Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

– Psalm 95:1-3



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....Pastor
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St. John's Band.....10:30am Music
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The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Those needing a gluten-free host should notify the pastor before the Service, or can request it as you approach him at the Table. **The Chalice is offered on the Lectern side**. Thank you.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Open Up The Heavens" ***Preservice #1***

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Open up the heavens we want to see You
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"Open Up The Heavens" written by Andi Rozier, James McDonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard 2012 All Essential MusicScripture Reference: Isaiah 64:1, Exodus 33:18 CCLI Song: 6304702CCLI License: 51072

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" ***Preservice #2***

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
[Refrain]

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
[Refrain]

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"Public DomainScripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:7; James 4:8CCLI Song: 28263CCLI License: 51072

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #804	**O Worship the King**

Confession and Absolution

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

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

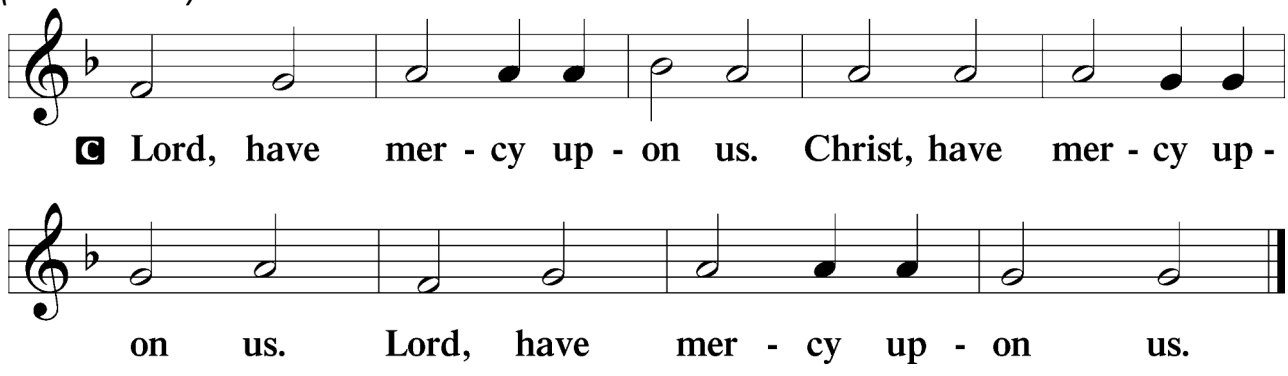
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

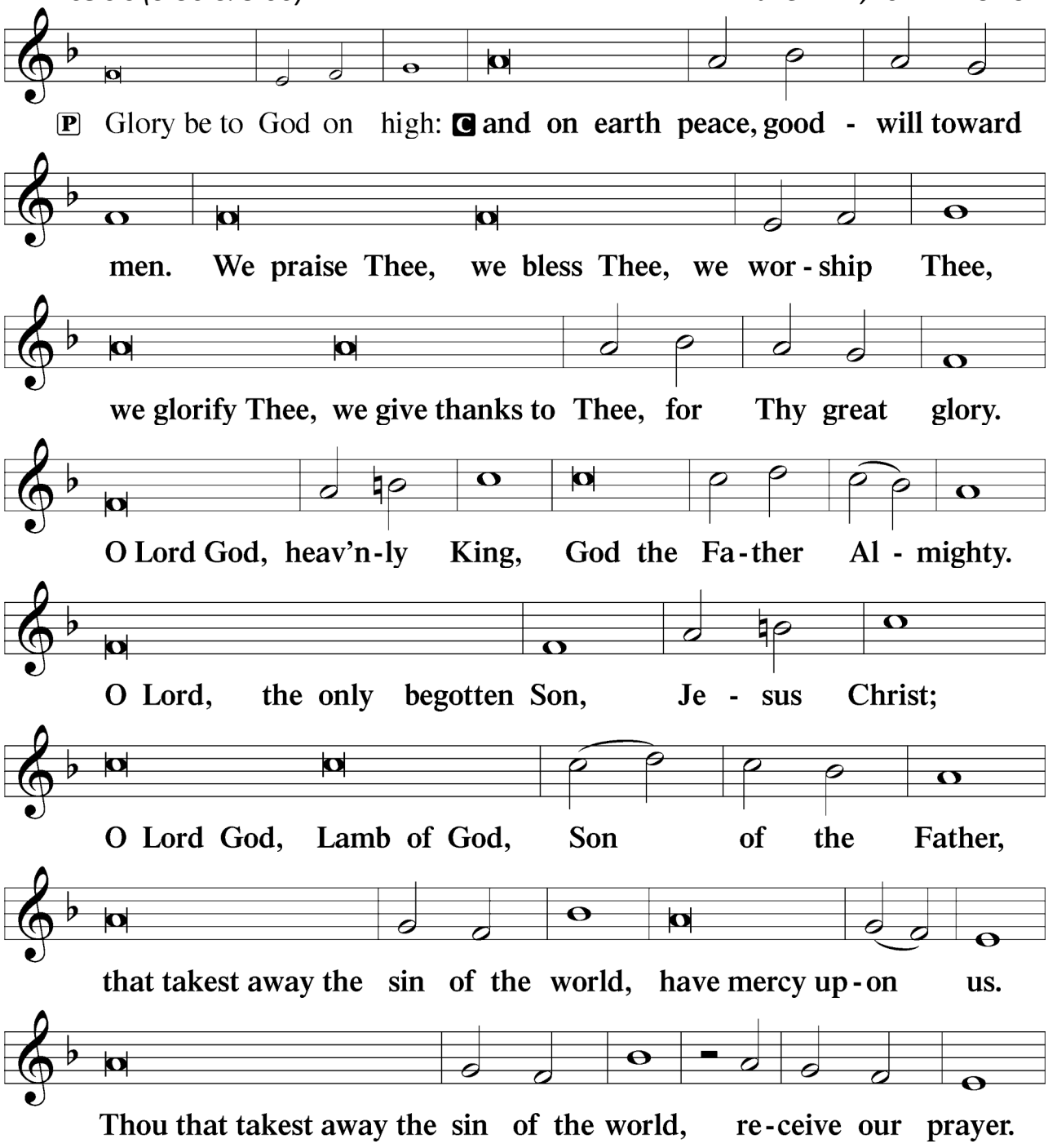
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

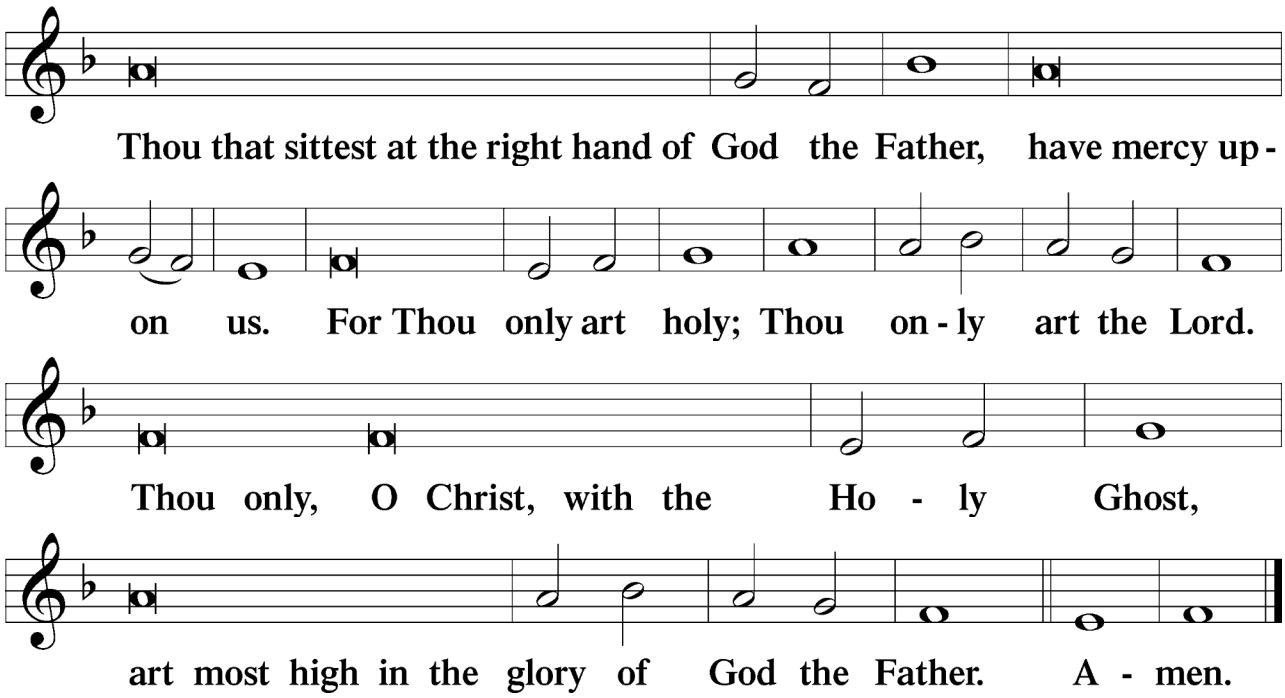
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Mark 10:47 LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187*





"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *(10:30)* ***Opening Song***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

"Praise God From All Blessings Flow" Public DomainScripture Reference: Psalm 150; Is. 6:1-4; Rev 4:8CCLI Song Number: 1364029CCLI License # 51072

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

[11]"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. [12]As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own

land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.
. . .
[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 95:1–7a*

[1]Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

[2]Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[3]For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

[4]In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

[5]The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

[6]Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

[7]For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

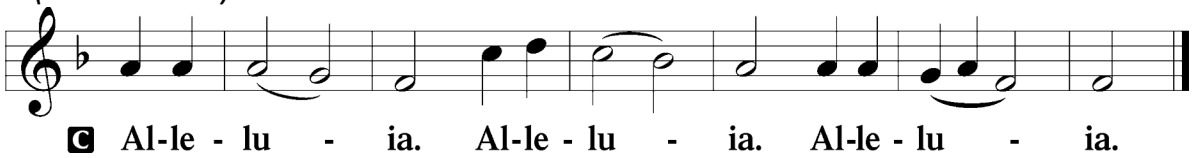
[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then

comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *(5:30 & 8:00)* *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

[41]"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42]For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44]Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45]Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Catechism Review: **The First Article**

What is the First Article of the Apostles Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn #790 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

"Still *(10:30)* ***Sermon Song***

I believe that You are God alone
But sometimes I still try to take control
Cause I get scared when I can't see the end
And all You want from me is to let go

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still

I bring my praise before I bring my need
Cause there's no fear You've not already seen
I rest my heart on all Your promises
Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness

You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still

And know that You are God Be still
And know that You, trust that You are parting waters
Lord, You whispered my name
Oh, You answered my prayer
You're moving mountains

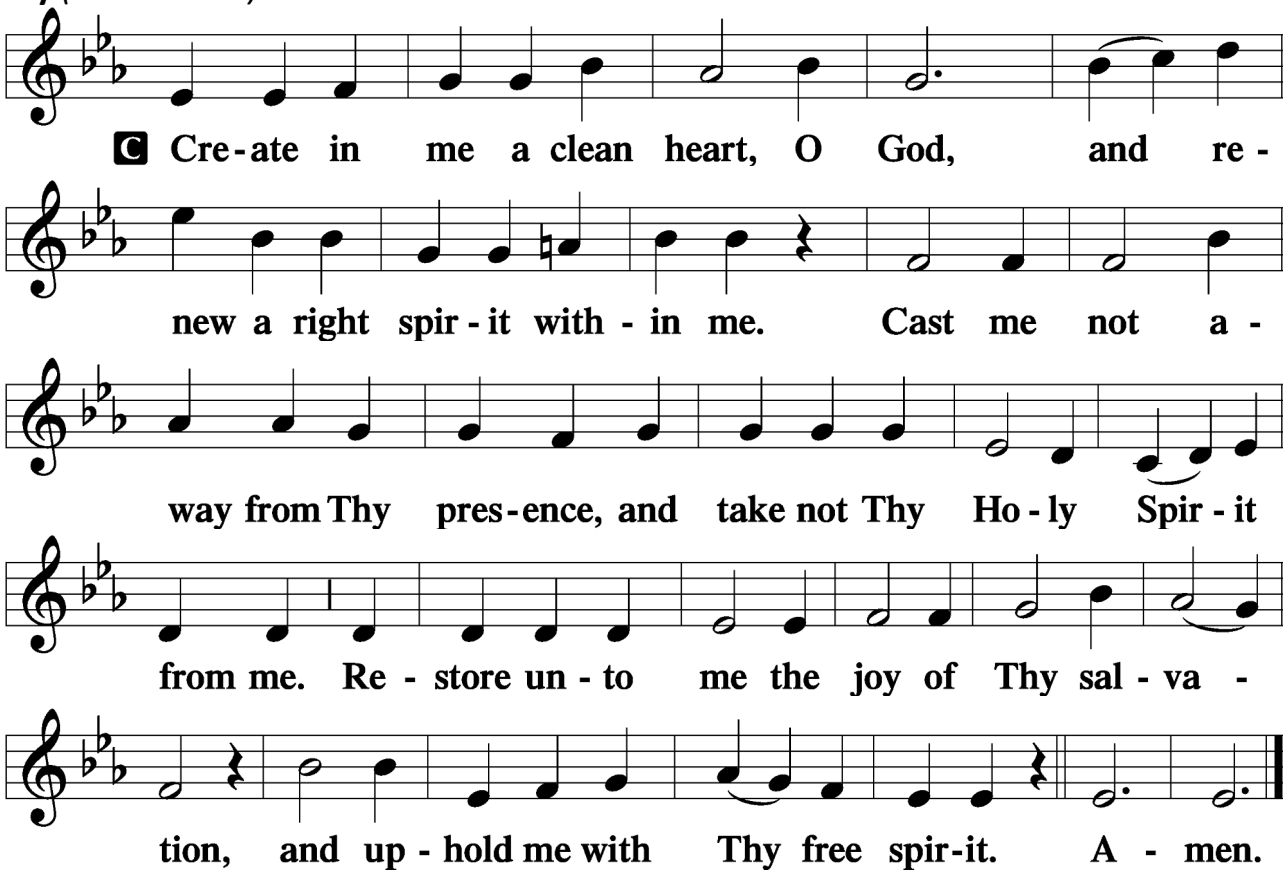
You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still

Be still
"Still" written by Justin Ebach, Molly Reed 2015 Wordspring Music, LLCScripture Reference: Exodus 14:14; Psalm 86:10; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 65:24CCLI Song: 7050725CCLI License: 51072

Sermon **"Undeserved Blessings"**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. - *Psalm 103:10*

Offertory *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192*



Prayer of the Church

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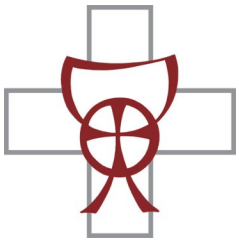


Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 *Matt 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

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

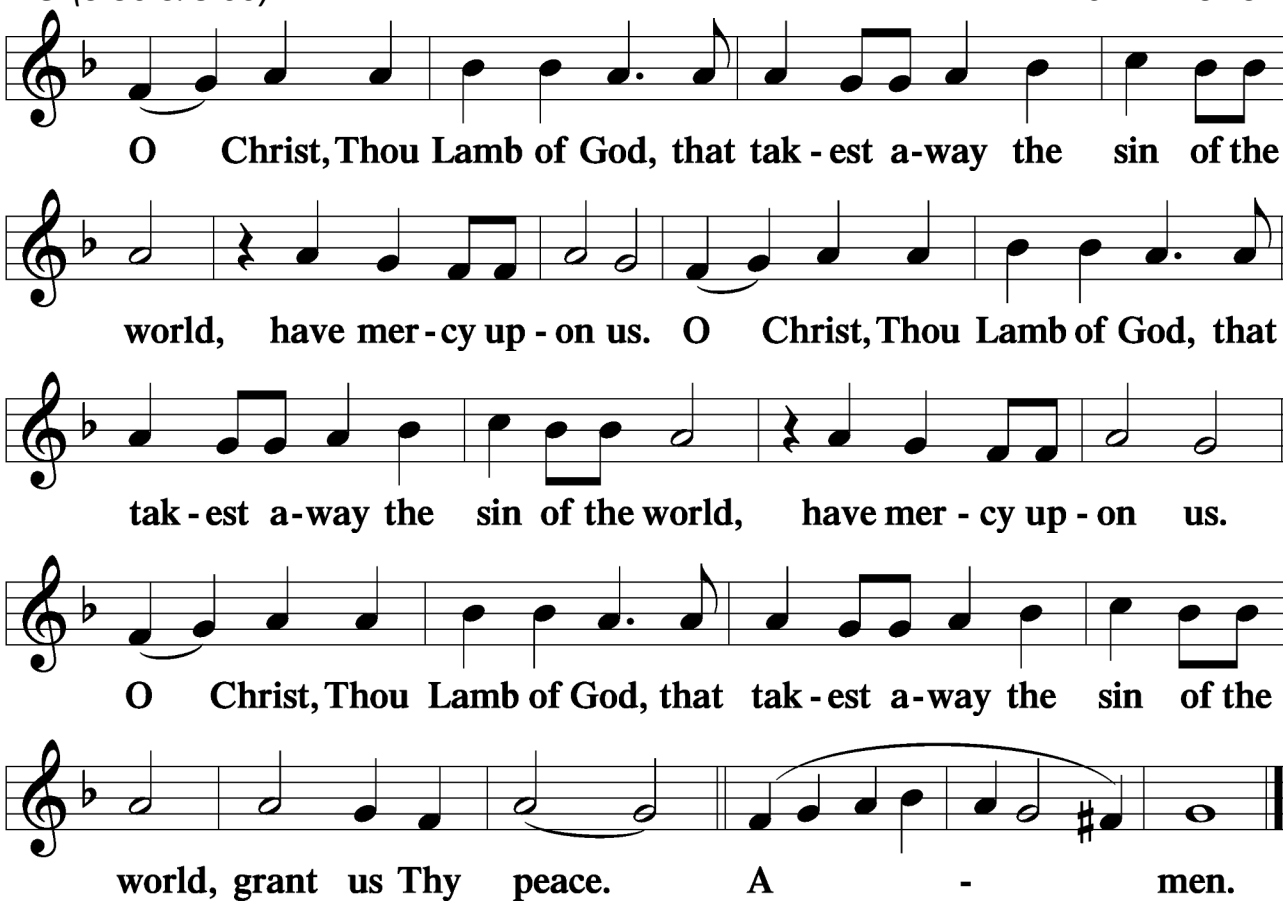
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(5:30 & 8:00)* *John 1:29 LSB 198*



Distribution

Hymn #547	**The Lamb**
Hymn #620	**Jesus Comes Today With Healing**

"The Old Rugged Cross" *(10:30)* ***Communion Song***

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. (Refrain)

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. (Refrain)

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)

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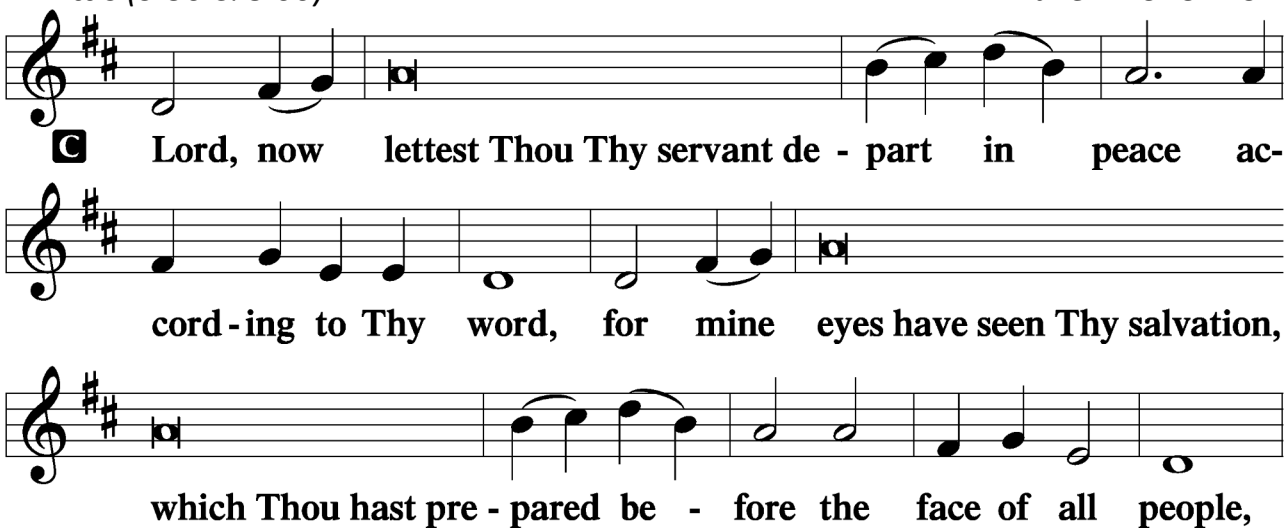
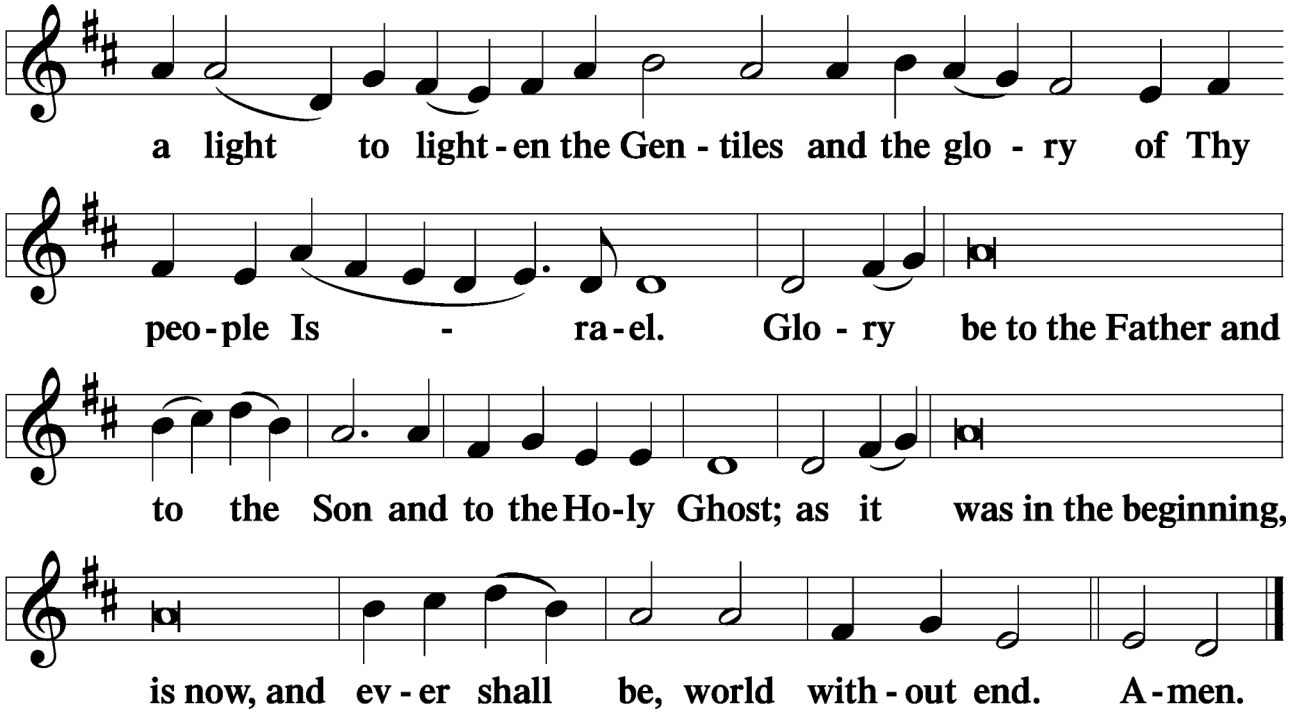
Blessing

Nunc Dimittis *(5:30 & 8:00)* *Luke 2:29–32 LSB 199*





P 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.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*

Hymn #744 **Amazing Grace**

Postlude

"I Saw The Light" *(10:30)* ***Closing Song***

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn t let, my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came, like a stranger in the night
Praise The Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I m so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light *(continued)*

Just like a blind man, I wandered alone
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I m so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool, to wander and stray
For straight is the gate, and narrow is the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise The Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I m so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light

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