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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Service Theme

Built on the rock solid confession of Christ as Lord and Savior, the church shall stand.

Service Participants

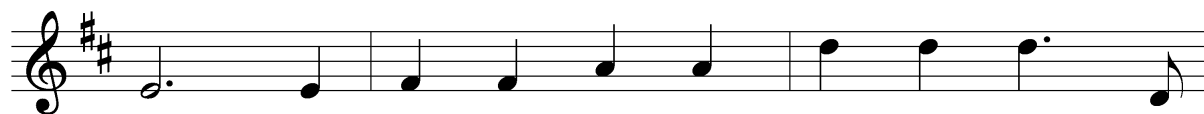
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Stand for the final stanza

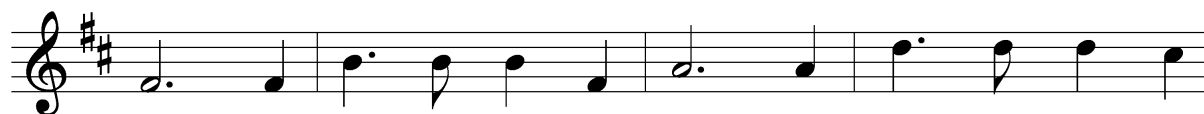
1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
 2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
 3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -
 4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and



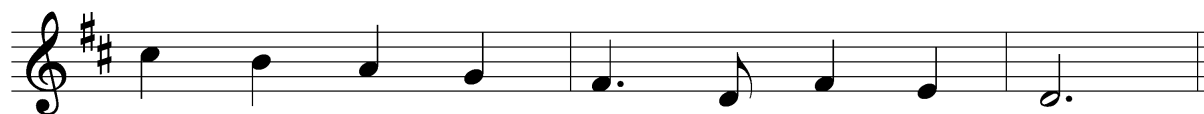
soul, not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can
 sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can
 vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I
 might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or
 give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O
 call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each
 God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my



do can give me peace with God, not all my prayers and
 God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this
 doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -
 life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.
 lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

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Tune: NETTLETON

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -

well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and

glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the

joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff includes a two-part setting of the first line. The second staff has a line break in the lyrics. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff has a line break. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Exodus 34:5–9

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹“Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138B

I will praise you, LORD,
with all my heart;
I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness.
When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.
Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
with your right hand you save me.
The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5–13

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

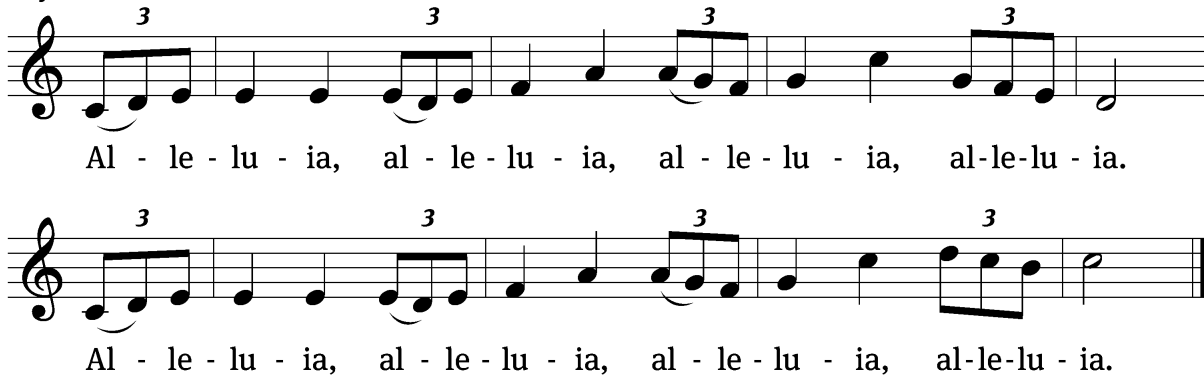
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Refrain



Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 with all his grace and his fa - vor.
 and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

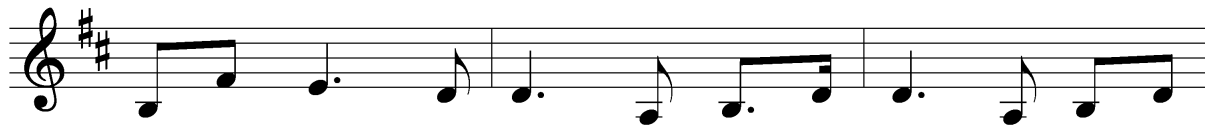
Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; —
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



it's time to sing your — song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name — is — great, and your heart is kind. For all — your
 end — draws — near, and my time has come; still — my



pass, — and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 good-ness, I will keep — on — sing - ing—
 soul will sing your praise — un - end - ing—



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

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Dates to Save

Wednesday, September 2nd, 7pm – choir resumes

Tuesday, September 8th, 7pm – Financial Peace University (see Gary Graves)

Thursday, September 10th, 6:30pm – Jesus Cares

Friday, September 18th, 7pm – next Ladies' Book Club

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

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class resume this morning at 9:30am.

Financial Peace University

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future! Class starts September 8th at 7pm.

Sign up and share via your social media contacts...



Contact: Gary Graves (850) 445-4389

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally

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

Rally Presenter: Linda Petersen, Special Projects Coordinator for Branch Lutheran Schools, will be speaking on Branch Lutheran Schools' 11 years of ministry. If you are interested in attending contact Candi Aubin 850-508-3107 cuaubin@gmail.com

Fall Festival – October 11th



Ways you can help and be involved...

- Usher crew
- Guest Services
- Click the QR code and use “share” to post to your social media contacts
- Food donations / food serving (detailed list in early September)
- Grill crew
- Set up / take down / clean up
- Game set up and coordination
- Activities assistance (things like pumpkin painting)
- Personal invitations to guests
- Thrivent event grant (available for Thrivent members)
- Photo “booth” (to populate congregational directory)

Contact: Richard Hackmann (228) 224-8458

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