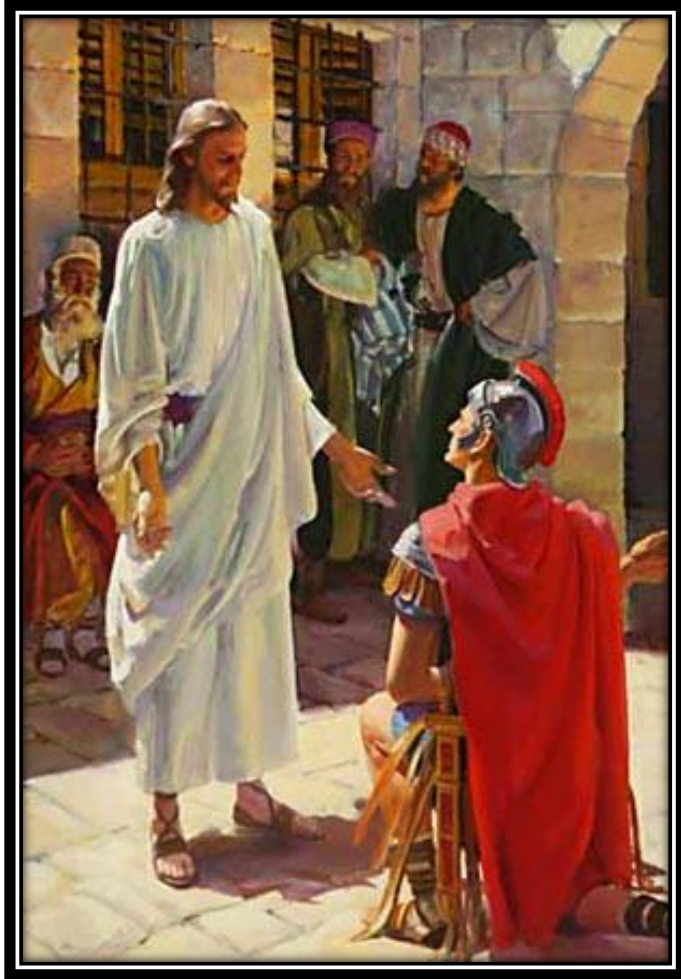


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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

*We are pleased that you are with us.*

### +Worship Notes+

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

**Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!** We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

**To all of you who are visiting** our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. **If you are looking for a church home** and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

### ¶ Note From the Organist:

Georg Phillip Telemann was possibly the most prolific composer of all time. He is credited with thousands of works, including 1400 church cantatas. (Bach is believed to have written about 400, of which about 200 are extant.) However, he only wrote a handful of pieces for organ and keyboard. “Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now” was frequently sung as a sermon hymn in the early Lutheran Church. Telemann gives us four brief settings.

Paul Manz served many years at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Chicago. A master of improvisation, he single-handedly invented the hymn festival. Most of his published organ music originated as improvisations, later revised for publication. This setting for the full organ concludes with a pedal solo including the powerful 32' Bombarde.

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come *sts. 1-5*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



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.  
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

*Stand*

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

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 167*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 167*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*LSB 167*

**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

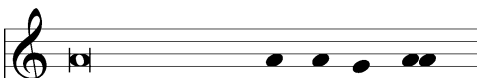
## Introit

Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text

*The whole world is | in your power,\**  
*O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.*  
**For you have made | heaven and earth,\***  
**you are | Lord of all!**  
*Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\**  
*who walk in the law | of the LORD!*  
**Confirm to your servant your | promise,\***  
**that you | may be feared.**  
*Turn away the reproach | that I dread,\**  
*for your just de- | crees are good.*  
**Behold, I long for your | precepts,\***  
**in your righteousness | give me life!**  
**Glorify to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
*The whole world is | in your power,\**  
*O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.*  
**For you have made | heaven and earth,\***  
**you are | Lord of all!**

## Kyrie

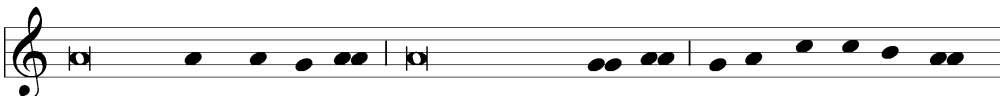
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



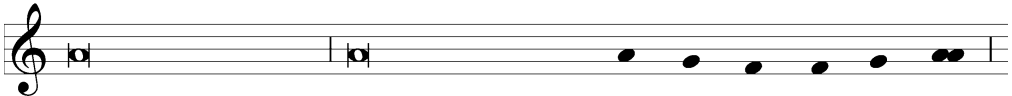
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



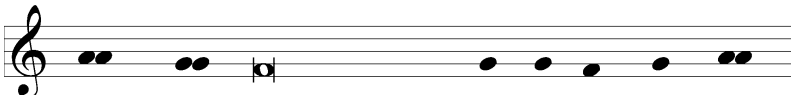
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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.



## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:1—2:3*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply

and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I



have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and  
the world,\*

from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

## Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the

authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



## Holy Gospel

John 4:46-54

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>[Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, **"Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."** <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, **"Go; your son will live."** The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, **"Your son will live."** And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**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**

**655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Prayer of the Church

*The proper response is "Lord, have mercy."*

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In thanksgiving for the many blessings of creation, which our Lord sustains despite every ravage of sin, death and the devil; and for faith to receive His benefits with gratitude, knowing they come through Jesus' merits and not our own, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the Church, that God would defend her against the schemes of the devil; for all Christians, especially pastors, that God would equip them with the sword of His Spirit, which is His Word, that the fallen creation may be recalled from its futility; and for all the saints, that God would outfit them with His full armor: with salvation, faith, peace, righteousness, truth and every benefit that comes from Christ Jesus, that we may stand firm to the end, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all Christian households, the holy estate of marriage and the gift of children, that they would be honored and protected; for courage to confess that God has created us male and female; and for wisdom to exercise dominion in this world, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For boldness in our fight, recognizing that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers over this present darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places; and for the Spirit's aid to respect godly authorities, to oppose what stands against His Word and to see every unbelieving person as God's creature for whom Christ died, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For those who are troubled, ill or at the point of death, *Alice, Carmen, Charlotte, Cynthia, the Conrad's, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Gloria, James, Jason and all California Fire Fighters, Jamsetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Lynette, Marion and her family, Sabrina, Susie*, that God would not despise our prayers because of our weak faith, but grant life and healing, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For rest in the gifts of our God, who sanctifies us, especially the gift of Christ's body and blood in His blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**Offering** *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

## Offertory

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 177



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so 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.

**Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

*LSB 177*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

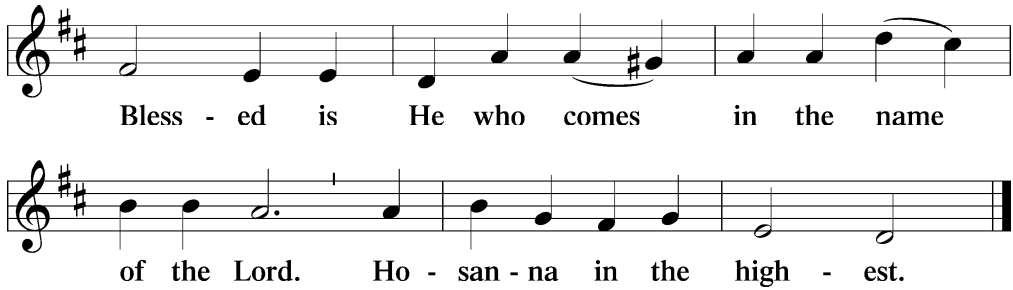
*LSB 178*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.





### 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."

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."

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

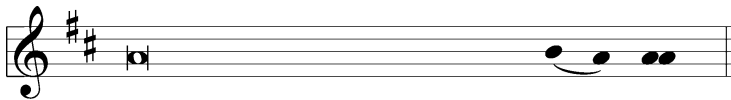
### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Pax Domini

LSB 180



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

### 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
And with the wine the blood He shed.  
His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's

guest,  
Be at His banquet truly  
blest.

That its fruit of love may  
flourish  
And your neighbor learn  
from you  
How much God's wondrous  
love can do.

10 Let this food your faith so  
nourish

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

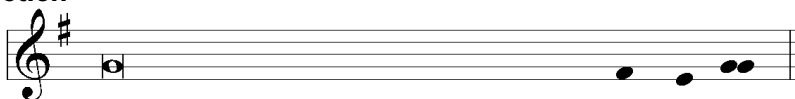
**P** Let us pray.

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.



## Benediction

LSB 183



**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.



## Hymn to Depart

## 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come *sts. 6-10*



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-  
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be  
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con-science-  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No  
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your  
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be  
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
 jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.  
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
 and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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## Who Trusts In God, A Strong Abode

*Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

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# ✝ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✝

## Announcements

**+ Last Sunday's Attendance: 27**

**+ Joining us today is Reverend Tom Park.** We are thankful for him filling in for Pastor Killian while he is away!

**+ The Veteran's Day Celebration is November 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please RSVP by October 31<sup>st</sup> to the Church Office at 310-671-7644 or [goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net) or see an Evangelism Committee member. -Jocella, Mary, Royce, Norm, Nannette, Jill

### LWML Message

**+ OKTOBERFEST ON REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31** - Our LWML has hosted an Oktoberfest meal for several years after our Reformation service. The congregation is welcomed to participate by bringing a German dish or just enjoying the food! **Signup sheet is located on the coffee table in the back!**

## **Synod Sentences for the Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity**

### ***God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil***

“*Let there be light, and there was light*” (Gen. 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “*Go; your son will live*” (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). “*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*”

### **Lutherans For Life Thoughts for the Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity**

The picture of the armor-clad Christian in Ephesians 6:10-20 is one of defense not offense. We are not fighting to obtain truth. We have the truth. We fight to defend the truth upon which we stand. Be encouraged in this spiritual battle that can seem so frustrating at times. “[B]e strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (6:10).

*Prayer: Thank You for Your truth, Lord, and Your armor. Help us stand firm. Amen.*

### **A Prayer For The Week**

Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Son You have promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life: We beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit so enliven our hearts that in daily prayer we may seek our help in Christ against all temptations, and, constantly believing His promise, obtain that for which we pray, and at last be saved; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### **An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings**

“Our Gospel lesson speaks further of the increase of faith, and here there is a difference. Although faith fully possesses Christ and all His riches, yet it must nevertheless be continually kept in motion and exercised, so that it may have assurance, and firmly retain its treasures. There is a difference between having a thing and firmly keeping hold of it, between a strong and a weak faith. Such a great treasure should be firmly seized and well-guarded, so that it may not be easily lost or taken from us. I may have it indeed in its entirety, although I hold it only in a paper sack, but it is not so well preserved as if I had it locked in an iron chest. *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

## **A Snippet From 1517**

“...To see how Christ is at work in this text it is important to recognize Paul is calling the baptized to be on the defensive against Satan’s attacks, not the offensive. It is not ours to conquer Satan. Christ has accomplished this already for us on the cross. The victory is His, thus it is ours. So, when we stand firm in this armor, it is not we who have clothed ourselves to rush the battlefield in the hope we might win on the last day. The Holy Spirit puts no spears, darts, or offensive weapons in our hands with which to storm Satan’s kingdom (even the sword of the Spirit spoken of in 6:17 is referring to the Word which defends us against the lies of Satan). Rather, it is that we belong to the Victor who has clothed us in His armor to protect us while the enemy rages on. Thus, to be “strong in the Lord” is to be “in the strength of HIS might” (6:10).

There is a great deal of discussion among scholars on where Paul is drawing this armor and battle imagery from. But, perhaps the most intriguing explanation for our purposes is how Paul’s imagery echoes Isaiah’s prophecy of YHWH fighting and winning the battle for His people:

“He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought Him salvation, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself in zeal as a cloak” (Isaiah 59:16-17).

It is Christ, then, the incarnate God who puts on His armor and wins the battle for us. Thus victorious, He puts His armor on us to protect us from the attacks of Satan. “Paul... is alluding to the classical belief that a champion’s armor brought strength and victory to those who wore it. But he goes farther, for this is not just the armor of an ordinary human champion.” To put on this armor is to be clothed in the battle gear of the victorious, incarnate God. “In striking Gospel irony, these enemies who are not made of blood and flesh are defeated by the flesh and blood of the divine Man Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to unite all people to Himself.”

When preaching this text, there are two dangers to avoid. First, do not suggest Christ’s victory renders the battle obsolete. Satan really is attacking, and your parishioners deal with it every day. It can actually be a great comfort to know it is normal for the Christian to face attacks. It is not a sign of weak faith, but quite the opposite!

At the same time, do not make Satan seem so powerful that he sounds like an equal power to God. He is a defeated loser, not a divine being. The key is to recognize, though he may be stronger than us, He is not stronger than Christ. And your hearers belong to Christ, who will not let them go. What is more, the Devil’s work is all counterproductive. The more he rages at the Christian, the more the Christian flees to Christ in prayer (6:18). So, stand firm against the attacks of the evil one, knowing his days are numbered. Christ has crushed the serpent’s head (Genesis 3:16). The victory is ours in Jesus! Sing Easter hymns of victory!” *Bob Hiller, 2021*