



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: If You But Trust in God to Guide You



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: God is Here



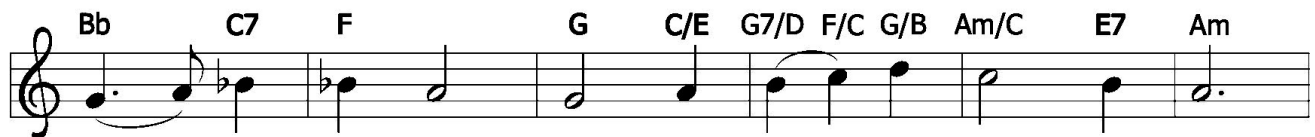
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



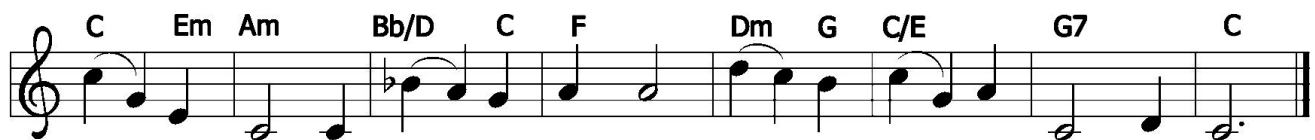
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ ~~Text~~ share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



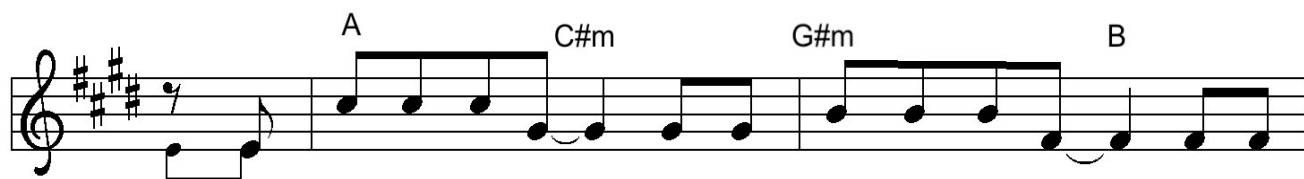
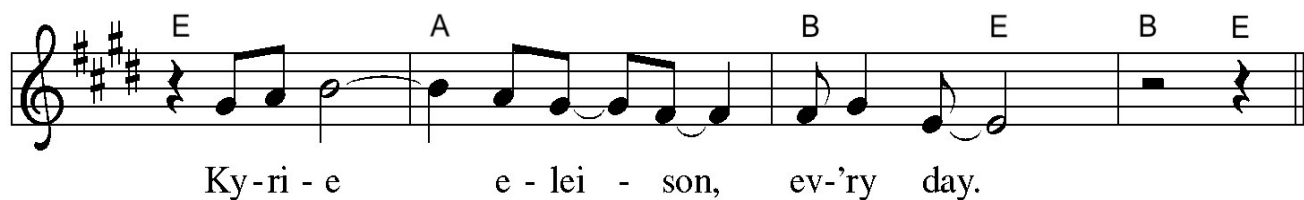
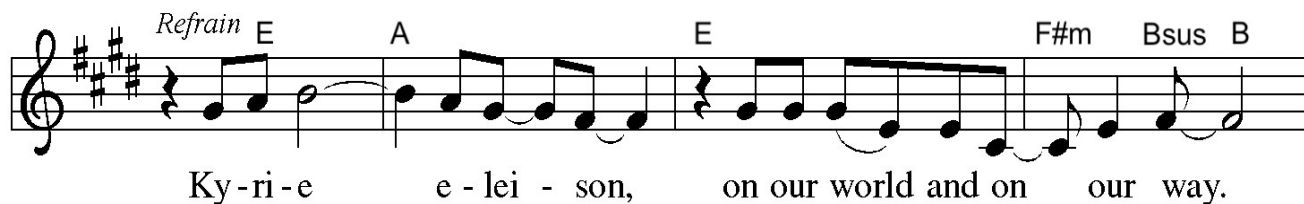
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

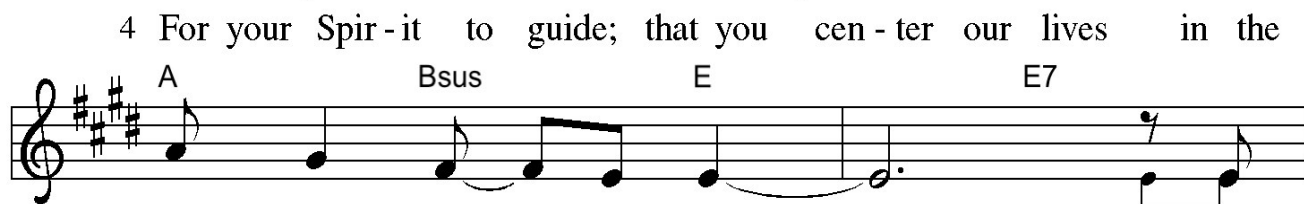
THE KYRIE



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

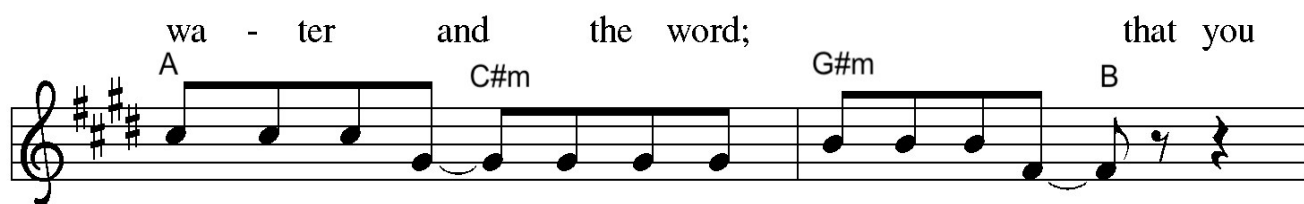
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



hun-gry and the poor; that

friends and fam-i-ly; for

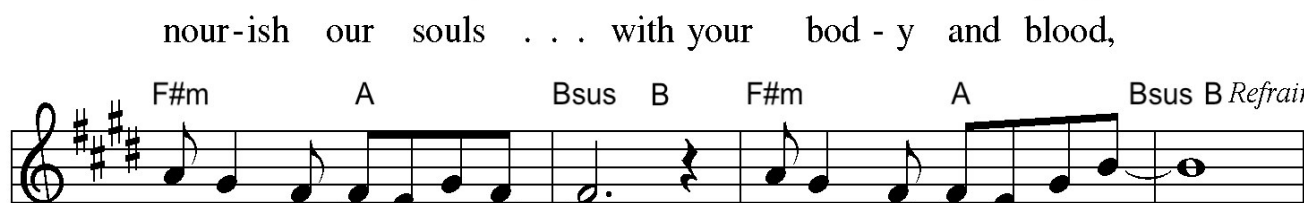
wa-ter and the word; that you



we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



THE GLORIA

Refrain F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Cm/F Bb/F Ab/F F Eb Db Ab Eb/G

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Ab

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Fm Ab Bb *Refrain* F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Eb Ab Eb Ab

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Cm Bb2 Bb F Eb Ab

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Bb Db Cm Fm/Db Eb

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Db Bbm/Db Fsus/C C

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain F(ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

F2 Final refrain Bb/F F Bb/F F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

single Eb Db/Eb Eb Ab Db Eb Fm Db Bbm C Ab Fm/Db Eb/C Eb Bbm Eb Cm Db Fm/Bb Bb/C C

F/A Bb Amaj Dm Gm Bb Gm/C F2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

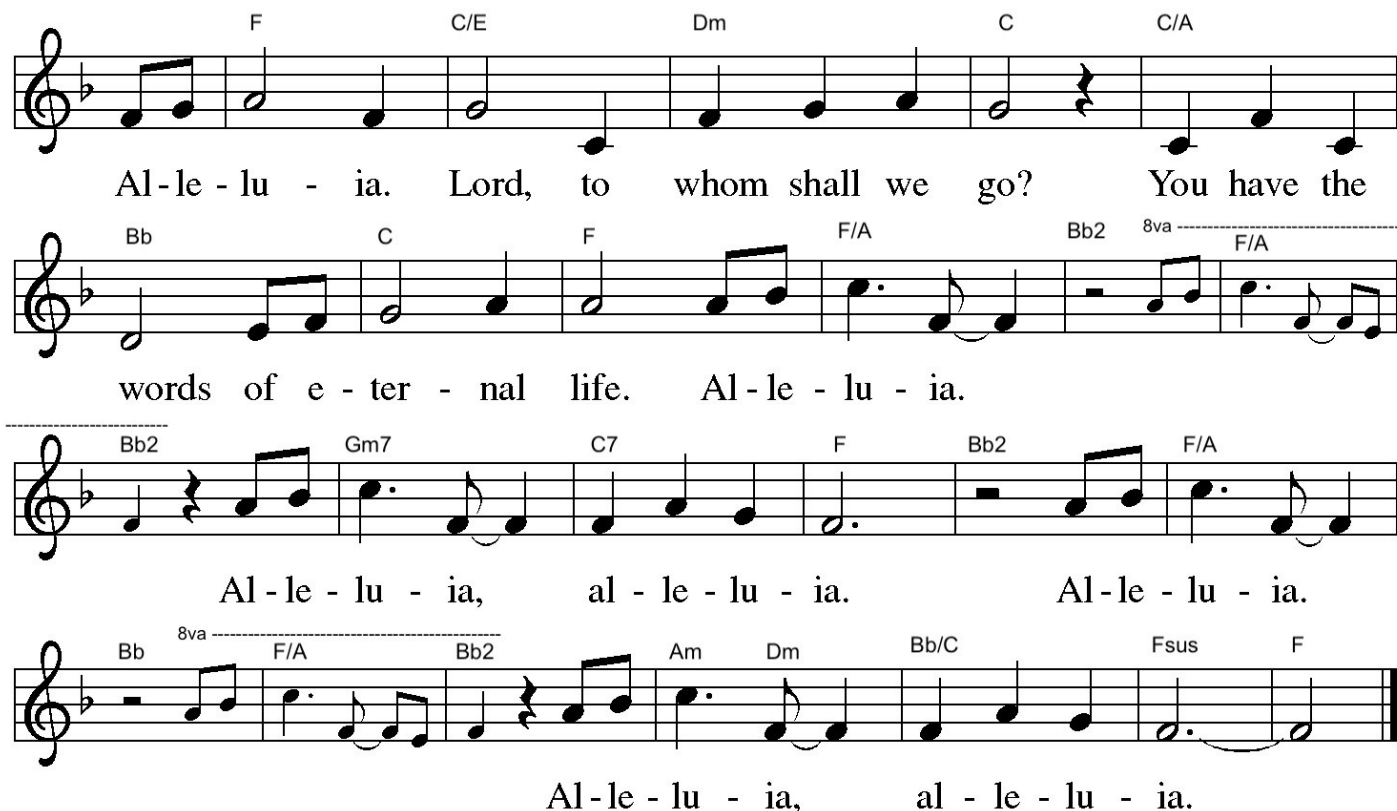
⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The chords are: F, C/E, Dm, C, C/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Gm7, C7, F, Bb2, F/A, Bb, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Am, Dm, Bb/C, Fsus, F.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

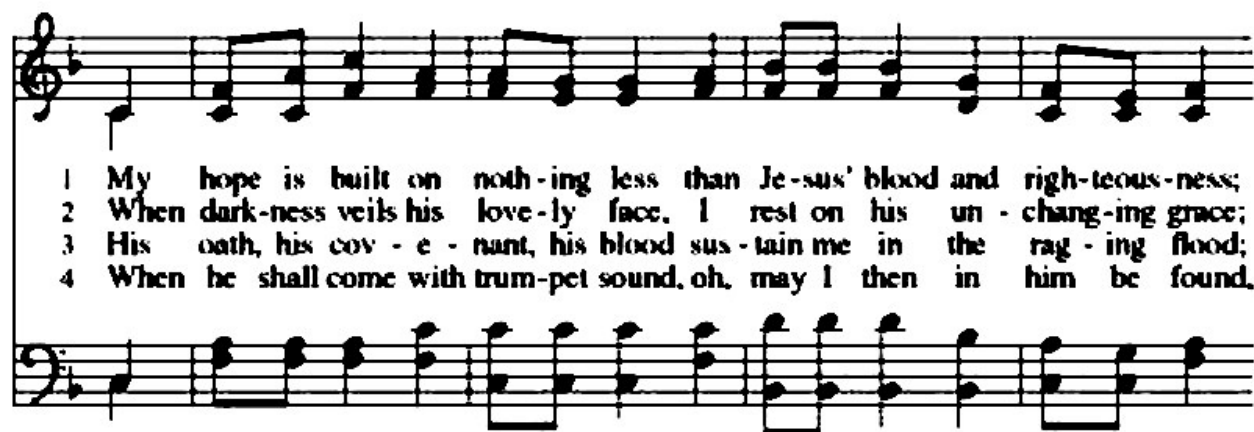
⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

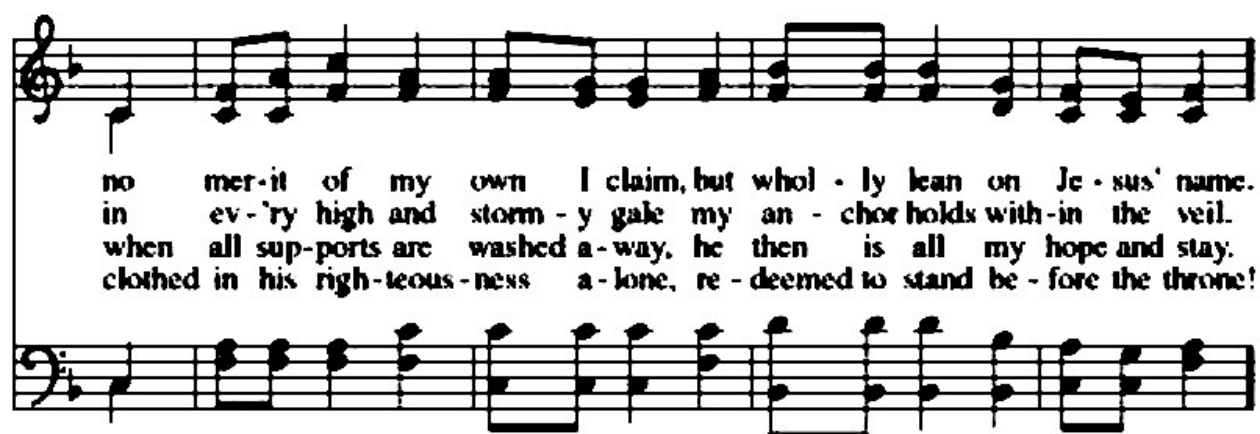


HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

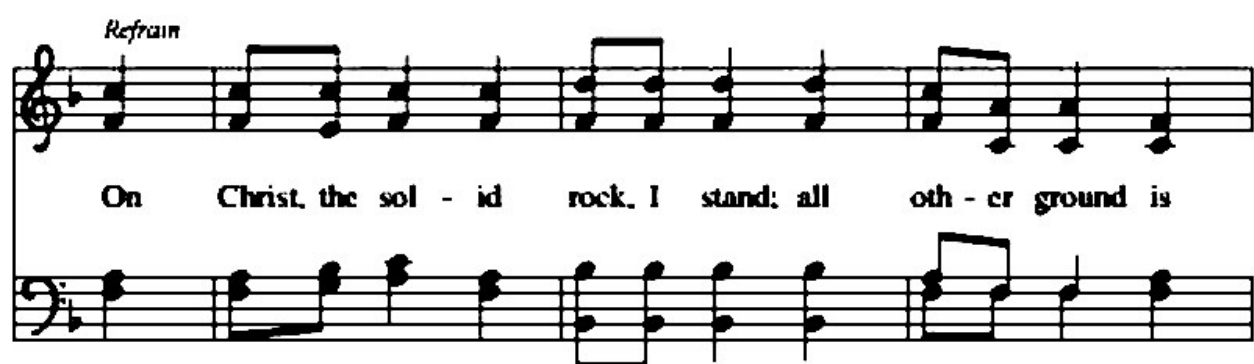


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found.



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

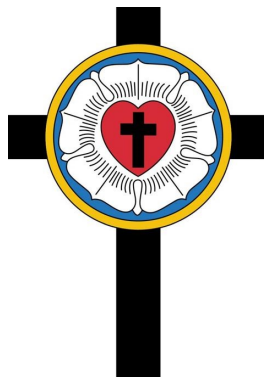
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bill Vollinger: Parable of the Mustard Seed VIDEO

OFFERING

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C **Am** **Em** **Bb/F** **Dm**

G **C** **Em** **Am**

Bb **Dm** **G** **Dm** **F/G** **G** **C**

Em **Am** **Em** **Amaj** **D** **G** **Amaj**

D **Am** **D** **G** **Am** **Em**

Bb/F **Dm** **G** **C** **Em** **F** **C/G** **Bm** **Emaj**

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.

ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Chords: E, B/D#, C#m, E/B, A, F#m, B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, B, B7, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E, F#m, E/G#, E7/G#, A, F#m, G#m, A2, E/B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chord progression and lyrics for "The Lord's Prayer":

Chords: A, Em, G, D, A, Em, C, G, A, Em, G, D, F#sus, F#m, Esus, E, G, D, A

Lyrics: 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy Ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry
2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now ap - proach Thy

is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a - lone art a - ble To
heav'n - ly Board And, as I low - ly bow be - fore Thee, Look

sat - is - fy and make me whole:
on - ly un - to Thee, O Lord! Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy

blood Be for my soul the high - est good! A - men.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has

done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

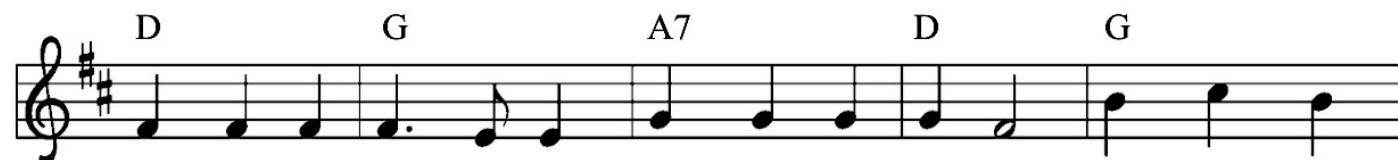
The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness



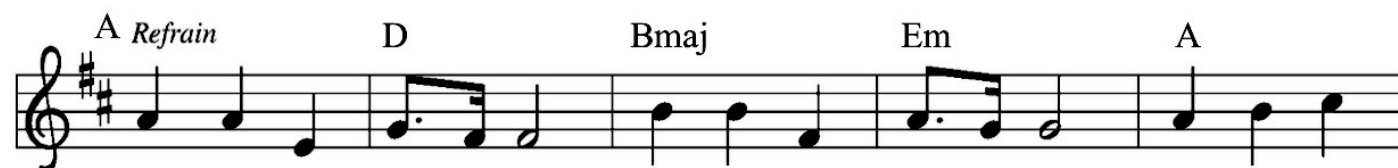
1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



*Go Now
in Peace*





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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Oct 5	Dave Johnsrud	Brenda Heydt	Ed Moderacki
Oct 12	Maggie Harrer	Laurie Feingold	Rick Henly
Oct 19	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

Oct 5	For: In memory of Alma Durstewitz From: Vicki Lynn Coyle
Oct 12	For: In Celebration of my daughter Courtney's birthday From: Antoinette
Oct 19	For: 44th Anniversary From: Vicki Lynn Coyle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Oct 13	Columbus Day: Church & School Closed
Oct 19	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Oct 20	Council Meeting: 7pm Room 5
Oct 25	75th Anniversary Gala Dinner: 6pm - 9:30pm
Oct 26	School Trunk or Treat: 1 - 3pm

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