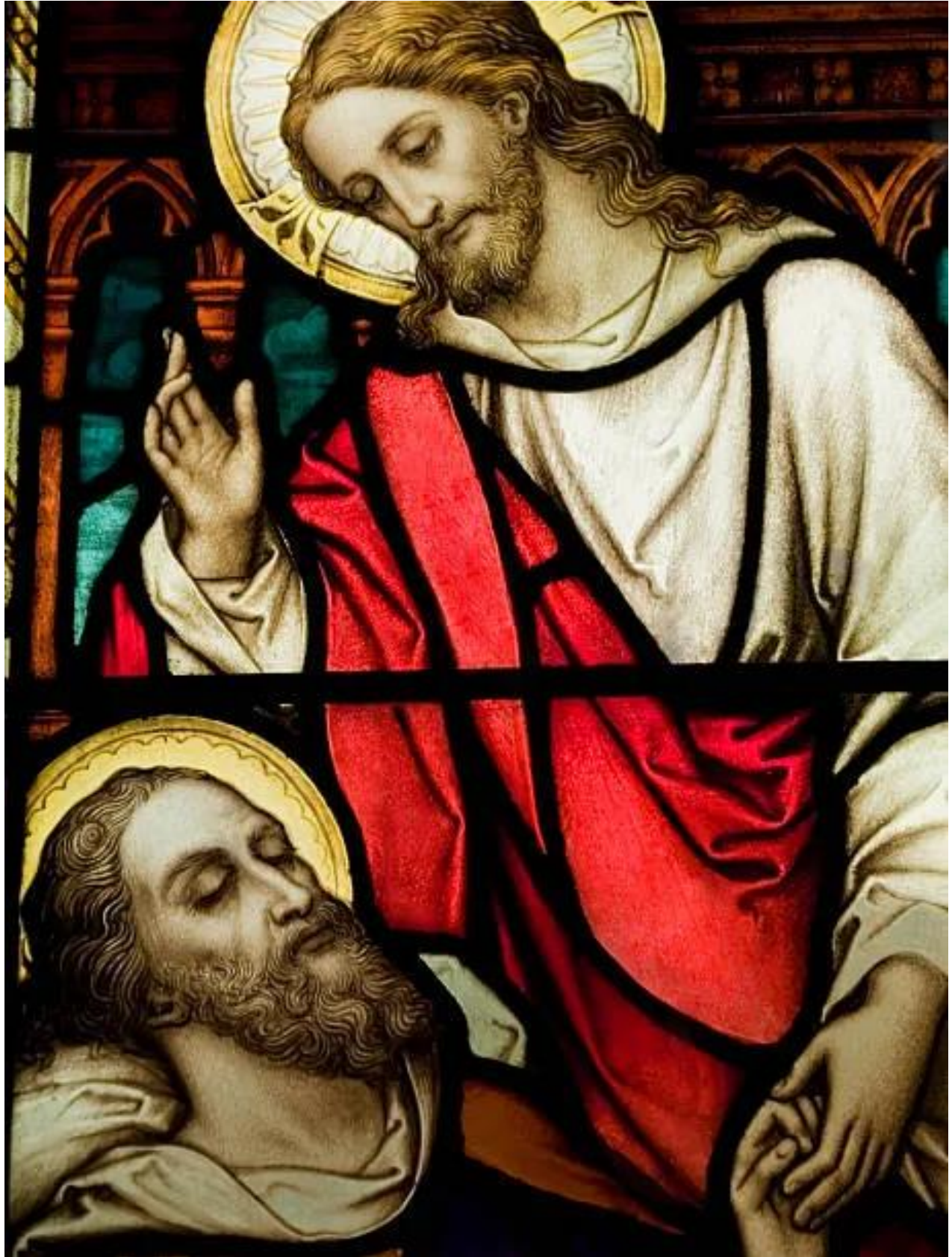


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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2023



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September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m. Service

Lutheran Service Book

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No Communion

* = all stand



PRELUDE

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

Donald Rotermund

SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 a.m.)

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies	Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;	E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,	All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!



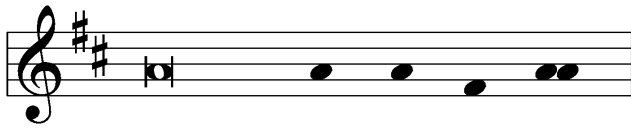
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung	Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore	Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore	For - ev - er and for -



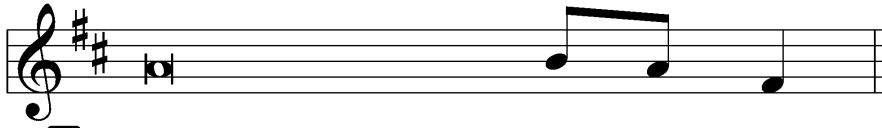
ev - 'ry tongue.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
set no more.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more:	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!



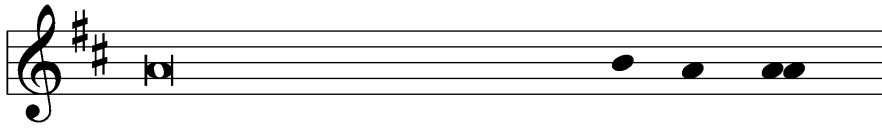
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



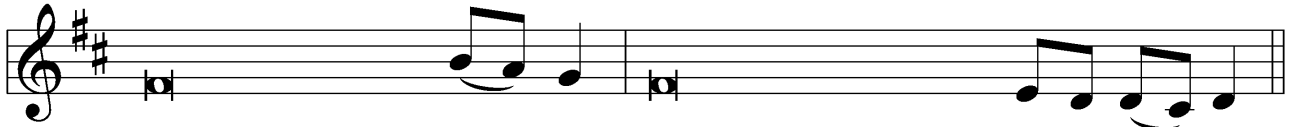
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

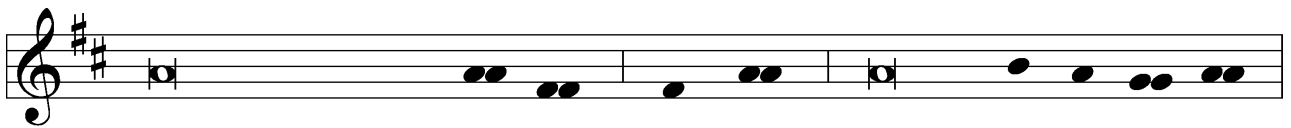


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

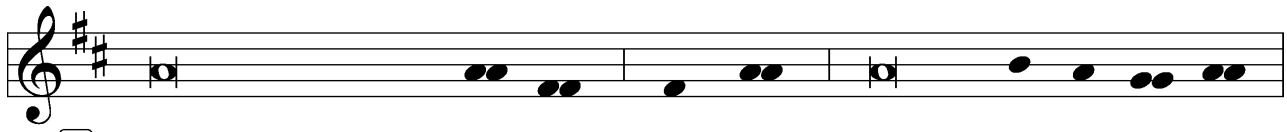
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

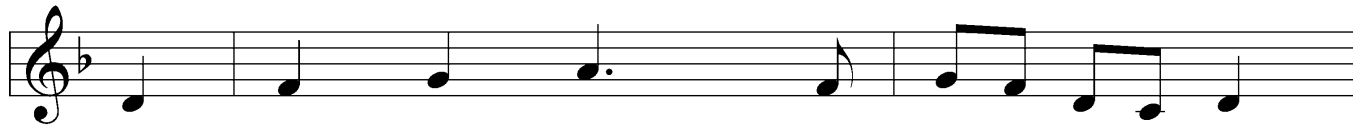


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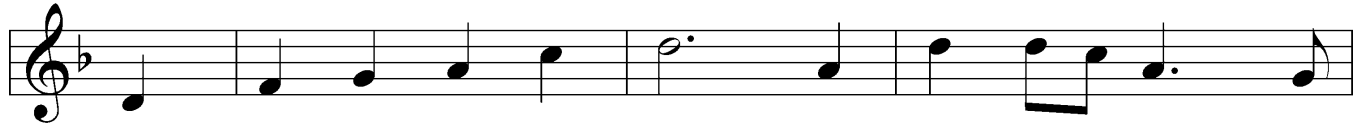
Psalm 103:1–12 (chanted responsively)

- ¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!
- ²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,***
and forget not all his | benefits,
- ³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,
- ⁴**who redeems your life | from the pit,***
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,
- ⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- ⁶**The LORD works | righteousness*
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
- ⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- ⁸**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,***
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- ¹⁰**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,***
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- ¹²**as far as the east is | from the west,***
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.
- 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.**

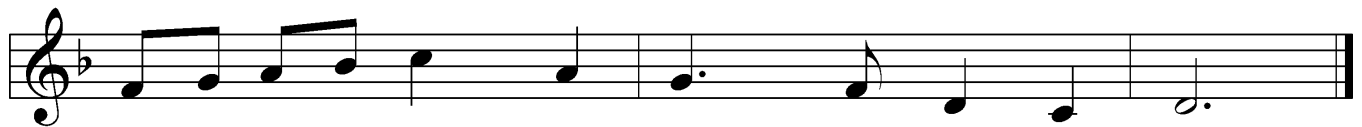
843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,”
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

L A reading from Genesis, chapter 50.

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

Reading

Romans 14:1–12

L A reading from Romans, chapter 14.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.
²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.
³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since

he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 18:21–35

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 18.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**”

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

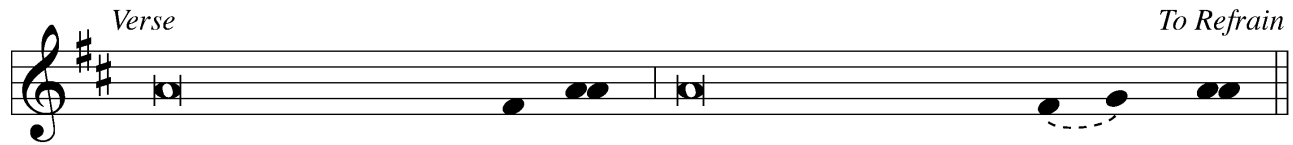
L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*



- 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

TITLE OF THE SERMON:

“A COMMUNION OF FORGIVENESS”

9-17-23 TEXT: Matthew 18:21-35

LITURGICAL DAY: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: To forgive our fellow believers is to subordinate our will to God's will.

I. IN THE FALLEN WORLD, THERE IS NO TRUE FORGIVENESS.

II. BUT IN CHRIST ALONE, THE FATHER RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF.

III. IN CHRIST'S CHURCH, WE RECONCILE OUR SINNING BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO OURSELVES.

CONCLUSION: The fruit of the reconciliation that Jesus Christ earned for us is our longsuffering forgiveness of our brothers and sisters in Christ's Body.

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

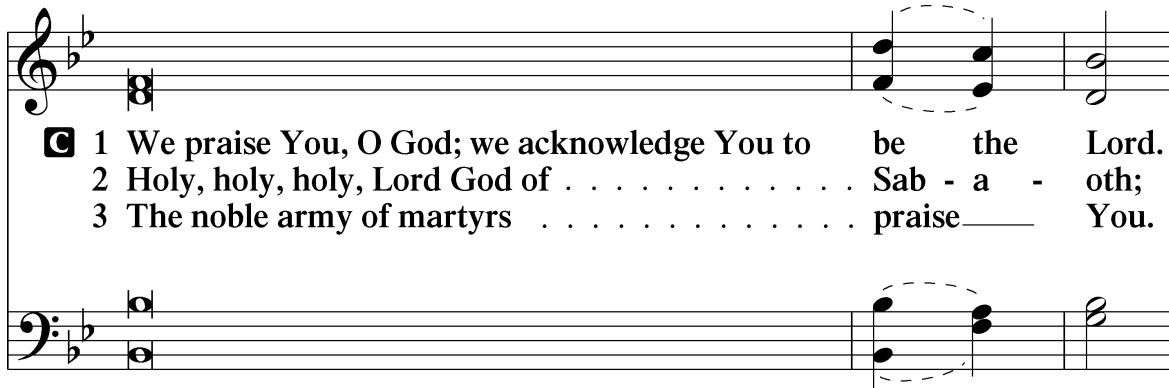
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ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

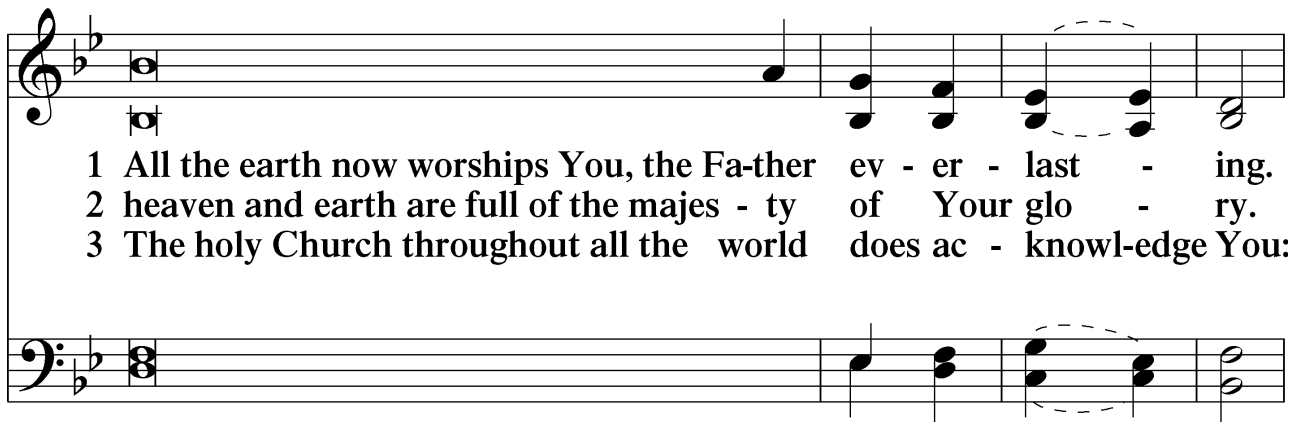
During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

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

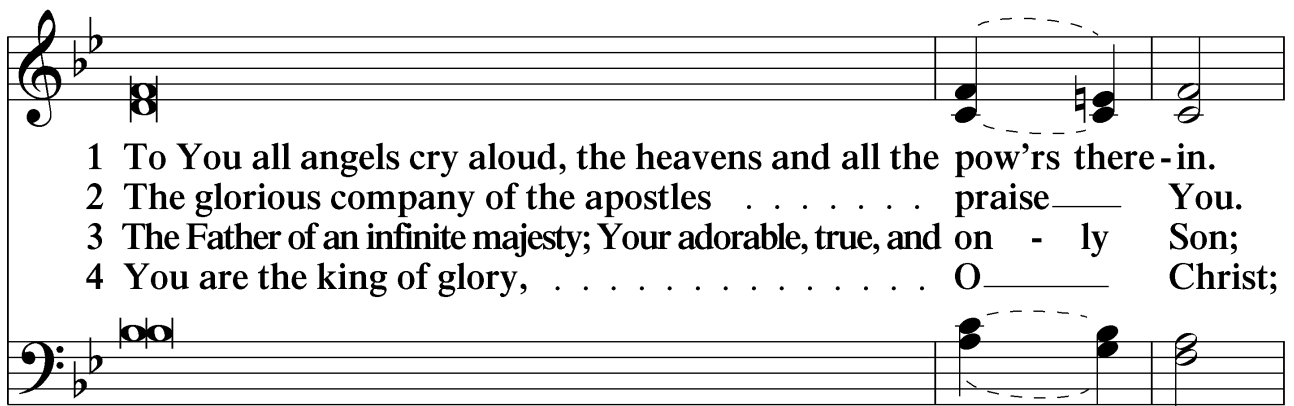
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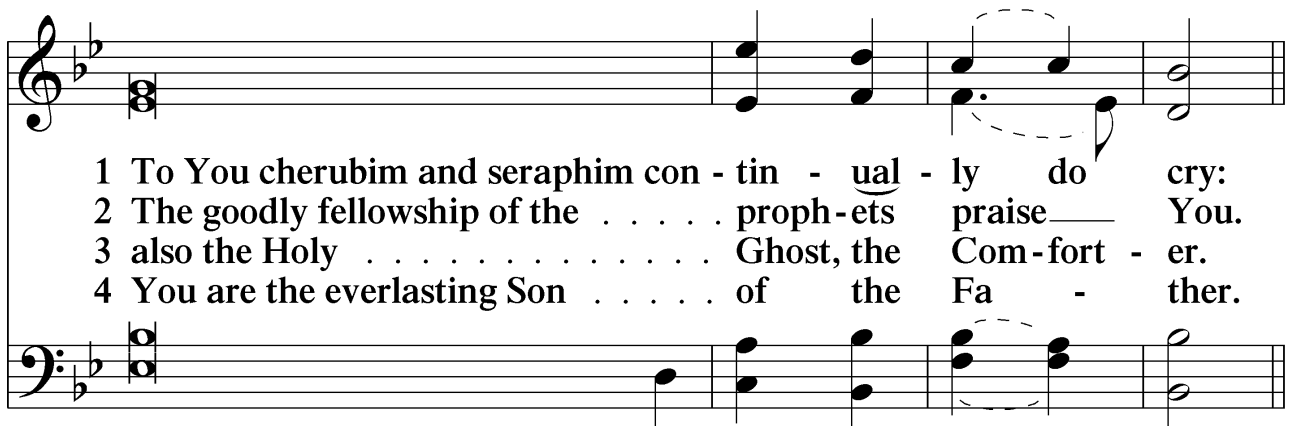
C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out _____ sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on _____ us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

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 as they are passed down the pew)

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

1. Place your offerings in the offering plates that are passed down the pew
 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

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Richard Wienhorst

Prayer

Kneel/Stand
Kyrie

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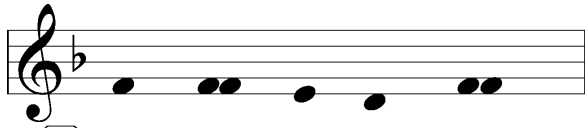


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Arlesa Tarver, Amy Johnson, Kandie Darmody, Larry Miller,
Deborah Stratmoen, Duane Brosowske

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
- * The Victims of the Fire in Maui, Hawaii; earthquake in Morocco

Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin,
Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

Police and Firefighters

Birthdays

Melanie Clagg	9/17	Jerry Jerman	9/18
Sheryl McDonald	9/19	Charles Voerster	9/19
Brad Rogers	9/20	Ed Hasbrook	9/21
Ron Fischer	9/21	Pastor Mark Preus	9/21
Doug Gransberg		9/22	

Anniversaries

Years

Aaron & Morgan Hartman	9/17/2015	8
Doug & Gwen Gransberg	9/21/1974	49
Marcia & Steven Gillis	9/23/1978	45

Missions

The Rev. Sergio Fritzler and his wife, Lilian Rosin Hilscher, serve as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic. Sergio is the director of Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, where he teaches courses and helps prepare men to be pastors who will proclaim the

Gospel throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He also helps plant new churches in the country by developing groups of believers into mature, self-sustaining congregations.

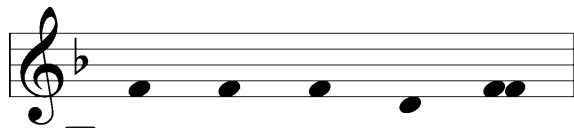
Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

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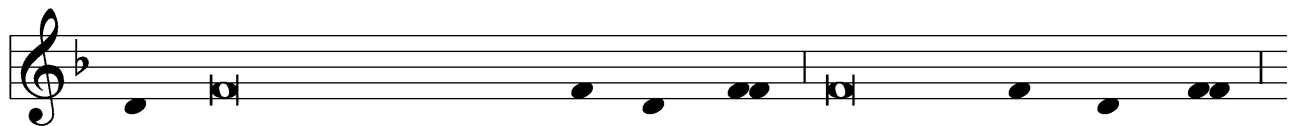
L Let us bless the Lord.



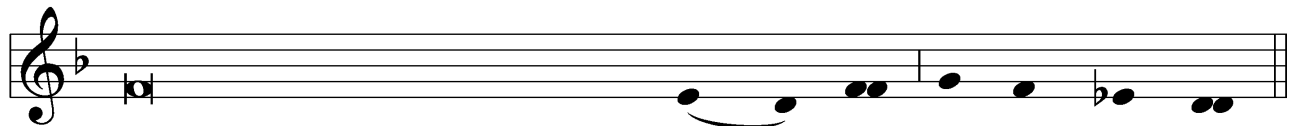
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

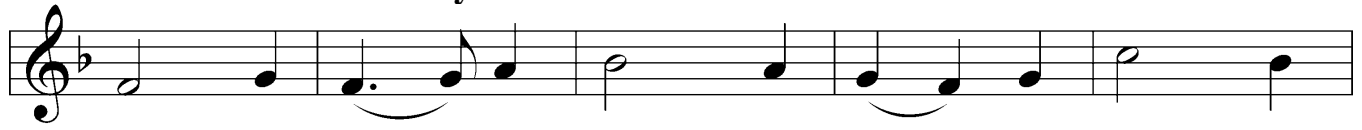


and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

HYMN 851 – “Lord of Glory”



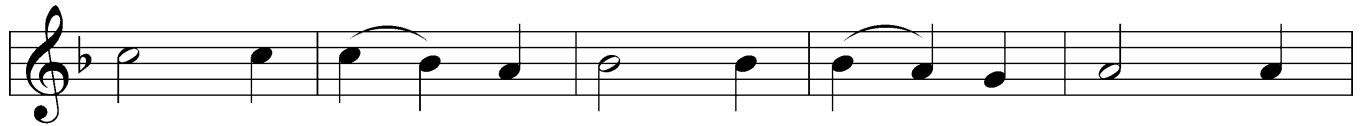
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
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 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



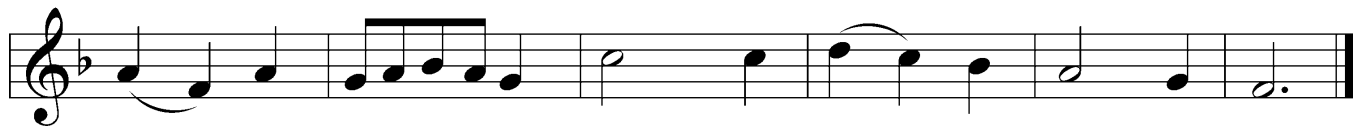
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

POSTLUDE

“Récit de Cromorne en taille”

Guillaume-Antoine Calvière