

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

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *“he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”* (Matt. 25:32). *“To those on his right,”* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35-40). But *“those on his left,”* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *“into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *“as a shepherd seeks out his flock”* (Ezek. 34:11-12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *“the fat and the strong,”* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak, and feeds *“the lean sheep”* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *“in Christ shall all be made alive”* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-26).

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

PRELUDE

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE (Page 151-166)

HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#892



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God’s own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;





All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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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. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a (antiphon: 2 Pet. 3:13b NIV)

P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C: **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!**

P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C: **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

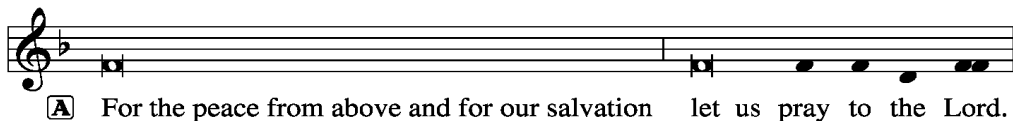
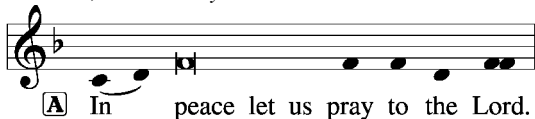
C: **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

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: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

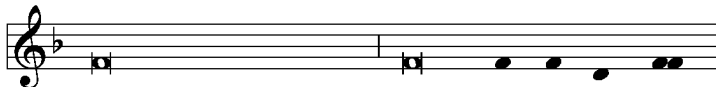




C Lord, have mer - cy.



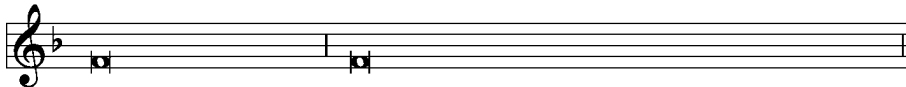
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



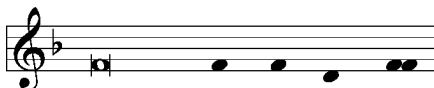
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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*



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.



C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

[Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5]

**All: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

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 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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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1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
 The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
 He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
 And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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SERMON

Our Merciful God

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.
¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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)

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: "Let us pray to the Lord:" C: "Lord, have mercy.")

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.

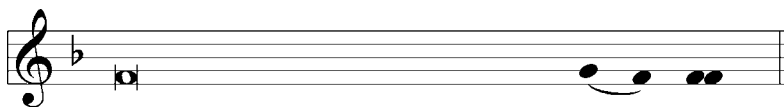
Amen.

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.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

#894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

#806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am



strong.” Let the poor say “I am rich,” _____ Be - cause of



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," — Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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(Please **STAND**)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C: Amen.

THANK THE LORD

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

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



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.



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HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#895 Δ



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;





With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

+DEPART IN PEACE+

Our Response to God's Grace

Faithful Assembled for 11/15 Worship:	35
(0 Visitors)	
Offerings, Tithes, & Firstfruits for 11/15:	\$ 829.87
(Weekly Needs: \$2,700.00)	
Year to Date <u>Received</u> Offerings:	\$128,118.94
(Year to Date <u>Budgeted</u> Offerings: \$124,200.00)	
<i>Over 13% of our offerings are given to missions.</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK—Congratulations to ***Santiago Carrillo Jr.*** (23rd), ***Elaine Haass*** (25th), ***Judy Nordmeyer*** (25th), and ***Rosalie Stricker*** (25th). Our prayers and God's blessings go with them as they celebrate their day.

ALTAR FLOWERS—Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Randolph, Lauren, and Elaine Haass in thanksgiving for Elaine's 5th birthday this coming Wednesday, November 25.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING—Plan to stay after the Divine Service TODAY to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. If we have just a few volunteers, we will only put up the Advent Wreath this year. With your help and others, we'll get the tree and decorations up very quickly.

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS—Because we are unable to have our regular Children's Christmas Service this year, we will instead have the children read the Christmas story, in parts, during the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 PM. If your child(ren) will be here that evening, and you would like them to read some verses from Luke 2, please sign-up in the Narthex. We are also considering having the children sing one verse of a Christmas Carol that evening. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 29. Visit with Pastor Wehmeyer or Glenda Allen for more information.

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS—Our midweek Advent services will be held on the Wednesdays of December 2, 9, and 16, with Vespers at 7:00 PM. There will not be a meal preceding the service. Our theme this year is "The Lord Opens the Womb." Plan to spend this upcoming season receiving gifts from the Lord in His house.

FLOWER CALENDAR—The 2021 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted in the Narthex. Sign up to sponsor a Sunday (or more) to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone. You are responsible for ordering the flowers and having them delivered. If the cost is too high, consider "going in halves" with someone else for a particular Sunday. Ideally, every Sunday should have fresh flowers on the altar reflecting the beauty and glory of our living God. See Pastor Wehmeyer for more information.

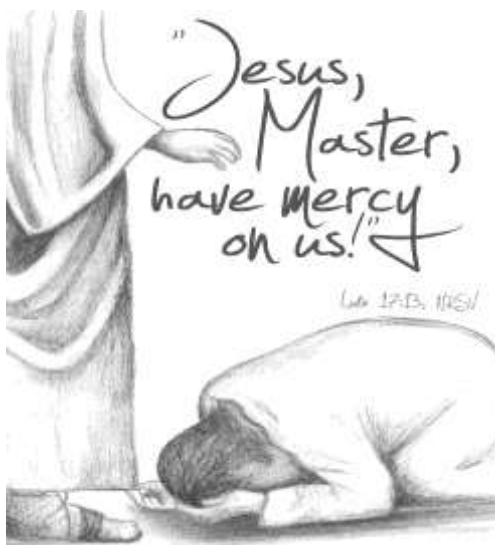
TEDDY BEARS—The Board of Human Care is asking for donations of "cuddle size" teddy bears for HANK (Helping Abused and Neglected Kids). These will be

given to foster children when they are faced with sad and difficult situations. We are collecting these now through Sunday, December 6. Some are available at Walmart for just \$5. Visit with Human Care Chair Blasa Carrillo for more information.

COOKBOOKS—You can pick up the Gift of Hope Cookbook today for just \$15. You may want to purchase some extras as gifts for birthdays or for Christmas. If you have not already done so, make sure to pick up a corrected page for one of the recipes. Visit with Marla Cappella for more information.

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 Bible Class & Sunday School are temporarily suspended. Please keep 2-3 chairs separating non-household members in the same row. It would be best to wear your mask in the Narthex.

MATTHEW 25:44—“Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask Him to increase our faith.



THANKSGIVING DAY LITANY FOR USE IN YOUR HOME

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time;
You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

For the love and warmth of family and friends, both those gathered here and those gathered elsewhere, and most of all for those gathered to the Eternal Home: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear; for the blessing of hearth and home: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

For the joyful noise of infants cooing and children at play, and for the honor of serving them, knowing they are beloved by You: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

For the food You so graciously provide us and for the joy of feasting and playing together: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

For the sufferings You are pleased to send us, for they purify us from selfishness and remind us of the one thing needful, Your eternal kingdom: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

And finally for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of all our sins by the blood of our Lord Jesus, the promise of our resurrection to eternal life; for the joyful companionship afforded by the Church; for Your Word that is a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for the gifts of Baptism and the Eucharist; for our pastor and everyone who faithfully serve to us Your best and highest gifts: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

All pray/sing together:

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today. Amen.**

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)

***Allen Keskinen**, upcoming surgery on 12/10
Ivan Chant, hospitalized—brother of Glenda Allen
Lawson Sonntag—newborn nephew of Lydia Zerr
Gabriel Hester—grandson of Rosalie Stricker
Sean Schroeder—grandson of Linda White
Jim Dobbertin—requested by Marla Cappella
Linda Orlowski—requested by 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)

Stefani Bohmfalk—daughter of Cleo Bohmfalk

Deaths

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

Family of Ann Wood—requested by Nell Schmidt

Cancer Patients and all their family members

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

Amy Uslavage, stage 4 breast cancer—cousin of Lydia Zerr
Kathy Bellmore, malignant brain tumor—sister of Judi Jopling