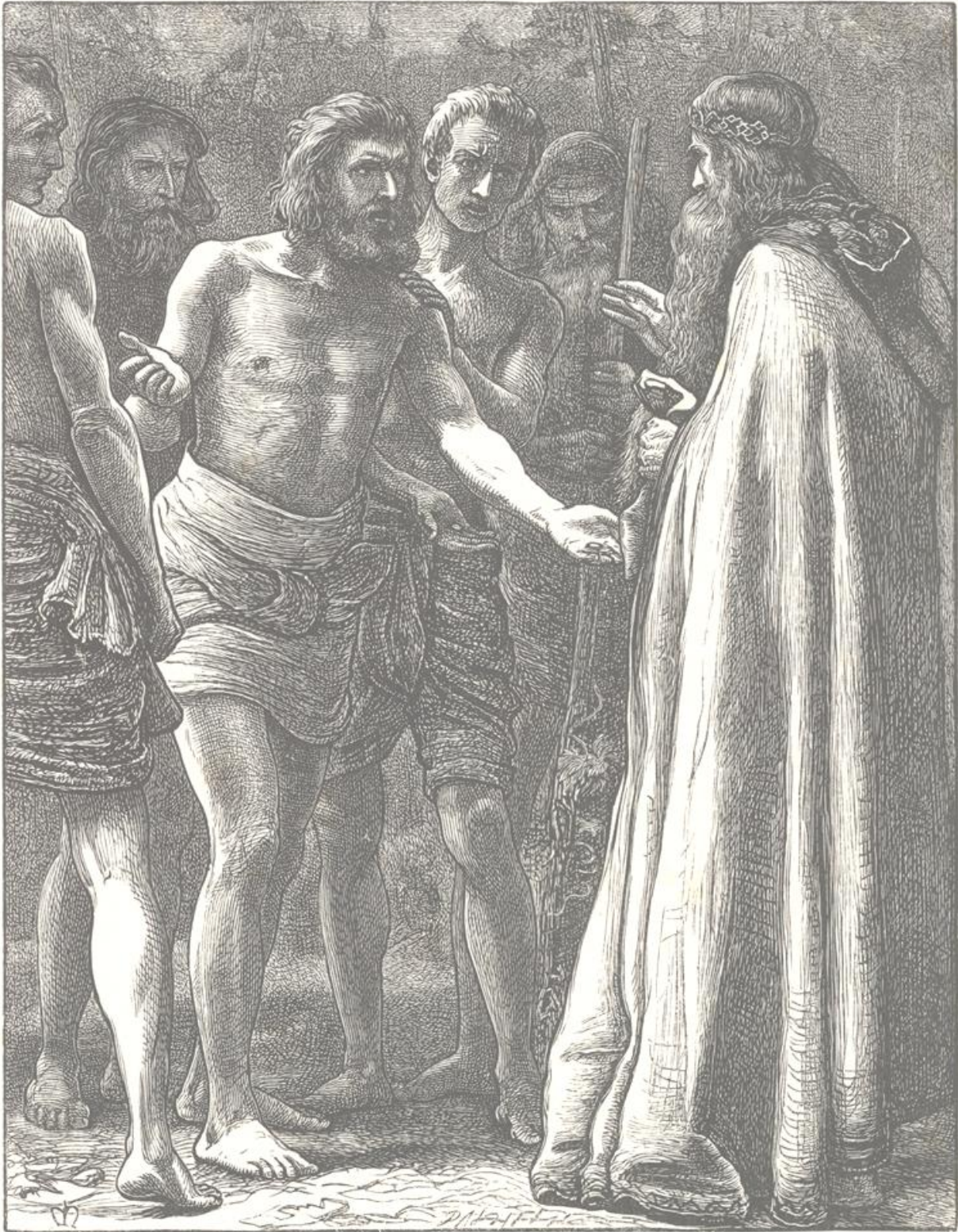


+The Divine Service+

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 20, 2026 | 10:15AM



The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the Crucifix.

Hymn of Invocation | 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

*I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.*

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.



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



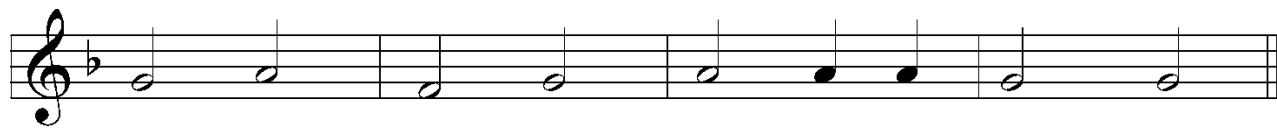
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.*

Kyrie



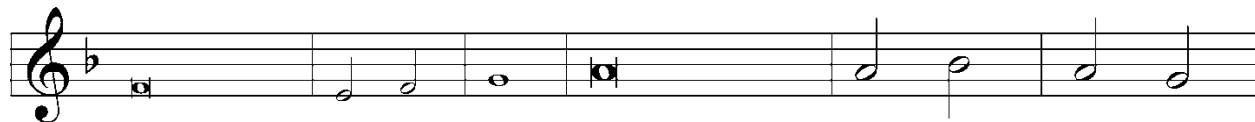
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

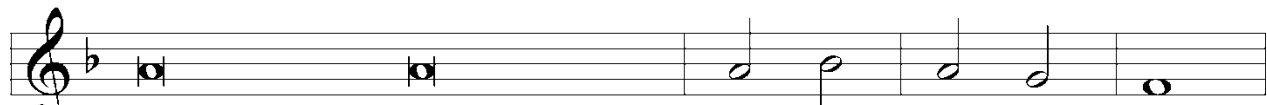
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P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



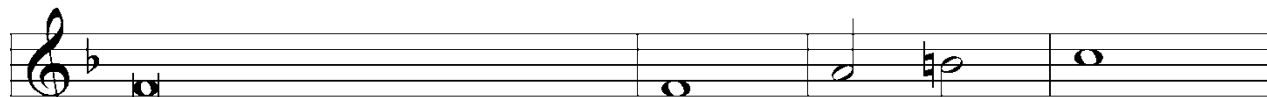
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



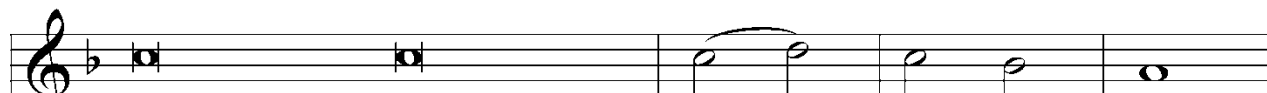
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



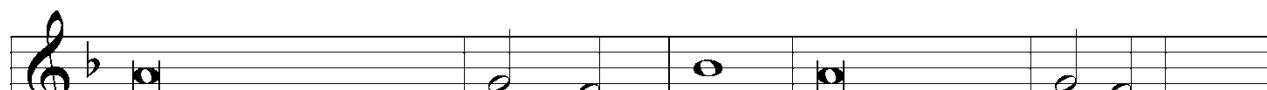
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



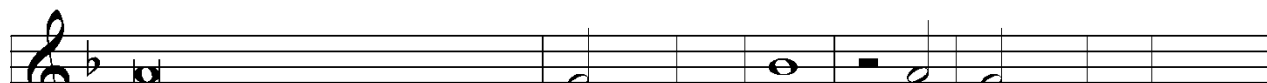
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



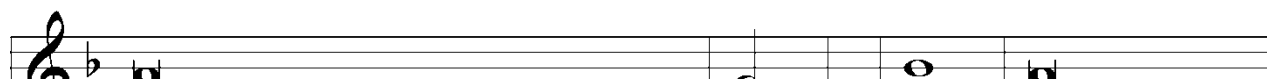
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



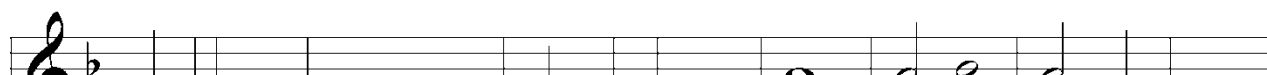
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



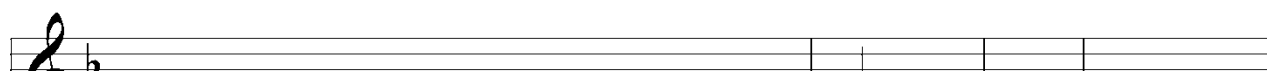
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



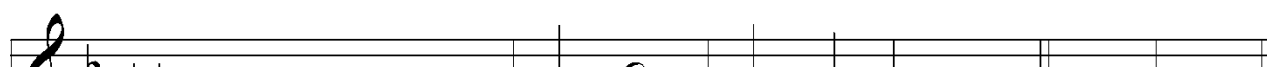
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

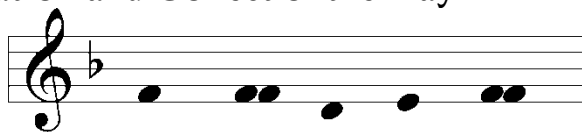


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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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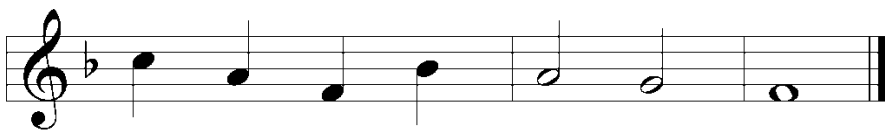


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

back cover of the hymnal.

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come STANZAS 1-5

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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G 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 -



Sit

The Offering

Stand

The Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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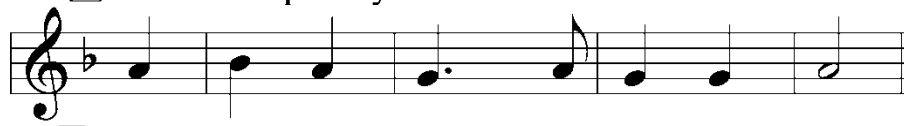
P The Lord be with you.



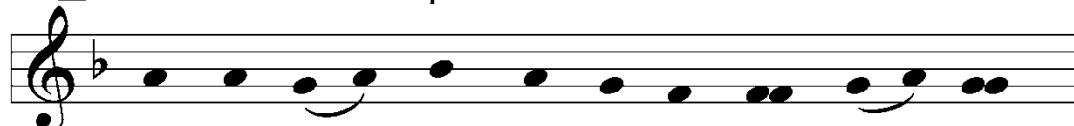
C And with thy spir - it.



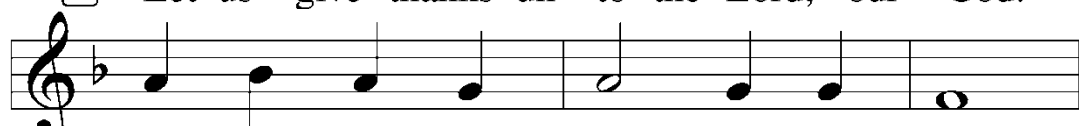
P Lift up your hearts.



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

LSB 195



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

LSB 197



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



C A - men.

■ 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 | 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Distribution Hymn | 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Distribution Hymn | 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

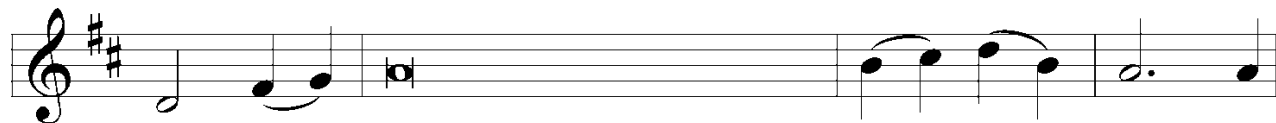
*Stand***The Dismissal**

¶ 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-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



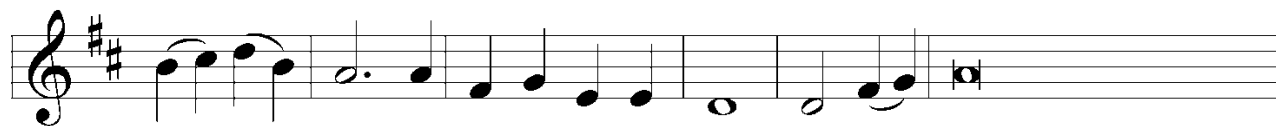
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



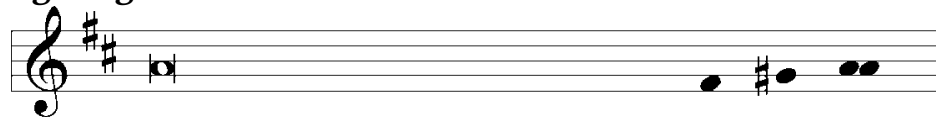
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



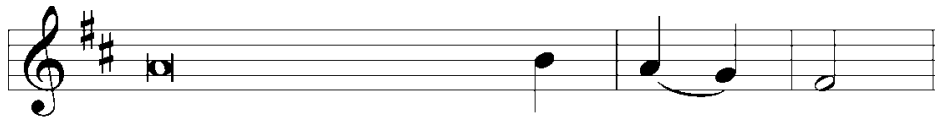
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

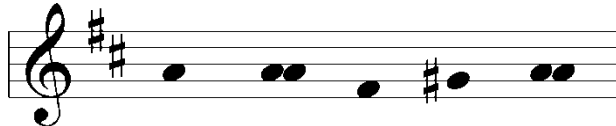
Post-Communion Collect

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



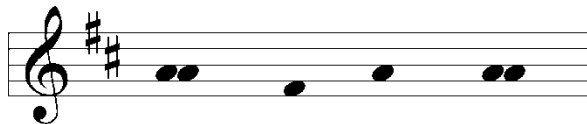
P The Lord be with you.



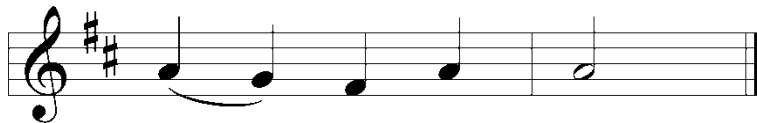
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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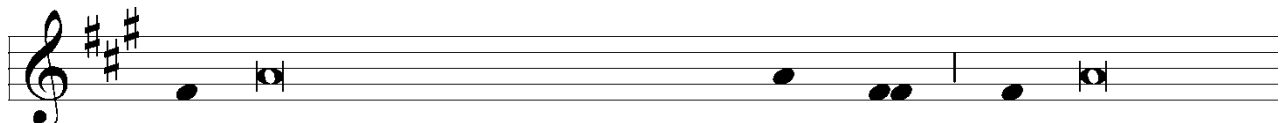
A Bless we the Lord.



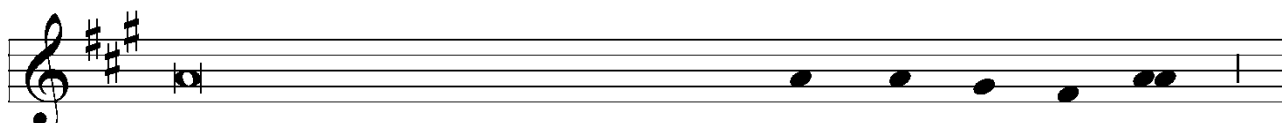
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

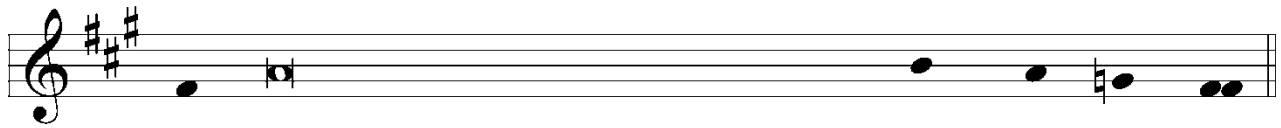
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Announcements

St. Paul

+**Field Workers.** Three seminarians from CTS-Ft. Wayne were placed at St. Paul, Preble for their field work this year. They are Jake DeSantis (from Southern California), Daniel Engvik (Norway), and a deaconess student, Alison Galchutt (St. Louis, MO). We welcome them in worship this morning for the first time. Please greet them and make them feel welcome as their Church home away from home as they study toward service in the Church.

+**The Ladies Aid** will be making noodles September 27—October 1st. Any flour donations are gratefully accepted—please place them in the kitchen, and plan to help us make noodles.

+**Open House:** celebrating the 90th birthday of our sister in Christ, Barb Bulmahn, will be held at the Zion, Friedheim Family Life Center on Sunday, Sept. 27th from 2—5PM. All are invited to attend. Your presence and wishes are the only present Barb needs. Happy birthday Barb!

+**Attendance Policy.** Attendance will be recorded in the narthex to Memorial Day of 2027 for all our youth. Please check the name of your child each Sunday/week they are present in worship. Wyneken students are expected in Church 50% of the time per the parent handbook. Our confirmands are expected in Church at the same rate, or confirmation could be called into question. Remember that our obligation under the Third Commandment is that we should not despise preaching and his Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear it and learn it. Unless prevented by work, sickness, or travel, all Christians should be in Church faithfully, making attendance at worship a priority. Thank you.

Youth

Sunday, October 18; 2-6 p.m. – Corn Maze and More at Amazing Fall Fun. Indiana's largest corn maze and many other attractions await at Amazing Fall Fun in Waterloo. Bring \$15 and a friend at 2 p.m. to the Bingen parking lot. Parents, contact your pastor if you are willing to drive.

Wyneken

+Wyneken Class of 2028 is hosting a **golf outing** on Sunday, September 20th. \$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. Our Preble 7th graders are: Jude Adams, Molly Baker, Addie Butcher, Hannah Faurote, Keaton Steiner, Mary Yeager.

+**Spooktacular Halloween-Themed 5K Run/Walk.** Sat., Oct 10th at Wyneken. 0.5 Mile run for the kids. Race will be completed through cemetery, grass, and country road. Registration includes T-Shirt, snacks, and water. 5K--\$25; 0.5 mile run—free for 10 and under (\$10 if you want shirt). Race day registration is 3:30-4:15pm. Fun Run 4:30PM. 5K 5PM. Register at bit.ly/WMLSRUN. Must register by September 24th to receive a T-Shirt.

Trunk or Treat. The Wyneken PTL hosts on **Saturday, October 24, at 5:00 pm** in the Wyneken parking lot. You are encouraged to decorate your trunk and hand out treats in a safe

and familiar environment for the kids. Cars, vans or trucks be in the school parking lot and set up by 4:30, with trunk or treating starting at 5:00. Take a shot at dunking Pastor Steffen in the dunk tank! We are collecting candy if you wish to supplement the candy provided by the trunk hosts. We will serve chili, hot dogs, and beverages from 5:00 to 6:00. *We have plenty of volunteer opportunities: have a trunk, pass out treats, volunteer for an event time slot, provide a gallon of chili soup, donate candy . Contact Jani Thieme – jani@minnickservices.com (cell 260.413.4169).* Hot chili drop off between 4:00-4:30 on 10/24 or you can set up another drop-off time earlier by contacting Danelle Westrick, Laura Kukelhan or Jani Thieme. In the event of inclement weather, we will host in Wyneken Cafetorium. Fun prizes to be awarded for the best decorated trunks.

Community

SAVE THE DATE! A Red Cross Blood Drive TODAY, **Sunday, September 20**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zion, Friedheim in their Family Life Center. Go to the link, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=zflc> and sign up or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)! If you have any questions, please contact Wava Lichtle (260-701-4360) or Dale Heckman (260-437-4424).

+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.

+Hog Roast at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 8538 N 500 E, Decatur, September 27th, 10:30AM—12:30AM at the Church Parish Hall. Tickets \$12. Drive through available.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 20	8AM	The Seventeenth Sun. after Pentecost—Matins
	9:15AM	Bible Class, Sunday School
	10:15AM	The Seventeenth Sun. after Pentecost—Divine Service
	11:30AM	Confirmation Instruction
	10AM-2PM	Blood Drive at Zion, Friedheim
Wednesday, Sept. 23	11AM	Golf Outing
	6:15PM	Hope Clinic Fundraising Banquet
	7PM	Vespers
Thursday, Sept. 24	7PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:15PM	Hope Clinic Fundraising Banquet
Sunday, Sept. 27	8AM	The Eighteenth Sun. after Pentecost—Divine Service
	9:15AM	Bible Class, Sunday School
	10:15AM	The Eighteenth Sun. after Pentecost—Matins
	<i>After Church—setting up tables and chairs/noodles</i>	
	11:30AM	Confirmation Instruction
	2-5PM	Barb Bulmahn—Open House, Zion, Friedheim

Prayer of the Church

- +**Those who rejoice:** Ralph and Sharon Ewell on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Flowers on the altar are placed in thanksgiving for this milestone.
 - +**Sick & Recovering:** Joy Hamilton, Troy Gerke, Sharon Osbourne.
 - +**Our Wyneken School:** teachers, staff, students, childcare.
 - +**Expectant mothers:** Kyndal Hall; Jamie Hemsoth; Taylor Selking.
 - +**The Homebound:** Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); David Schueler (Ossian Health); Don Haines (home).
 - +**Birthdays 9/21—9/27.** Janeen Gerke, Julie Schueler, Levi Adams, Barb Bulmahn, Ben Blum, Karen Fisher, Maddie McCullough, Emily Shepard, John Schueler.
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Acolytes

9/13 8AM Corbin Huff

10:15AM Henry Faurote

Attendance

Wednesday 9/9 7PM 13

Sunday 9/13 8AM 101

10:15AM 85

Stewardship 9/6/26

Offering for the week: \$21,081.63

Online Offering: \$927.00

Total: \$22,008.63

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00

Vs. YTD Goal: +\$5042.32



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