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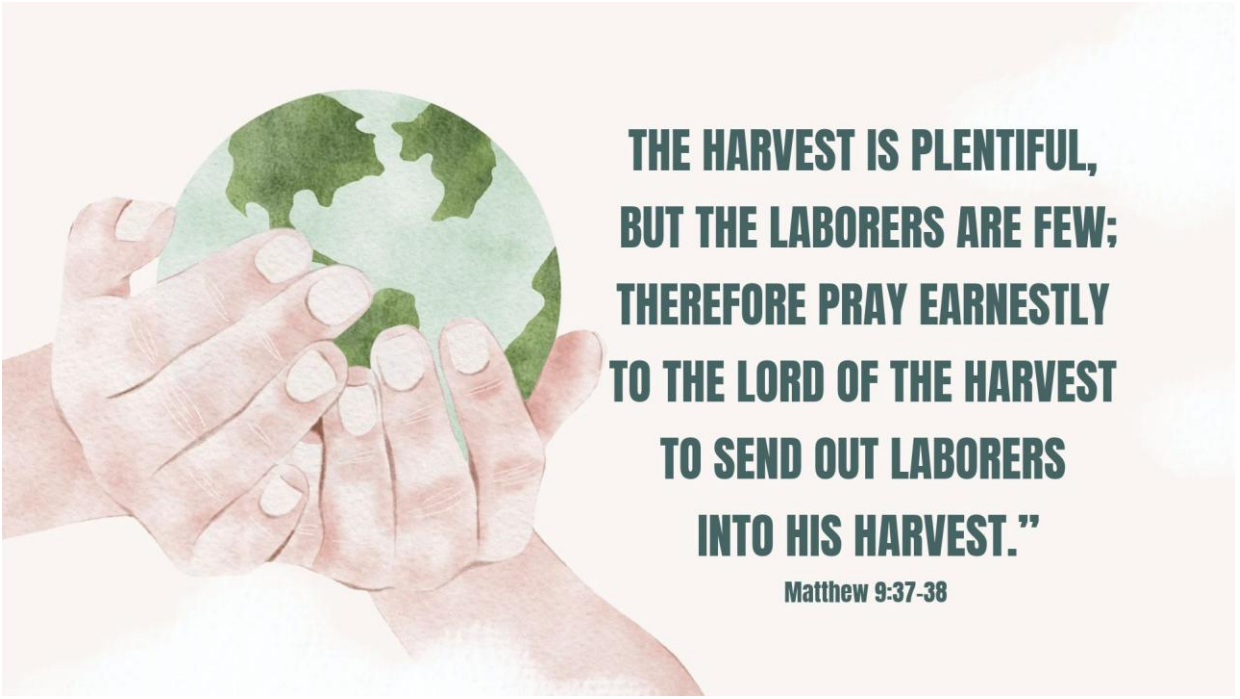
October 4, 2026 — Mission Festival



✞ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 96 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✞

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 892 ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** *LSB 892*

Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

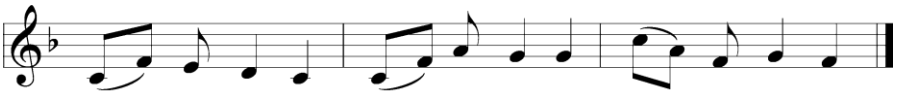
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.**

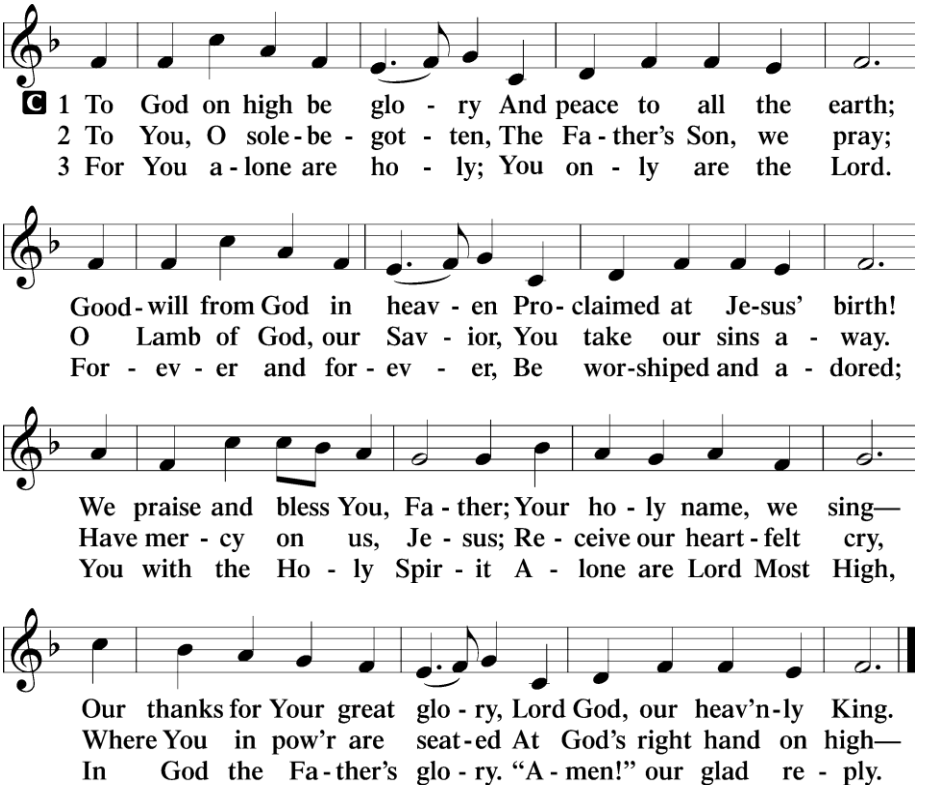
℗ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ℂ **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* *LSB 204*



Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* *LSB 204*



Salutation ("Greeting") **and Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray:

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading ***Isaiah 55:6-11 (ESV)***

6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

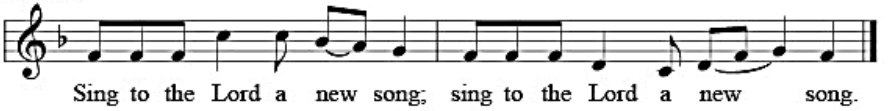
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

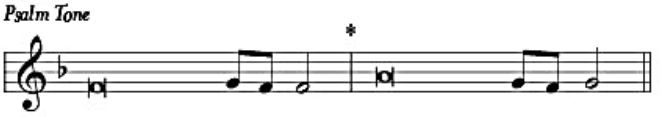
Antiphonal Psalm – Psalm 96 v. 2, 3, 9; 11-13 (Worship Supplement – p. 26)

Sing to the Lord

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD, bless His name;*
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,*
His wonders among all peoples.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!*
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;*
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.*
Then all the trees of the woods will
rejoice before the LORD.

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.*
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

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.

Antiphon

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4:1-5 (EHV)*

℗ The second reading is from 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

℃ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

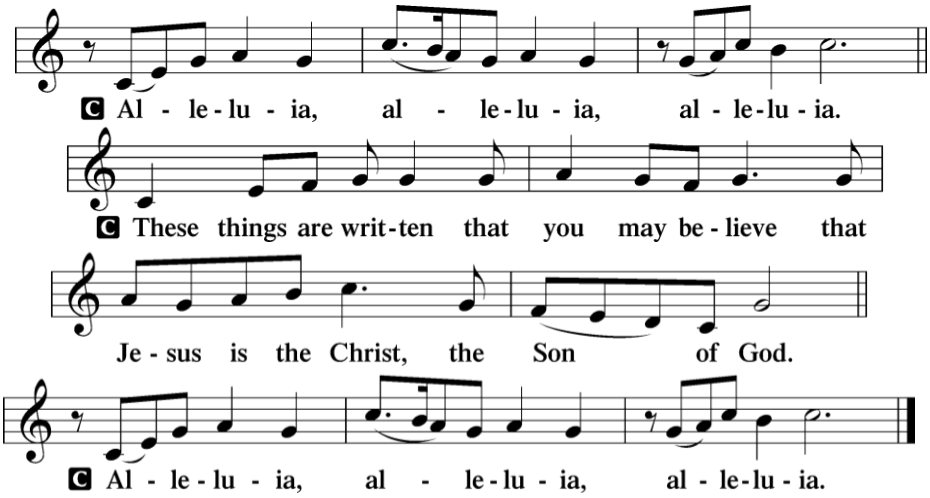
I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and
the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: [2] preach the word; be ready in season
and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.
[3] For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching
ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, [4] and will
turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. [5] But as for you, always
be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

℗ This is the Word of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



<u>Children's Song</u>: *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* *Lyrics: LSB 740*

Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.* *LSB 206*

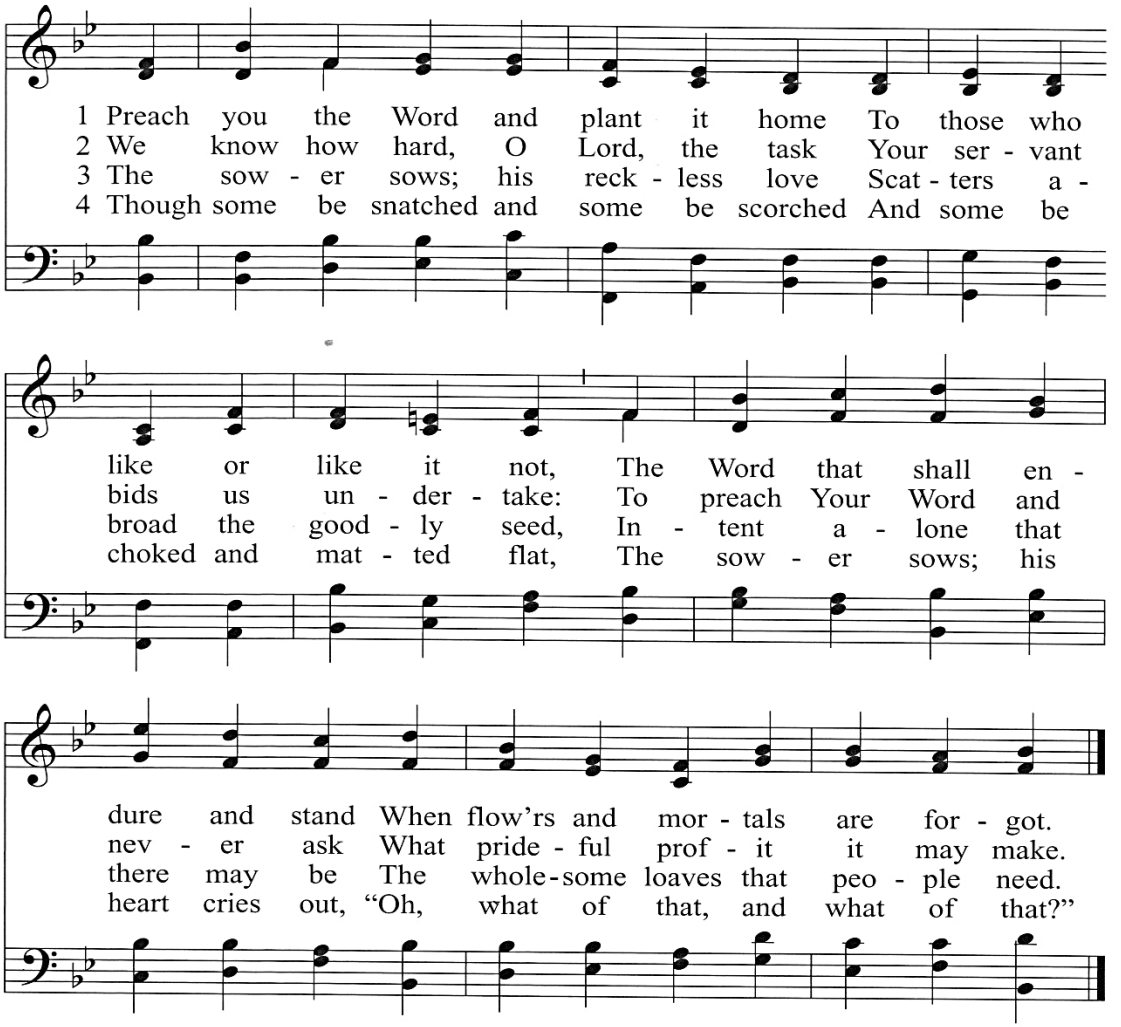
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: *"Preach You the Word"*

W.S. 781



5 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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Tune: *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodeien,* Hamburg, 1690, alt.
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<u>Sermon Text</u>: Matthew 9:35-10:7 (ESV)

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.
36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and
helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is
plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to
send out laborers into his harvest."

10:1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean
spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. 2 The names of the
twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James
the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew
the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas
Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and
enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

<u>Sermon Theme</u>: Everybody is Somebody to Jesus

1. **Somebody whom Jesus sees and feels for.**

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2. **Somebody whom Jesus seeks and sends for.**

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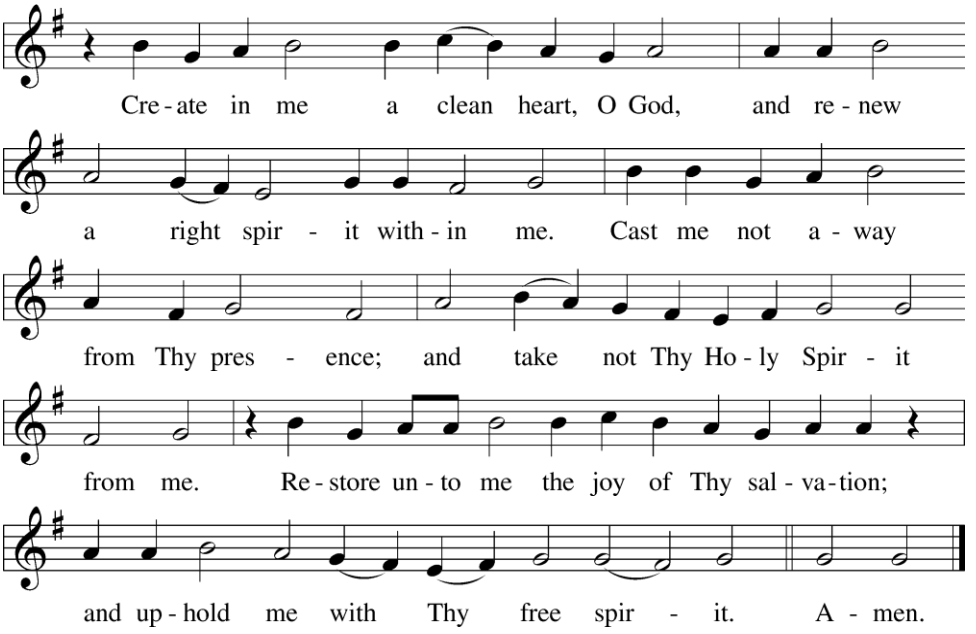
Offertory *LSB 956*



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Sermon Hymn: 827 ***Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*** *LSB 827*

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer for Missions (responsive) *We bring our prayers to God.*

P Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings you have given us through Your Word: the blessings of faith, and fellowship, comfort and hope, and the assurance of eternal life in heaven with You. We also thank you for the privilege of sharing that saving Word with others.

C Open our hearts and give us the desire and the courage to share Your Gospel with others. Open our mouths to speak Your Word in truth and love.

P We pray for our own personal evangelism efforts:

C Holy Spirit, help us to be witnesses to those around us; to our friends, our family members, and our neighbors. Move us to love them as You have loved us. Help us to always give a reason for the hope that is in us, and grant us grace to do so with gentleness and respect. Let all our words and actions be a light that reflects Christ's love to those around us.

P Lord of the Church, we pray for our church's mission efforts in this country:

C Open doors for your saving Gospel message to be preached. Open hearts to receive that message with faith in Jesus Christ. Give our pastors and laypeople boldness to spread your Word to our fellow citizens that they too may become citizens of God's heavenly kingdom with us.

P Lord of the Harvest, we pray for our church's mission efforts overseas:

C Send forth willing laborers into the harvest of souls You have prepared for us in far off lands. Bless and keep safely those who spread Your Gospel into places where we cannot go. Encourage and strengthen them through Your Word, and through the power of that Word grant their efforts success. Move us to support their work with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

P Savior of all, we also pray that you would bless, strengthen, provide for, and encourage the pastors, teachers, and members of our sister congregations overseas:
C Protect them from harm and danger to both body and soul. Draw them, and us, closer to You through Your Word and closer to each other through our shared faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

P Lord of all creation, wherever Your Word is preached grant it success. Let Your kingdom come to us and many others as well so that many more may join us when You come again to take Your harvest home to heaven. Hear our prayer and help us for Jesus' sake. In His name we also bring these special prayers and prayer requests…

<u>Choir Song</u>: "Here I Am, Lord"

Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

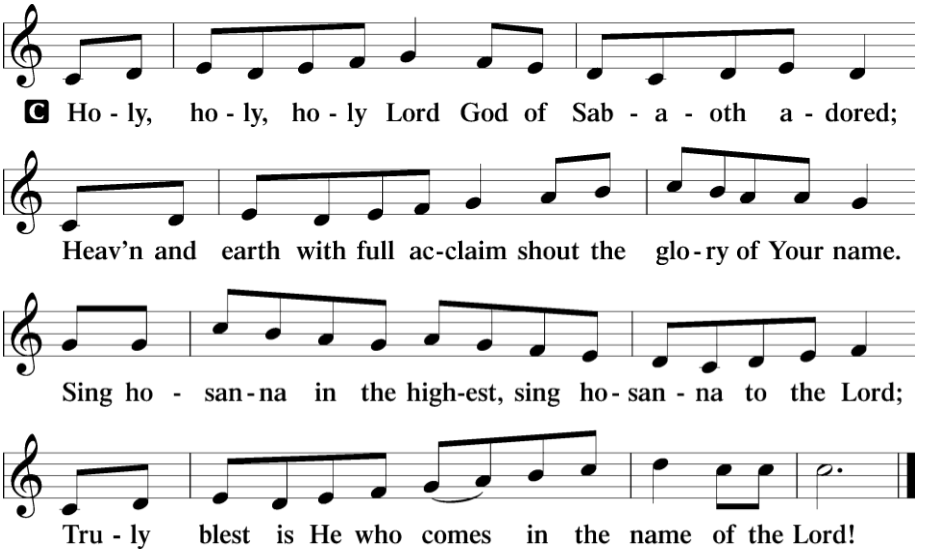
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Latin: "Holy." *LSB 208*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

℗ We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us:

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

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.

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

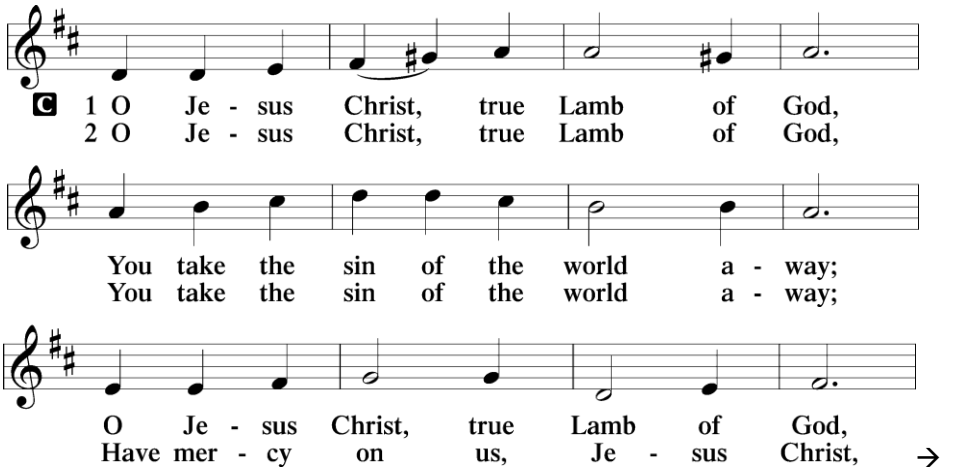
Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord") *LSB 209*

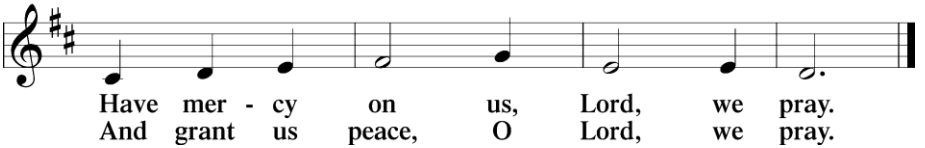
℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)





The Distribution

- ✞ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

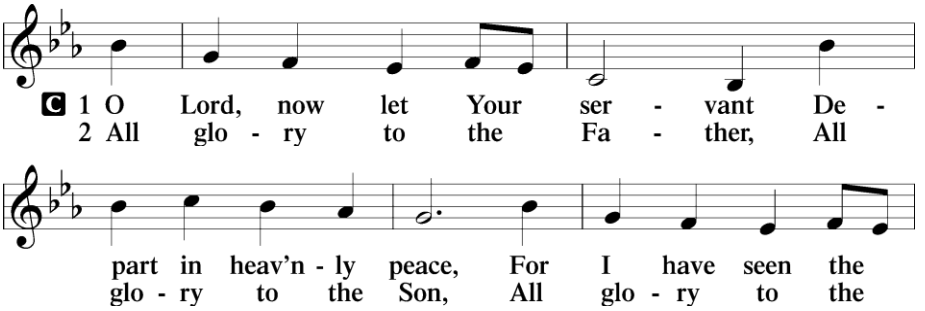
<u>Note to our Guests</u>: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. <u>By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith</u>. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

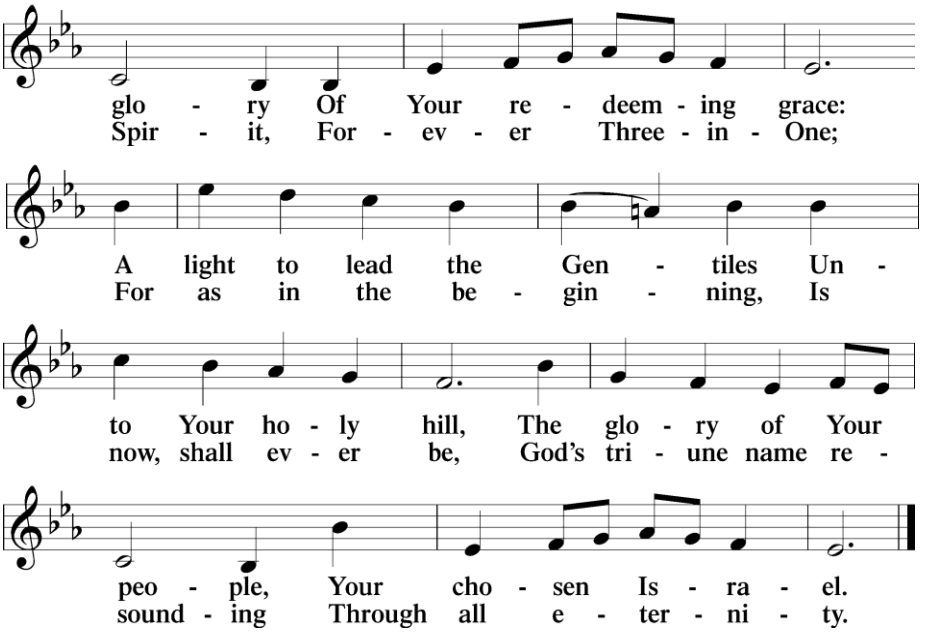
<u>Communion Hymns</u>: 637 LSB; 635 LSB; 835 LSB;

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

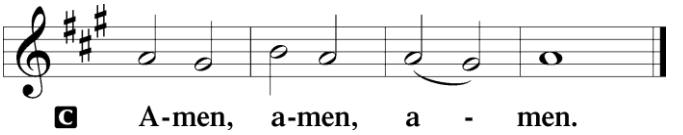
Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)





Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 830 ***Spread the Reign of God the Lord*** *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements

Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

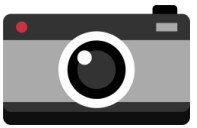
Today: *Mission Festival Sunday*
10/4/26 Guest Presenter & Preacher: Pastor Tom Naumann – Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN
Choir – 8am
Mission Presentation (No Sunday School) **– 9am**
Worship w/ Communion – 10:15am
Fellowship Potluck Meal – 11:15am (Activity Room)

This week: Tuesday – **Worship Service at New Perspective – 11am**
Elders' Meeting – 6:30pm
Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa – 10am**
Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm (Zoom & In-Person)
Thursday – **Church Council Meeting – 6pm**
Friday – **Victory Funeral Service for Laura (Ude) Stutzman – 1pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #10 (10/3-10/9); Team #1 (10/10-10/16)

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am** (Conducting the Worship Service: Erik Nelson)
10/11/26 **Sunday School & Bible Class** (CLC Mission Video) **– 10:15am**

Thank You! – Thank you to Pastor Tom Naumann for bringing us our mission presentation this morning, as well as preaching the Word of God to us during our worship service today. Pastor Naumann serves at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN. We pray for safe travels home and for God's blessings on him, his family, and his ministry!



Church Photo Updates for Messiah Photo Board – After Worship Today
Families and individuals who would like their photo updated for our Messiah members photo board in the entryway, please line up outside pastor's office after the worship service this morning.

Victory Funeral Service for Laura (Ude) Stutzman – Friday at 1pm – The Lord in His wisdom and mercy took Laura Stutzman to her heavenly home on Friday. Laura's victory funeral service will be held here at Messiah on **Friday, October 9th at 1pm.** Laura was the sister of Mandy Bailey, and daughter of former Messiah pastor, Prof. John Ude. Laura was a member here at Messiah in her younger years and attended Messiah Lutheran School. Our prayers are with her family and loved ones at this time of loss, while at the same time we rejoice in the eternal peace and rest her Savior Jesus has given her! ***"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."* (Psalm 116:15).**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are studying the letter of **2 Peter.** To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333

Ladies Group for October Moved to Tues. October 27th - We have moved our Ladies group date for October to **Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30 pm.** Our discussion and study will be looking at "Giving Grace to those causing conflict in your personal life" in light of God's Word. We hope you can make it! Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th…the subject for that date will be "Forgiveness". Please reach out to Lisa Lisak or Pastor Luke with any questions.



ManUp Recap – 10 men from Messiah and one guest attended the 10th annual "ManUp" men's retreat at Wyalusing State Park last weekend. We thank the Lord that a blessed time of fellowship and faith-building in His Word was had by all who attended. The total attendance for the retreat was 106 men. Praise God! Please consider joining us for the retreat next September!

CLC News – Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has **received** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

ANNIVERSARIES Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.

Victory Service for Pastor Del Maas - A Victory Service for Del Maas will be conducted at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, on **Saturday, October 17, at 3:00 pm.** We are also planning to live-stream the service which should be available for viewing on our new YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@stpaullutheranco/live
Professor Paul Naumann will present the message of comfort from God's Word and Pastor Neal Radichel will be serving as liturgist.
Yours in Christ, Tom Schuetze – Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO

Bible Readings:

10/4	Amos 7 Psalm 96 Mark 4:1-25
10/5	Amos 8 Psalm 97 Mark 4:26-41
10/6	Amos 9:1-10 Psalm 98 Mark 5:1-20
10/7	Amos 9:11-15 Psalm 99 Mark 5:21-43
10/8	Obadiah 1:1-14 Psalm 100 Mark 6:1-13
10/9	Obadiah 1:15-21 Psalm 101 Mark 6:14-29
10/10	1 Chron. 1:1-24 Psalm 102 Mark 6:30-44

SCAN FOR ONLINE OFFERING

October Ushers	Cleaning Team 10/10-10/16
John Mueller John Marita Eric Weaver **October Slideshow** Alex Saunders	<u>Team 1</u> K/M Winters A/L Hart P/E Tiefel E/M Gurgel M/T Mueller

Fruits of Faith September 16-30:		
General Offerings:		$13,259.03
Budgetary Needs:		$19,370.92
Over (Under) Budget:		($6,111.89)
CDSIF:		$200.00
MSAF:		$25.00
ILCSAF:		$100.00
MBF:		$500.00
Kinship:		$550.00
YTD (thru 9/30) ***Budget*** *$116,226*	***Received*** *$89,507*	***Difference*** *-$26,719*

Norm Mackensen Mem.: $310 | Ray Zechel Mem.: $785

Attendance Last Week (9/27): 82

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