



# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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## THE ELEVENTH 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.*

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

## Pastor's Welcome

### Hymn of Invocation

#### 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

*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.

## + God Comes to Us in His Holy Word +

**Responsive Introit**    *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

**Praise the LORD!**

**Praise the LORD, all nations!**

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the  
LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

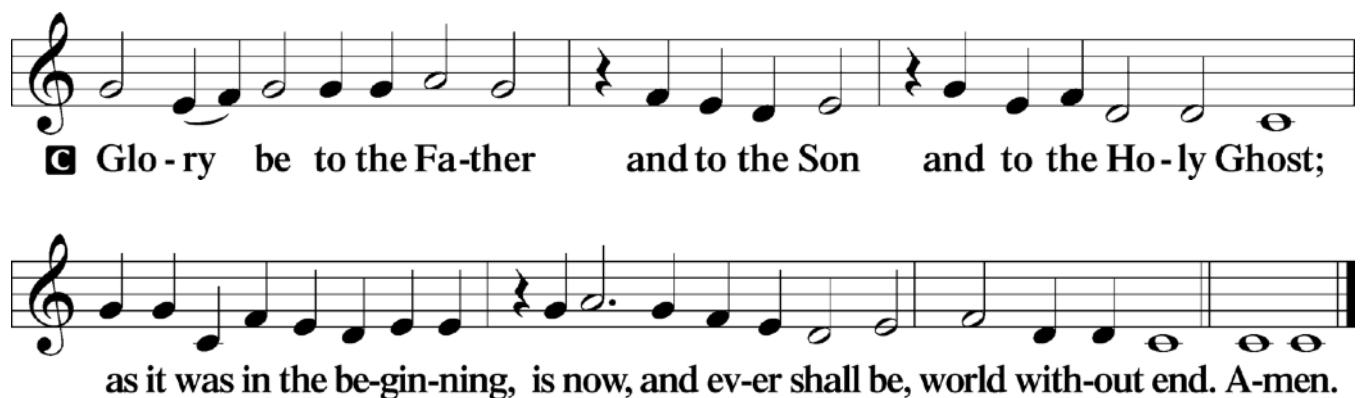
**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

**Praise the LORD!**



☐ 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.

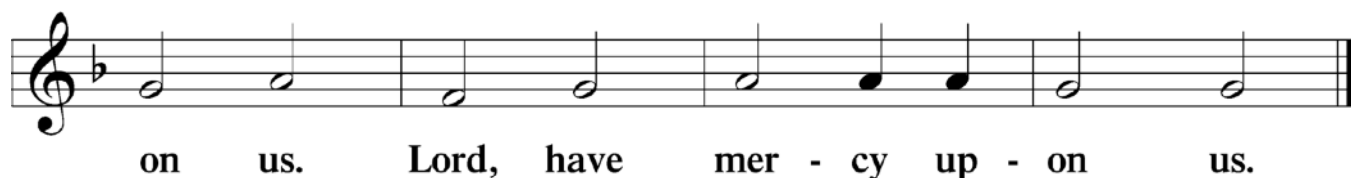
\*\*\* *The term “Kyrie” is a Koine (Common) Greek word that means “Lord”. This is arguably one of the oldest parts of the our church service, dating back to the 2nd century AD and probably before. Think about it, the Kyrie was probably something the 12 the disciples said with Jesus when He was with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

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*



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



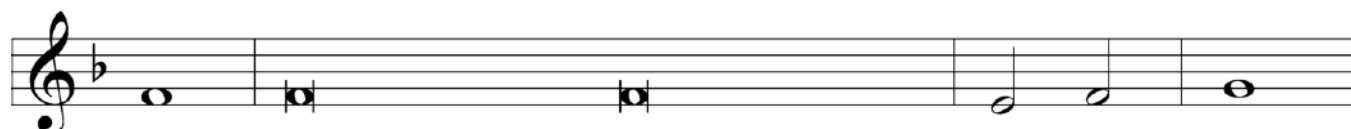
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

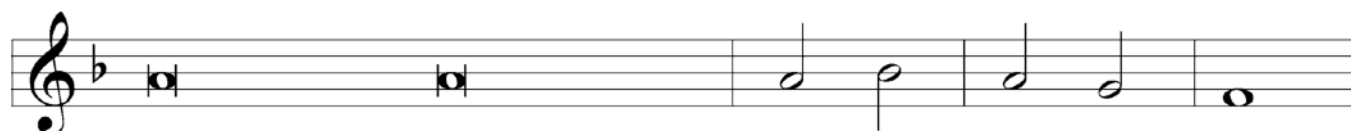
*LSB 187*



Glory be to God on high: 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;



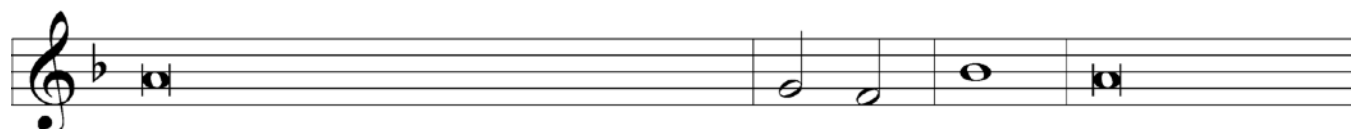
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



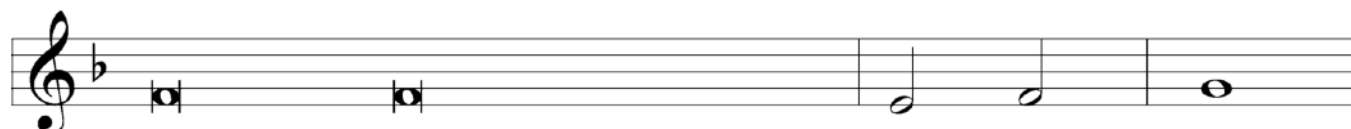
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*\*Please be seated**

*\*\*\*Our liturgical structure of readings during the Divine Service finds its origins in the Jewish Synagogue. Once God's people returned from Exile in the Biblical books of Ezra and Nehemiah, it wasn't long before they developed a pre-church system to keep people hearing the word of God locally in their own town on a regular basis. They called this Synagogue. In their services they read readings from Torah (teaching from the first 5 books of the Old Testament), the prophets and wisdom books like Psalms & Proverbs. The people of the Old Testament are not separate from the Church at all. In fact, the Jewish people from the OT were by faith in the promises, the first Christians, they just didn't have the information we have today as to how the Messiah would come about.*

# Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 66:18–23*

18“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as

an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

*At the altar*

## Epistle

*Hebrews 12:4–24*

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

<sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields

the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

<sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*\*\*Please stand if you're able*

*\*\*\*The reason we stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel is simply to show reverence and respect for God's Holy Word when it is read. We read the Gospel reading from the center of the Nave in order to help us remember God's Word is with us in our Lord Jesus. Through His Word and Spirit He promises to be with us always.*

## Alleluia

LSB 190



## Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*\*\*\*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.**

*\*\*Please be seated*

## **Sermon Hymn**

### **508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

*\*\*\*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*

**P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

**C Amen.**


+ 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


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.

**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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

*LSB 179*

**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

*LSB 197*

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

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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.

*\*\*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

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

*\*\*Please stand if you're able*

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly  
host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

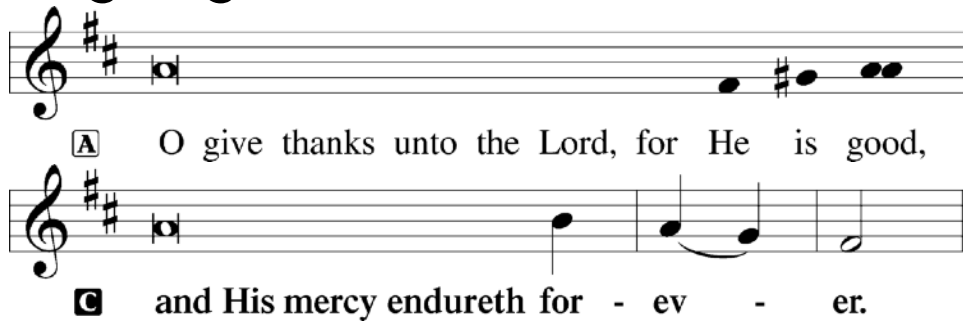
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## Thanksgiving

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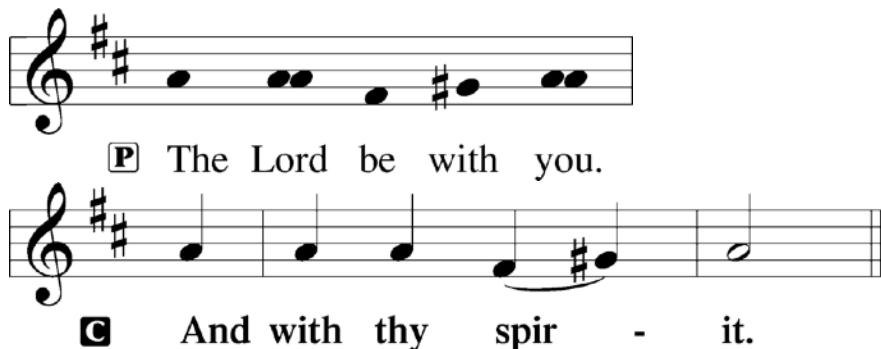
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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** 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.

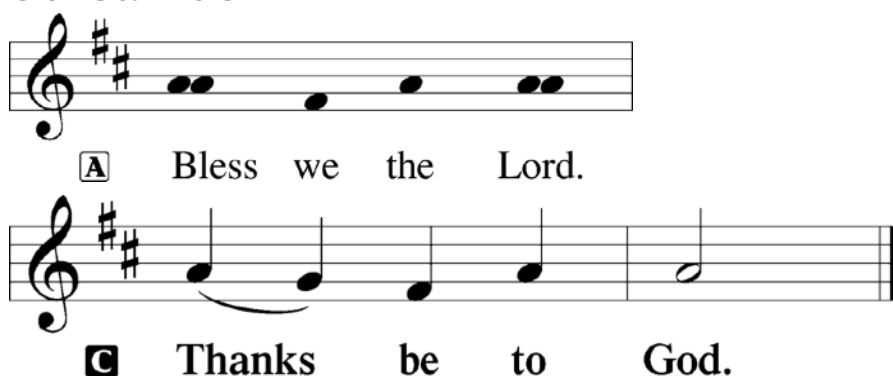


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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



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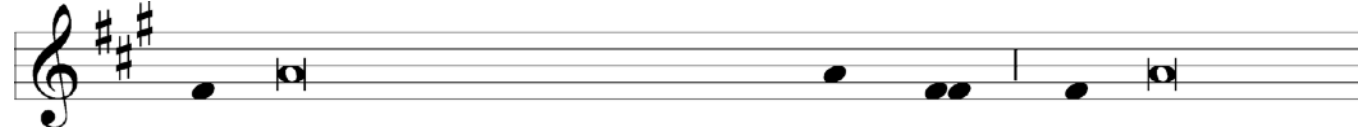
**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*\*\*\*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*

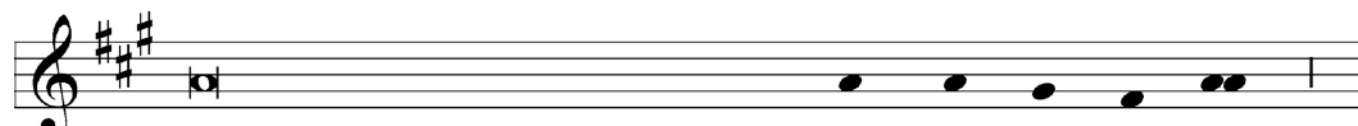
to the congregation that God “makes His face shine upon you” it is showing us how He feels towards us in Christ. We have His approval!! He is not angry, but is pleased with us! What a blessing!

Benediction

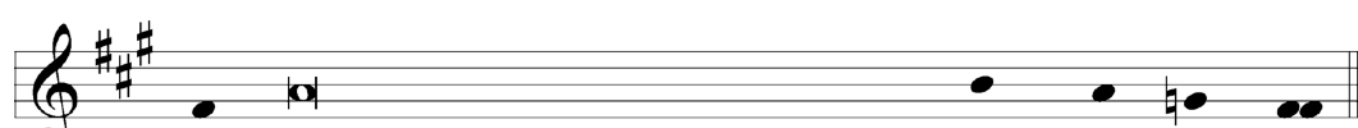
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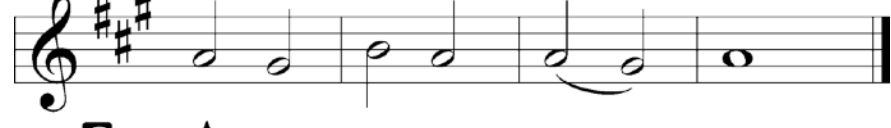
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✝ give you peace.



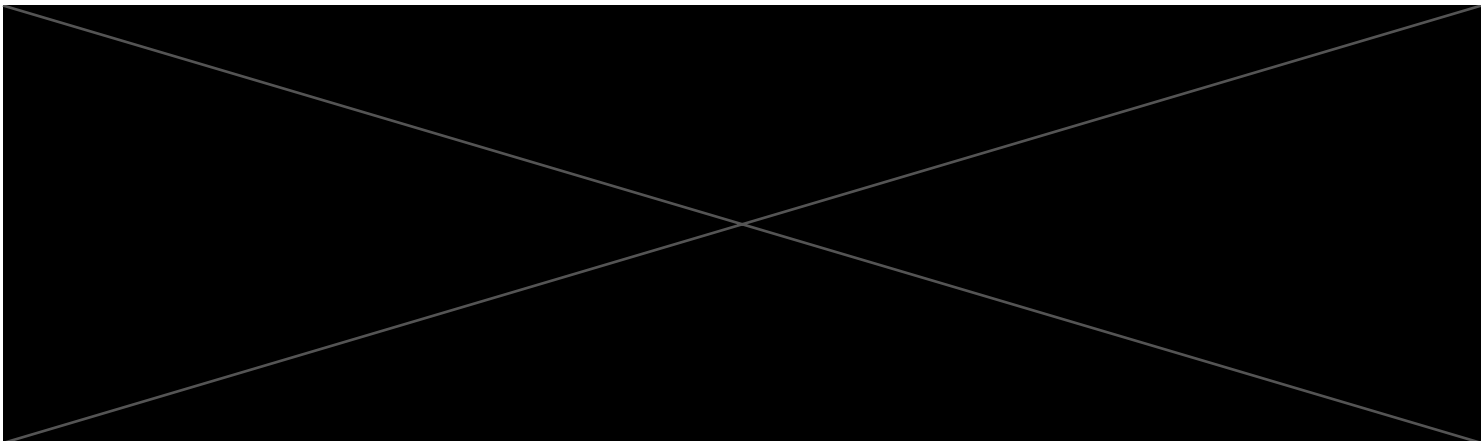
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*\*\*Please be seated*

Closing Hymn

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Organist Allen Stolp



erving n e m ary:  
UNITED STATES NAVY - Chris Keller  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Thaddaeus Cody  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - Kaylin Rice

**Important Announcements:**  
**August 30 - marks 10 years since Pastor Jason’s ordination!**

**August 31 - District President James Maxwell will be preaching, and sharing his plans for Trinity in a congregational meeting following the service.**

**We have the opportunity to provide a meal for ASU students September 4th.**

**September 6 @ noon - Women of all ages are invited to the LWML picnic lunch.** Come to the church with a dish to share. We will eat, have a devotion and get to know each other. Hope to see you.

**September 20 - Soar Fall Seminar** will be held at Peace Lutheran in Arvada. Cost is \$30. Registration deadline is September 13. Register online @ [rm.lcms.org](http://rm.lcms.org) More info is on the bulletin board.

**Did you get your Portals of Prayer?**

Like to paint? **The bench on the playground needs to be repainted.** Contact Annie Nissen at [amcneel1006@gmail.com](mailto:amcneel1006@gmail.com).

**TLC Finances:**

	<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 25/26</u>
Giving	13,904.00	13,904.00
Expenses	15,640.79	15,640.79

**Christian Marriage and Family Counseling Resources:**

- Grace Point Institute @ [www.relationalhealth.org](http://www.relationalhealth.org)
- Cross Life Ministries - [www.aorhope.org/counseling](http://www.aorhope.org/counseling)
- ReStory Counseling - [www.restory.life](http://www.restory.life) 1 (855) RESTORY, virtual Christian counseling for rural Colorado.
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