

+The Divine Service+

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 16, 2026 | 9AM



The Canaanite Woman's Great Faith

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 153 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells.

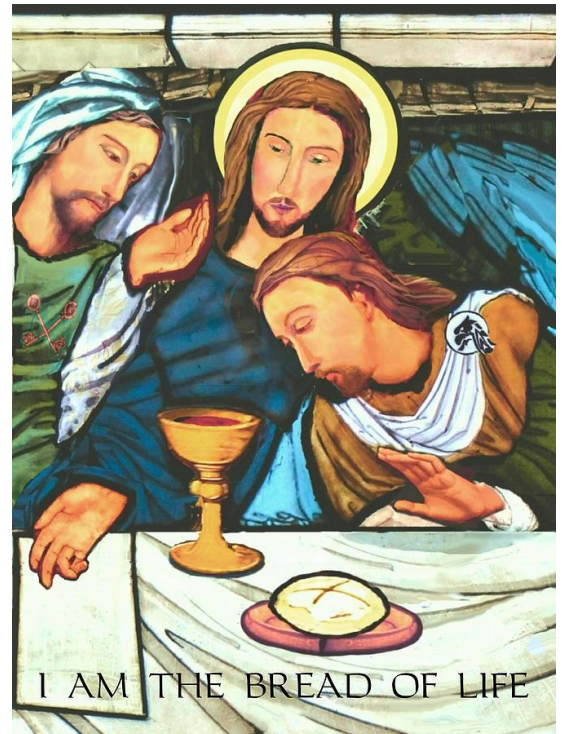
Ps. 26:8

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.

Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and
Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in
truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent
of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior,
and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake
of His Name, Amen.



Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

*The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.*

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



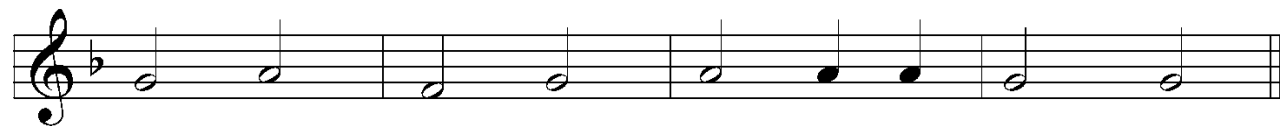
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.*

Kyrie



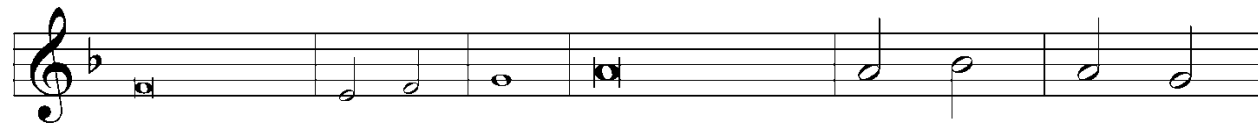
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

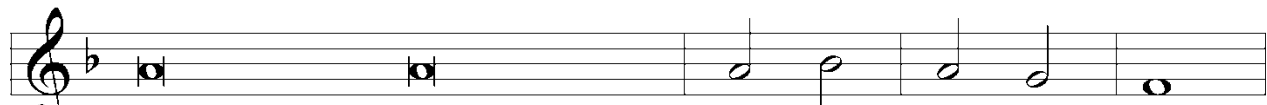
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P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



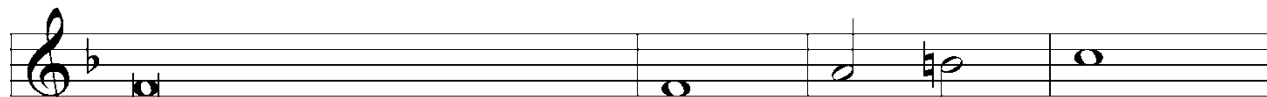
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



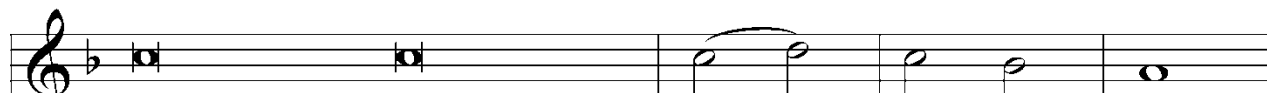
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



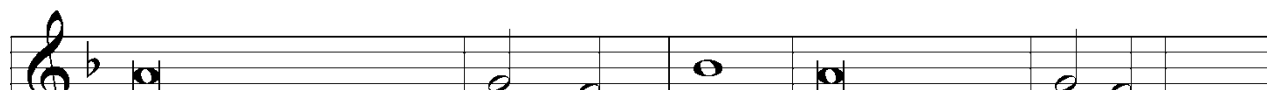
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



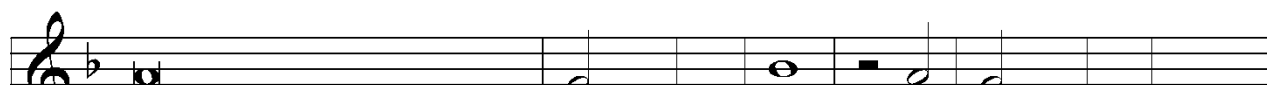
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



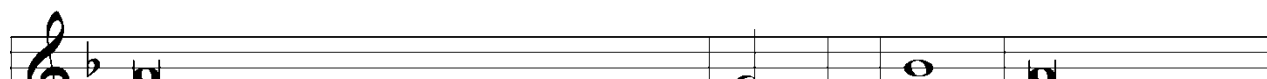
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



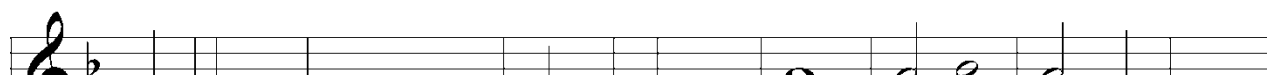
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



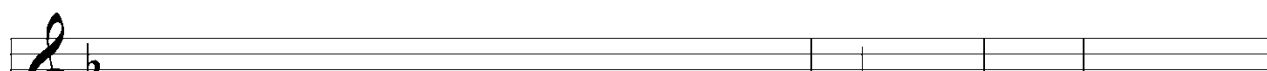
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



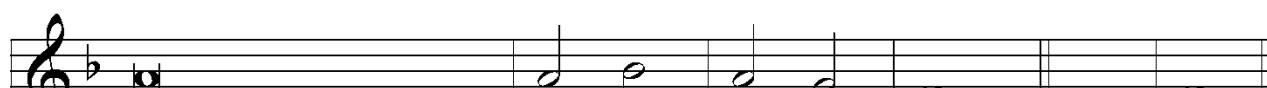
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

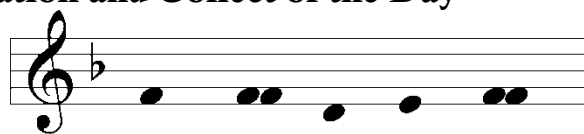


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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 15:21–28

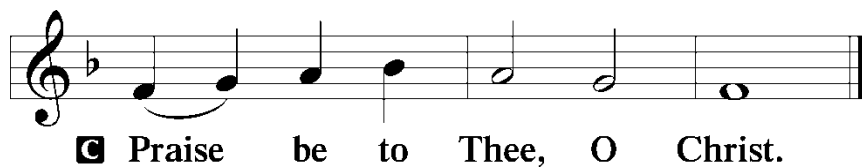
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Musical notation for the Offertory hymn, '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.' The music is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

Sit

The Offering

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.

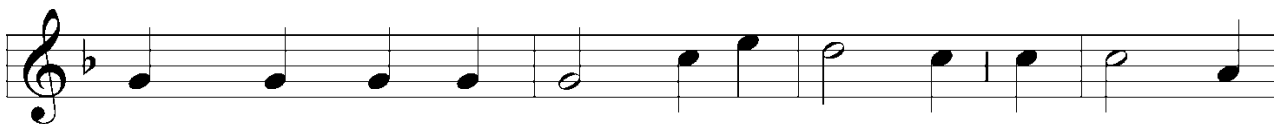
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

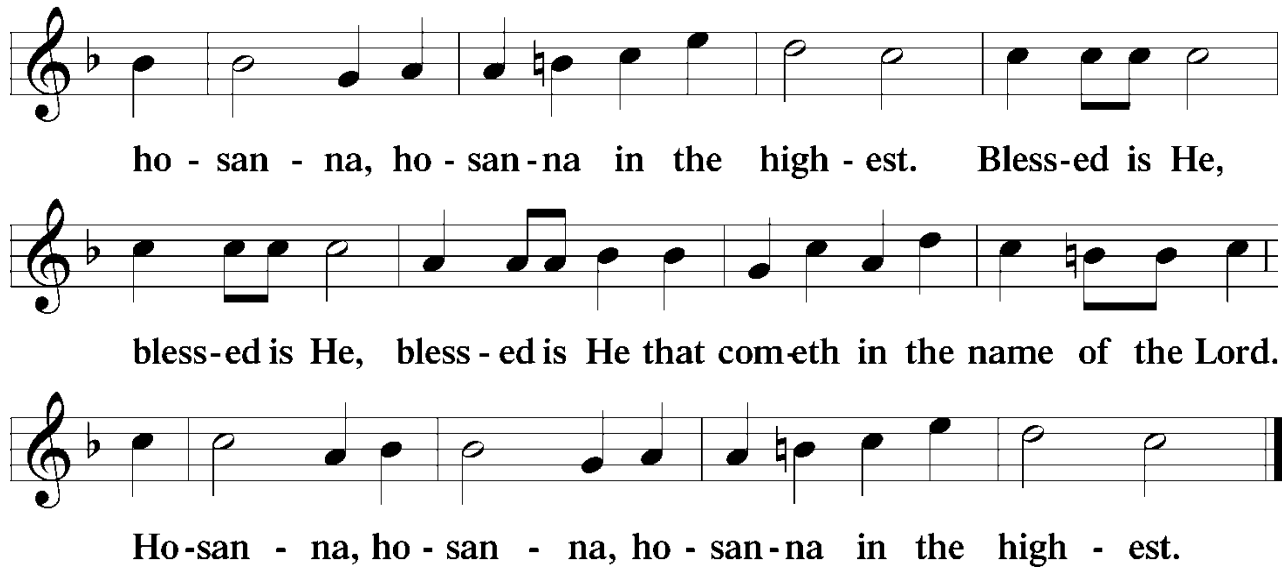
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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

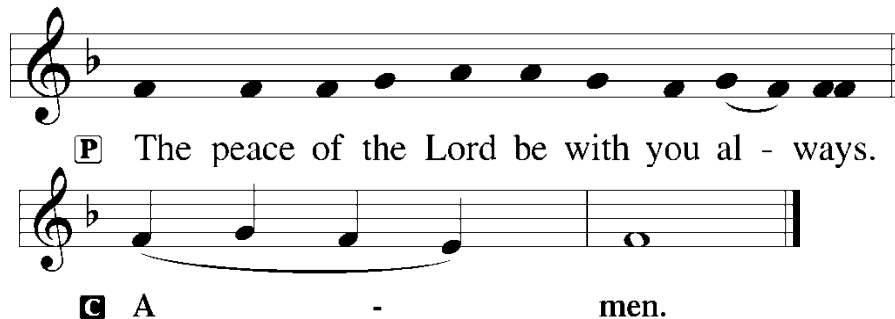
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

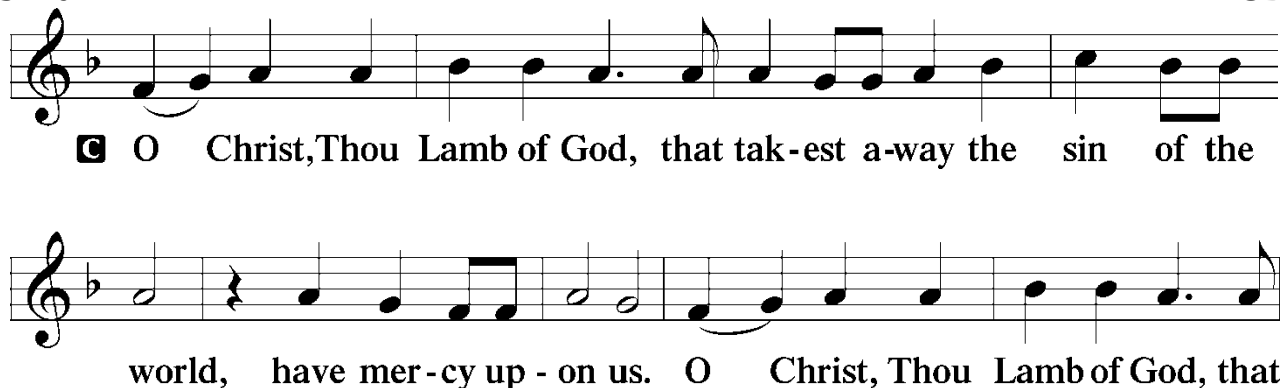
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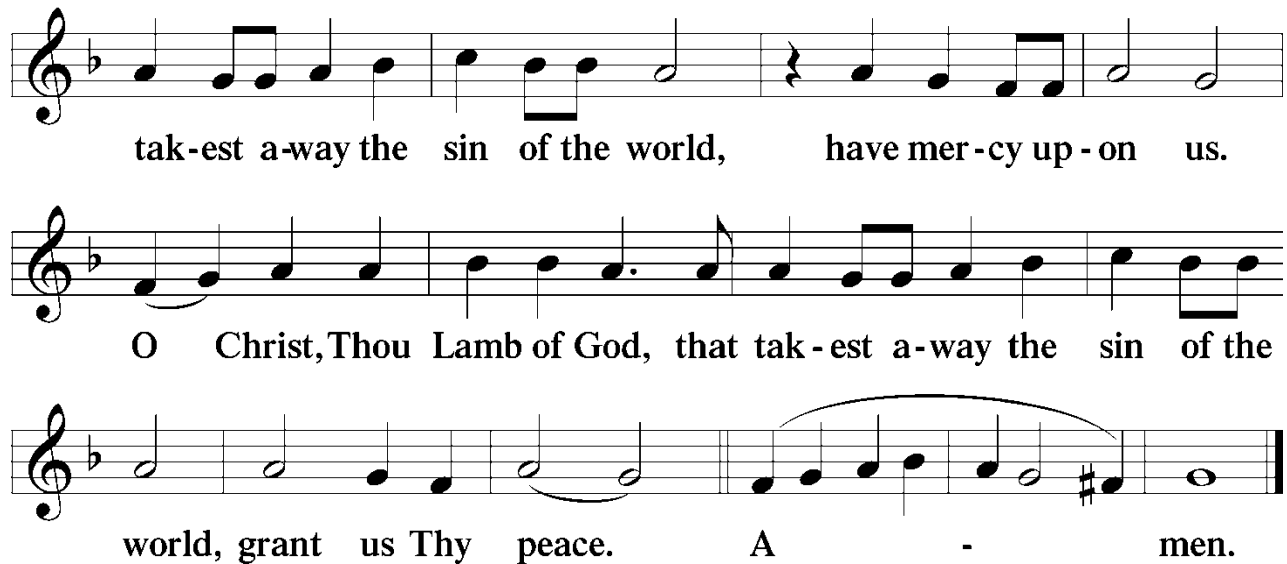
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - men.

Agnus Dei

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A 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 | 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Distribution Hymn | 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Distribution Hymn | 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Stand

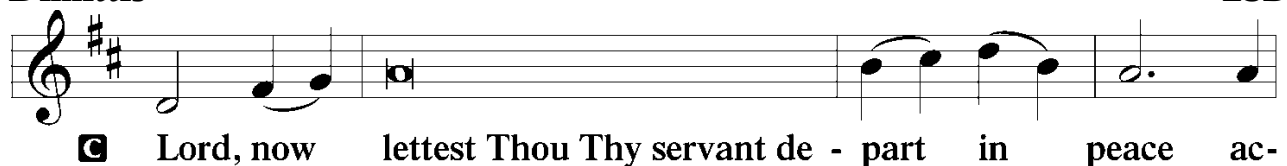
The Dismissal

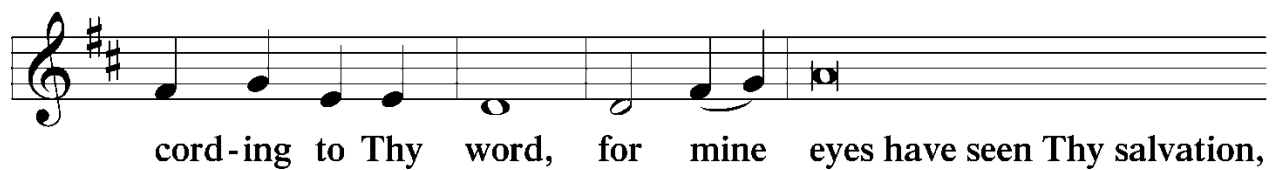
P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

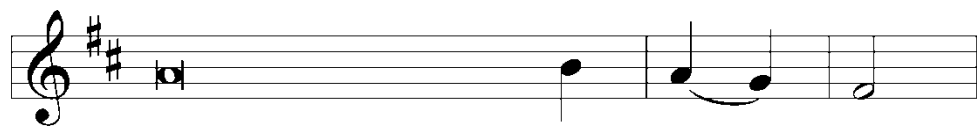
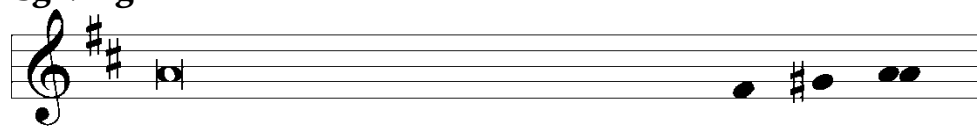
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Thanksgiving

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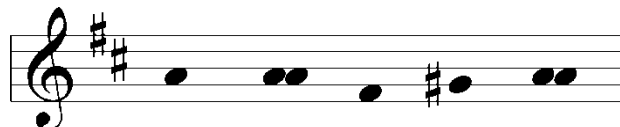
Post-Communion Collect

- 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



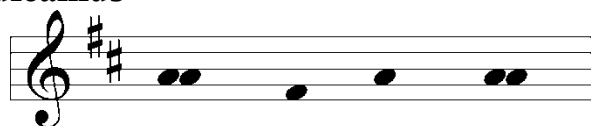
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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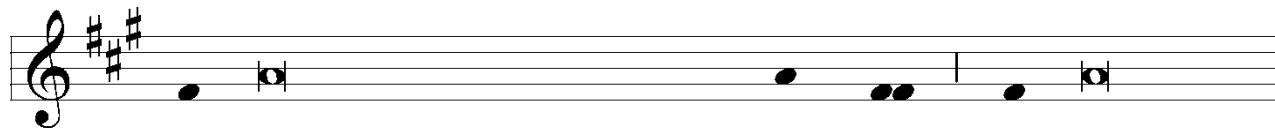
A Bless we the Lord.



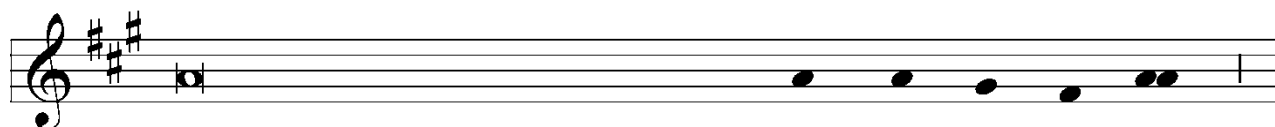
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

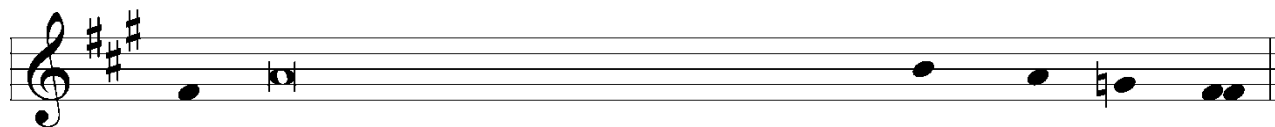
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



Hymn to Depart | 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

The Great Faith of the Canaanite Woman

A Meditation on the Word of God | Matthew 15:21-28

Today's Gospel is really a story about faith. This story teaches that faith persists with God even when all hope seems lost. Faith is like Jacob wrestling with God in the dark of night. Faith is like Abraham believing he would father a child at a hundred years old. Faith is like Noah building an ark, when all of his neighbors called him crazy, until the first drops of rain fell.

Faith is trusting in God's promises when it appears that God has turned his back to you, that he isn't listening to your prayer, that he doesn't care about your dying daughter. Faith persists with God, like Luther said, as a pig hanging onto a loaf of bread, and won't let go. Or if you like, like a dog hanging onto a chew toy and won't let go. This woman who persists with the Lord is a great model of faith for you and me.

And if you are taken aback by how harsh Jesus is to her, look, it's not that Jesus didn't want to help her. He pretended not to help her, even though he knew what he was going to do the whole time. Why did he do that? Why did he drag it out? Why didn't he give her what she wanted right away?

Well, look at what happened. The more Jesus turned away from her, the louder her cries grew. The more he turned his back to her, the greater became her confession of faith. Does anyone in the Bible have a stronger confession than this woman? **Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.** That's gold! Just think: if Jesus had given her what she wanted right away, she never would have said that. Jesus was playing hard to get, stringing her along, waiting to show his hand—why? *For the express purpose of exercising her faith*, teaching her to trust in his Word and not her experience, teaching her to hang onto him, even when it seemed that all hope was lost. And with that glorious confession, finally, the Lord shows his hand: **"Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you believe. And her daughter was healed that very hour."**

And so we can trust the Lord is doing the same when he waits to answer our prayers. When he doesn't give us what we want, when we want it—we can expect that Jesus is using the waiting toward the purpose of exercising our faith and making it stronger too—that he is using the adversity to drive us deeper into his Word and prayer, teaching us through the hard times, how to hang onto him and not let go. And even though the waiting is the hardest part, good things come to those who wait. For in the resurrection, everything you have ever asked for in Jesus' name will be given to you: deliverance from temptations and trials, the health of your loved ones, salvation from demons, and eternal life.

Announcements

St. Paul

+**Sunday School** – thanks to Linda Fruchte and Kelly Todd for offering to serve as regular Sunday School teachers. All our teacher spots for the year have been filled. Anyone interested in being a substitute Sunday School teacher, please talk with Ed Albert.

+**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.

+**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.**

+**LBI representative needed.** We are looking for our next representative. This can be a voting OR non-voting member of the congregation. 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 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

SAVE THE DATE! A Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 20**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Friedheim in their Family Life Center.

Do you want to schedule a time for you to give? Go to the following link, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=zflc> and sign up or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)! You can donate blood beginning at the age of 16.

You can review the requirements to give by looking at the Red Cross website www.redcross.org. ***Just a reminder that when you come to give blood, you MUST have a valid ID with you. Without an ID, you are not allowed to give blood (even if everyone there knows who you are!)*** If you have any questions, please contact Wava Lichtle (260-701-4360) or Dale Heckman (260-437-4424). The Red Cross is looking forward to having another blood drive at our facilities. It's a life-saving event!

+**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:** as we begin a new school year.
- +**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 8/17—8/23.** Ralph Selking, Kenzie Mesing, Lynn Garner, Megan Friedt, Kim Fravel, Connie Garner, Lanae Gilbert, Henry Faurote, Gracelyn Gallmeyer, Owean Pearson, Halei Faurote, Pastor Yeager.

Acolyte

8/16 9AM Clayton Minnich

Attendance

Wednesday 8/5	7PM	13	Sunday 8/9	9AM	180
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Stewardship 8/2/26

Offering for the week: \$12,916.60	Online Offering: \$212.00	Total: \$13,128.60
Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00	Vs. YTD Goal: -\$4,177.49	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 16	9AM	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service
Wednesday, August 19	7PM	The Divine Service
Thursday, August 20	7PM	Ladies Aid Business Meeting
Sunday, August 23	9AM	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins



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