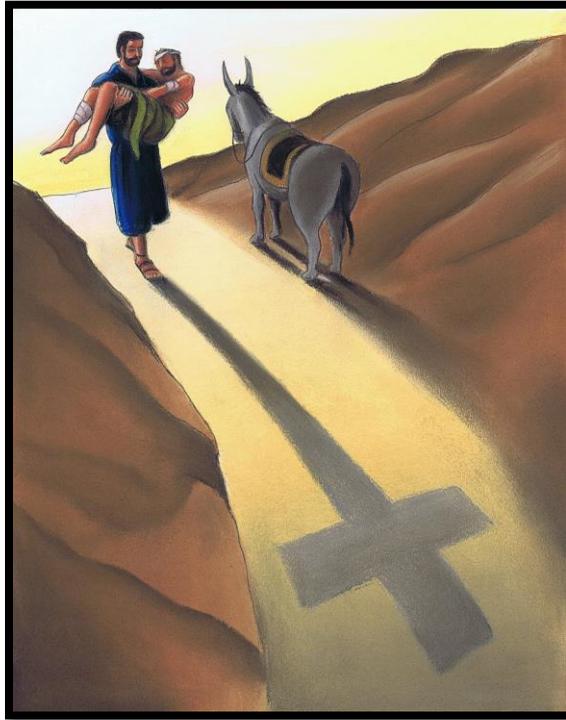


+DIVINE SERVICE III+

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

+THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY+ II SEPTEMBER 2022+



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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“A Church where God gives and we receive.”

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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 membership, pastor would love to speak with you!

A Note From The Organist:

Kristina Langlois is Director of Music and Worship at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. She has organ and choral works published by a number of publishers. Her setting of LSB 871, based on a Chinese folk song utilizes a single flute stop with the Hautbois (oboe) and solo combination of Nachthorn 4' and Larigot 11/3'.

Michael Burkhardt is widely known for his hymn festivals and concerts. He is a professor at Eastern Michigan University. His dramatic setting of “Yigdal” (LSB 798) features the powerful Festival Trumpet, then goes to full organ with the melody in the pedal, including the deep 32' reed.

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

875 Father, We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
 △ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
 where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, c. 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936
 Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris
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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 184

- 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.

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- 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.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];*
let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.
Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;*
do not forget the clamor | of your foes.
O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?*Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?
Remember your congre- | gation,*
which you have pur- | chased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwell
Do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.*
Let the poor and needy | praise your name.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C 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.

Kyrie

LSB 186



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

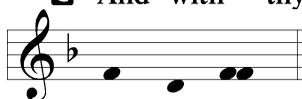
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

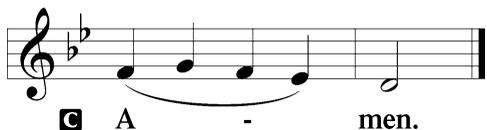


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria.

⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessed Are the Forgiven

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.

²**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

³For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity,*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.**

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.**

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,*
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay | near you.

¹⁰**Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,*
and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

Epistle*Galatians 3:15–22***The Law and the Promise**

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance

comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, **“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”**

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, **“What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”** ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, **“You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”**

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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Sermon: Who is the Good Samaritan?

Pastor Edward Killian

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



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 -



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

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** For grace to proclaim the triumph of the cross throughout the world – the victory of that love which hate could not destroy and that life which death could not overcome, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** In thanksgiving for the Holy Word and Sacraments, that they would be preserved among us; for faithful stewards of God’s mysteries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in Christ’s name; and for all the baptized, that they would be faithful confessors of the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For our families, that they would be harmonious in God’s love and ruled by Christ’s peace; that the Word of Christ would dwell richly among us; that fathers and heads of the household would teach and admonish their families in all wisdom; and that our songs, words and deeds would be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all in authority, that they may protect us from violence and evil and faithfully maintain peace and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all the citizens of our land, that they may love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, and that they may love their neighbors as themselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For Your people, that with compassionate hearts they may show to all Your mercy and love and bind up their wounds with the healing balm of Your Gospel, especially *Alice, Beth, Carmen, Cynthia, The Benson Family, Debra, Deneice and her family, Gary, Gloria, Helen, Jod, Johnathan, The Jeong Family, Karen, Lynette, Marie, Marion and her family, Royce, Sabrina, Timothy, and William*, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who come to the Lord’s Supper for rest, that the Holy Spirit would preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Christ’s blood, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** For those who mourn, that our heavenly Father would grant them comfort in their grief and grace to rejoice in the reunion to come with those who have died in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



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.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

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

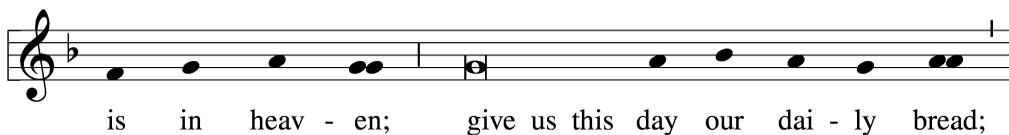
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



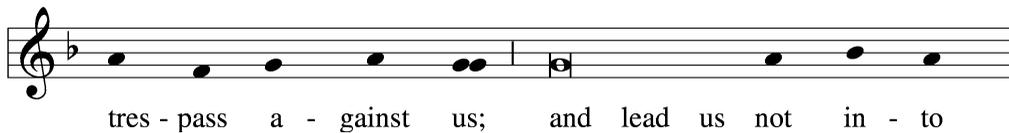
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



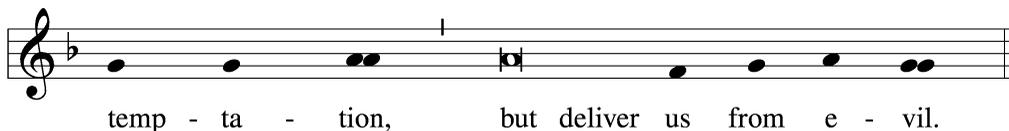
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



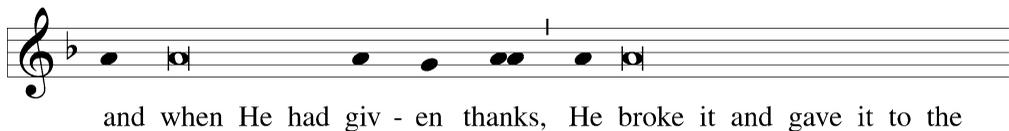
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

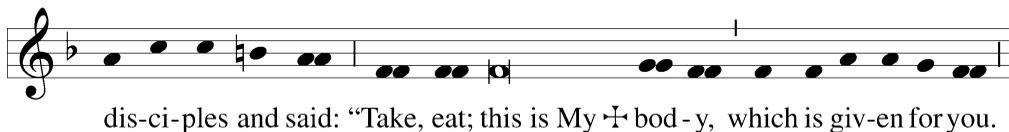
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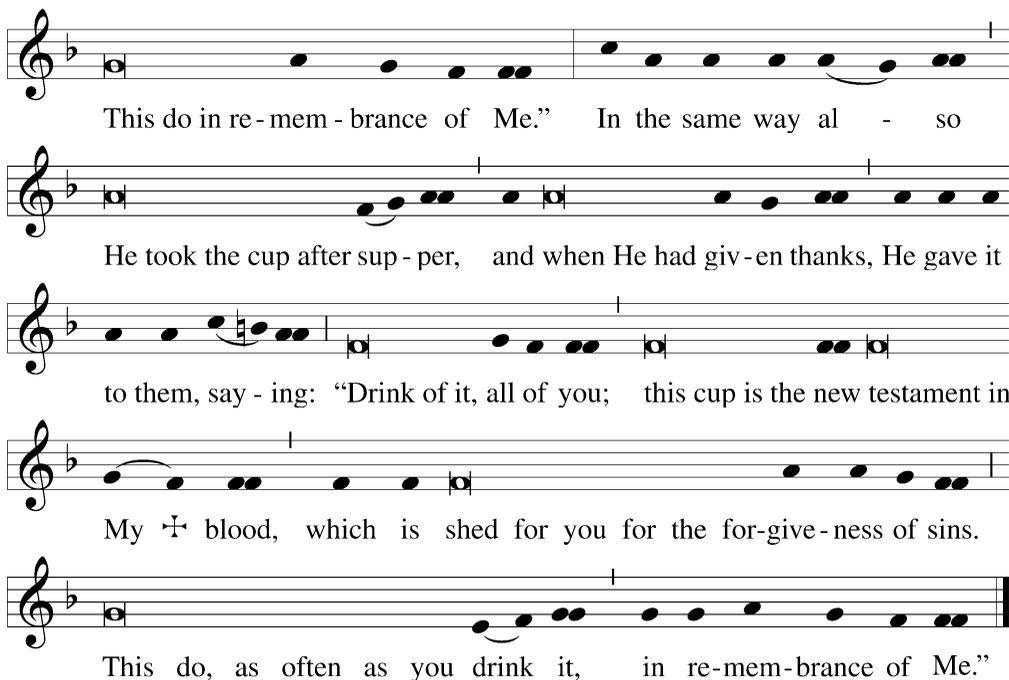
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



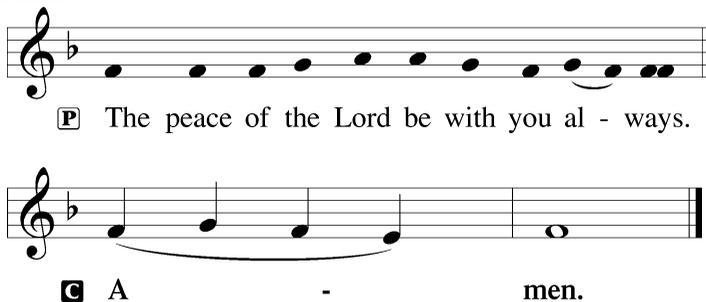
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv - en for you."



This do in re-mem - brance of Me.” In the same way al - so
 He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it
 to them, say - ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
 My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

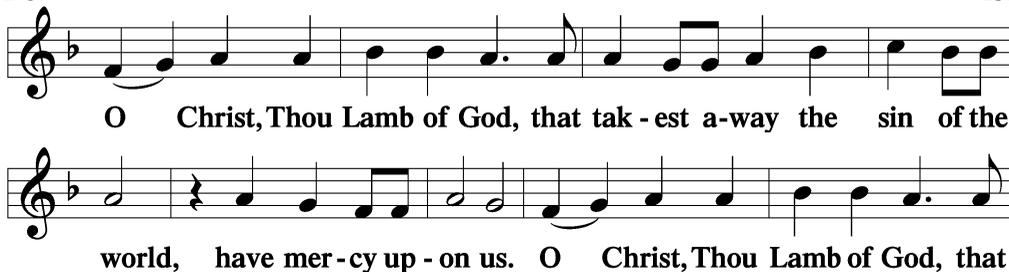
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - - - men.

Agnus Dei

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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

Distribution Hymn

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

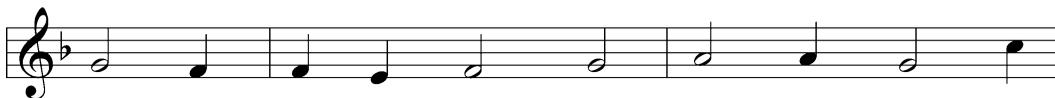
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Distribution Hymn

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



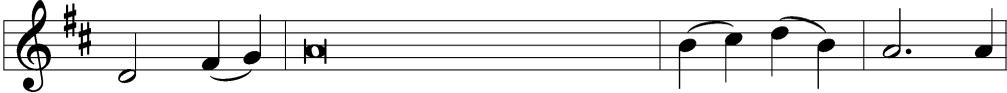
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.
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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



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 - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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



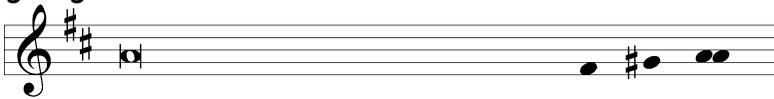
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



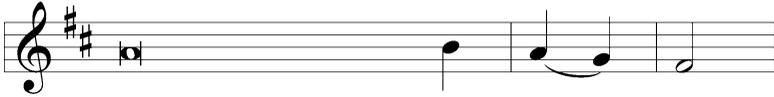
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



A Bless we the Lord.



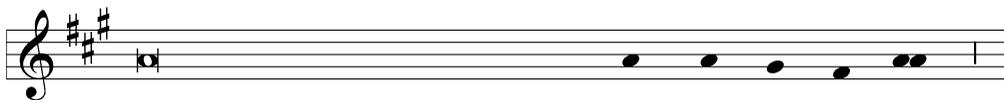
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

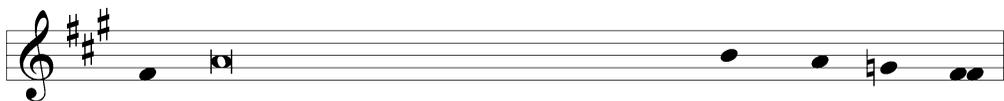
LSB 202



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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
- 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection
 Among us, Lord, our strength,

Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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✝ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✝

Announcements

+ **Last Sunday's Attendance: 28**

+ **Altar Guild Set Up:** September 11th Marie September 18th Mary
Cleanup for September: Maurine and Nannette

+ **Today is Mite Sunday!** The Collection box is located in the Narthex.

+ **Installation of Pastor Bart Loos at First Lutheran Church in Manhattan Beach on Saturday, September 17th at 3pm. RSVP by emailing flcoffice@first-lutheran.com by tomorrow, September 12th if you are interested.**

+ **Sunday, September 25th - The Films of Georges Melies @ The Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo. Leon has put together a wonderful opportunity for the church members to have some end of the summer fun! We would meet at a nearby restaurant, Slice & Pint, for lunch at 12:45pm and then continue over to The Old Town Music Hall where they will begin showing the films of Georges Melies at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for Seniors and \$12 for general admission. You can reserve seats for the show at <http://www.OldTownMusicHall.org>.**

September Birthdays!

Azula Carmack 17th

Johnathan Raoglison 18th

Jocella Collins 24th

Jod Soraci 26th

A Snippet From 1517

When Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan, He was not simply encouraging us to be good citizens. He was continuing a conversation which had begun with a serious question about salvation.

...Usually when we read the Parable of the Good Samaritan we identify with the Samaritan. Do not be like the priest. Do not be like the Levite. Be like the Samaritan. Care for those who are in need. Sacrifice your own comfort for the sake of the other. That is a good lesson. It is a lesson, unfortunately, we need to hear again and again.

But we miss the whole point of it all if we forget how this story began. It began with a question about salvation. When salvation is part of the conversation, it is not long before we find ourselves in the ditch. Let us be honest. Despite our noble intentions and sanctified efforts, we do not love God with everything. Despite our philanthropic impulses and willingness to contribute to a cause, we do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. We are more like the man who had been beaten than the man who stopped to help him.

If anyone is like the Samaritan, it is Jesus. Notice the verb in verse 33. The Samaritan had compassion (ἐσπλαγγνίσθη) on the man. Jeff Oschwald points out how every other use of this verb in the New Testament has God or a character representing God as its subject. Which reminds us that, before sending us to have compassion on others, Jesus has compassion on us. He is the author and only subject of true compassion. He looks at us in our sin and helplessness, and He refuses to walk on by. He comes down to us, binds up our wounds and cares for us. He paid a price—a steep price—to restore us to life. And He continues to check up on us.

The promise to proclaim from this text is the compassion of the one telling the story. Not only did He tell the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He Himself lived and lives it out. This is why we love God—because He first loved us. That is why we love our neighbor—because we have been in the ditch, too. In a very real sense, we are *still* there.

After proclaiming the compassionate and loving promise of God in Christ to your hearers, it would be appropriate to call them to go and do likewise. Call them to follow their Savior's footsteps by going to the ditch, to care for those around them who are hurting, to share the love of Christ with their neighbors—especially those neighbors who are unlike us. This is what Christians do, because that is what God has done for us. *Peter Nafzger, 2019*