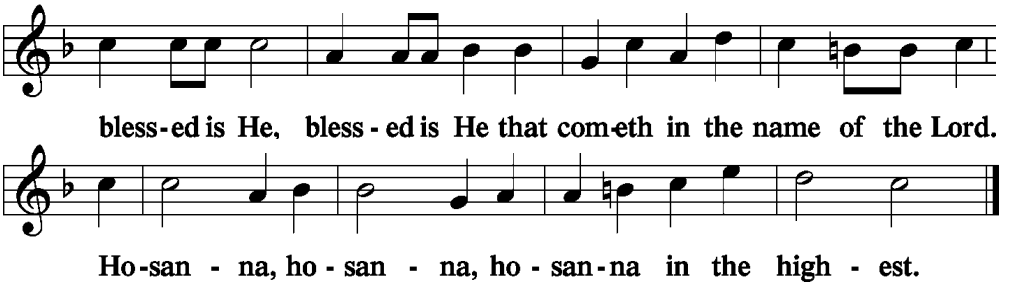
P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 195*









LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*
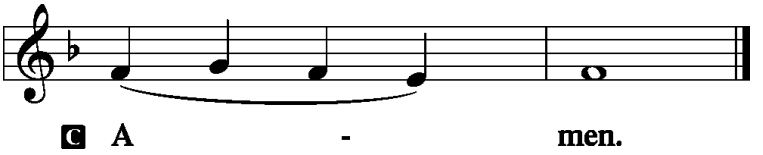
℗ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

℃ **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.
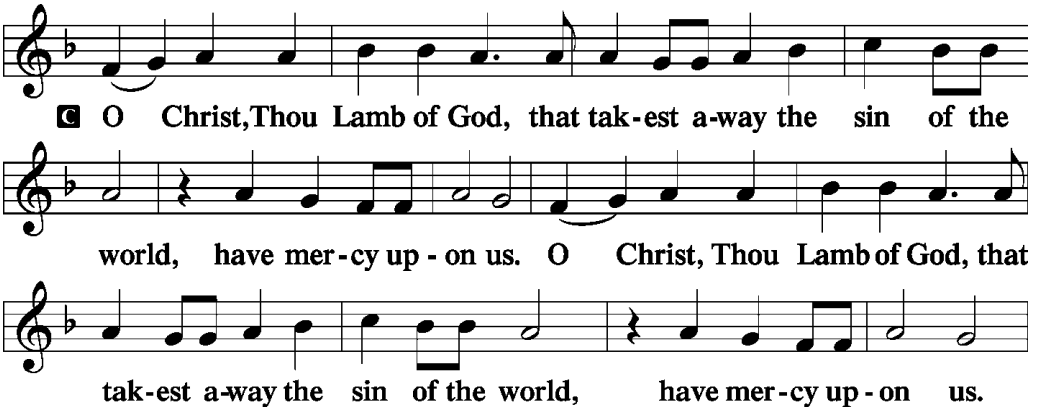
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

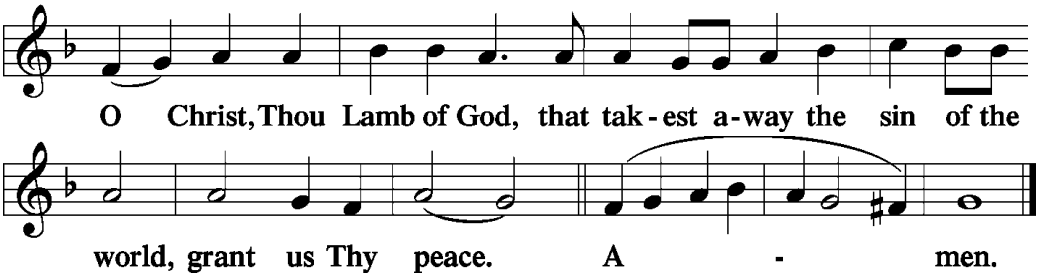
PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*

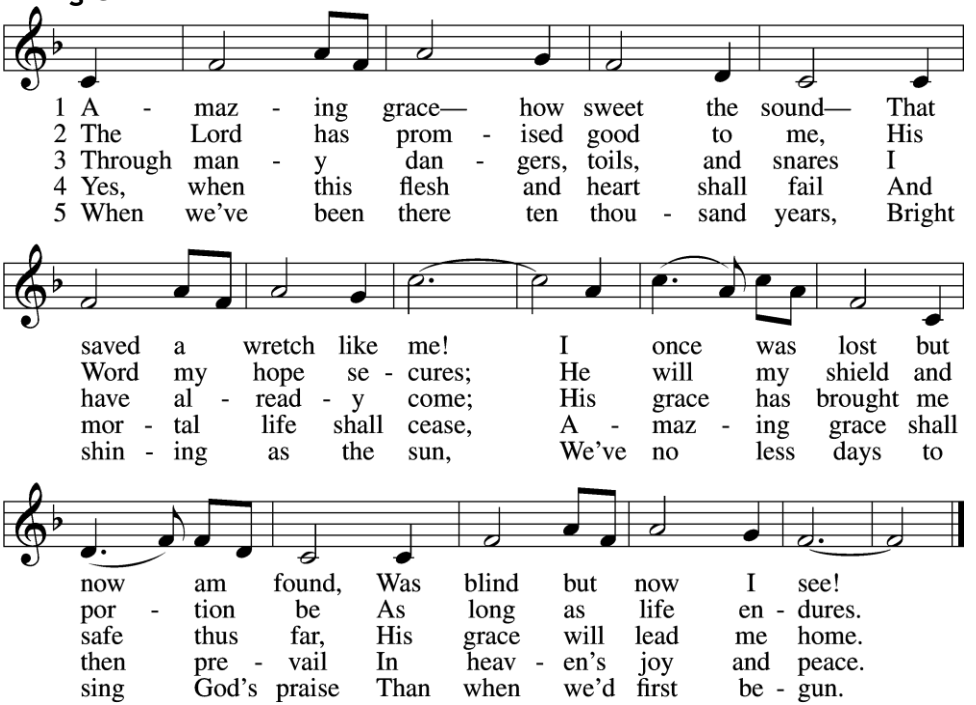




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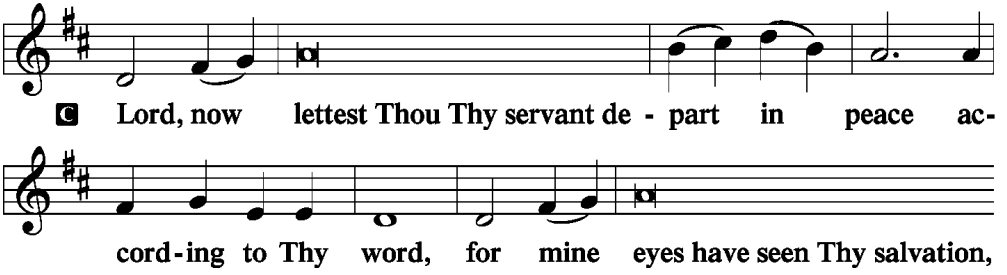
744 Amazing Grace

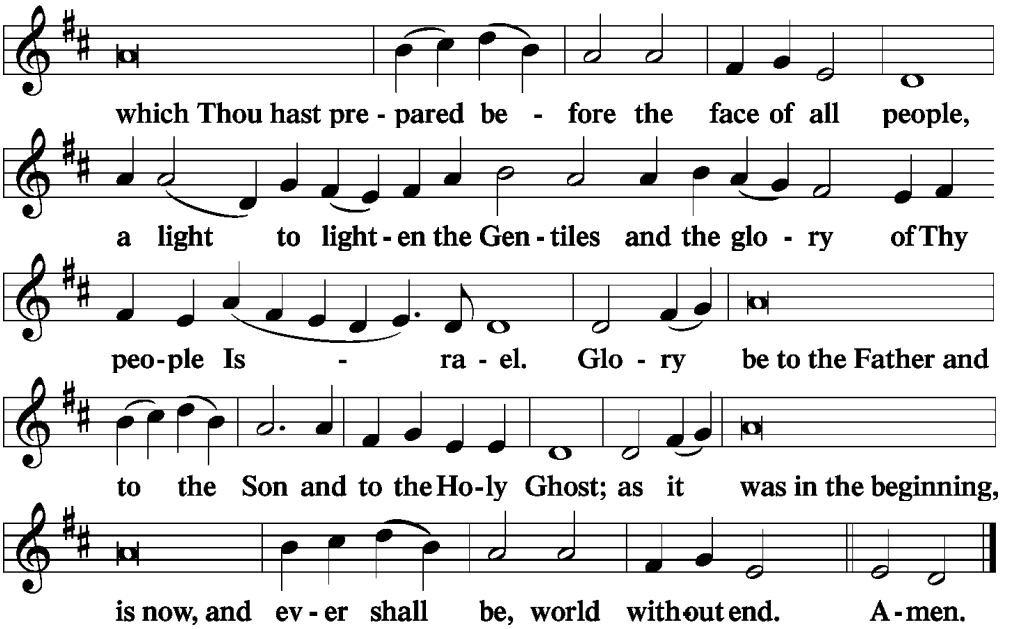


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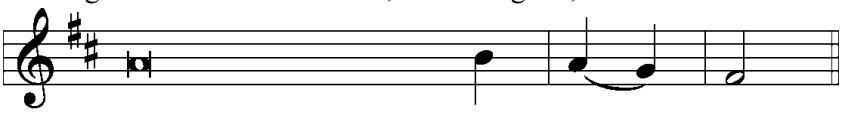
NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 199*
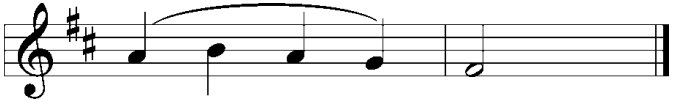




THANKSGIVING *LSB 200*

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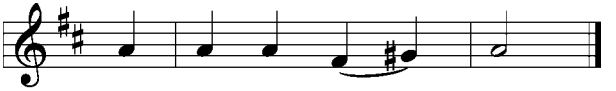


P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
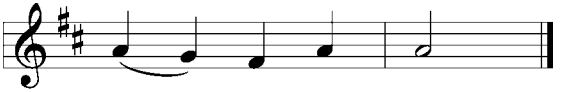


SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.
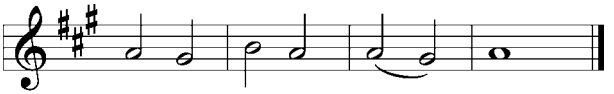


P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION *LSB 202*
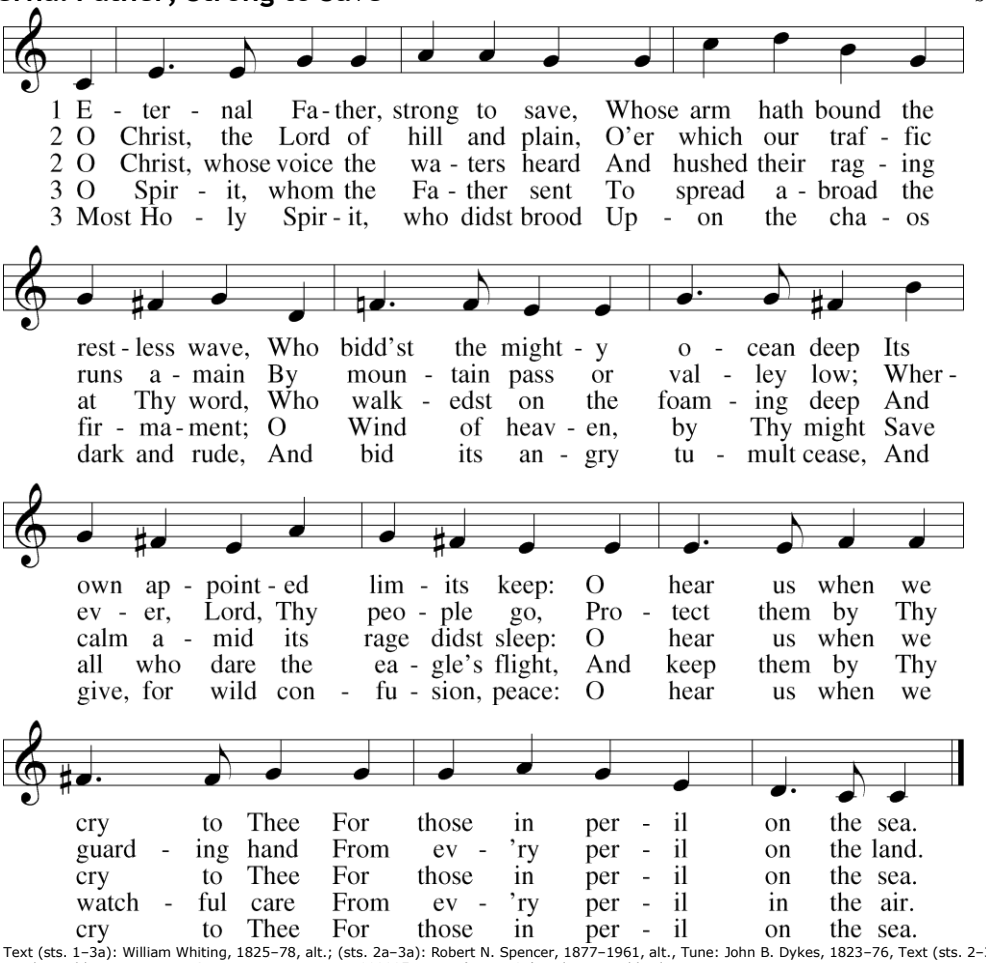
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn
717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

sts. 1–2, 2a–3, 3a



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COUNTER	*Lisa Leggett*
ALTAR GUILD	*Kim Bryant, Lisa Trifun*

Today's flowers are given by Frank *and* Mary Ann Ferry *in memory of their son Michael.*

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and all who helped pack shoeboxes at the packing party last month! More donations are needed to fill a few of the shoeboxes. Items such as children's clothing, toys, wash cloths or coloring books would be helpful. Additionally, we're asking for donations to ship the shoeboxes. The shipping amount is $10 per box. Please make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark it as OCC. If you plan to create your own shoeboxes, the last day to drop them off is Sunday, November 22. We will then take them to the drop-off location where they will be packed and sent to the processing locations

BOARD OF DIRECTION

The Board of Direction meets each month. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 p.m**

Sunday, November 22 is Church Giving! We will be making a thanksgiving craft and enjoying a meal and fellowship. The church will be providing assorted sandwiches. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

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