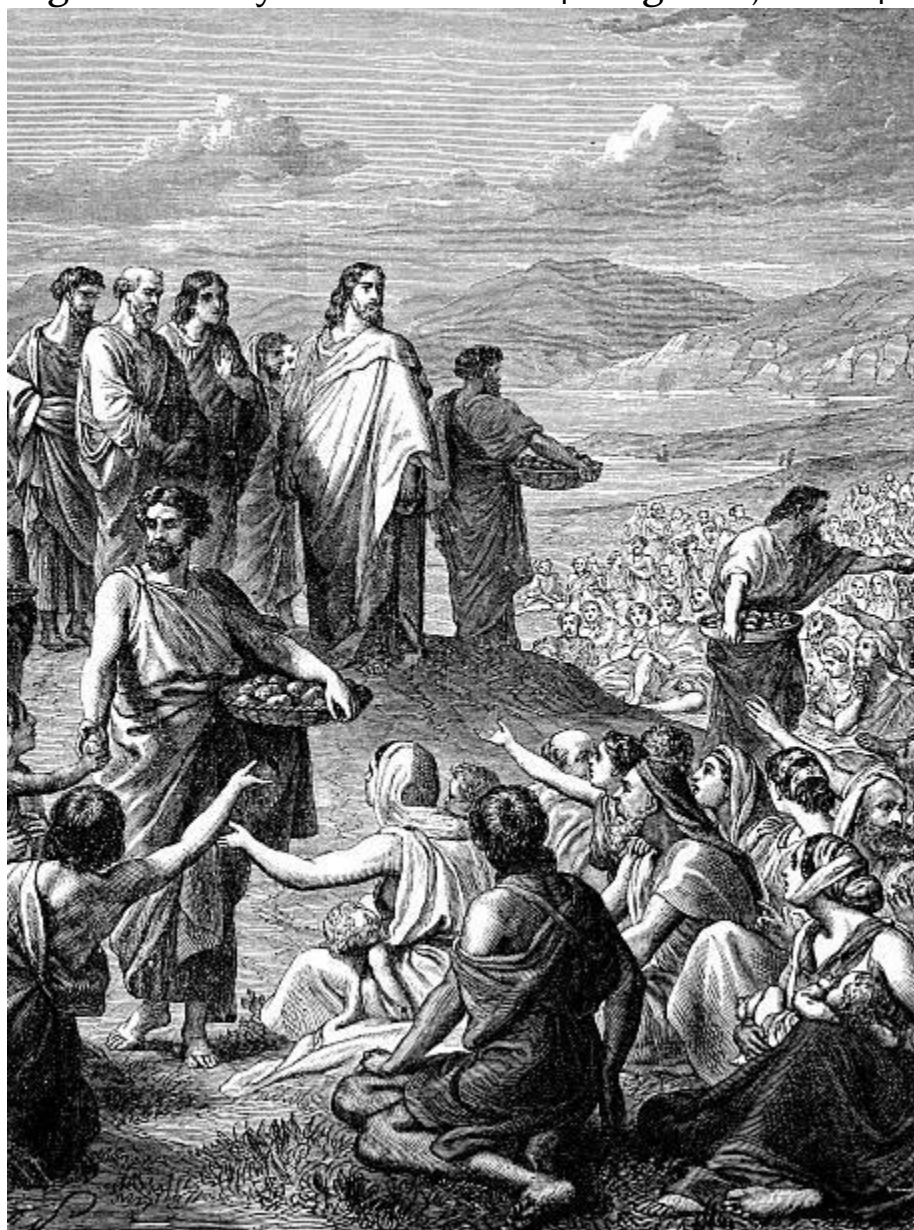


+The Divine Service+

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | August 2, 2026 | 9AM



The Feeding of the Five Thousand



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LITURGY NOTE: Today, Parker Bates is confirmed in the Christian faith. After attending Adult Catechism classes with Pr. Yeager, Parker will be joining our communion by the Rite of Confirmation. Today we welcome Parker as a member of St. Paul, pray for him, give thanks to our Father in heaven that he has called him to saving faith in Jesus, and beseech God to keep Parker in this confession and faith until life's end, that with us he may share in the eternal victory of the blessed saints in heaven.

Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

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.

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

**They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

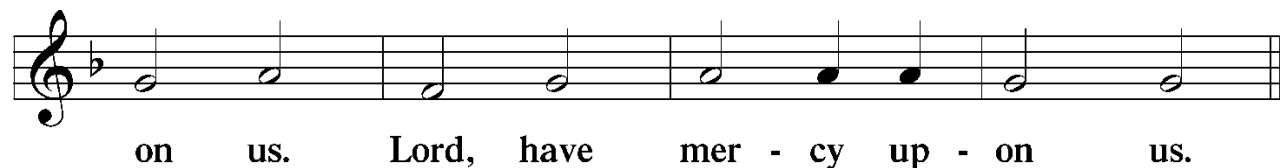
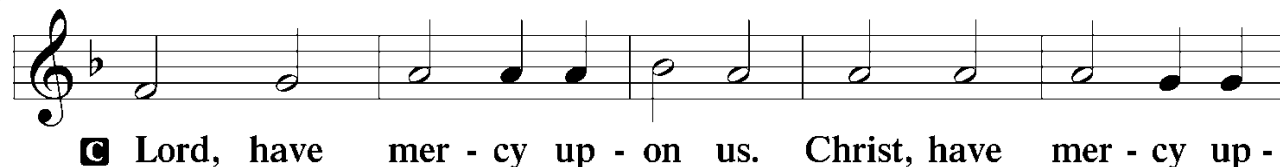
**For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.**

So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.



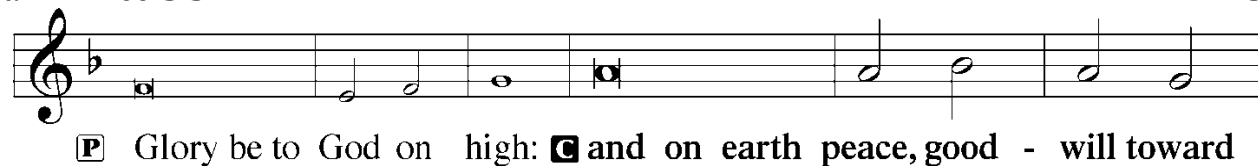
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Kyrie



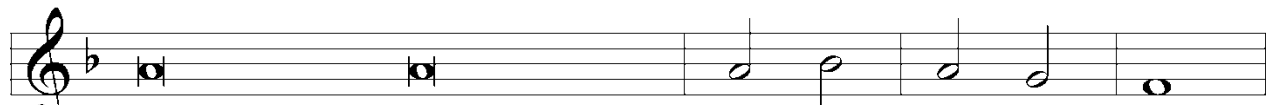
Gloria in Excelsis

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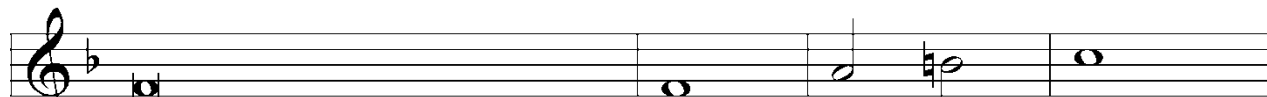
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



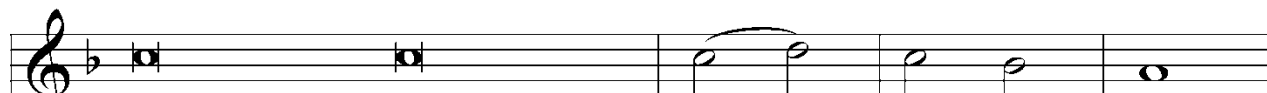
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



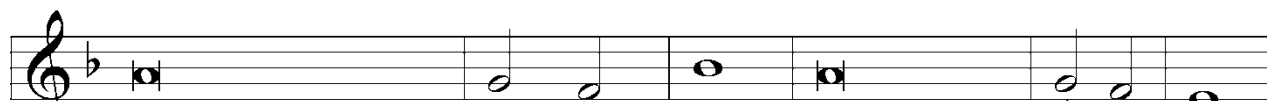
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



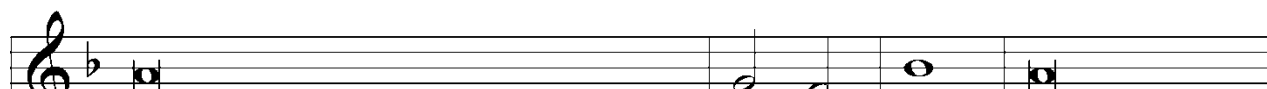
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



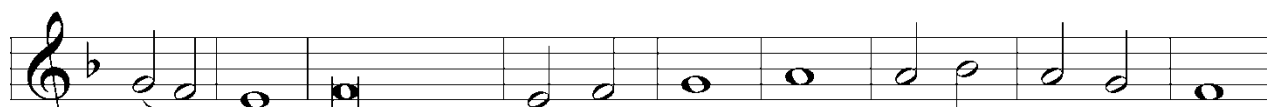
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



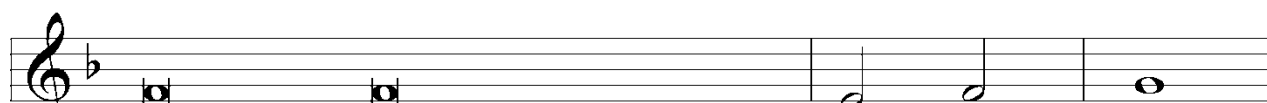
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

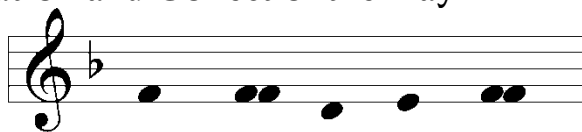


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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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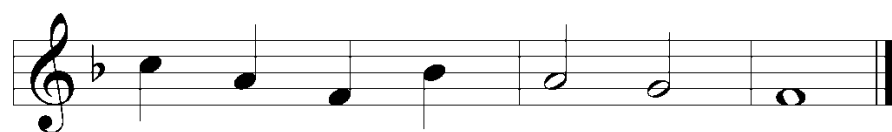


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

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

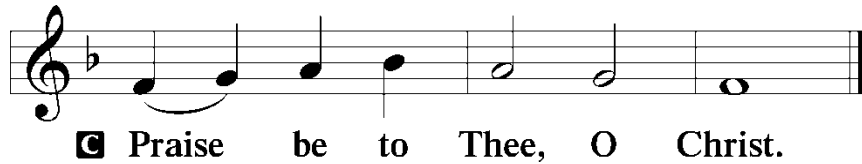


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into

the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

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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Sit

The Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** Yes, I do.
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** I do.
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** I do.
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?
- R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Parker, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor reads a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.

After the catechumen has received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your child in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing him by His blood. Renew in him the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that he may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to his Savior. Deliver him from the power of Satan and preserve him from false and dangerous doctrines, that he may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen him to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable him to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and his neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

The Prayer of the Church

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.

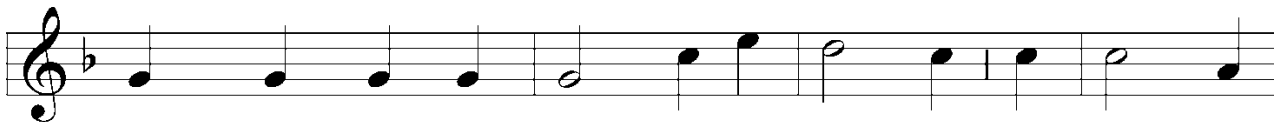
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

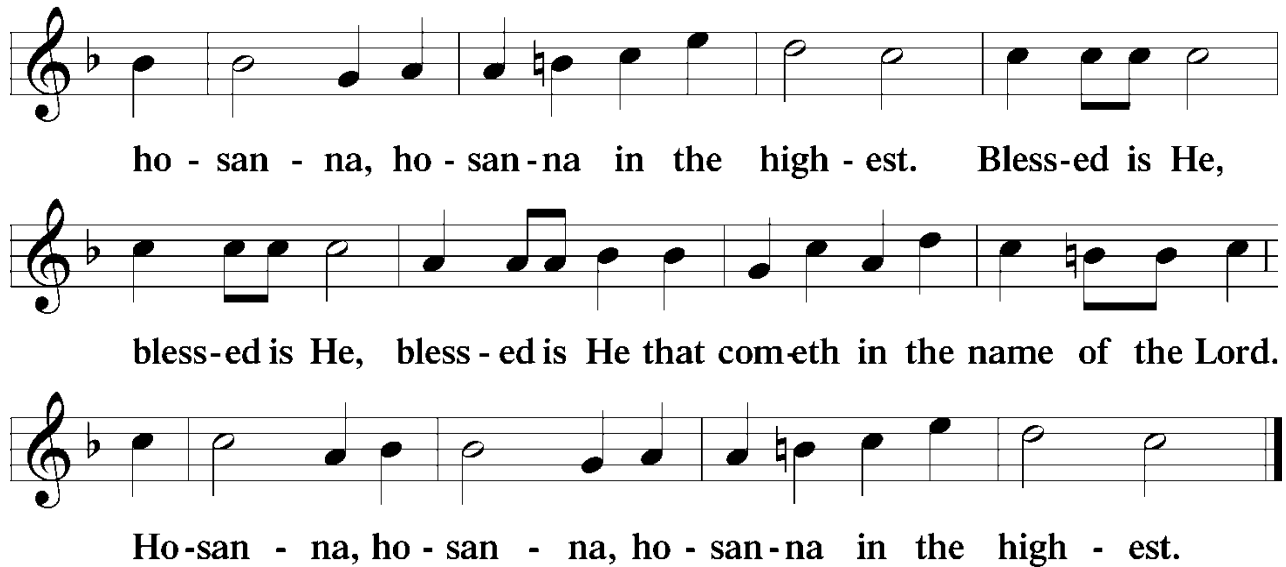
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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

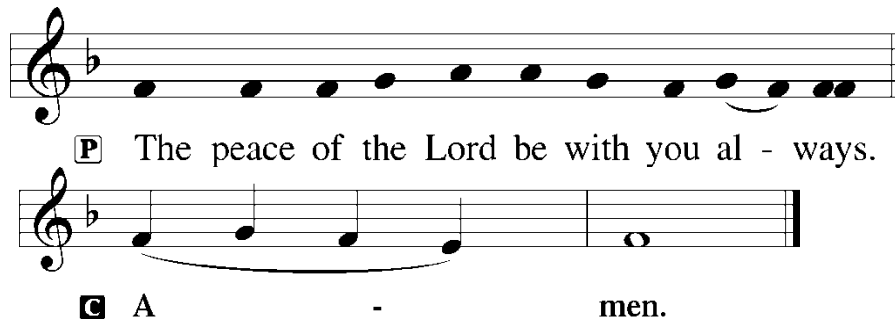
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

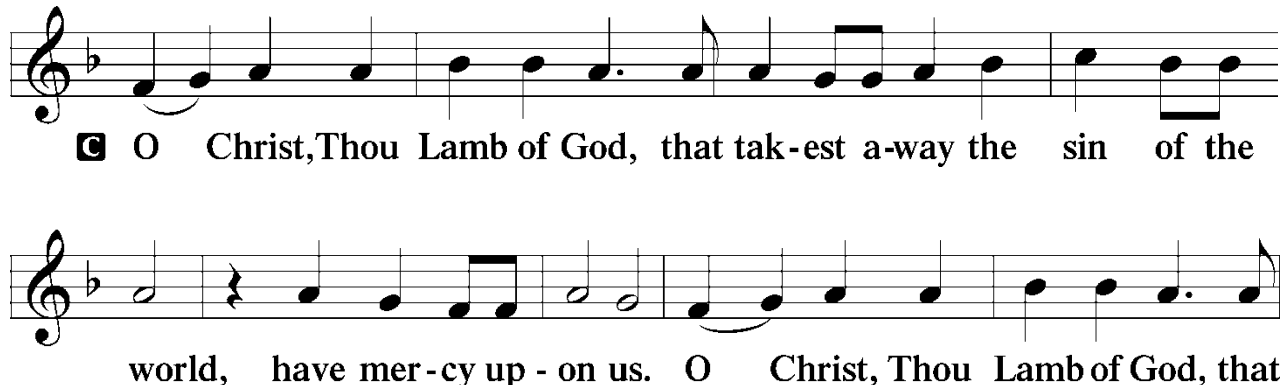
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

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

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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 | 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Distribution Hymn | 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Distribution Hymn | 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Stand

The Dismissal

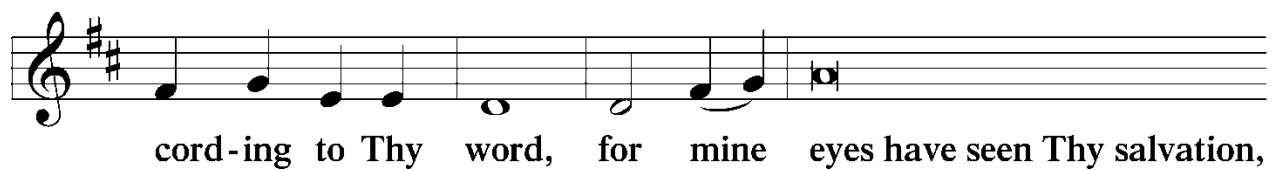
P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

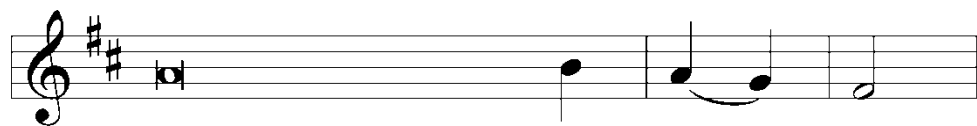
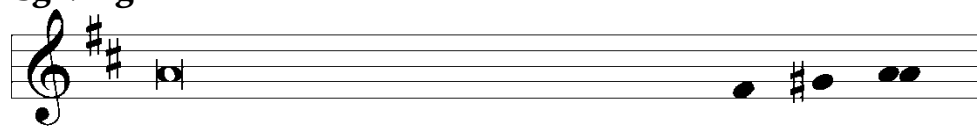
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



Thanksgiving

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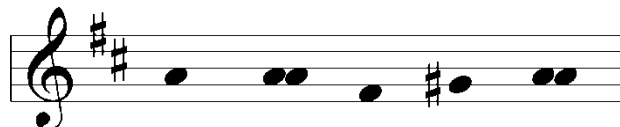
Post-Communion Collect

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



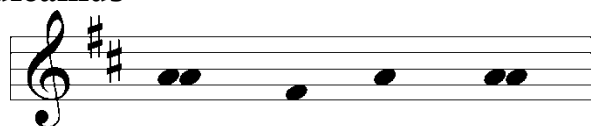
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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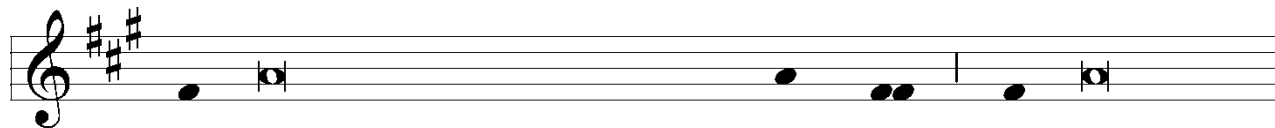
A Bless we the Lord.



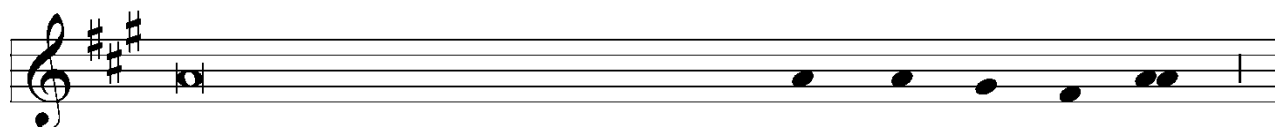
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

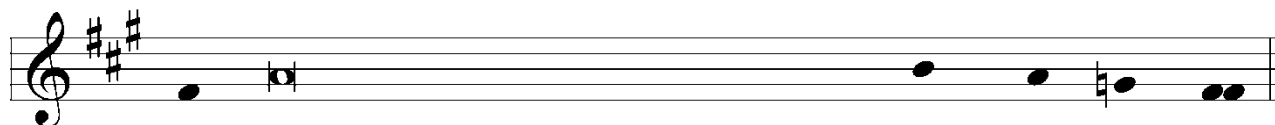
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



Hymn to Depart | 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Announcements

St. Paul

+The **Wyneken Association Meeting** is **Monday, August 3rd at 7PM** in the Wyn. gymnasium. Annual Reports with a pink cover are available for pick up today in the narthex.

+**Seminary Sunday. Sunday, August 9th.** We will take up a donation to support our seminarians by buying a steer (or several) for the Seminary food co-op.

+**Sunday School** – We still need teachers for our 1st/2nd grade, and 3rd/4th grade classes. Men or women of the congregation are equally desired for these positions. Please prayerfully consider the need and listen for God's guidance in your decision. We are also looking to add more names to our willing substitute corps. We also give thanks for our returning teachers: Mrs. Catherine Faurote – Nursery, Mrs. Emily Minnich – Preschool/Pre-K, and Mr. Tim Hoffman – 5th/6th/7th grades. Contact Ed Albert (260-223-3515) or Pastor if you have interest or questions.

+**SGO Presentation.** Zion, Friedheim, invites you to an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.** We will be presenting information on the SGO programs – the Indiana state program as well as the Federal program starting 2027.

+**LBI representative needed.** Darrel Ehlerding is stepping down from the position of Preble's representative for the Lutheran Bible Institute after many years of distinguished service. We are looking for our next representative. This can be a voting OR non-voting member of the congregation. Limited time commitment. Talk to Pastor Yeager if interested.

+**Endowment Committee member needed.** An additional member of the endowment cmte. is sought to replace Darin Koenemann who sat on this cmte. Talk to Pr. Yeager if interested.

Wyneken

+Wyneken is looking for a **Preschool Aide** to serve Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-11AM. If you have a love for children and believe you would be a benefit to our students in this capacity, contact our Principal Mrs. Casey Nidlinger soon at principal@wyneken.org.

+**SPI vs. Wyneken Bi-Annual Cookoff.** You are invited to our Church/School Cookoff! Come enjoy great food, fun, and fellowship as the Wyneken and SPI families come together for a friendly cooking competition. Wyneken families bring your favorite side dish. Meat, lemonade, and water provided. **Begins at 3PM, dinner at 5PM, Sat. Aug 29, at SPI Lutheran School.**

+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.

Community

+**Hope Clinic Annual Fundraising Banquets** are Wed September 23 at the Mirage, and Thurs September 24 at the First Mennonite Church, Berne. Doors open 6:15PM, dinner at 7PM. RSVP by September 9 online at hopeclinicfundraiser.net or call 260-223-6132 for tickets.

Prayer of the Church

+**Sick & Recovering:** Connie Kreigh, Cheryl Hoffman.

+**Our Wyneken School:** teachers, staff, students, and childcare.

+**Expectant mothers:** Kyndal Hall; Jamie Hemsoth.

+**The Homebound:** Laurina Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health).

+**Birthdays 8/3—8/9.** Maddie Barney, Caleb Dicke, Emelia Hoffman, Charlotte Stout, Kim MacDowell, Marko Fuelling, Corene Scheumann, Patrick Keane, Susie Ehlerding.

Acolyte

7/26 9AM Chase Baker

Attendance

Wednesday 7/22	7PM	19	Sunday 7/26	9AM	165
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Stewardship 7/19/26

Offering for the week: \$5,444.00 Online Offering: \$370.13 Total: \$5,814.13

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00 Vs. YTD Goal: -\$7,116.49

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 2 **9AM**

Monday, August 3 7PM

Wednesday, August 5 **7PM**

Thursday, August 6 3PM

Sunday, August 9 9AM

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service

Association Meeting—Wyneken Gymnasium

The Divine Service

Wyneken—Back to School Ice Cream Social

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

Seminary Sunday—collection for beef