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8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Divine Service 3
*No Communion
* = All Stand

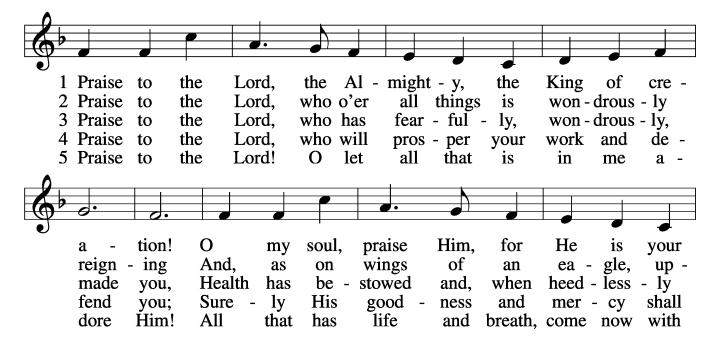
Prelude "Lost in the Night" Raymond H. Haan

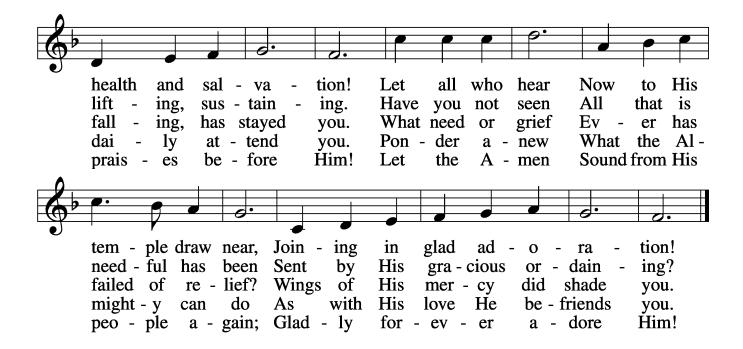
Share the Peace of the Lord

Announcements

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true

obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,*

Introit

Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

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to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

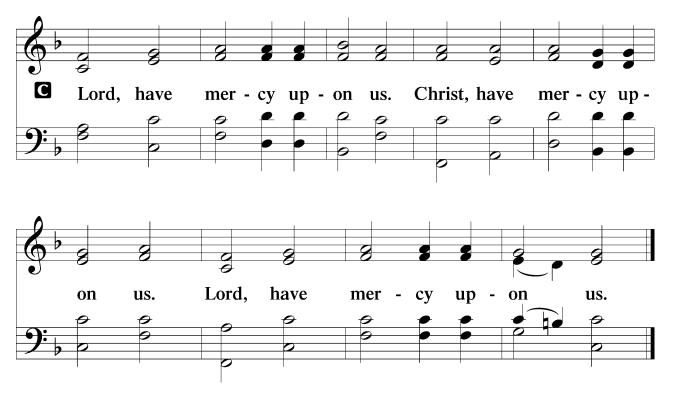
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

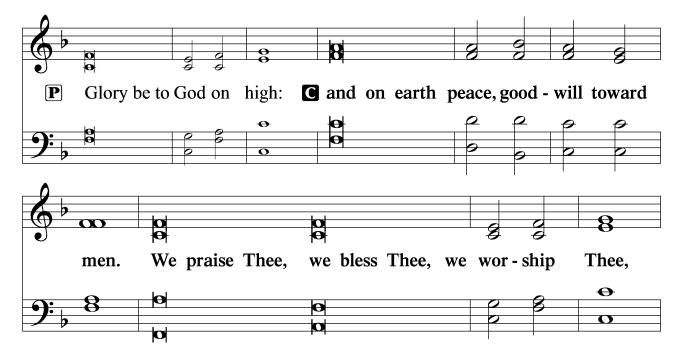
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to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
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Kyrie LSB 186

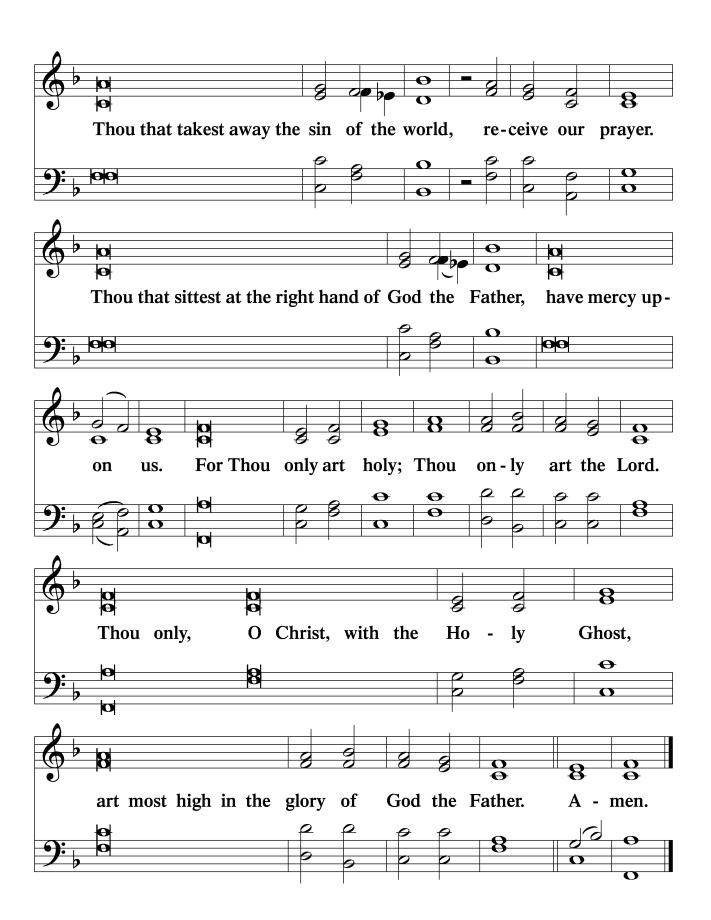


Gloria in Excelsis

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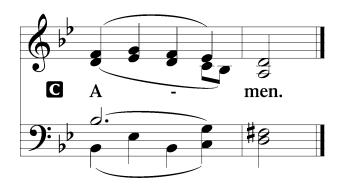




Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit
Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GoD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree,

and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

¹Blessèd is the man

Psalm 1

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who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners,
  nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
  and on his law he meditates | day and night.
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree
  planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
  and its leaf does not | wither.*
In all that he does, he prospers.
<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,*
  but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
  nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
  but the way of the wicked will | perish.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand
Alleluia
LSB 190



VERSE BY VICAR



Holy Gospel *Mark* 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



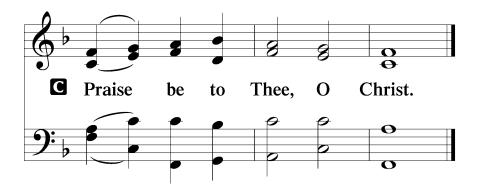
²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed LSB 192

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

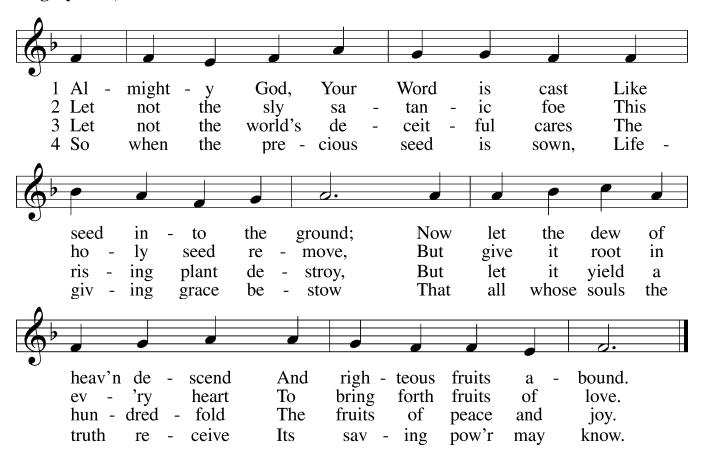
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

Sit

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



Sermon

THE PLANTER, THE HARVESTER, THE EXPLAINER

Theme: Jesus is the source and the substance of our faith.

- I. GOD PLANTS FAITH IN OUR HEARTS.
- II. HE COMES TO HARVEST THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS MATURE.
- III. JESUS DRAWS US INTO HIS SECRET PLANS BY WAY OF HIS PARABLES.

CONCLUSION: Even our faith and its growth are mysteries, Jesus assures us that it is He who guides it from beginning to end.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

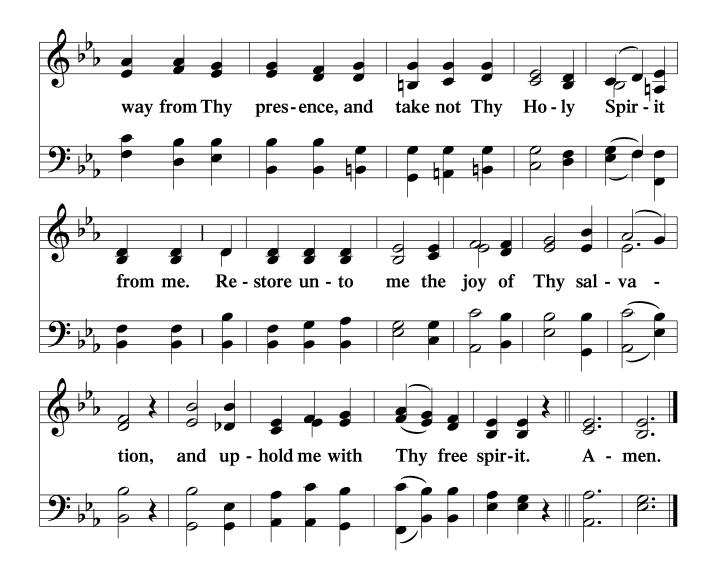
Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand





Sit Offering

(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates passed by the ushers.)

We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings to the church in one of four ways:

- 1. Place your offerings in the offering plates
- 2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office
 - 3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office
- You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.
 - 4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here.

Voluntary "Lento" Johann C. H. Rinck

Prayer of the Church

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Kandie Darmody, Tim Anderson, Elaine Mesigh, Rick Grieshaber, Erik Gransberg, Mike Wendte

Other Needs We Pray for

* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries

* Pray for Victims of the Tornadoes

* Pray for Rain

Military Service Members & their Families

Gabe Stecker, Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley, Calvin Ullman Pray for peace for Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

Police and Firefighters

<u>Birthdays</u>			
Kamden Hager	6/16	Austin Peters	6/16
Emily Kimble	6/16	Karen Gorman	6/17
Rachel Meinke	6/18	Steve Wendte	6/20
Kandie Darmody	6/22	Aaron Meinke	6/22
	<u>Anniv</u>	<u>ersaries</u>	
Allen & Michelle Law		6/17/1995	29
Joel & Barbara Anderson		6/20/1970	54
Loren & Sandy Dunaway		6/21/1980	44

Missions

The Rev. Jason Groth and his wife, Emily, serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Belize. In this role, they help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize. In addition to these responsibilities, the Groths support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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.

Prayer

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

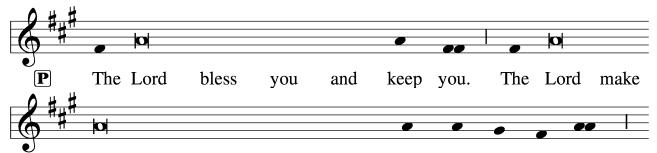
Amen.

Prayer

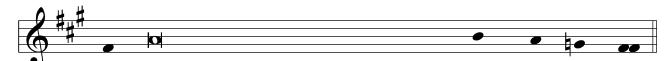
Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

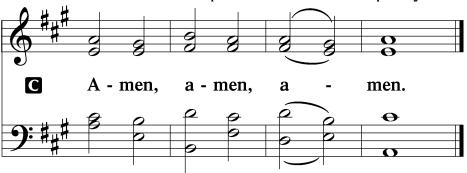
Benediction LSB 202



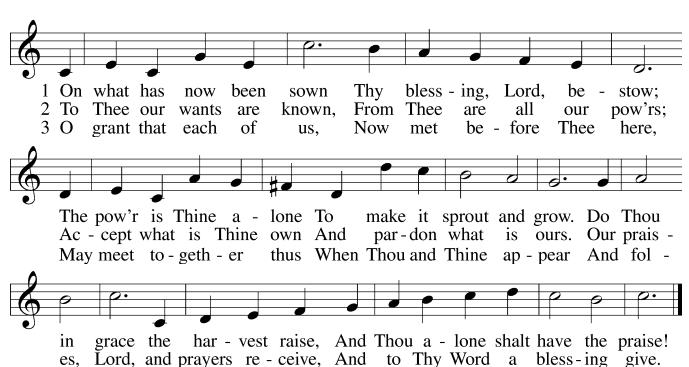
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



921 On What Has Now Been Sown



Postlude "O God of Youth" Robert J. Powell

low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!