“May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!” -Psalm 70:4



ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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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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.

"Something In The Water" ***Preservice #1***

He said I've been where you've been before
Down every hallway's a slamming door
No way out, no one to come and save me
Wasting a life that the Good Lord gave you
Then somebody saying what I'm saying to you
Open my eyes and told me the truth
He said: just a little faith and it'll all get better
So I followed that preacher man down to the river and now

I'm changed! And now, I'm stronger!

There must have been something in the water!
Oh, there must have been something in the water!

Well, I heard what he said and I went on my way,
Didn't think about it for a couple of days
Then it hit me like a lightning late one night
I was all out of hope, and all out of fight.
Couldn't fight back the tears so I fell on my knees.
Saying God if you're there, come and rescue me.
Felt love pouring down from above.
Got washed in the water, washed in the blood.

And now I'm changed! And now, I'm stronger!
There must be something in the water!
Oh, there must be something in the water!

And now I'm singing along to Amazing Grace!
Can't nobody wipe this smile off my face.

(Continued)

Got joy in my heart, Angels on my side
Thank God Almighty! I saw the light!
Gonna look ahead, no turning back.
Live everyday, give it all that I have.
Trust in someone, bigger than me.
Ever since the day that I believed,

I am changed! And now, I'm stronger!

There must be something in the water! (Amazing grace!)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (How sweet the sound)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (That saved a wretch)
Oh, there must be something in the water! (like me)

I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see. "Something In The Water" written by Carrie Underwood, Chris DeStefano, Brett James@2014 Sony Music NashvilleScripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 2:8; 2nd Corinthians 5:17CCLI License: 51072

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" ***Preservice #2***

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You see me through
And sing the songs You give

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And I fall down again

I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

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How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
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And it makes my heart want to sing
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Divine Service Three

Prelude

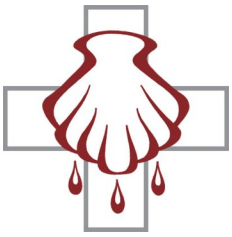
Call to Worship

Welcome

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (PAGE 268)

For Hallie Helregel (5:30pm Service)

For Ethan Galvan (10:30am Service)



Hymn #593 "See This Wonder In The Making" *(5:30, 8:00 &10:30)* ***Opening Song***

See this wonder in the making
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping
His to be, awake or sleeping

Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet"

Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them,
With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

"See This Wonder In The Making" written by Jaroslav J. VajdaPublic DomainScripture Reference: Matt. 3:16-17; Titus 3:3-7; Mark 10:16CCLI License: 51072

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

[18]Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the
LORD? It is darkness, and not light, [19]as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in
it? [21]"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, will not accept
them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not
listen. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir *(8:00 & 10:30)* ***"My Jesus I Love Thee"***

Psalm *Psalm 70*

[1]Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O LORD, make haste to help me!

[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

[3]Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

[5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

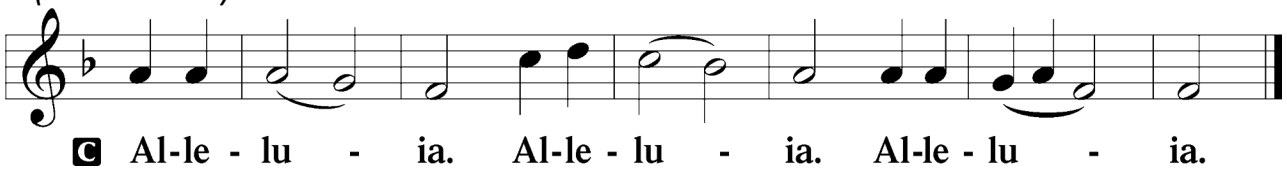
Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For
the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
[17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.

Catechism Review: The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Hymn #516	**Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" *(10:30)* ***Sermon Song***

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

(Continued)

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

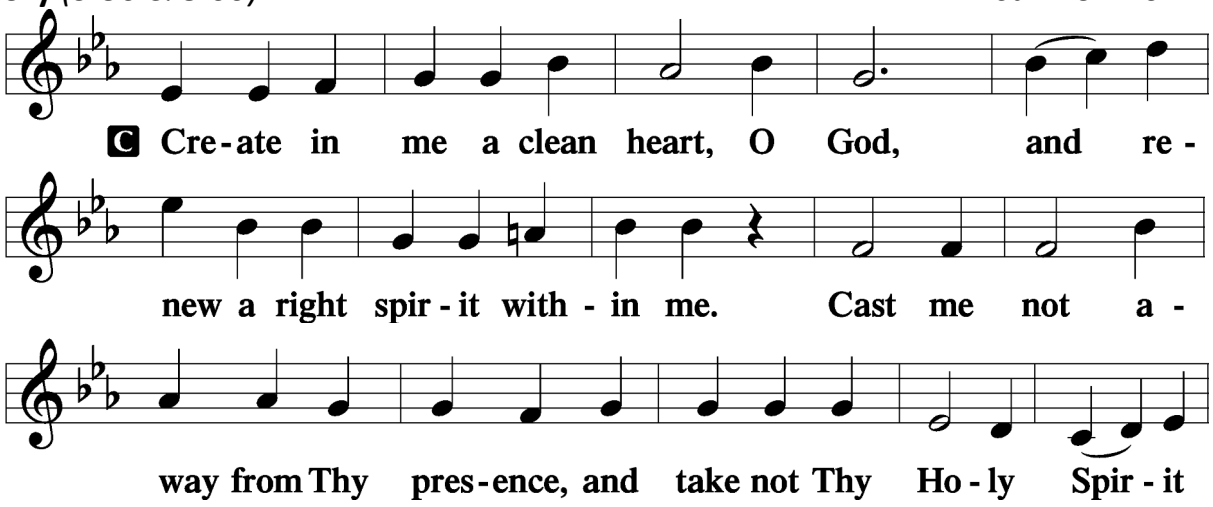
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Sermon **"Wedding Feast"**
Matt. 25:1-13

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





Recognition of Veterans

Prayer of the Church

Offering Presentation & Card Collection

Service of the Sacrament



Preface *2 Timothy 4:22*

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 and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Gathered in His name we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant that our Lord's body and blood strengthen our faith so that we reflect His love for all people and give Him all the glory. 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.

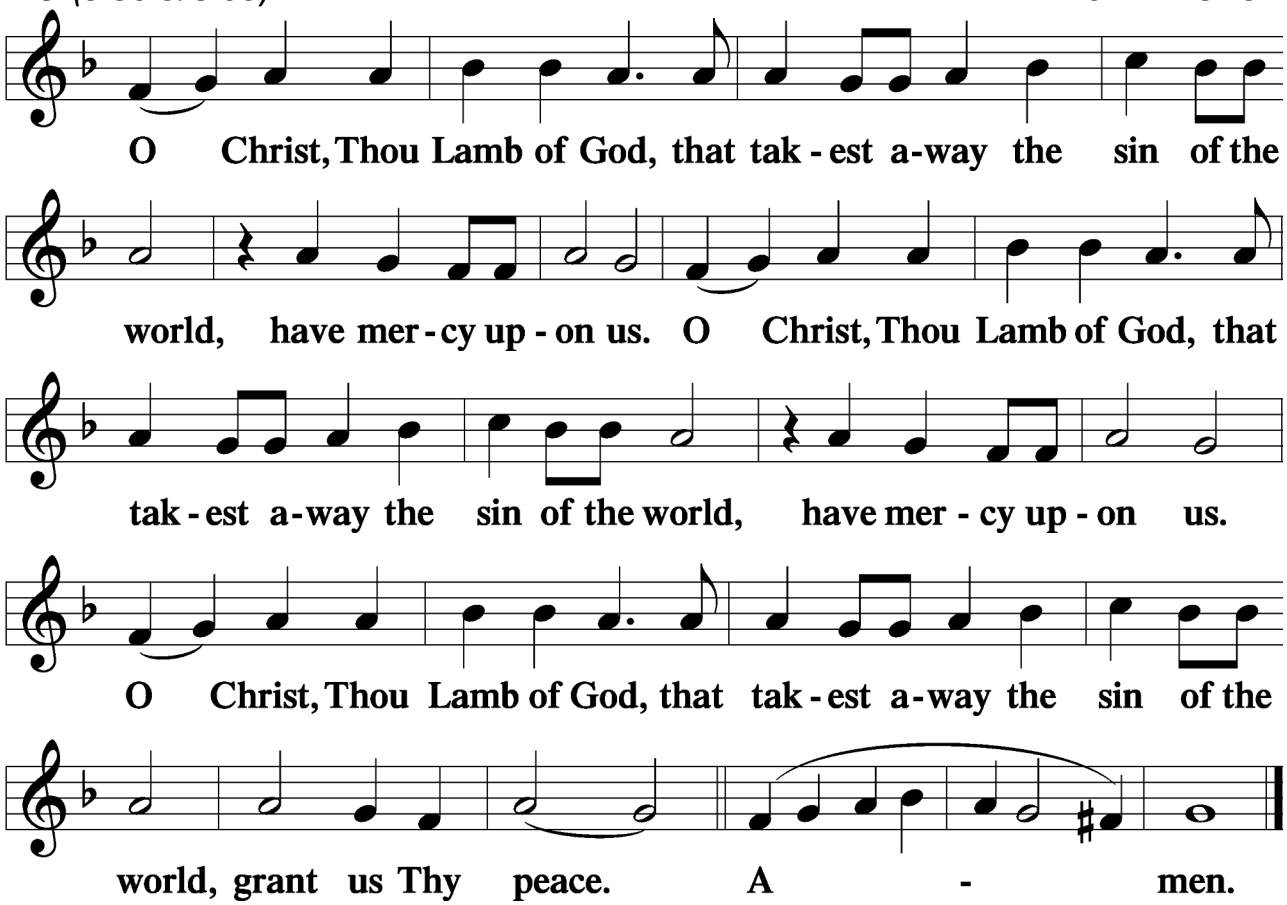
The Words of Our Lord *Mat 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

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 #619	**Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**
Hymn #680	**Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" *(10:30)* ***Communion Song***

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

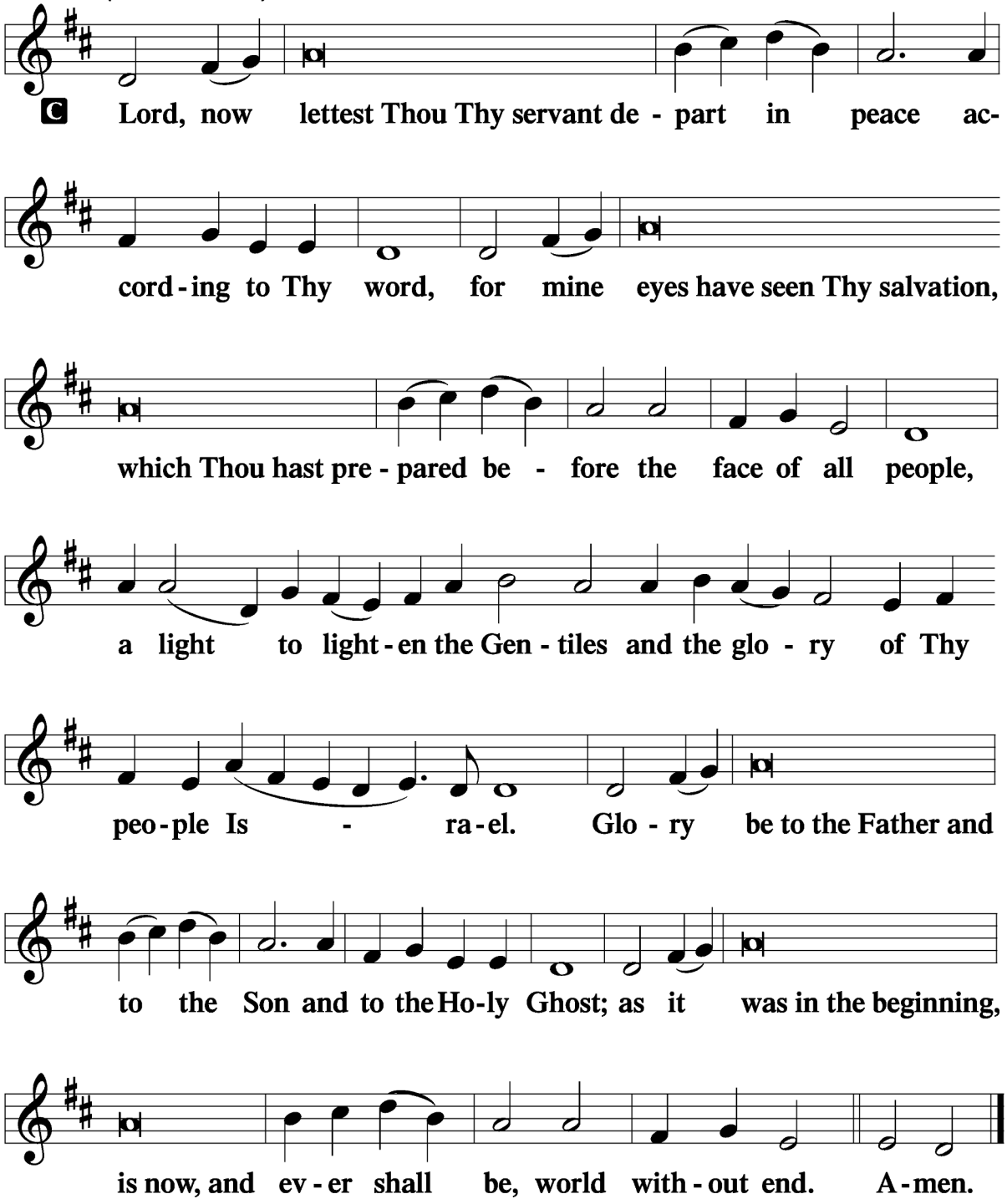
He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives all glory to his name!
He lives my savior still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Blessing

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving *Psalm 107:1*

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 #461 **I Know That My Redeemer Lives** *(sts. 1–4)*

"My Savior Lives" *(10:30)* ***Closing Song***

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way
My Savior my Savior lives

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

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