

+The Divine Service+

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost | August 18, 2024 | 9AM



CHRIST AND PETER.

*Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?
You Have the Words of Eternal Life*

When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 523 O Word of God Incarnate

Confession and Absolution

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.

P 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,

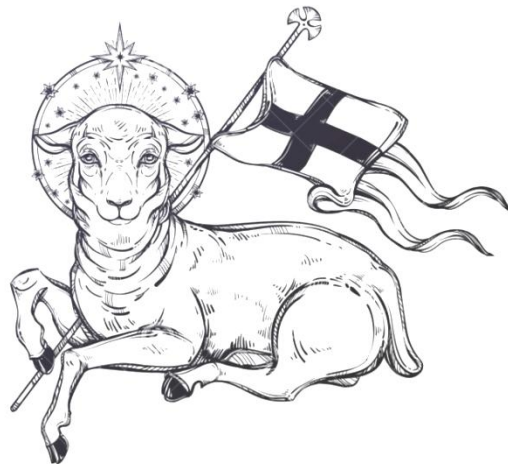
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

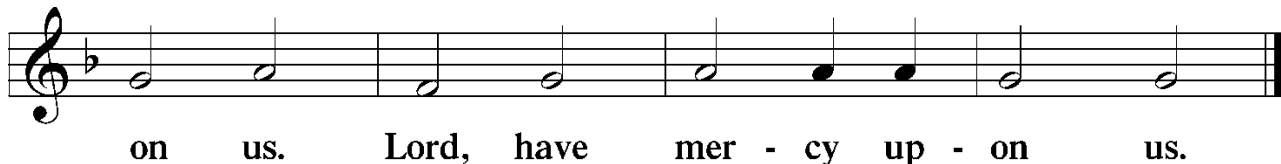
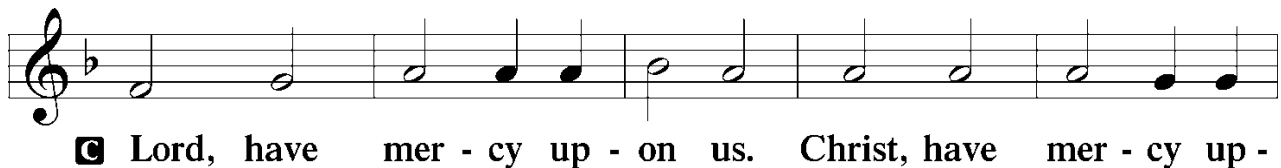
**He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!**



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

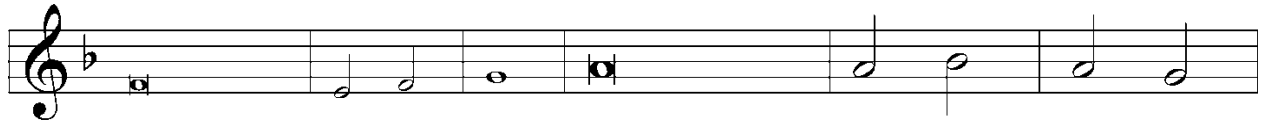
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Kyrie

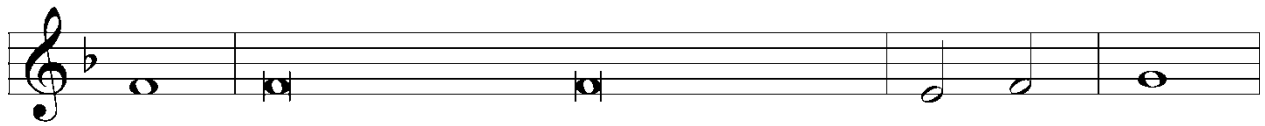


Gloria in Excelsis

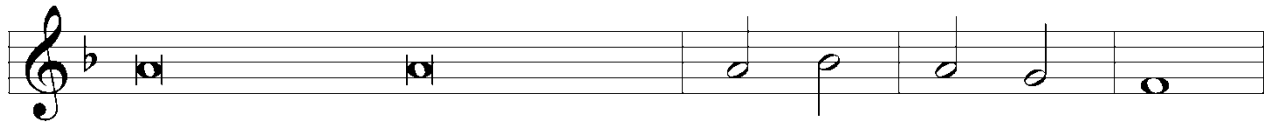
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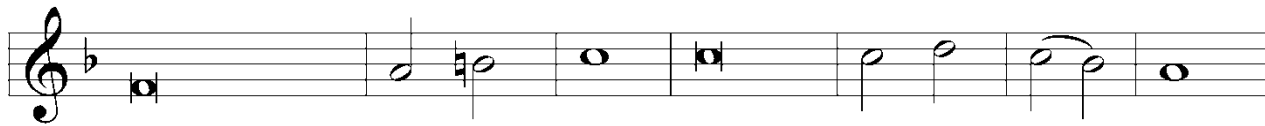
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



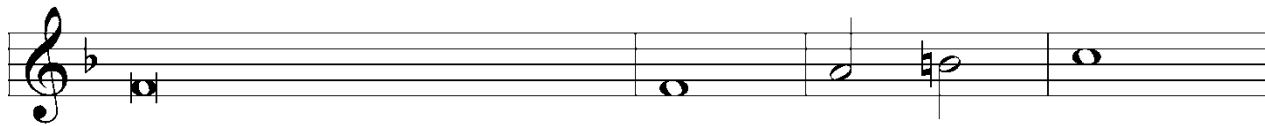
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



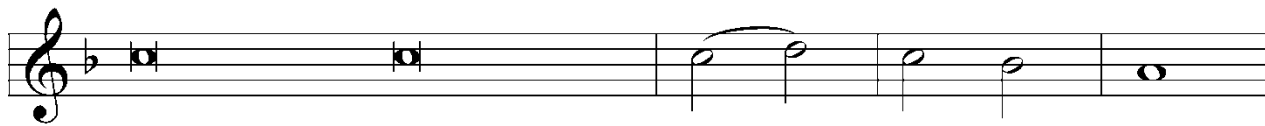
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



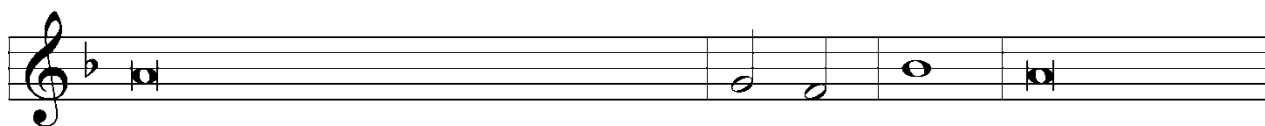
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



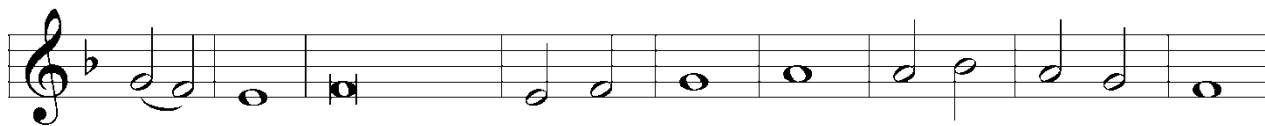
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1-10

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.”

⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproveth a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.
 A - men, a - - men. A - men.

Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 696 O God, My Faithful God

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:


P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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The Offering

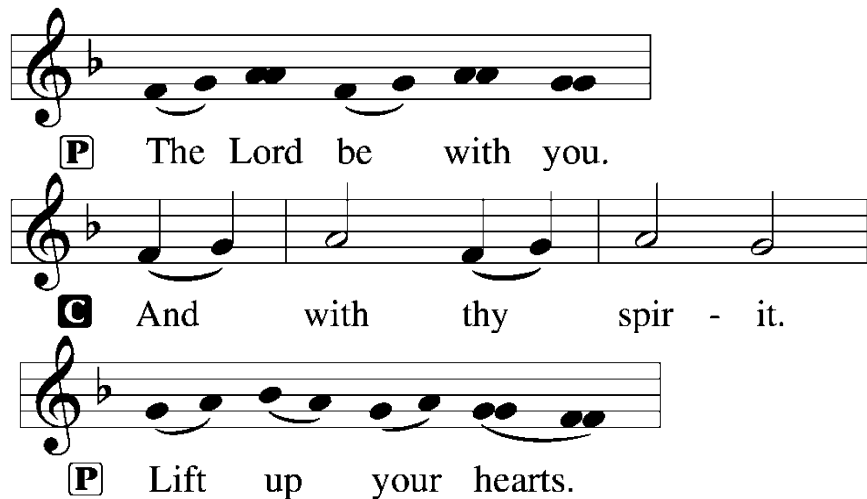
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The Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

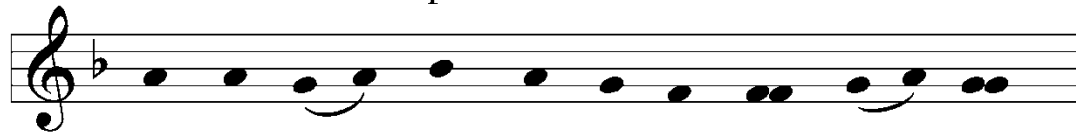
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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

The Proper Preface

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



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

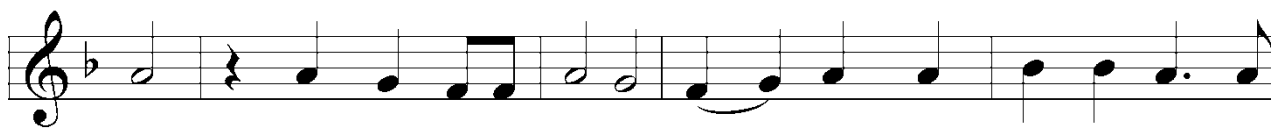


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



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Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

Distribution Hymn | 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Distribution Hymn | 705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

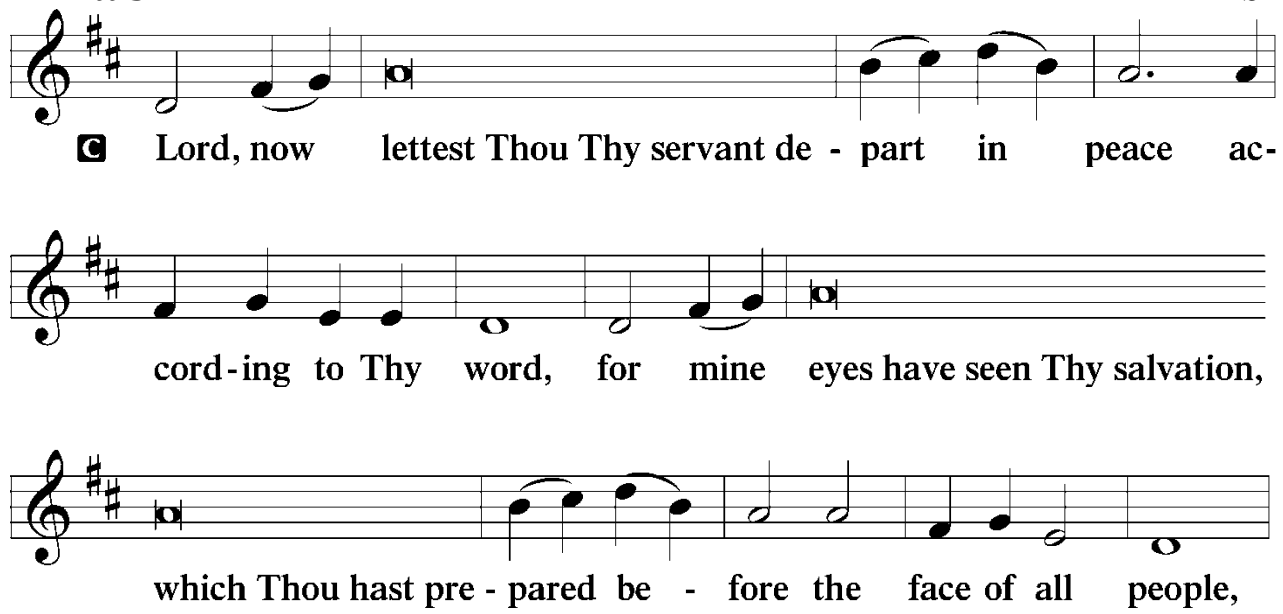
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The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation



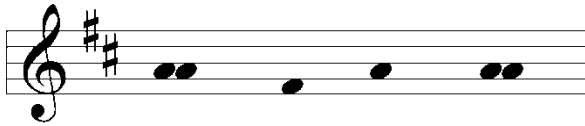
P The Lord be with you.



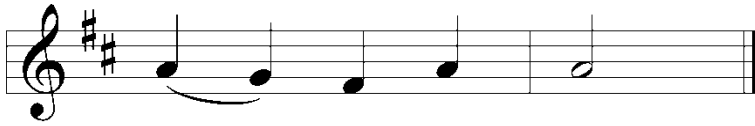
G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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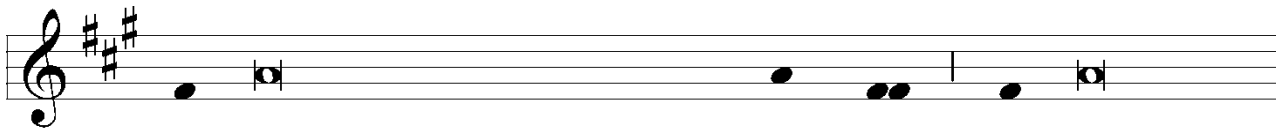
A Bless we the Lord.



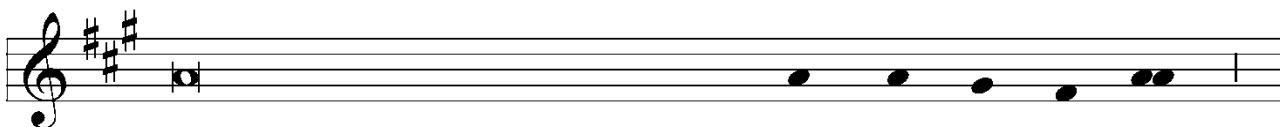
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

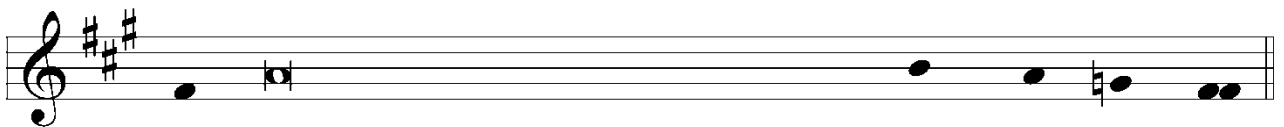
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Whoever Feeds on My Flesh and Drinks My Blood Has Eternal Life

A meditation on the Word of God | John 6:51-69

The Bread of Life is Jesus himself. Jesus says, *I AM the Bread of Life. The bread that I give for the life of the world is my flesh.* Jesus' flesh, his human body—is the Bread of Life. And he gives the Bread of Life in two places. First, our Lord gives the Bread of Life, **sacrificially**, to God on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. This is why our Lord took on flesh at the Incarnation: to stand in our place under the Law, to die as our substitute and ransom. On the cross, Jesus' flesh is crucified and his blood is poured out to win forgiveness and heaven for us. So first, Jesus gives his flesh, the Bread of Life sacrificially, on the cross.

And second, Jesus gives the Bread of Life **sacramentally** to you and to me in the Lord's Supper. And what do we do with the Bread of Life in the Sacrament? We eat it. We drink it. Jesus says, v55, *'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.'* Does remind of the Words of Institution? *'My flesh is true food.'* *'Take eat, this is my body.'* *'My blood is true drink.'* *'Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the New Testament in my blood.'* So Christ, the Bread of Life is our sacramental food, and our sacramental drink.

In this John 6, there are two kinds of eating and drinking Jesus mentions. First, there is the **spiritual eating and drinking of faith**. In v35 he says: *'I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'* Hunger and thirst are being used here as metaphors for our desire for righteousness—our thirst for God's approval and to be justified before God—which is something we can never achieve on our own, by our works and merit, for we are sinners by nature. And yet through faith, the righteousness of Jesus becomes ours. Through faith, God declares us righteous, and gives us all the gifts that Jesus won for us on the cross—forgiveness, life, and salvation by grace. And so it is through faith, that our spiritual hunger and thirst for righteousness is satisfied.

So again there is, first, the spiritual eating and drinking of faith. This eating and drinking is proper to every Christian. Even our infants, we may say, eat and drink of Jesus in faith. Even our catechumens, those not yet confirmed, or admitted to the Lord's Table, eat and drink of Jesus through faith. Yes, in fact apart from this spiritual eating and drinking of faith, one cannot be a Christian. As he says, v53, *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you.*

But yet on the other hand, in John 6, there is another kind of eating and drinking Jesus talks about. And that is the **real, sacramental eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood**. How do we receive Jesus' flesh and blood? Not only through faith. But also with the mouth. We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Jesus is truly and bodily present. That means that when the Words of Institution are spoken over the bread and wine, by Christ's word and command, that in, with, and under the bread and the wine is the body and blood of Jesus for us. And we don't mean the body and blood of Jesus are there in a figurative way, or a metaphorical way, or even a spiritual way, but that he is really, truly, and bodily present.

And we get that in today's text. Just consider the reaction of the Jews to Jesus' words. They hear our Lord say, '*The bread that I give for the life of the world is my flesh,*' and they begin to grumble, saying, '*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*' Now, if they had understood our Lord's words in a figurative sense—as if he meant we eat his flesh and drink his blood only symbolically—they would not have been offended at all. But they are offended—why?

Precisely because they take Jesus' words literally. You can almost hear them saying, 'It was all well and good Jesus when you were feeding us. It was even all well and good when you were telling us to love God and love neighbor. Many of the things you say and do are really great. But you know, this word is just too much for us. Not only is it grotesque, making us think of cannibalism. But you've got that whole word in Deuteronomy that strictly forbids us from drinking blood. For the life is in the blood. All life belongs to God. So if we are not allowed to drink the blood of sacrificial animals, how can we think about drinking human blood?'

It is exactly right here, that the Lord, as he is watching this crowd—this circle of people slowly backing away from him—could've taken the opportunity to say, 'Guys. Wait. Wait. Wait. I am only talking figuratively! I am using a metaphor, a figure of speech. I don't mean my *real* flesh and blood, or *real* eating and drinking!' Jesus could have softened his language and walked back his words to reassure the doubtful crowds.

But he doesn't do that. If anything, he *intensifies* his language. At first he uses the verb '*eat*' which is generic, covers many types of eating. Then when they start to grumble, he switches to '*feed*' which is a more graphic, literal word that in the Greek means something like *chewing, gnawing*. So in other words, the Lord says, 'You may balk at this. You may struggle to believe this. This may be totally beyond the bounds of your reason and understanding, not to mention, sensibilities. But when I say eat, I really mean eat. And when I say drink, I really mean drink. My flesh. My blood. Under bread and wine. For you.'

Not only the Jews of our Lord's day had trouble with this, but many Christians throughout the history of the Church have balked at the notion too: that Jesus is really there under bread and wine. And they say the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are just *symbols* of his body and blood. Because, you know, it just doesn't make sense! How can the Lord be at the right hand of God, and on a thousand altars at once simultaneously? A human body cannot do that!

Here our OT reading comes in handy. In the Book of Proverbs, Solomon says, '*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All who practice it have a right understanding.*' That means that when God speaks a word, those who are wise unto salvation believe that word, even when their own reason and senses cannot comprehend it. So when Jesus says, '*This is my body given for you; this is my blood shed for you,*' '*My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink,*' we say, 'Lord, I don't know how that can be. But I know that you would never lie to me. I know that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And that there is no falsehood or deception with you at all. And so I will take you at your clear and simple word, even if I cannot explain it or understand it. I will let you be God and stop trying to take your place. I trust you.'

Announcements

St. Paul

Congregation at Prayer. Each week, the bulletin will contain a ½ page insert entitled ‘Congregation at Prayer.’ This insert is designed for at-home use and is meant to serve as a guide for your family devotions. The front side is the order of Evening Prayer based on Luther’s instructions for prayer from the Small Catechism. The reverse side has a memory verse and catechism excerpt for the week. The memory verse/catechism portion is also part of the Wyneken curriculum—students will be required to learn these by heart week by week. Even if you do not go to Wyneken, this order of prayer will benefit you richly. We encourage you to take it up daily that your home may be sanctified through the Word of God and prayer.

Attendance record. This Sunday, please note your child’s presence in Church for the week using the chart in the narthex labeled ‘attendance record.’ We are keeping track of the attendance of 1) all our Wyneken students AND 2) all of our confirmation students (6th—8th grade public/home school, etc). We expect at least 50% attendance of BOTH these groups. Thanks for your cooperation in this endeavor.

Sunday School materials—MISTAKE. Oops! Dear friends, last Sunday morning I handed out Sunday School materials to the wrong classes! Those materials should technically be for the class ABOVE the classes which received them. Those who received materials may keep what they received. However, *if you still need a material for class at school or for confirmation class with me (Pr. Yeager), please speak with me and I will provide you with the material you need.*

Early Bird Bible Class has resumed and will continue weekly at St. John, Bingen Parish Hall Tuesdays at 9:30AM-10:30AM . This Bible Class is for all members of our three association congregations and is led by the pastors of our three congregations. Come for immersion in the word, but also for fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from our sister Churches. Currently we are studying the book of Hebrews. We would love to see some new faces!

Fall schedule and the resumption of our two services: on Sunday, September 8th, we will resume our regular schedule of two services at 8AM and 10:15. **Bible Class and Sunday School**, will resume. In Bible Class, we will study the Book of James for at least the first several weeks. *This is a general encouragement to all of you to make the most of Bible Class and Sunday School—that you attend whenever you are in town and free.*

Dear saints, please remember that there is nothing more important to your faith and life than God’s holy Word. Bible Class is a great time for the pastors to expand on teaching which simply cannot take place in the Sermon for lack of time. Pr. Brege and Pr. Yeager are committed to giving you solid food, not just milk (1 Cor. 3:2). In other words, *we will not waste your time.* We will aim for excellence in the presentation of God’s holy word so that you come away from these classes with wholesome, relevant wisdom from on high that is immediately applicable to the living out of your days as a Christian in this fallen world. We will not serve you ‘fluff.’ This is our pledge to you. We would love it if you would pledge yourselves to us by coming to Bible Class. I know that we are all creatures of habit and, coming to Bible Class might feel uncomfortable if you’ve never come before. We promise that we will not call on you,

put you on the spot, or ask you to read the Bible out loud unless you have volunteered to read. *But we want you to learn a new habit: come to Bible Class.* Really, what else do you have to do at 9:15 Sunday mornings? This will be well worth your time. Please come to Bible Class.

Sunday School teacher meeting. Pr. Brege would like to lead a meeting of our Sunday School teachers in the study of the word of God as we prepare for another year of Sunday School.

Teachers: 1) thank you for your service, 2) please confer with Jake on some dates which you might gather for this meeting with Pr. Brege before the Sunday School year begins. Thank you.

The start of choir. Choir rehearsal will be starting again soon. Once again we would like to sing at Woodcrest for the shut-ins and record a service for Worship Anew. Please contact Connie Garner 260-450-3299 (text or call) if you have any questions about rehearsals. Watch the bulletin for the official start date of choir practice. Praying you consider service your Church with your talents by singing his praises in the worship service.

LWML News: September 14th is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter-Fuelling beginning at 9am. The speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock, who will update us on Tanzania Children's Homes. The free will offering will go towards the Tanzania Mission. October 5th at 9am, is the Spiritual Resource Department (SRD) Workshop, here at St. Paul. The project will be marking Bibles for Lutheran Prison Ministry. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions through mite offerings and honor God by serving others. Please join us.

Right-to-Life Banquet. The 27th Annual Fall Banquet of Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will be October 14, 2023 at the Coliseum in Ft. Wayne (5:30 doors open; 6:30 dinner). The speaker is Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in the Passion of the Christ. If anyone is going there is a St. Paul table currently with a few open seats left. Talk to Pr. Yeager or Zach Brune. We'd love to see you there! \$50/ticket.

Voters Meeting—Change. Due to the Right-to-Life Banquet at the Coliseum, we are delaying our voters meeting a week. The elders/council/voters meetings will next be held **Oct. 21-22**. Please mark your calendars.

SCRIP Note. Karmen Elwer and Alisha Bulmahn are the new SCRIP representatives and will have SCRIP available after the services each week. Your purchase of SCRIP helps our school complete much needed projects through the PTL. Thank you for buying SCRIP!

Youth

Middle School Youth Events

Sunday, August 18; 12 noon – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake

The current plan for the Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark is to meet in the St. John, Bingen parking lot at 12 noon on Sunday, August 18 and carpool to Berne. The cost for youth is \$5. Chaperones are free as always. You may bring food and beverages in a cooler to be consumed at the picnic tables near the parking lot at Pine Lake. You may also bring additional cash to purchase concessions such as hamburgers, nachos, ice cream, etc.

High School Youth Activities

Sunday, August 18; 12 noon – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake see above

Sunday, September 22; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

District and Synod

A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen. At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

Community

The Hope Clinic 2024 Fundraising Banquets are September 23rd and 26th. We encourage you to attend one of our fundraising banquets to hear of the many ways we are opening the door to life for women in crisis. We will share how we are saving lives, supporting families, and sharing Christ with our clients. Come hear client testimonies of how their lives have been changed through the ministries of the Hope Clinic and get exciting updates on our new home for mothers: Margie's Place—A House of Hope. The banquets are Monday, September 23rd at the Mirage, and Thursday, September 26th at First Mennonite Church, Berne. Doors open 6:15pm; dinner and program begins 7PM. RSVP by September 6th online at hopeclinicfundraiser.net or call or text 260-223-6132. Seating is limited. Adults only.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 18th

9AM The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.

12PM Back to School Bash Pine Lake—Youth Event

Wednesday, August 21st

7PM The Divine Service

Sunday, August 25th

9AM The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick & Recovering:** Dawn Witt; Dick Borne; Les Smith.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Jessica Gavrun, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Larna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling (all at Woodcrest); Gene Bulmahn (at Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Lynn Garner, Michael Pritchard, Megan Friedt, Samantha Nower, Kim Fravel, Connie Garner, Lanae Gilbert, Henry Faurote, Gracelyn Gallmeyer, Owen Pearson, Halei Faurote, Andrew Yeager, Mike Rabel, Alexa Melcher.

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9AM Jon Miller

Attendance

7PM 8/7	20	9AM 8/11	203
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Stewardship

Offering: \$8,303.53	Online: \$1,072.02	Total: \$9,375.55
vs. weekly goal: +\$1,887.55	vs. YTD: -\$11,075.34	



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