

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Evening and Morning” -John Eggert

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*LSB 790*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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**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.**

**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.

**C Amen.**


## Service of the Word

## Introit


Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. **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.** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

## Kyrie

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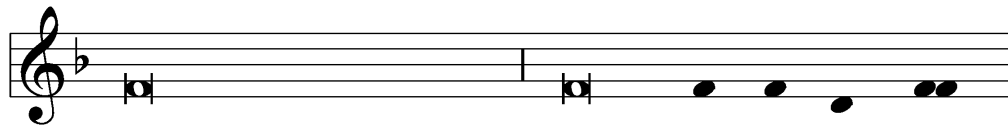
  
[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.

  
**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.

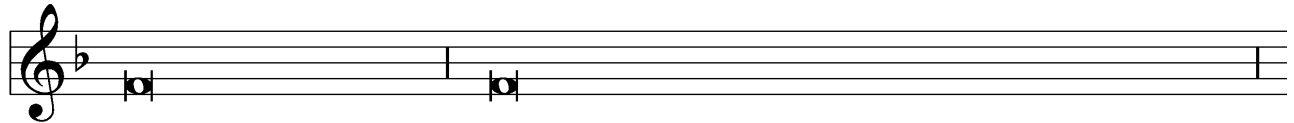
  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



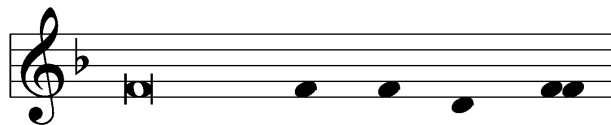
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



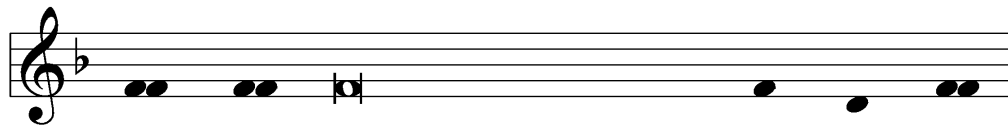
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



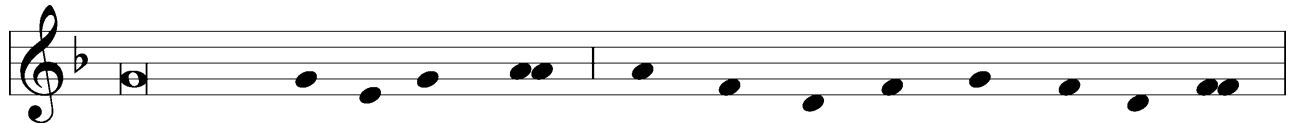
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



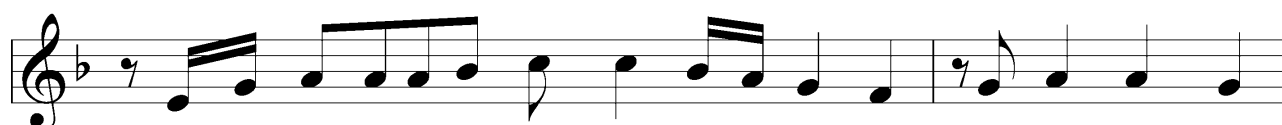
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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



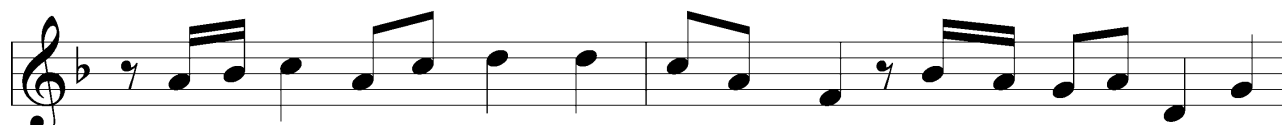
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 7 (Year B)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading

*Job 38:1-11*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who

determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 124*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say— if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessèd be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**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

*Mark 4:35–41*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn of the Day: "Evening and Morning"

LSB 726

- 1 Evening and morning,  
Sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace, and gladness,  
Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number,  
Awake or in slumber,  
Thine eye observes us,  
From danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
- 2 Father, O hear me,  
Pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors,  
Blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings,  
Direct all my doings;  
As it may please Thee,  
Retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.
- 3 Ills that still grieve me  
Soon are to leave me;  
Though billows tower,  
And winds gain power,  
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e'er increasing  
And peace never ceasing:  
These shall I treasure  
And share in full measure  
When in His mansions God grants me a place.
- 4 To God in heaven  
All praise be given!  
Come, let us offer  
And gladly proffer  
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
He well receiveth

A heart that believeth;  
Hymns that adore Him  
Are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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## Sermon

In 2019, the Kooi family was going home to North St. Paul after celebrating Thanksgiving in Illinois. Just a little outside of Menomonie, I lost control of the car on some black ice, and the car swerved into another one, and then slid backwards on I-94 for a few hundred feet. I remember the event in slow motion: the cars zoomed past and around, and I remember thinking that I'm going to see the car that clobbers my family, and me. By the grace of God, we weren't hit head on, and I got the car to the side of the road. In the next few moments, my body filled with tension, the adrenaline went into overdrive, the fear from the moment sunk in, and I also had a sense of awe in that my family and I weren't seriously hurt, or killed. It was one of the scariest moments in my entire life.

Have you ever had a moment like that? Maybe as a child, you almost drowned. It could have happened as an adult when a simple household repair gone wrong almost gave you a serious injury. Perhaps, it was a moment like mine, when you were in a car accident. Those fearful moments never leave us, do they?

The disciples had a similar, fearful encounter one evening that they never forgot. One night on the lake, a storm hits, and fear sets in, and understandably, so. However, did you catch when Mark said their fear was the greatest? No looking in the bulletin. When do you think their fear was its peak? Was it when the storm clouds brewed and the rains began? Was it when the waves rocked the boat and the disciples lost control? Was it when the water flowed in the boat, or when they noticed Jesus was sleeping? Was it when the rain stopped, the waves calmed down, and there was peace on the lake? Think about it for a moment. The answer is counterintuitive. Their fear was greatest *after* the storm was calmed. That was when things got scary. It was after seeing Jesus do what only God could do, calm a storm, that Mark says they “feared a great fear.” Who would have thought that Jesus was scarier than the storm! This morning, we will focus on fear. What does the fear of the disciples teach us about fear?

What do you fear? The Gospel text invites us to reflect on the things that cause us to be afraid, which can be many. There are silly fears, like fear of the color yellow, fear of cheese, clowns, belly buttons, and beards. There are what I call the “classics,” fears of heights, flying, small spaces, spiders, snakes, or bugs. There are some more serious, and debilitating fears, too, aren't there? There are fears of failure: maybe it is a fear of public speaking, not getting accepted to a school, or underperforming at work. In this sphere of fear is also a fear of failure in our vocations, whether that is as a parent, spouse, child, or employee. And despite God's abundant provision, we can also suffer from financial fears. Maybe you have a fear that you won't have enough money to retire, or that medical bills will overwhelm and bury you. It could be the fear of taking on more debt through a loan, or making ends meet with rising prices and economic uncertainty. Markets love stability, and our current world is anything but stable.

Other fears can be more social, or of a personal nature. Do you have a fear of being alone, losing face, being rejected, or being unloved? There is, of course, FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out. What might you be missing out on?

We can have fears for others, too, can't we? I have been told that no matter the age, you will always worry for your children. It could be that they won't turn out right, marry a bad spouse, or cannot provide for themselves. It might be a fear that our parents are failing, or a spouse's health is fading. There can also be the fear of the future. Perhaps the three most terrifying letters in the English language can be N-E-W...new. This isn't even mentioning spiritual fears, like wondering if our sin is forgiven, or will stay forgiven, or if God has abandoned you. What fears do you have? I hope I haven't mentioned too many! What strikes at your heart, and drops your stomach?

These are real fears, aren't they? They are things we are concerned about. These are things we take seriously. These are things that can keep us up at night, torture our stomachs, and make our joy seem like a desert plain. As we look at the disciples and their experience that evening, this thought keeps popping up. I want you to consider it with me. Are we afraid of the wrong things?

The disciples' fear that night was entirely legitimate. Have you ever been out on a lake at night? It can be a scary thing. I remember seeing some summer fireworks on the Chain-O-Lakes, which is a series of connected lakes, rivers, and streams in Illinois on my father-in-law's boat. After the fireworks were over, it was night, and we had to begin our trek back to his house, and I remember it being a scary thing. As an experienced boater, even he was fearful of driving at night, and for good reason. You cannot easily see piers, other boats, bridge poles, or other hidden dangers. On our way back, I remember seeing a boat stuck on a rocky shallow part. They misread the buoys, and went right into the shallow, rocky water, and cracked their hull, and beached their boat. Bodies of water are even more dangerous at night.

Have you ever been out on a lake at night? Have you ever been out on a lake at night in a boat with no power: no motor, no lights, no radio, and no cell phone? Have you ever been on a lake at night in a boat with hurricane-strength winds crashing against you, and the boat filling with water? That was how the disciples found themselves that evening. Their fear was legitimate. As experienced fishermen, they knew things weren't good. The storm was raging, water was pouring in, Jesus was sleeping, and the end seemed nigh. If there was ever a time for fear, this would be it!

But, Jesus rebukes them. **"Why are you so afraid?"** He asks. Then He says the stinging question: **"Have you still no faith?"** Jesus doesn't say it here, but His words from Matthew 10:38 come to mind: **"Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear Him Who can destroy both soul and body in hell."** The storm was scary, but the worst that it could do was to end their lives. Financial trouble is scary. Family problems are scary. Heights and snakes and chemo and legal trouble and addiction and loneliness are all legitimately scary. But, there is something much more worthy of fear than these: Jesus.

Mark says, **"And Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, 'Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?'"** In the whole event, they interestingly feared Jesus *more*, and you can see why. In the Small Catechism, fearing God is defined as taking God seriously as Creator and Judge.

In that moment, they took Him seriously as Creator. They stood face to face with the God Who made the Universe, the One Who laid the earth's foundations and gave the sea its limits. They stood before the One Who knows all things, and Who has power over all things, and instantly stopped a storm with two little Greek words. It is this One they just insulted by saying, **"Don't you care that we are perishing?"** We have said that, haven't we? We understand their fear.

In that moment, they also fear Him as Judge. Encounters with God in Scripture rightly terrified people. When Moses was on Mount Sinai, he said, **"I am trembling with fear"**. When Uzzah stopped the ark of the covenant from falling when it was being transported, God struck him dead. David was upset by that, 1 Chronicles reports: **"And David was afraid of God that day, and he said, 'How can I bring the ark of God home to me?'"** When Isaiah sees God on the throne, he cries, **"Woe is me! For I am lost!"** We see this with Job, too. When God is finally done questioning Job three chapters later, he says, **"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."** Their fear is understandable. We understand that fear, don't we? We are sinful, too, and could never stand before God on our own.

Remember our initial observation and question: **"Do we fear the wrong things?"** I think we do. Jesus is the One Who is truly worthy of fear. He is the One we are to take seriously, but what do we do? Do we live our lives in fear? Let's look at the disciples' initial question. In the boat, they asked, **"Do you not care that we are perishing?"** It certainly was a legitimate question. The boat was filling with water and Jesus is...sleeping. But, Jesus' answer is legitimate, too. He doesn't answer through words, but through deeds. He stood and rebuked the storm, and a great calm came. His answer couldn't be clearer:



He certainly cared. The only one Who is truly worthy of fear shows He cares for His disciples and that He desires to save them. He wants to save not just them, but *all who are perishing*.

We don't need to fear the wrong things. There is plenty in this world that can and will hurt us. Such things cause legitimate concern and push us to seek help. However, when they are compared to the One Who reigns over all creation, they are entirely unworthy of our fear. Why? It is because the only One truly worthy fearing has shown He is willing and able to save us from perishing! He shows it to the disciples in the text, and He shows it to us all in His resurrection from the dead. His reign is absolute, and He reigns over death, the devil, the world, and the forces of nature. He cares for us in both body and soul. He forgives us when we doubt Him and His care, question His goodness, and when we go astray. Jesus died to remove the fear we would have to stand before God, and because of Jesus, we can confidently stand before Him with our petitions, prayers, and please. Jesus died and rose to save those who are perishing. The One we are to fear is for us, and with us.

One of my favorite authors comments on this text by saying, "This good news does not magically relieve us of the many fears and anxieties which harass so many people today...but it does provide a foundation from which to address all that makes us afraid." He is right. When faced with the classic fears of flying, snakes, bugs, you name it, the God Who is bigger and stronger than all is with us. When faced with fears of failure, we find our identity grounded in the waters of baptism as God's loved, forgiven, and precious child. When financial fears stare us down, we look to the One Who cares for the sparrows, knows our needs, and faithfully gives us our daily bread. We approach it one day at a time with the One Who daily provides for our needs. When social fears strike at our heart, we look to the communion of saints, and the fullness of a life lived with God as His child. When our minds are burdened with fears for others, we commit our loved ones to hands greater than ours, and to the One Who can do more for them than we ever could. We bring our fears to the One Who has all authority, and Who loves us with an everlasting love. The One Who is truly worthy of fear cares for you. IN JESUS' NAME, amen.

## **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.**

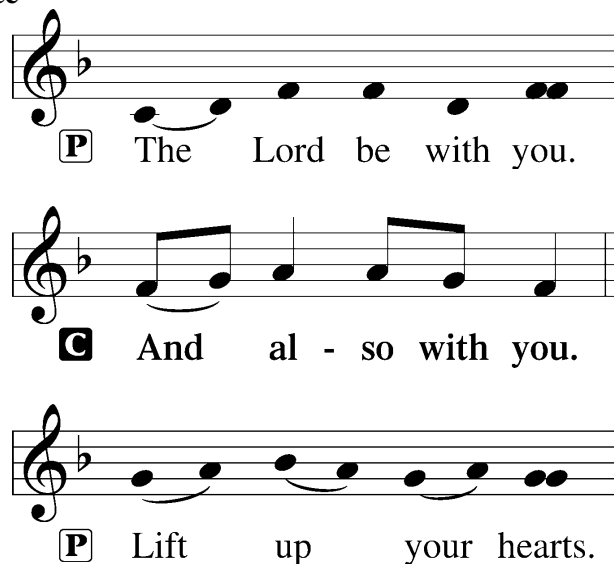
## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

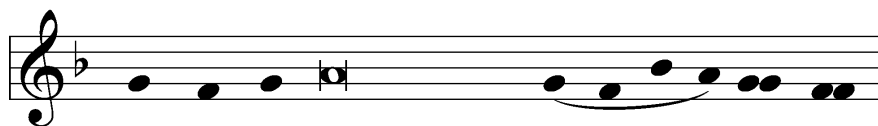
Service of the Sacrament



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

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**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

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**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

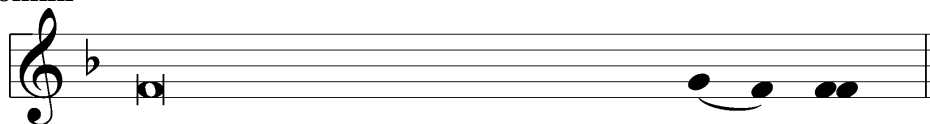
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

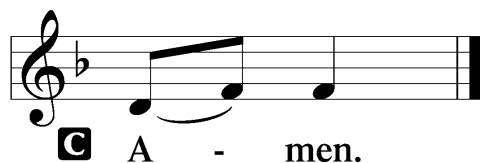
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Pax Domini

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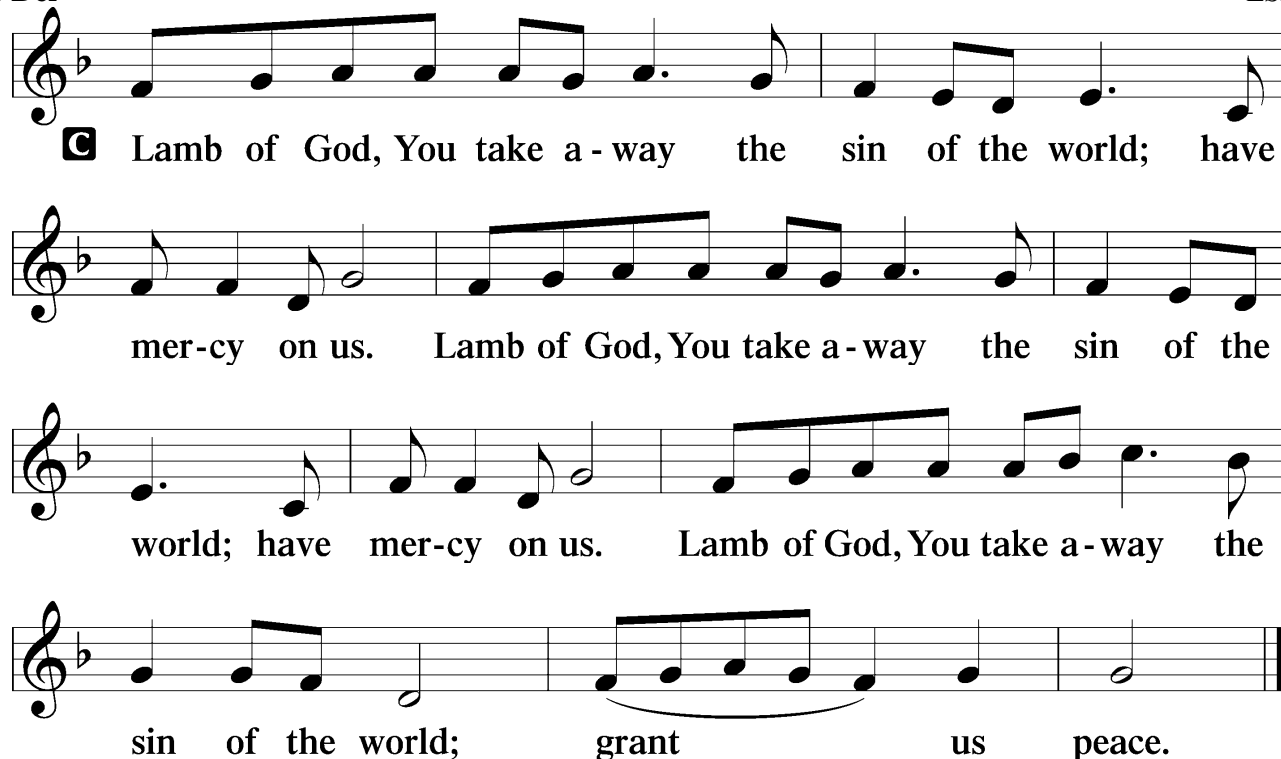


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



## Agnus Dei

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## Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.*

## Distribution Hymn: "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

LSB 619

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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### Thank the Lord

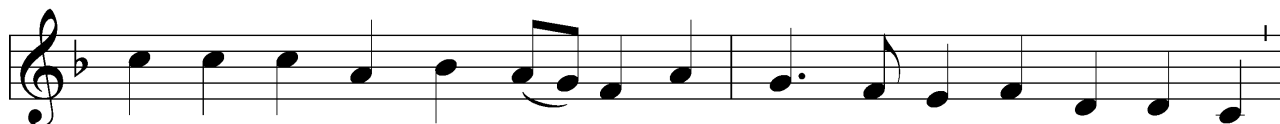
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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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



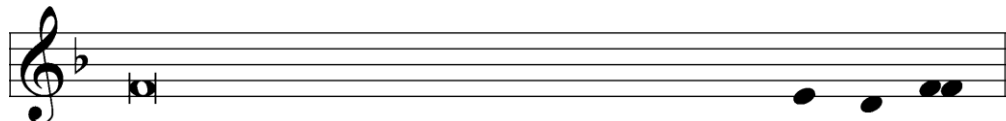
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**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.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul"

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- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
 Leave to your God to order and provide;  
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
 Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
 To guide the future as He has the past.  
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
 Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
 And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
 Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
 Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
 Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
 From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
 Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
 All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ”* Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn't it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn't it fear that stops us from following the Lord's Word to give generously toward His work in the Church? Well then, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

**SHOE DRIVE:** The **drive for 75** continues. While it doesn't look like we will make the goal of 100 bags of shoes, we can make 75 bags. You can be a part of our success as we wrap up our shoe collection fundraiser. One last time, please check with your friends, neighbors, co-workers to see if they have shoes/boots/sandals to donate. Not only will these shoes help others around the world, but the funds raised will help our youth by reducing the cost of John 1516teens and participation in future retreats and conventions. Thank you for your support!

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: “Clearly Christian: Judgmental” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some say Christians are too judgmental. But is the world at large any less critical? Dr. Michael Zeigler, with a clearly Christian view of judgment. (Matthew 7:1-5)

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