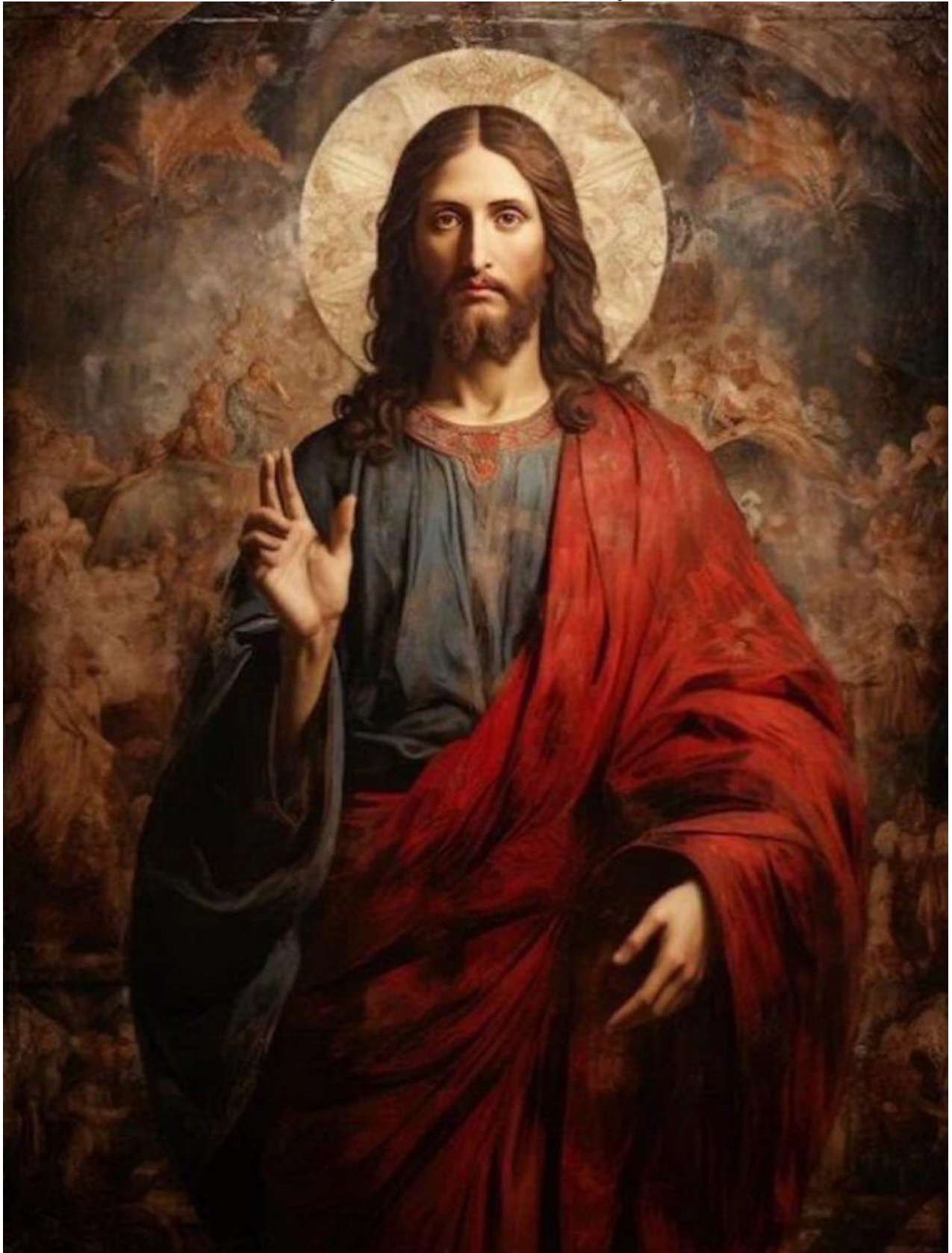


+The Divine Service+

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | July 5, 2026 | 9AM



Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest.

Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

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.



Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

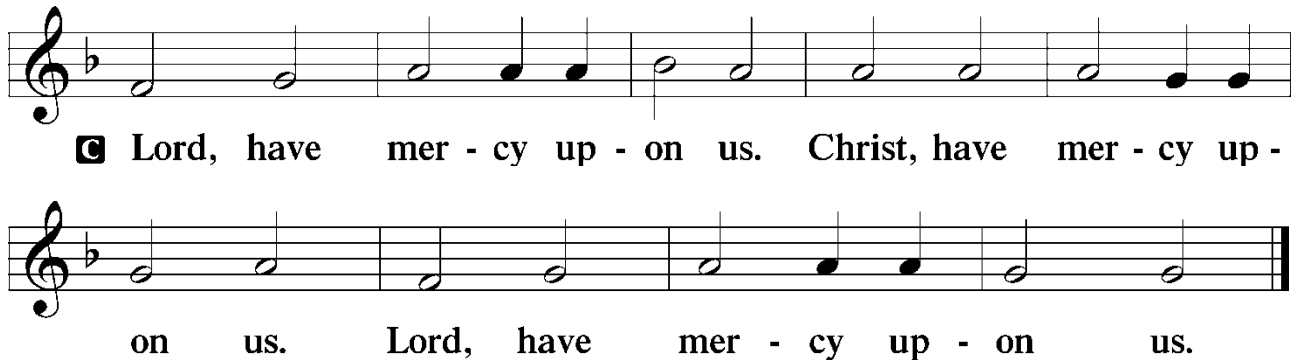
**Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.



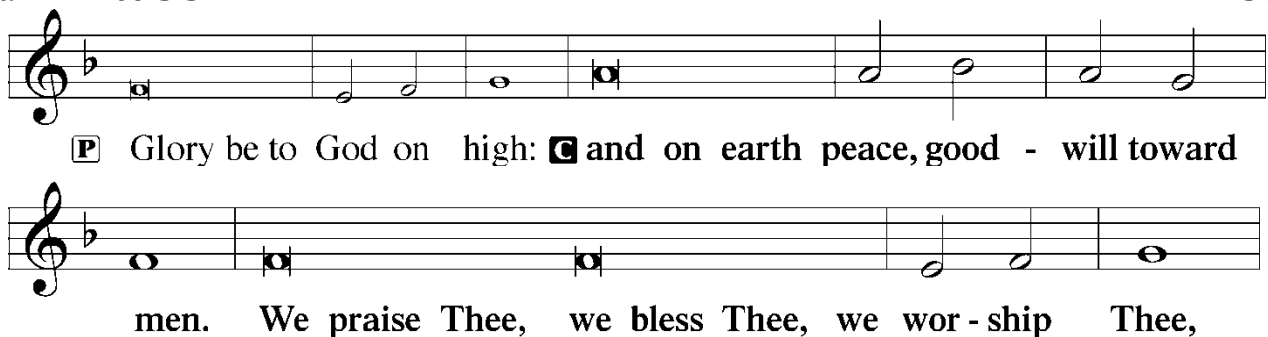
*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

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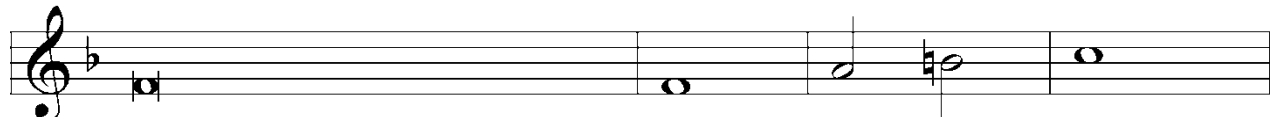




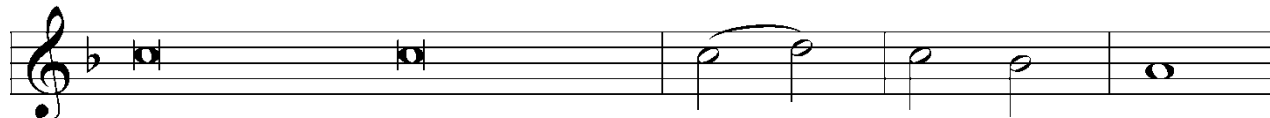
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



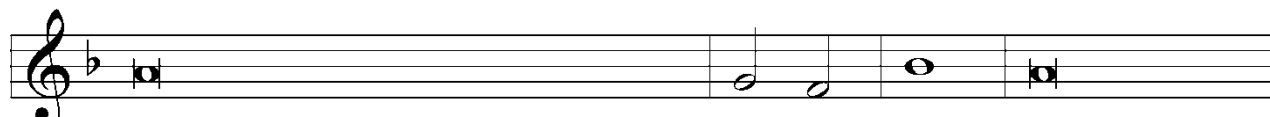
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



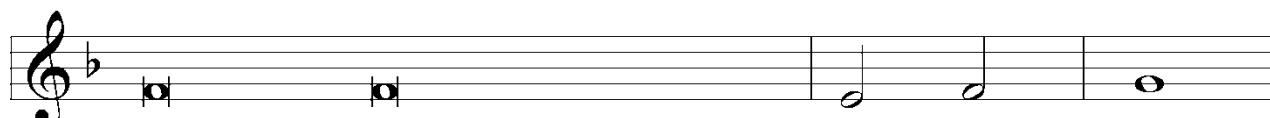
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

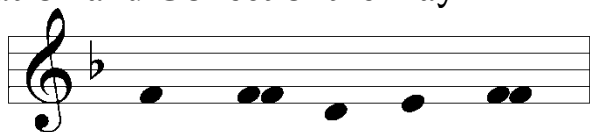


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

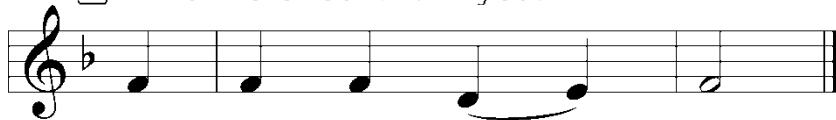


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

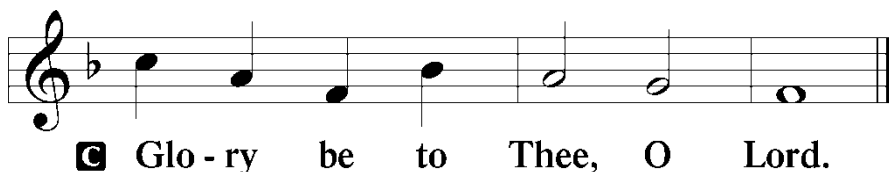
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Holy Gospel

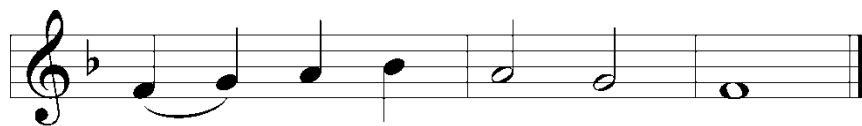
Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



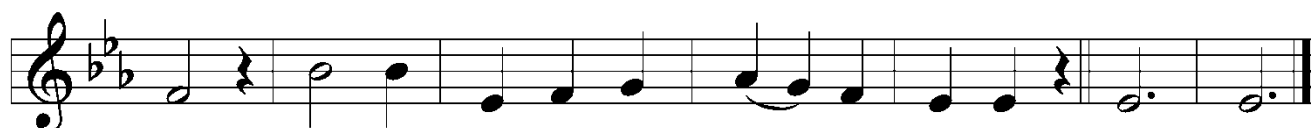
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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The Offering

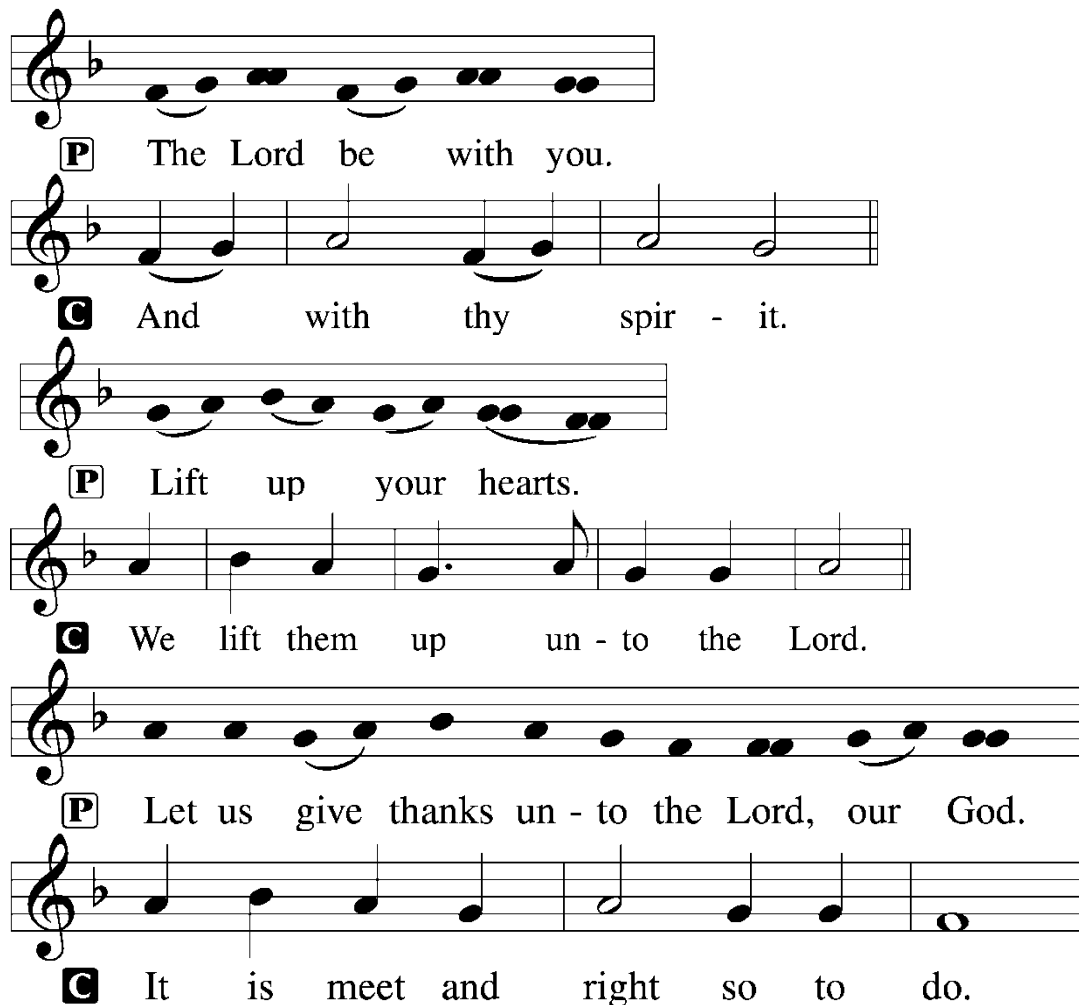
Stand

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

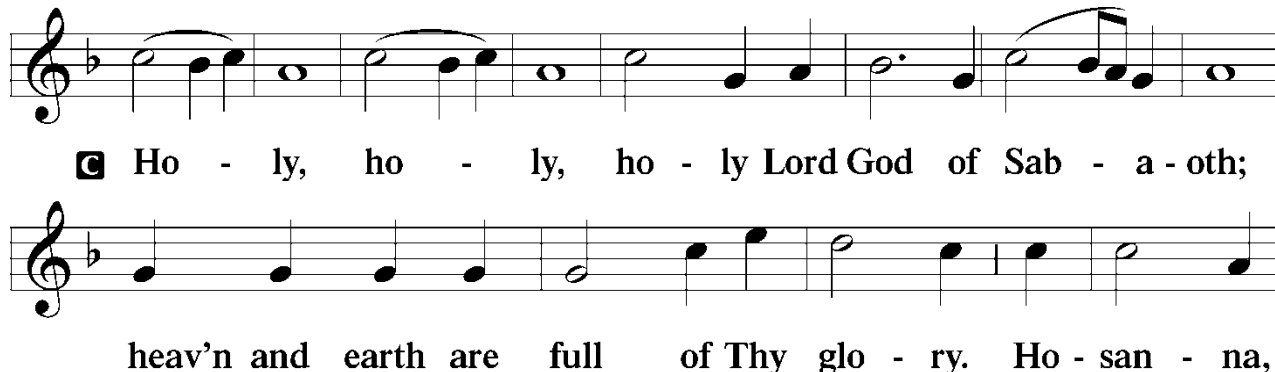
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



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



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

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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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 ✠ 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



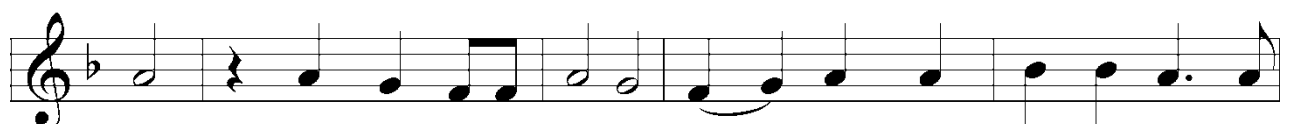
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

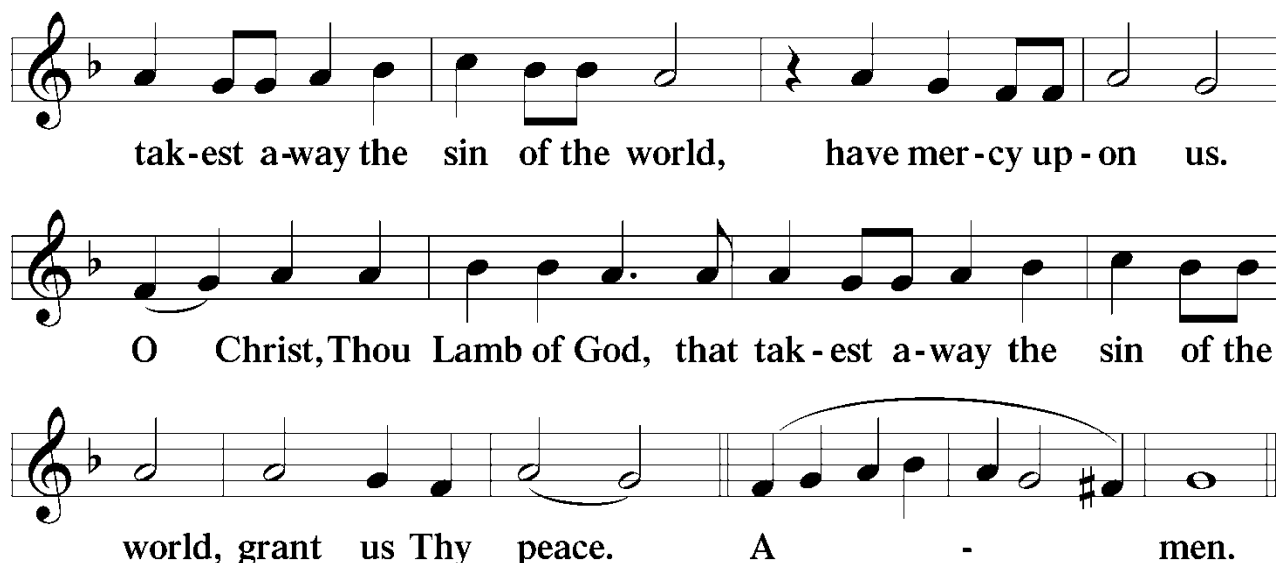
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G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 874 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Distribution Hymn | 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Distribution Hymn | 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Stand

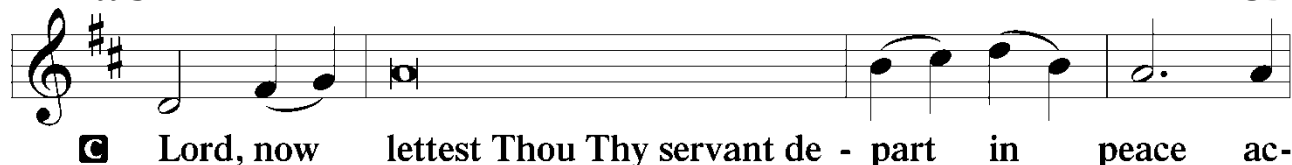
The Dismissal

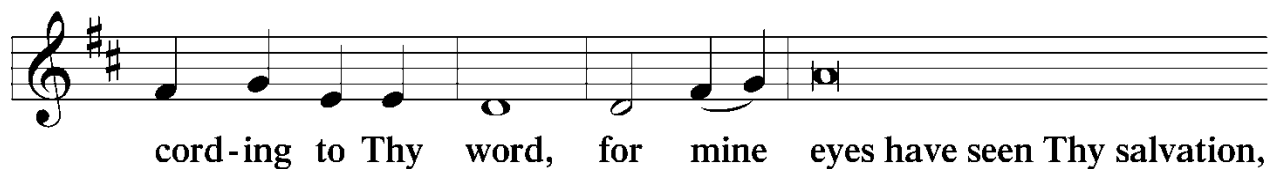
P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

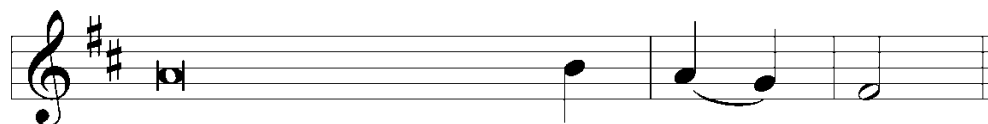
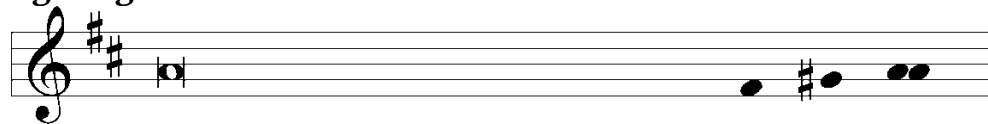
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Thanksgiving

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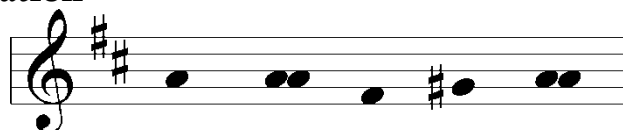
Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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.

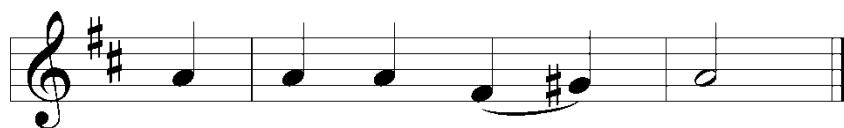


C A - men.

Salutation



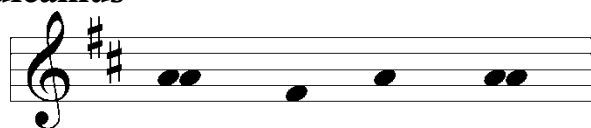
P The Lord be with you.



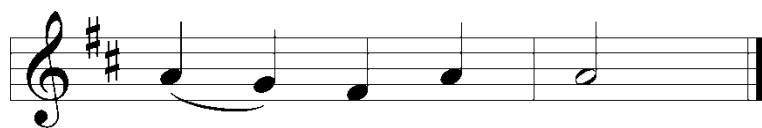
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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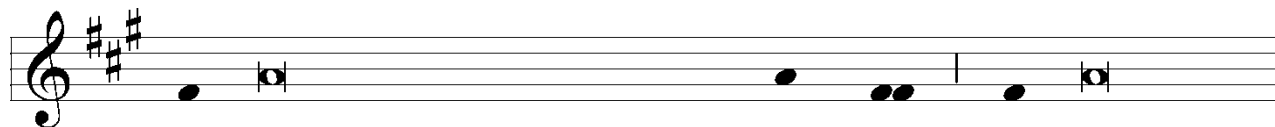
A Bless we the Lord.



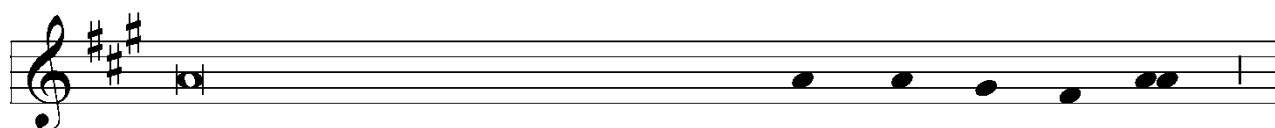
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

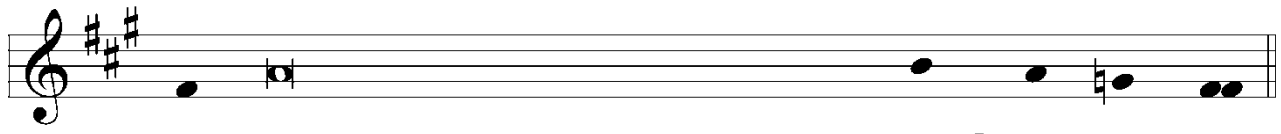
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Hymn to Depart | 965 God Bless Our Native Land

The Divine Service is ended. Depart in peace!

Announcements

St. Paul

Ron Selking, our brother in Christ, fell asleep in Jesus on June 28th. His visitation will be at Zwick's from 3-7PM tomorrow (Monday, 7/6) and his funeral will be Tuesday at 10:30am here at St. Paul with a committal and meal immediately following. We give thanks to God for his life and pray for his family during their mourning that they may be comforted in Christ.

Elders, Council, and Voters will meet on July 13 and 14.

A call for beef. Last year, at the Seminary in Ft. Wayne, the food co-op provided 4,645 lbs. of beef to over 667 students, spouses, and their children. The Seminary food co-op would like to procure 4 or 5 more steers for the upcoming year. Any help would be appreciated. If there are any available steer in the congregation for purchase, we could collect a door-donation for this to support our Seminary. Thank you.

SGO Presentation. Zion, Friedheim, invites you to an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m. in our Family Life Center.** We will be presenting information on the SGO programs – the Indiana state program as well as the Federal program. The State of Indiana has chosen to be part of the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit program beginning on January 1, 2027. You have the opportunity to benefit on both your state and federal taxes as well as the tremendous benefit for our school. Our presenter will be Mr. Scott Schumacher, Executive Director of the Lutheran SGO of Indiana. The Lutheran SGO exists to raise funds from individuals and businesses and distribute scholarship funds to all eligible students wanting a quality Christian education. Questions entertained following Mr. Schumacher's presentation.

Sunday School – Summer is now officially here and we hope that all families will enjoy a fun and safe break from the school year activities. We would like to again thank our regular and substitute teachers for their dedication and hard work in making our program a success. Sunday School teachers matter! As we look ahead to Fall, please be advised we will need new regular

teachers for our 1st/2nd grade class, and our 3rd/4th grade class. A hearty THANK YOU! goes out to Mr. Jake Miller (7yrs) and Mrs. Julie Nower (2yrs) for so generously giving of their time and talents. Please consider the need and advise Ed Albert (260-223-3515) if you have any interest and/or questions.

Youth

YMCA Camp Clay. Sunday, July 12, 12-5:30PM. The YMCA Camp Clay Aqua Park and Splash Pad consists of 7 water attractions and 3 floating splash mats. They also have a boating area with canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, and peddle boats. They have a floating raft transport over to their island in the pond. The biggest attraction is a water zip line! Concessions available. Cost per youth is \$10. This is a middle and high school youth event.

Wyneken

Volunteers Needed: NLSA Accreditation Committee. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is working toward accreditation through the National Lutheran School Accreditation program, and we need your help. NLSA accreditation is a rigorous process that affirms our school is meeting high standards in Christian mission, curriculum, staffing, and student care. Earning this recognition is a testament to the quality of education we provide and strengthens our commitment to excellence in Lutheran education. We are forming a committee of volunteers to support this important work, and we would love to have parents and congregation members at the table. Committee members will be expected to participate in an NLSA work day on Saturday, September 26th, with the possibility of additional involvement as we move through the process. If you are interested in serving in this meaningful way, please contact Mrs. Nidlinger at principal@wyneken.org.

Classroom Wish List. As our teachers prepare for the upcoming school year, they have a few items on their wish list. If you are parting with any high-top (counter-height) tables, bookshelves, or entry tables, or know someone who is, we would love to give them a new home here at Wyneken. Wyneken Teacher Amazon wishlists can also be found here if you wish to bless a teachers classroom: <https://bit.ly/wyneken-teacher-wishlists>. If you have something to donate or a lead on where we might find one, please reach out to Mrs. Nidlinger at principal@wyneken.org. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Wyneken Back to School Social—“Foam Party”, August 6th. 3-5PM, meet and greet with your teachers and drop off school supplies; 5-7PM, Foam Party (bring a towel!), yard games, cookout, hotdog meal, including chips, cookies, and bottled water. Soda House will be available for purchase! Join us!

Wyneken Class of 2028 is hosting a **golf outing** on Sunday, September 20th. Proceeds go to their Washington DC trip. \$75 per player; \$300 per foursome. Check in at 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. They are also looking for sponsors. Meal tickets only are \$12 each. For more information, contact a student from the class of 2028 or Troy Palacios 260-249-5291.

On the 250th Anniversary of America

As Americans, we have much to be thankful for. Our Missouri Synod ancestors came to this country seeking religious freedom from a Calvinist Prussian King who wanted to force Lutherans and Calvinists to worship together. In America, our Lutheran forbears found the freedom to be left alone to worship God according to conscience. This is a blessing.

What is the purpose of government? The government is given to enforce what we call the First Use of the Law, or, the Law as “curb.” When criminals are given free reign, and mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, no one has peace and quietness. For peace, there must be governments set in place to restrain the wicked with threats and punishments. This is the purpose of government: to make evildoers do what they don’t want to do by nature, or to forbid them from doing what they desire to do. The power of the government therefore, is the power of the sword, given by God to the governing authorities that justice might be enforced and upheld.

The Bible tells us government officials are God’s servants, even if they are not Christian (like pagan Caesar). Jesus said that we should give to Caesar what is Caesar’s. Paul told Christians to pay their taxes. St. Peter said, “Honor the Emperor.” In the Catechism, Table of Duties, Luther reminds us of our responsibilities with regard to the State. Christians ought to be good citizens, thank God for good government (4th Petition), and pray for their leaders. The honor we show to our active service members, veterans, and law enforcement is a recognition that their offices are God-given, for the good purpose of protecting the citizenry from harm and danger. Christians make the best citizens because they submit to the government, recognizing it as God-given.

The Christian does this, however, holding a certain tension in his or her mind. On the one hand, we can be patriotic, responsible citizens who love our country. On the other hand, we know that salvation is not from the government. Our leaders cannot save us. They are mortal and sometimes terribly unjust. Sometimes we’ve been on the right side of history, as with fighting nazis and communism. Sometimes we’ve been on the wrong side, as with slavery and abortion. The State must be called to repentance for its sins, which even in America, are manifold. Solzhenitsyn reminds us that when men forget God, they turn the State into an idol, looking to it for salvation. Scripture warns us, the State cannot save. Trust not in princes.

The authority of temporal leaders is derived from God, therefore never absolute. So, while we might sing the national anthem or say the Pledge of Allegiance with patriotic gusto, our primary allegiance belongs to God. The moment the government commands sin, we disobey, as Moses to Pharaoh or St. Peter before the Sanhedrin. Sometimes disobedience to the State is the only path for the Christian who wants to follow Jesus. The martyrs are a supreme example of this.

Ultimately, the power of the State is limited and its scope is temporal. America will not last forever. No nation or kingdom on earth will remain in perpetuity. The Word of God endures forever. The kingdom of our God and of our Christ is an everlasting Kingdom, and when our Savior returns, all kings will cast their crowns before him, acknowledging him as Lord. Our citizenship is ultimately in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, our Lord Jesus Christ. Having this mind, let us celebrate our national anniversary and give thanks to God for the blessings he has given to us and to the nation we love: The United States of America.

Prayer of the Church

- +**America**, on her 250th Anniversary.
- +**Those who mourn**: Ron Selking, fell asleep in Jesus 6/28.
- +**Our Wyneken School**: teachers, staff, students, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers**: Chloe Johnson; Kyndal Hall.
- +**The Homebound**: Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health).
- +**Birthdays 7/6—7/12**. Jacob Todd, Grace Nower, Tyra Kolter, Alex Ainsworth, Michael Spiegel, Kelly Todd, Joe Melcher, Emery Huff.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 5	9AM	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service
Monday, July 6	3-7PM	Visitation, Ron Selking, at Zwick and Jahn
Tuesday, July 7	10:30AM	Funeral/Committal, Ron Selking
Wednesday, July 8	7PM	Vespers
Sunday, July 12	9AM	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

Acolyte

7/5 9AM Corbin Huff

Attendance

Wednesday 6/24, 7PM	30	Sunday 6/28, 9AM	145
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Stewardship

Week of June 21st

Offering: \$6,643.50

Online: \$220.13

Total: \$6,863.63

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00

Year to Date: -\$4,295.28

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