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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Learning as we worship: (watch for the *** for explanations of the reasons we practice certain parts of the Divine Service):*

+ God Removes our Sin and Guilt +

**** The reason for public confession and absolution is not to drag us down reminding us of sin, but in order that when we gather in the presence of Almighty God we may be honest about our lives and not justify our sins before the face of God who sees all things, including our hearts. When we confess sins, it is not simply for the purpose of confession, although we do receive great blessings in confessing sins. It is ultimately for the purpose of leading us to the perfection and righteousness of Jesus Christ. We stand before God and come boldly to His throne of grace, not because we are able to live perfect lives, but rather, because of our Lord's perfection, given us in our baptism. Therefore, confession and absolution reminds us that our righteousness is not our own, but is the righteousness of another, namely Jesus of Nazareth crucified and risen for the forgiveness of all our sins. His forgiveness inspires us to forgive others in Christ.*

Pastor's Welcome

***Please stand if you're able on the last verse of the hymn*

825 Rise, Shine, You People

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 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.**

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

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.**

**** When the pastor speaks Holy absolution in the Divine Service he is simply a mouthpiece of God. He is being used by God so that we might hear a real voice, at a real time, on a real day, at a real address, say that our sins are really forgiven. Hear the pastor as if God is speaking directly to you, for He is serving in the Office of the Keys, an office called by God. Go forth undoubting that all our*

sins are truly forgiven. Jesus bore every single one on the cross. In this we rejoice with joy unceasing!

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.

+ God Comes to Us in His Holy Word +

Introit

Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

**** The term “Kyrie” is a Koine (Common) Greek word that means “Lord”. This is arguably one of the oldest parts of the our church service, dating back to the 2nd century AD and probably before. Think about it, the Kyrie was probably something the 12 the disciples said with Jesus when He was with them. Amazing!!*

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



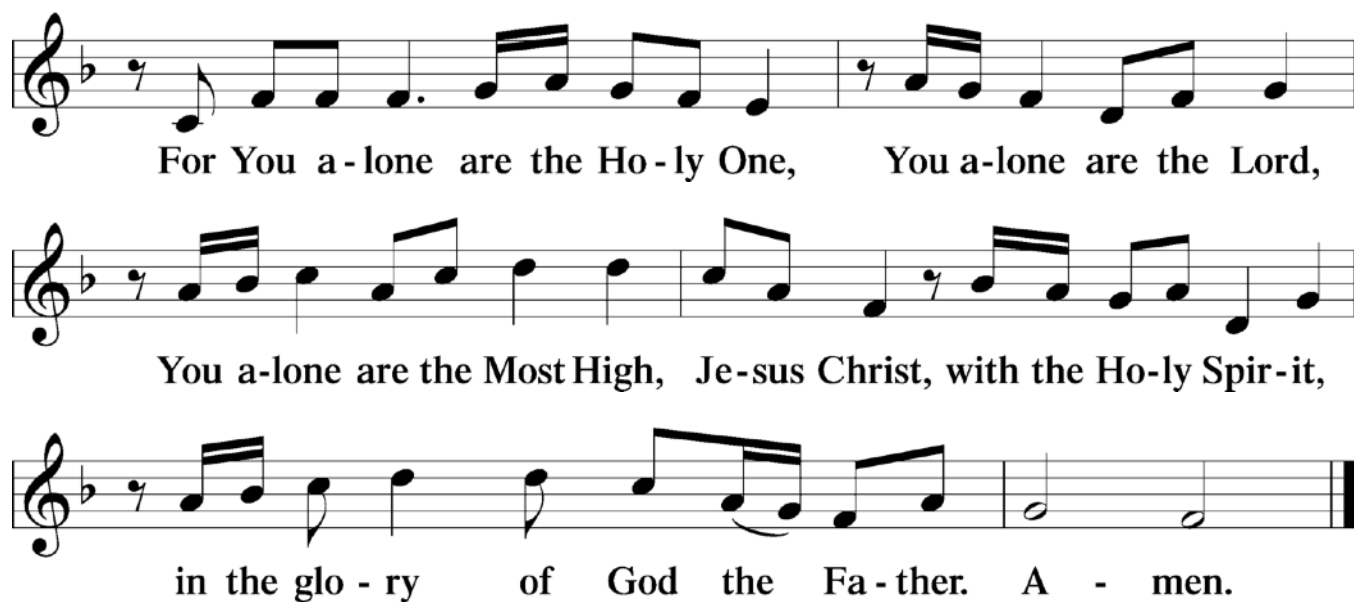
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon

The children are invited up to altar

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand if you’re able*

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two

masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

***Please be seated*

Sermon Hymn

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

****Early Lutheran Christians understood that when they were looking for an answer to a question or problem in their lives, the best place to get the answer to was to attend Church and listen to the sermon.*

Sermon

Pastor Jason K. Cody

***Please stand if you're able*

****We confess the creeds; Nicene, Apostle's and Athanasian creeds, not only to state what we believe together, but also to learn by repetition. So often it is challenging to know what to say when someone ask you about your faith. The creeds along with Scripture give us something to commit to memory so that we are ready to give an answer when someone asks us the reason for the hope that is in us.*

Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

From the altar

***Please be seated*

****In the early church the gifts were brought forward to the altar, and were often not coins or currency, but crops, wool, butter, cheese, etc. Among these gifts were also the unleavened bread and wine to use in the Holy Sacrament for that day! Church fellowship is about living life together! What a blessing it is to share a portion of the things God has blessed us with, with one another in Christ. Giving our possessions reshapes our relationship to them into lives lived for Jesus.*

Offering

Organist Instrumental

+ God Comes to us in His Holy Sacrament +

****FROM THE PASTOR: Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Jesus Himself won the right for you to take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. However, Holy Scripture gives us very specific teachings about when it is proper for a person to*

commune, and when it is not. If you are not already a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or have not spoken with me, please kindly refrain from communing with us today. If you are not communing this morning, you are welcome to remain comfortably in your pew and use the time for personal prayer. If you would like to come forward to the altar and not commune, please cross your arms across your chest, as a sign that you are not communing, and I will gladly pray with you at the altar. Thanks for being here! Remember Jesus won us the right to commune, but since it was His hard work, let's respect His teaching on when we should and when we should not commune.

***Please stand if you're able*

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.

***These sacred words of our Lord Jesus, “The Words of our Lord” or “The Words of Institution” (also known in Latin as the Verba), are meant to be heard and simply believed with all our heart! Many false teachings confuse the simplicity of our Lord’s Words here. God said “let there be light and there was light.” If the Lord says “this is my body or this cup is the new testament in My blood” then it’s true. We don’t have to understand how it’s possible to believe. We don’t understand how He created light in Genesis, yet we see because of it. The same performative reality of God’s*

spoken and creative Word exists here in the Holy Sacrament!
Amazing!

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.”

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.**

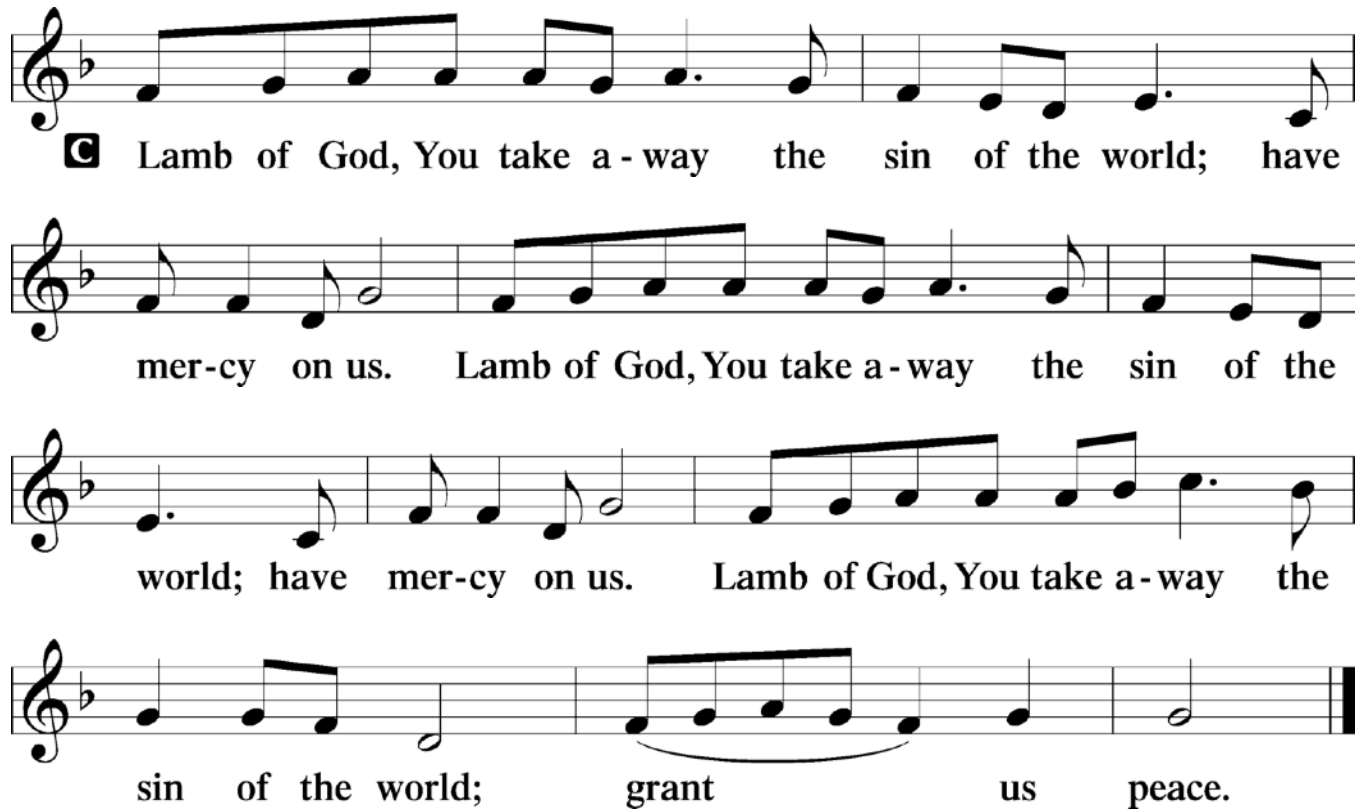
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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☐ 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.

***Please be seated*

****The distribution of the Holy Sacrament is the high point of the Divine Service!!! When we are blessed to receive the very life of God into our own bodies, forgiveness, eternal life, all the fruits of our Lord's cross and resurrection, in with and under the bread and wine. Something to notice is that the liturgical structure of the service matters greatly because it builds up to this sacred point in the service! What a blessing!!*

Distribution Hymns

730 What Is the World to Me

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

***Please stand if you're able*

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

****Even if we miss the rest of the church service we should still come to hear the Benediction. Within the Benediction is the blessing of God! In Biblical Hebrew the emotions are described by expressions of the face. For example the emotion "angry" in Hebrew is literally "a hot nose." Knowing this helps us understand the Benediction even more! When God's called servant announces to the congregation that God "makes His face shine upon you" it is showing us how He feels towards us in Christ. We have His approval!! He is not angry, but is pleased with us! What a blessing!*

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

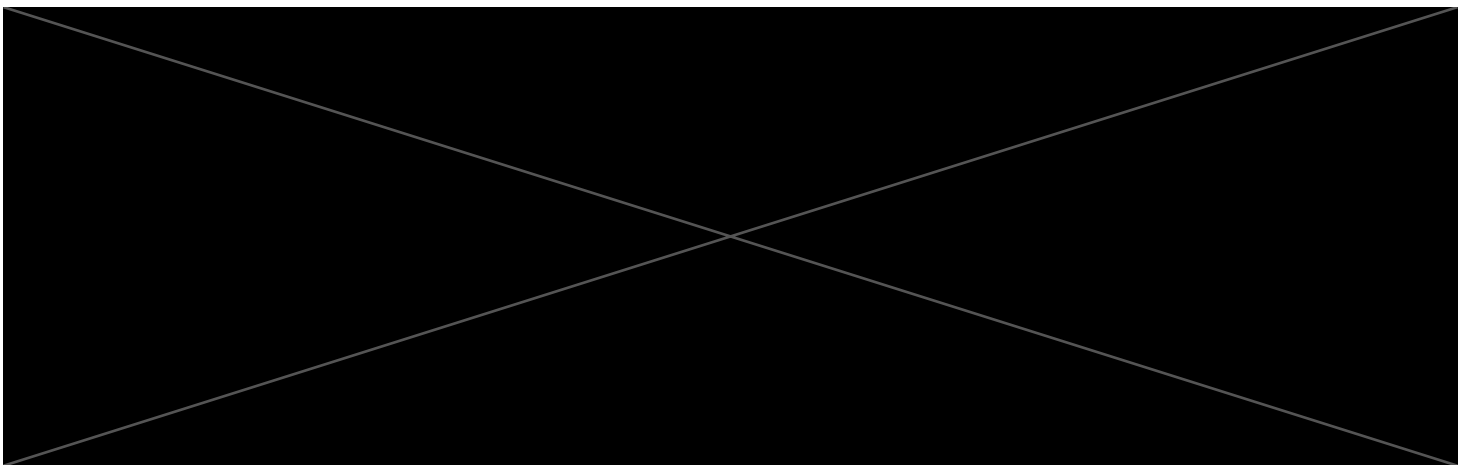
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Organist Allen Stolp



Serving in the military:

UNITED STATES NAVY - Chris Keller

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Thaddaeus Cody

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Kaylin Rice

Important Announcements:

September 22-25 - Parent Teacher Conferences and student art show,
4-8pm daily.

Saturday, September 27th, Oktoberfest Dinner 5-8pm @ Trinity. Come
enjoy a traditional brat dinner while supporting the Youth Group!

September 28 - Our school students will be singing during the church
service. Be sure to come!

Theology on Tap has been moved to September 30th!

TLC Finances:

	<u>August 2025</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 25/26</u>
Giving	17,672.33	31,576.33
Expenses	17,582.88	33,223.67

Christian Marriage and Family Counseling Resources:

- Grace Point Institute @ www.relationalhealth.org
- Cross Life Ministries - www.aorhope.org/counseling
- ReStory Counseling - www.restory.life 1 (855) RESTORY, virtual Christian counseling for rural Colorado.
- His Way Christian Counseling - www.hiswaycounselingslv.com (719) 490-8811 or tenaj@hiswaycounselingslv.com Virtual counseling for the San Luis Valley

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