

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Reception of Holy Communion is open to confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who repent of all sins and understand that they receive Christ’s true Body and Blood, as well as bread and wine, for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we respectfully request you speak with the Pastor before communing. This practice is prompted by love both for God’s Word and God’s people. Those who are not communing today are invited forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest for the blessing. A good tool for use in preparing to receive Holy Communion is found on pages 329-330 of the hymnal. For further study, please see: Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:17-33.

AS WE GATHER

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23-27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have *“mercy on your fellow servant”* and *“forgive your brother from your heart”* (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we *“are the Lord’s”* (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will *“stand before the judgment seat of God,”* we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also *“will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand”* (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends *“to bring it about that many people should be kept alive”* (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: *“I will provide for you and your little ones”* (Gen. 50:21).

+ENTER IN SILENCE+ +WAIT IN PRAYER+ +WORSHIP IN REVERENCE+

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (Page 151-166)

HYMN

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

#606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;





He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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(Please STAND)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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.

1 John 1:8-9

*(**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.

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.

[John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Ps. 143:1-2 (antiphon: Ps. 143:9)

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

C: **Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P: Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

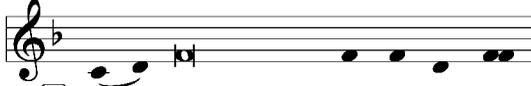
C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

KYRIE

~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



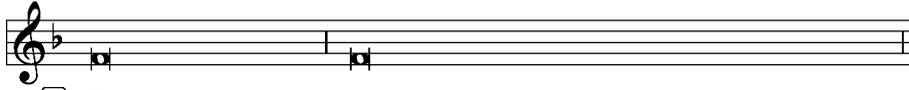
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



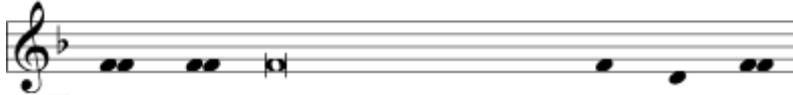
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that

what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be SEATED)

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 50:15-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

[Ps. 34:9, 19]

**All: Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please STAND for the reading of the Gospel)

ALLELUIA

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,”
meaning the whole Church as it confesses the
wholeness of Christian doctrine.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

#843 (Tune: 528)

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:



What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!

- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON

Forgiven To Forgive

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Philippians 4:7

C: Amen.

(STAND and sing to the Lord)

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

#955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and



give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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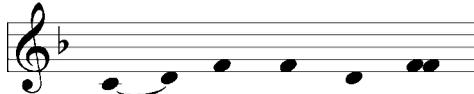
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(P: “Lord, in Your mercy,” C: “hear our prayer.”)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

(Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Because we have a strong desire for all to comprehend this wonderful gift, we ask that you please review the Communion Statement in the front part of this bulletin.)

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

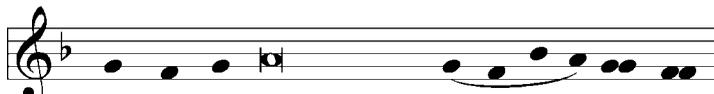


P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

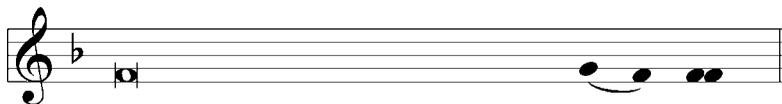
Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

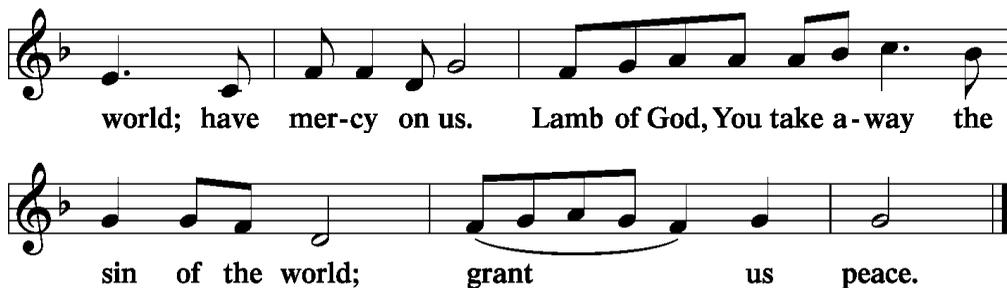


C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

#717



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in
rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.



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HYMN

“God Bless Our Native Land”

#965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

+DEPART IN PEACE+

Our Response to God's Grace

Faithful Assembled for 9/6 Worship: (5 Visitors)	51
Offerings, Tithes, & Firstfruits for 9/6: (Weekly Needs: \$2,700.00)	\$ 2,427.44
Year to Date <u>Received</u> Offerings: (Year to Date <u>Budgeted</u> Offerings: \$97,200.00)	\$106,353.60

Over 13% of our offerings are given to missions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK—Congratulations to **Andy & Ethel Martin** (13th), **Doug Weir** (14th), **Glen Felps** (15th), and **Zane Shullanberger** (18th). Our prayers and God's blessings go with them as they celebrate their day.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE—Our 30th Anniversary Celebrations culminate with a Vespers service on Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 PM. The Rev. Mike Newman, President of the Texas District LCMS, will serve as the Guest Proclaimer. The Rev. Craig Meissler, Cantor of Mount Calvary LCMS in San Antonio, will serve as the Guest Organist. Former pastors of Divine Savior have said they plan to be in attendance. A reception will be held, following the service. There will also be a video/picture slideshow recalling some events over the past 30 years. Plan to be here, and invite a friend to join you in this celebration. *Pick up some postcards in the Narthex to mail or hand to those you would like to invite.*

CHURCH COUNCIL—The Church Council will meet TODAY, following the Divine Service. The ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will also meet with the Council today.

FOOD PANTRY—Thanks to those who brought food for the Devine Food Pantry today. Our next ingathering will be Sunday, October 11.

LUTHERAN WITNESS—Our congregation pays for yearly subscriptions to the Lutheran Witness for all members. If you currently receive this magazine and no longer wish to receive it, or if you are a member who has not been receiving it but would like to, please note this information on the side of your "attendance record" today. Deadline to submit changes/updates is Sunday, September 27.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The Nominating Committee (Robert Cappella, Santiago Carrillo, La Nell Felps, & Herb Nordmeyer) is seeking individuals to serve the Lord and His Church as elected members of the congregation. Positions up for election this year are: *Chairman, Financial Secretary, Trustee, Fellowship, Stewardship, Evangelism, Christian Education, and one Elder*. If you would like more information, or if you have any interest in serving, visit with any of these individuals.

CHURCH LIBRARY—New books have been added to our Church Library. These include devotionals and outreach helps for adults and children. Some of the new titles are: “Faith in the Shadow of A Pandemic,” “Why the Church Is Dying Even Though Jesus Is Still Alive,” “How to Respond to Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons,” and “Whisper, Whisper, Learning About Church.” You can check out these books, and more, today.

SOCIAL DISTANCE—Please remember to social distance while in the Sanctuary and Narthex. Once the service is over, please exit the Narthex and socialize at a six-foot distance in the parking lot or under the trees. Holy Communion is a “walk by” format, there is no formal gathering of the offering, no handshaking, and no Bible Class or Sunday School at this time. Please keep 2-3 chairs separating non-household members in the same row. It would be best to wear your mask in the Narthex.

ROMANS 14:7—“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. Afterward, they will be printed in the newsletter for one month.)

*New Prayer Request

Thanksgivings and Celebrations

"Let us come into His presence with a song of thanksgiving" (Psalm 95:2)

Surgeries and Healings

"For I am the Lord who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

Linda Bendele, health issues—requested by Linda White
Megan O'Leary, upcoming surgery—daughter of Bill & Judi Jopling
Bobby Jopling, open heart surgery—cousin of Bill Jopling
Gavin Massay, following surgery—grandson of Robert & Marla Cappella
Cheryl Rabe—daughter of Louis & Lynda Dicke
Mary Feltner
Carla Boehle
Karlee Riser—great-granddaughter of Glen & La Nell Felps
Claudia Carberry

Hospice

"The Lord bless you and keep you..." (Numbers 6:24)

Evelyn Meinholdt—sister of Nell Schmidt
Lynn Schott—sister of Nell Schmidt

Special Needs and Concerns

"Our God is compassionate." (Psalm 116:5)

Deaths

"I know that my Redeemer lives" (Job 19:25a)

***Family of Judy Marheine**—mother of Annette Keskinen

Cancer Patients and all their family members

"I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." (Jeremiah 33:6b)

Kathy Bellmore, malignant brain tumor—sister of Judi Jopling