



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Service Theme – Four Sunday Series – Our God

Our God is incomprehensibly gracious.

Our God wants real repentance and true obedience.

Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith.

Our God invites unworthy sinners to participate in his blessings.

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Service Notes:

“Morning Prayer” is based on the historic service called “Matins.” Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

Today’s choir song, “Behold Our God,” will be sung by the choir only. This is also preparatory for the Sundays to come. Next Sunday, October 4th, the congregation will sing the entire song in each of the two services. On Sunday, October 11th, for the Fall Festival worship, assembly and choir will join together (one 10:30am service that Sunday) to sing this song of praise to our gracious God.

The Venite (which means “come” in Latin) on page 5 is an ancient song of the Church. Christians have been singing Psalm 95 to each other in this way for centuries of worship.

Hymn of the Day (Hymn 547, order of service page 9): The text of this hymn, “At the Name of Jesus,” based on today’s Second Reading, Philippians 2:5–11, leads us from Christ’s humble descent to the glory of his exaltation. Indicated by the indentation of the scripture text (page 7), verses 6-11 of the Second Reading formed one of the Christian Church’s earliest hymns. We confess that Jesus, who humbled himself and became obedient to death on a cross, now reigns as Lord over all. The tune KING’S WESTON, composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (music editor of the 1906 English Hymnal), gives the hymn a stately yet joyful character, fitting the great confession: “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

Create in Me (Hymn 942, order of service page 9): From the pages of The Lutheran Hymnal (1941) comes this setting of David’s prayer from Psalm 51. It gives the congregation a fitting response to the Word of God: “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” The prayer moves from repentance to the assurance that God alone can restore what sin has corrupted. We ask not merely for forgiveness, but for a renewed heart, a steadfast spirit, and the continued joy of God’s salvation.



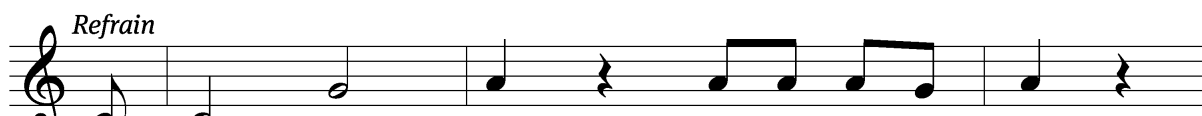
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 things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
 grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!



Be - hold our God, seat - ed on his throne.



Come, let us a - dore him. Be - hold our King!

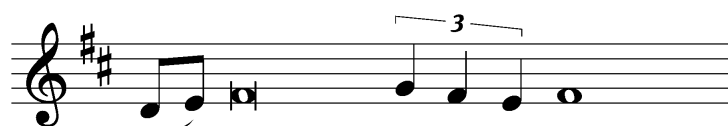


Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore him!

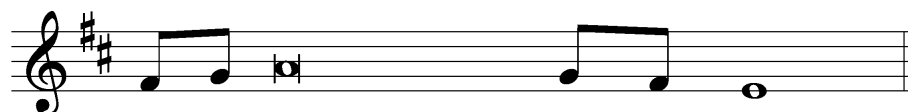
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Opening Sentences



O Lord, o - pen my lips.



And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse

The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a refrain and several verses. The lyrics are as follows:

Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4,25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.

Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;
When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,

for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.
to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 thro' all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 cher - u - bim in heav - en, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true.
 Crown him as your captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again
 in his Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

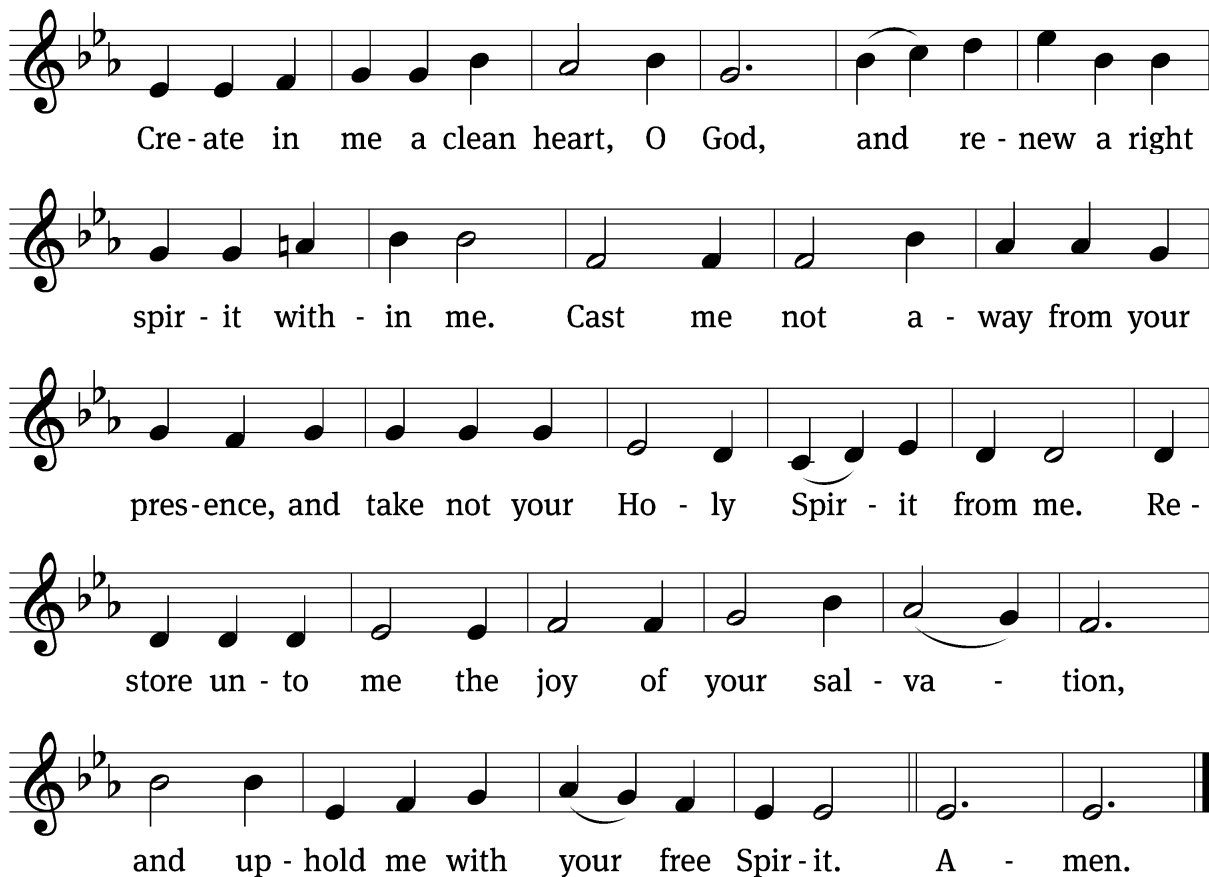
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Hymn Response

942 Create in Me a Clean Heart



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 your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev.

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Offering

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

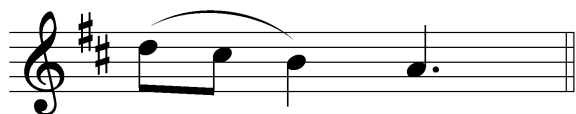
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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.



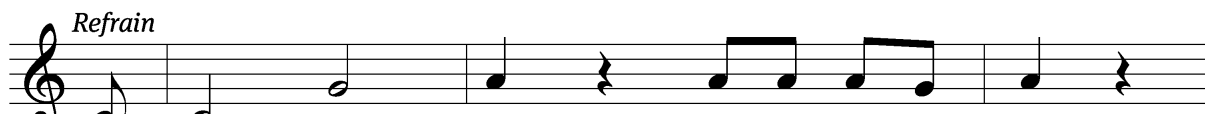
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Be - hold our God, seat - ed on his throne.



Come, let us a - dore him. Be - hold our King!



Noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore him!

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Hymn

926 *Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;
make thy way plain be - fore my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord on - ly, that
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Text: Psalm 4:8; 5:8

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Dates to Save

Monday, September 28th, 7pm – Faith Builders

Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am – LWMS Rally

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30am – Fall Festival (one service; meal; activities)

Sunday, December 6th, 2pm to 4pm – Ladies “Advent by Candlelight”

Saturday, December 12th, 9am to Noon – Christmas for Kids

Sunday, December 20th – Christmas Sing Along

Fall Festival Food Details: Please see the Sign Up Genius here...



Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Rally – Saturday, October 10th

Today is the deadline for contributions to the rally mission offering.

Location: Victory Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

Cost: \$12.00 RSVP deadline: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

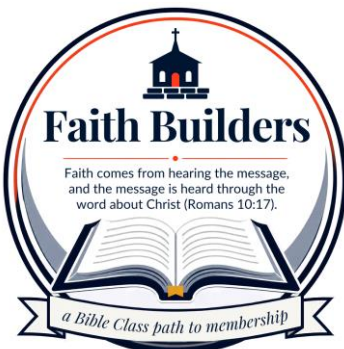
Rally registration: 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM Rally begins: 9:30 AM

If you are interested in attending contact Candi Aubin 850-508-3107 cuaubin@gmail.com

Next Ladies’ Book Club will be Friday, November 6th at 7pm at the home of Karen Schultz, 2531 Capstone Dr. (770) 310-5206. Book: An American Beauty by Shana Abé (books not available at church this time).

Fall Festival – October 11th

Contact: Richard Hackmann (228) 224-8458



Next Session Begins
Monday, September 28th, 7pm

Register with Pastor Schultz asap

