St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

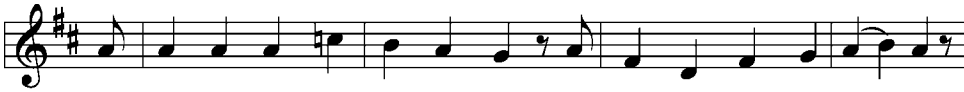
September 20, 2020

Divine Service—Setting 4

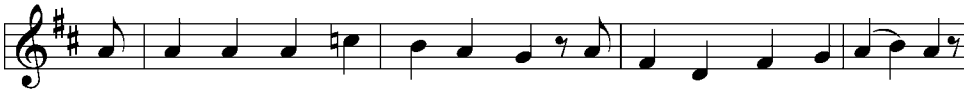
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

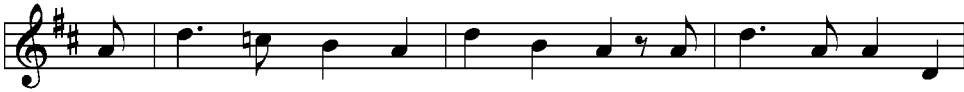
555 Salvation unto Us Has Come *sts. 1–4*



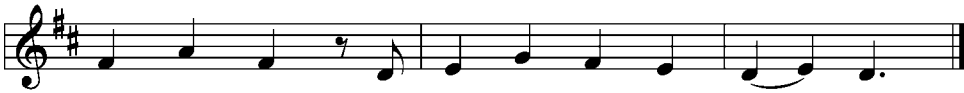
1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas-ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
That sin - ners could them-selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.
The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas-ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

Stand

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

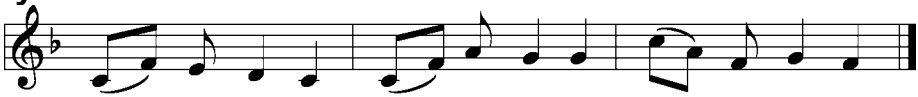
Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: Ps. 116:17*

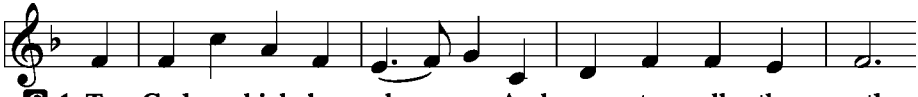
P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C: and call on the name of the LORD.
P: What shall I render to the LORD
C: for all his benefits to me?
P: I will lift up the cup of salvation
C: and call on the name of the LORD.
P: Precious in the sight of the LORD
C: is the death of his saints.
P: O LORD, I am your servant;
C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C: and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie

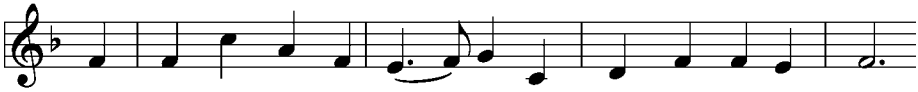


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

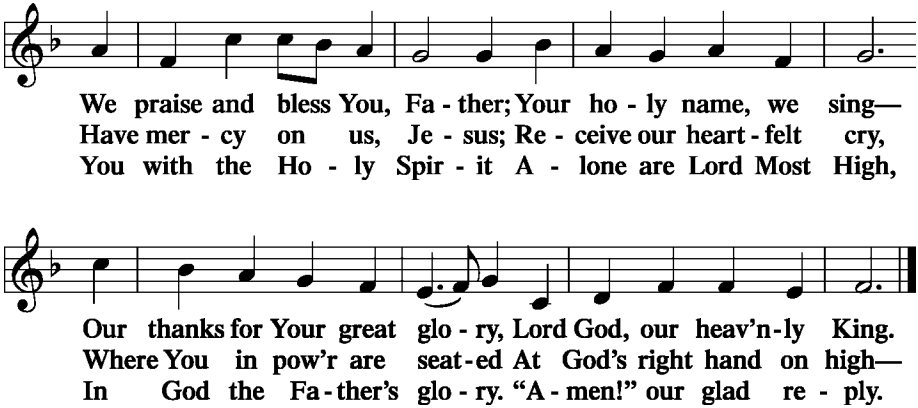
Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 **Amen.**

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.

[9]For 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.**

Gradual *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,
C: for those who fear him lack nothing!
P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

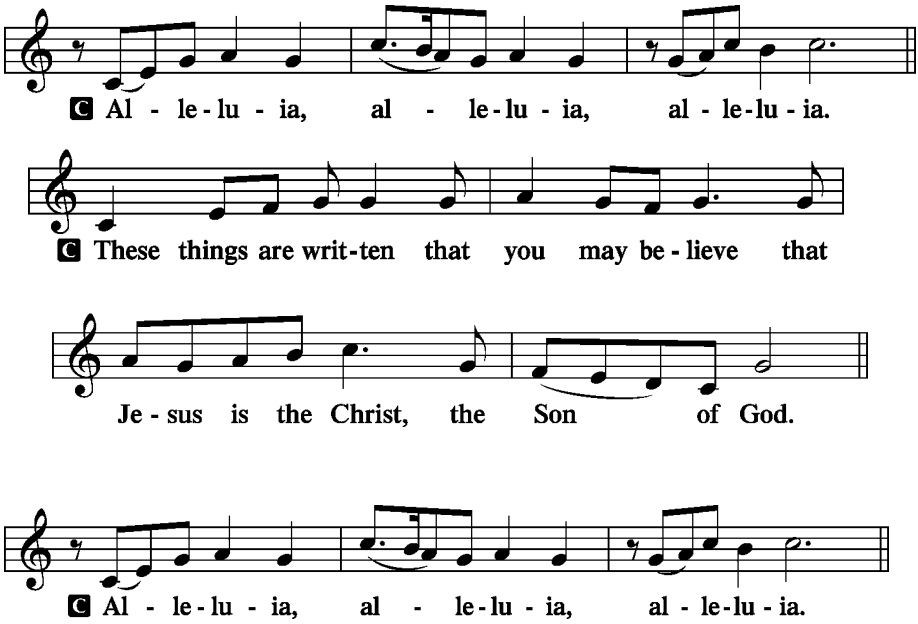
[12]I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has
really served to advance the gospel, [13]so that it has become known
throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my
imprisonment is for Christ. [14]And most of the brothers, having become
confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear.
[19]for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, [20]as 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. [21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22]If I am
to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall
choose I cannot tell. [23]I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is
to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [24]But to remain in the
flesh is more necessary on your account. [25]Convinced of this, I know
that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in
the faith, [26]so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ
Jesus, because of my coming to you again.
[27]Only 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, [28]and 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. [29]For 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, [30]engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 20:1–16*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

[3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the
marketplace, [4]and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and
whatever is right I will give you.' [5]So they went. Going out again about
the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the
eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to
them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7]They said to him, 'Because
no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'
[8]And 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.' [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour
came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first
came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also
received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master
of the house, [12]saying, '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.' [13]But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you
no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what
belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to
you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?
Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the
first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

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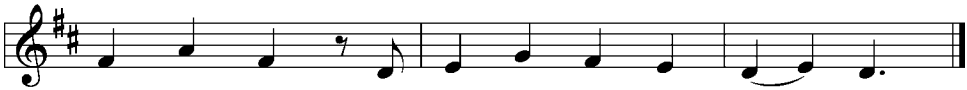

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.

Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

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Sermon: *"Comparisons and Contentment"*

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16

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Prayer of the Church

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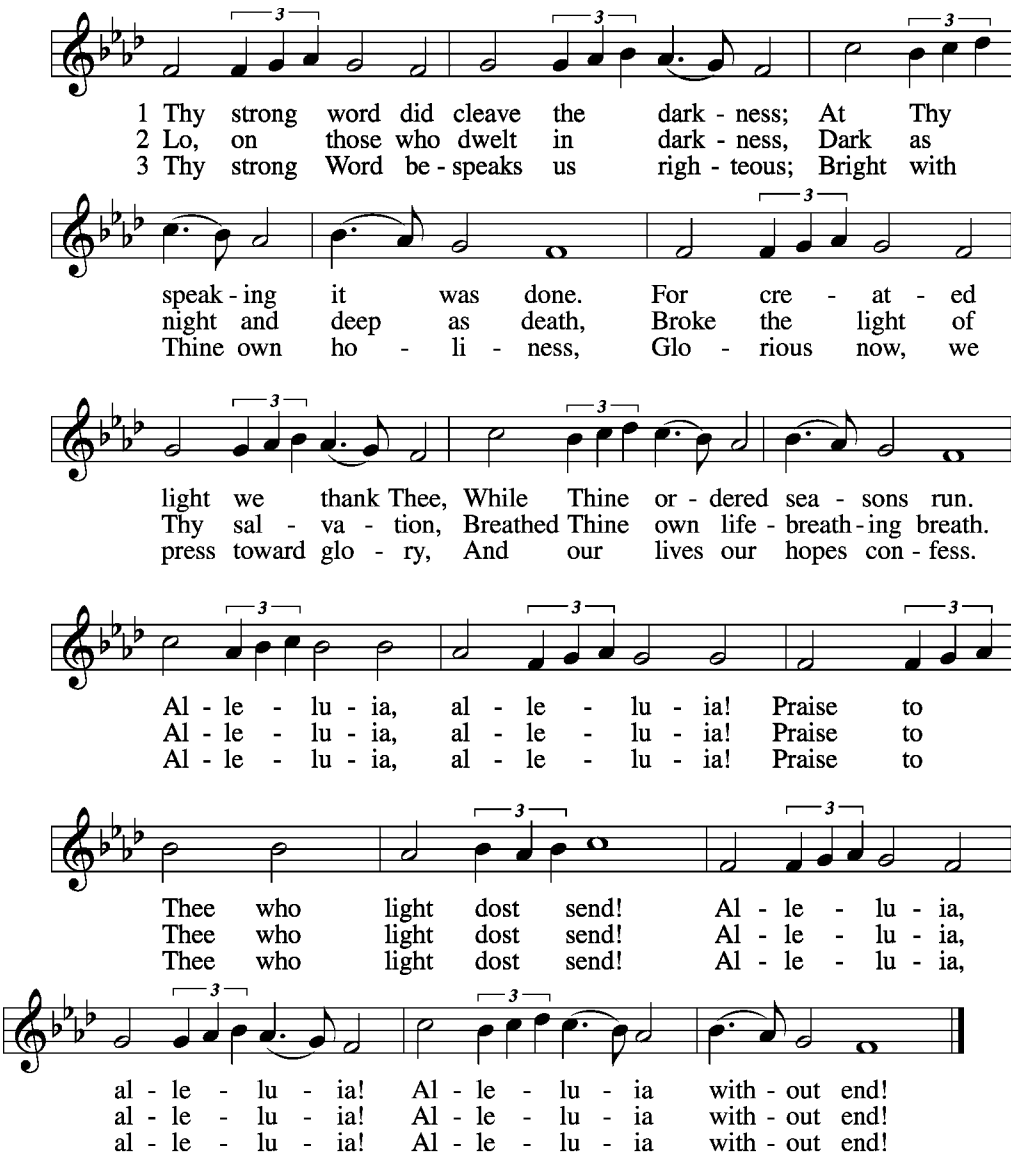
Offertory Hymn

578 Thy Strong Word *sts. 1–3*



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Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

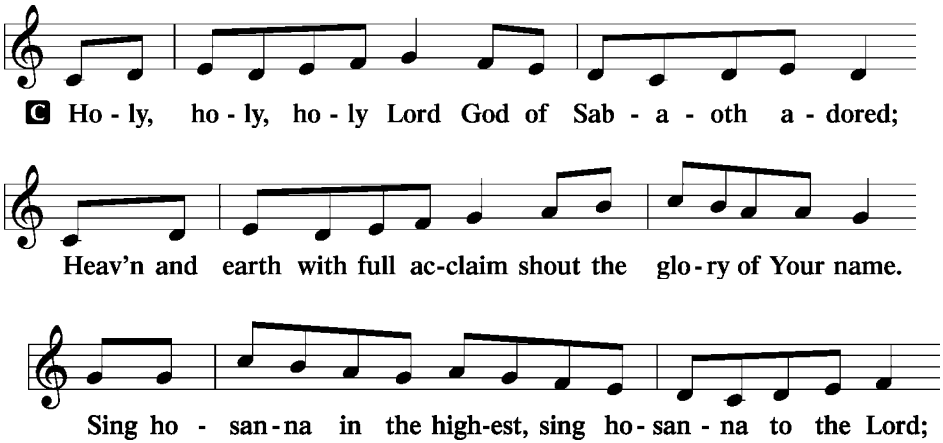
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

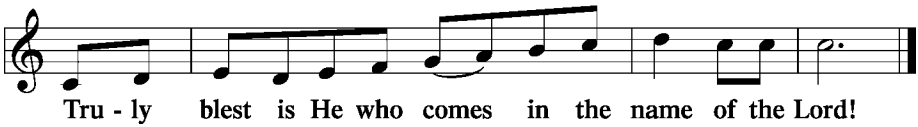
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

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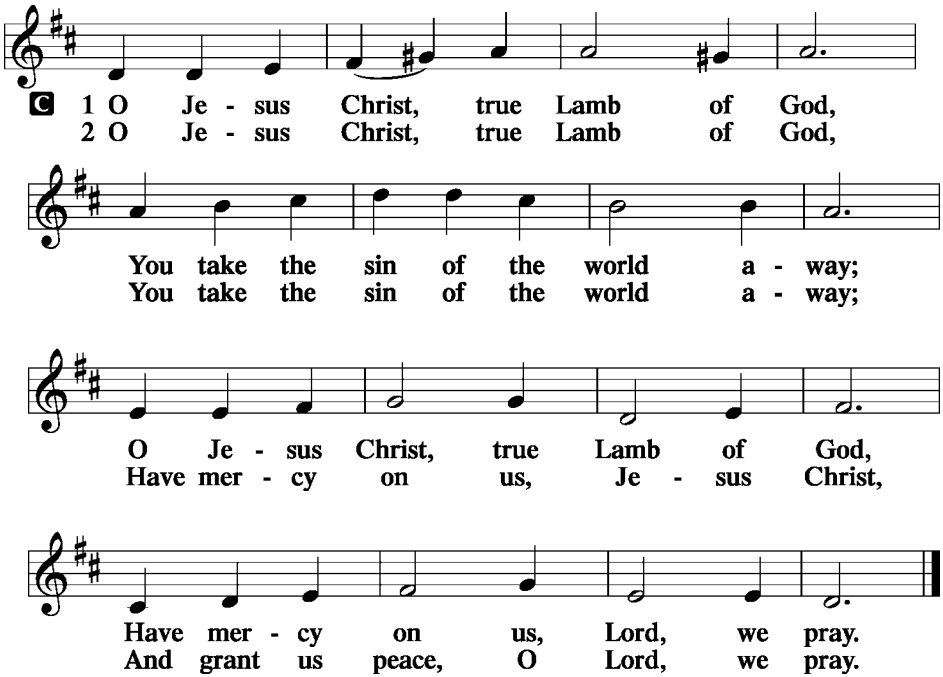

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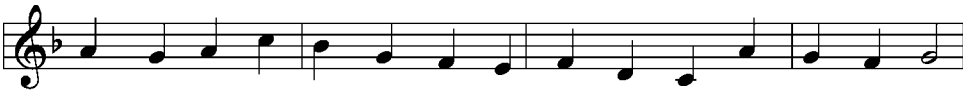
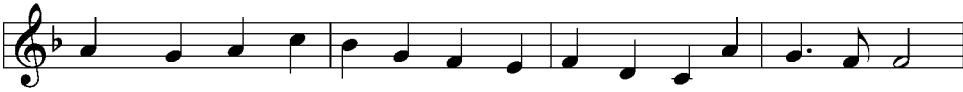
Distribution

Distribution Hymn

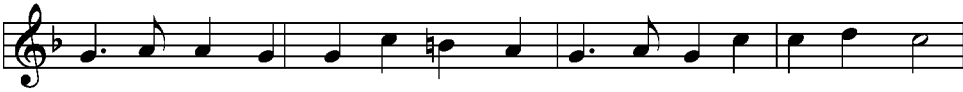
827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



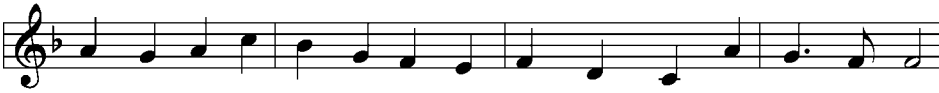
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yield
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - creas
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peac

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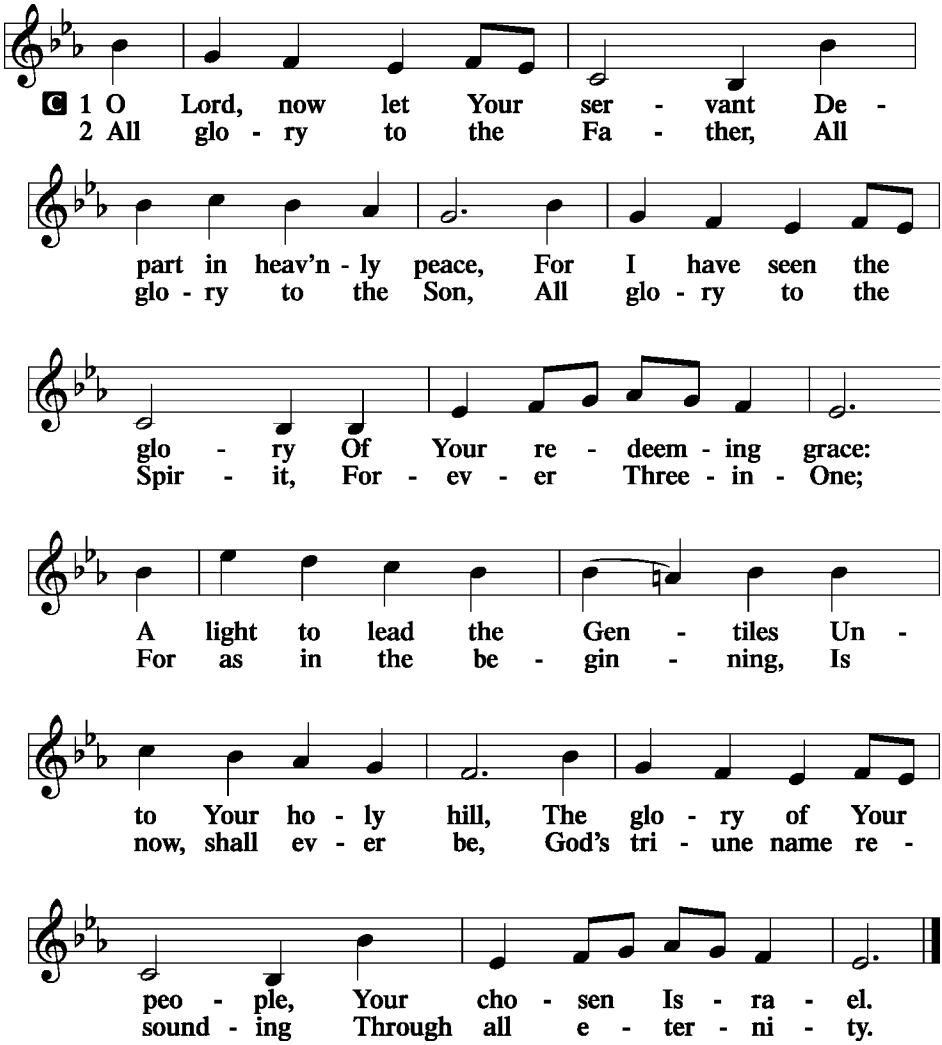
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to

rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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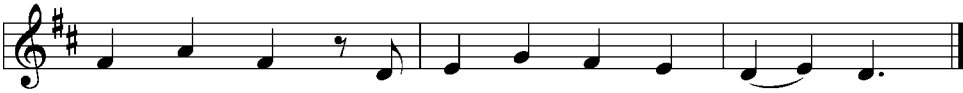

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

(Stand)

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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A memorial was given in memory of Joetta Swanhorst.
Please pray for Brandi Wagemann**,** Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Michael Severson, Joyce Kenitzer, Joyce Dahme, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Brenda Blair, Miles Eisenbeisz, Leona McCalip, Steven Swanhorst, Barbara Dahme, Howard Dahme, Dan Lingor, Ralph Stevens, Jason Herrick, Pastor Anderson, Gladys Felix, and Beverly Borchard.

Please pray for Jeff Severson and Devin Severson who are serving

in the military.

LWML 2020 Christian Workshop will be held on Friday, Sept. 18th at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron. Registration begins at 9:30am.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume via Zoom on Sept. 12 at 4:45pm-5:45pm. We are on page 201 in the Soul Spa book, and have five lessons left. Once we complete that book, we will begin a new book and anyone who wants to join the Bible Study is welcome to join at any time. Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7649328029 Meeting ID: 764 932 8029

MAIN STREET LIVING – Sept. 27, 2020 10:00 AM- This is the Life - "Sharing the Gospel"—10:30 AM - Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher presents the sermon "Hope and Hopelessness Meet in Jesus." The sermon is based on Luke 7:11-17. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: **www.mainstreetliving.com**.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Sept. 27 – "Room at the Table" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. New Series: "Households of Faith." The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

The Adoption Creed: *"Nor flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it."* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life.

Organists: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Monday –** Cindy Jung
Wednesday – Judah Bobby

Offering: September 13, 2020 - $9,055.90
Coffee - $43.00 Missions: $115.00

Attendance: September 13, 2020
8:00 am – 83 Communed - 69 10:45 am – 98 Communed - 62
Monday Night – 21 Wednesday Night – 12 Communed - 10

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Sept. 20-Sept .27)

Sun	**8:00 am**	**Worship Service**
	9:15 am	Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	**Worship Service.**
Mon	6:15 pm	**Worship Service**
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	7:30 pm	Elder Bible Study
Wed	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	**Worship Service – (Mask Required)**
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Thur	9:00 am	Quilting
Sat	1:30pm	Zoom Cottage Meeting
Sun	**8:00 am**	**Worship Service**
	9:15 am	Bible Study, Coffee/Donuts
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	**Worship Service**
	1:30 pm	Cottage Meeting
	4:30 pm	Cottage Meeting