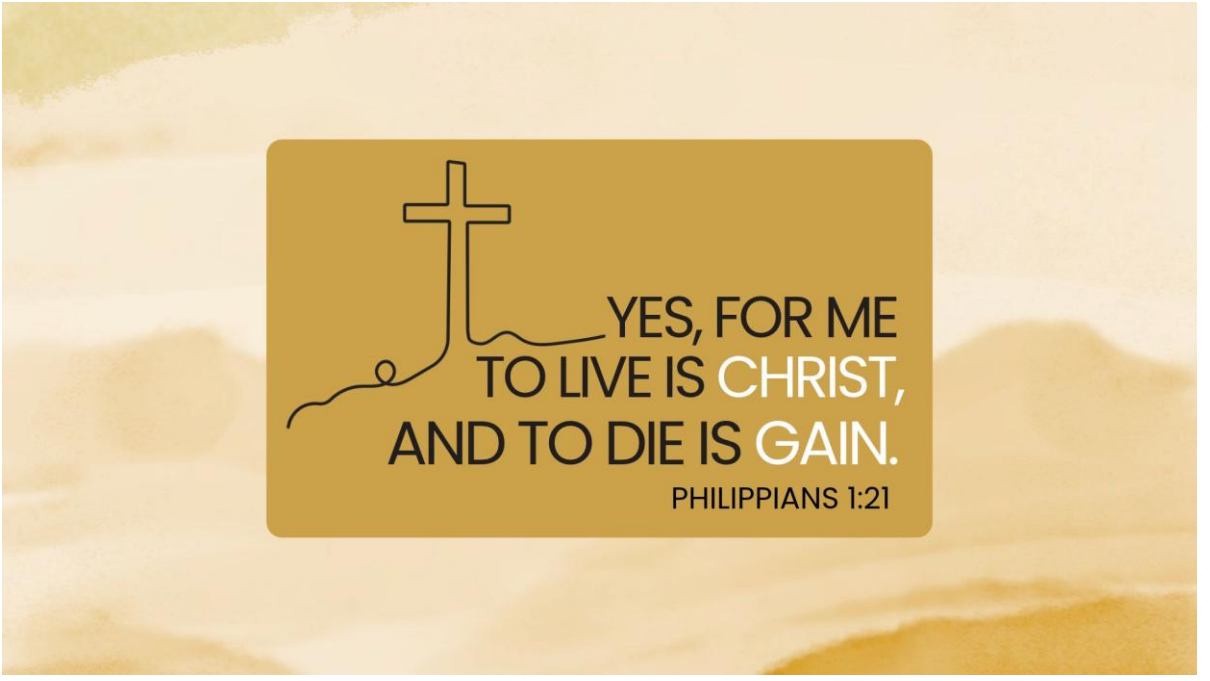
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September 27, 2026 Pentecost



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.
We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.
We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.
If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✞ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 25 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✞

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* *LSB 729*

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(LSB p. 184; TLH page 15)

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

C **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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 Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

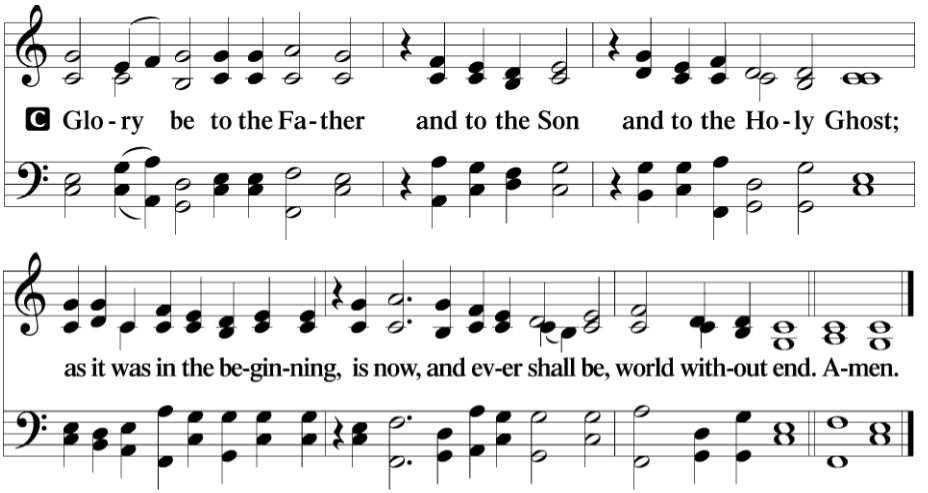
C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

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

C **Amen.**

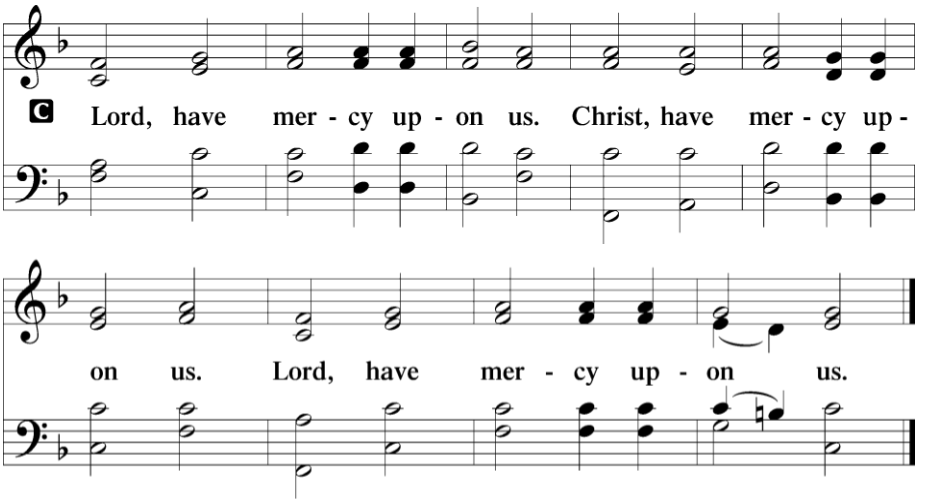
THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" **(LSB p. 186; TLH page 16)**



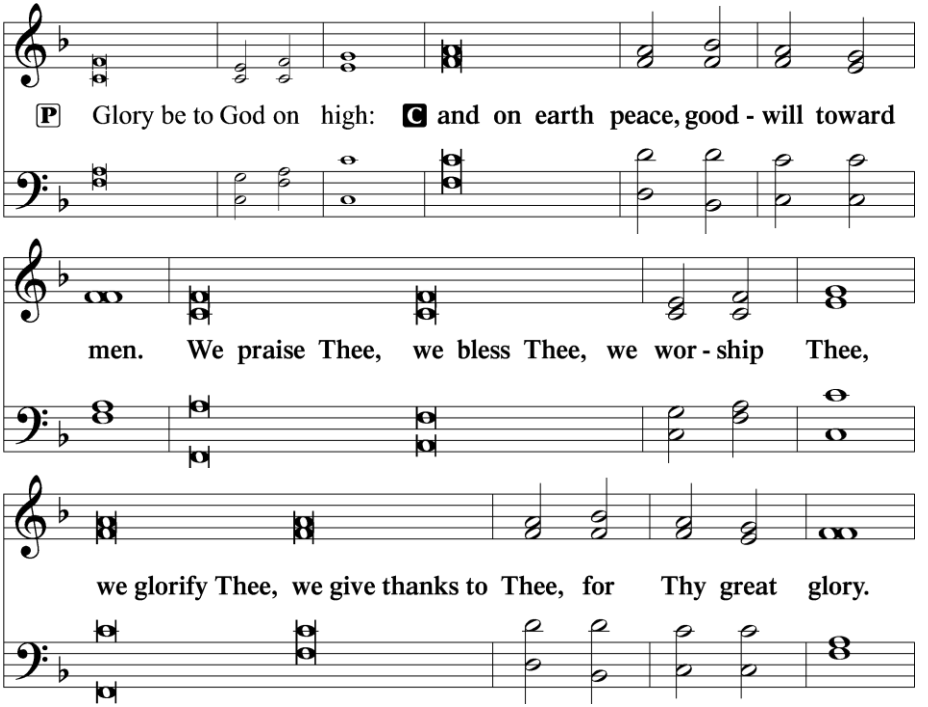
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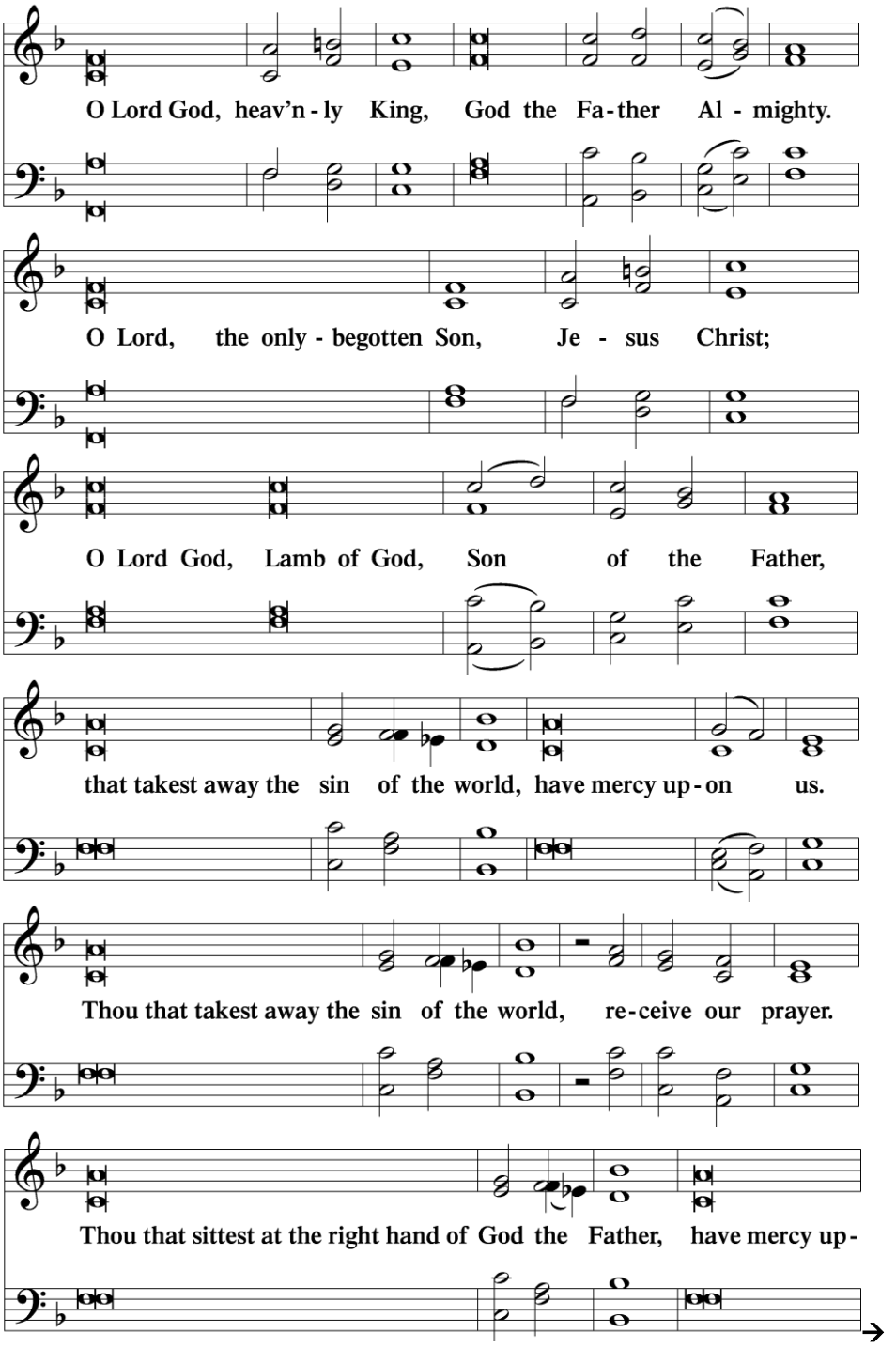
Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. **(LSB p. 186; TLH, p. 7)**

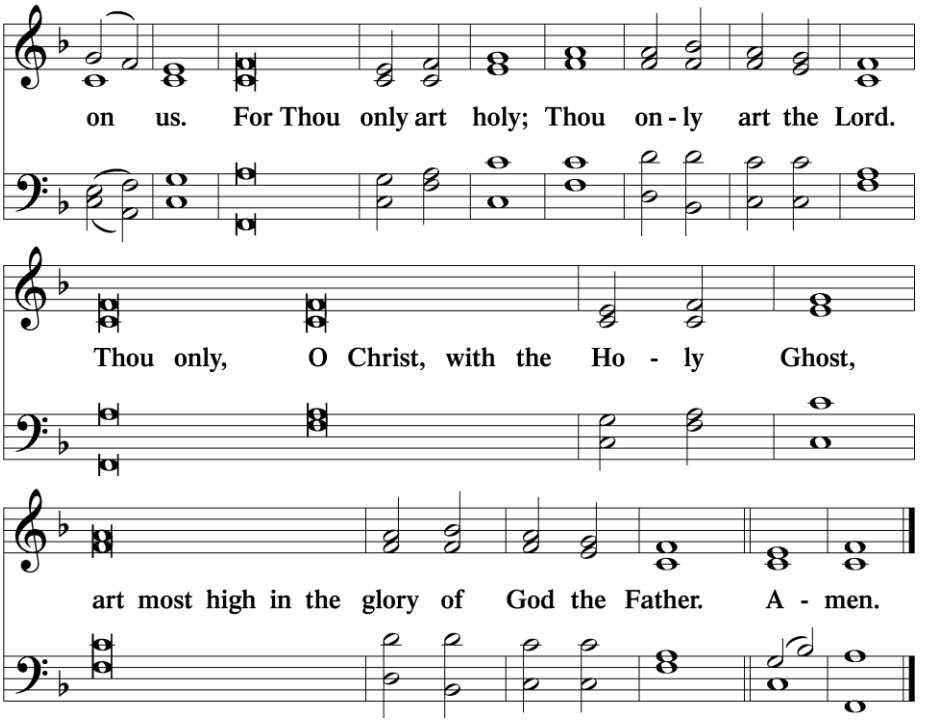


THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice In our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. **(LSB 187-189; TLH, p. 7)**




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 -



THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth, and in the end receive the eternal life He won for us. We pray this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

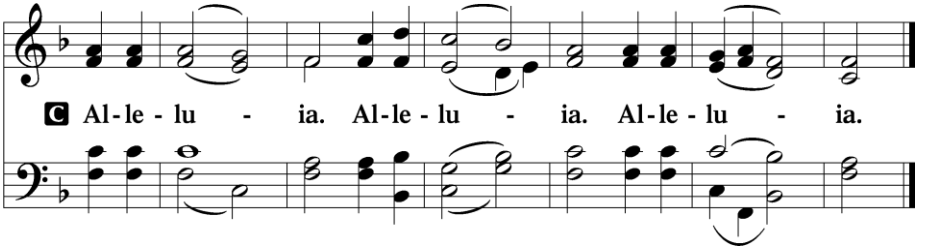
First Reading ***Isaiah 55:6-9 (EHV)***

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found!
Call on him while he is near!
7 Let the wicked man abandon his way.
Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.
Let him turn to the Lord,
and he will show him mercy.
Let him turn to our God,
because he will abundantly pardon.
8 Certainly my plans are not your plans,
and your ways are not my ways, declares the Lord.
9 Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my plans are higher than your plans.

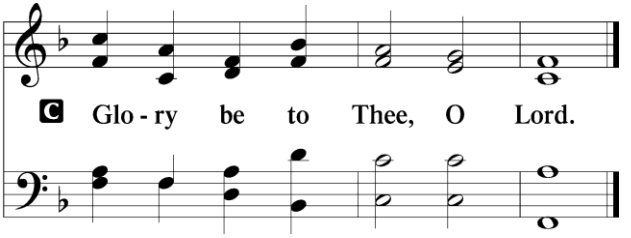
THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"
(LSB p. 190; TLH p. 20)

℗ Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



℗ The Gospel reading is from Matthew 20:1-16.



Gospel Reading ***Matthew 20:1-16 (EHV)***

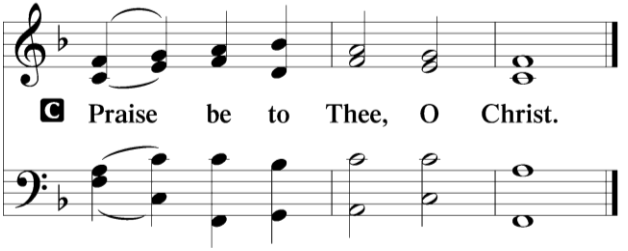
"Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning
to hire workers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the
day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] He also went out about the third hour and saw
others standing unemployed in the marketplace. [4] To these he said, 'You also go into the
vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] Again he went out about
the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. [6] When he went out about the
eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, 'Why have you
stood here all day unemployed?'

[7] "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' "He told them, 'You also go into the
vineyard.' [8] When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the
workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.'

[9] "When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a
denarius. [10] When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive
more. But they each received a denarius too. [11] After they received it, they began to
grumble against the landowner: [12] 'Those who were last worked one hour, and you made
them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!'

[13] "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make
an agreement with me for a denarius? [14] Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the
last one hired the same as I also gave to you. [15] Can't I do what I want with my own
money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] In the same way, the last will be
first, and the first, last."

P Here ends our Gospel reading.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. **(W.S. p. 15)**

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

I believe 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 there 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.

Hymn of the Day: 557 ***Seek Where You May to Find a Way*** *LSB 557*

Children's Sermon - *Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come up front.*

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:18b-27 (EHV)

18b Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19 because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20 This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. 23 I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. 24 But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. 25 And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. 26 And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus. 27 Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel.

Sermon Theme: In Life, in Death—Christ!

✞ How did Christ change Paul's whole perspective on life? **(v.18b-20)**

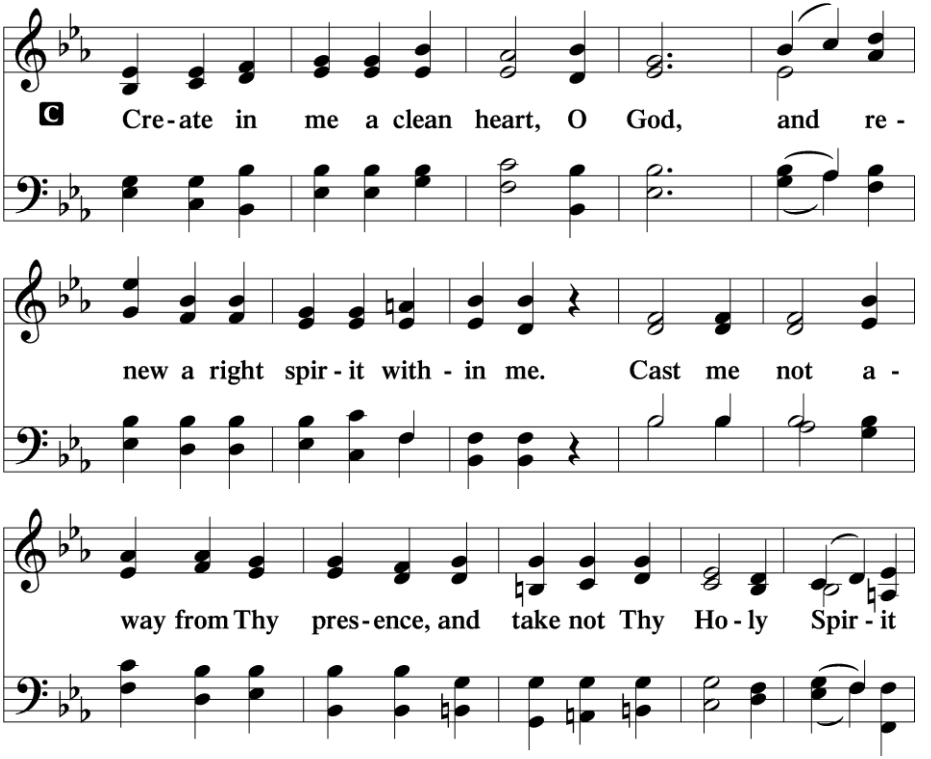
How does Christ change our perspective on life?

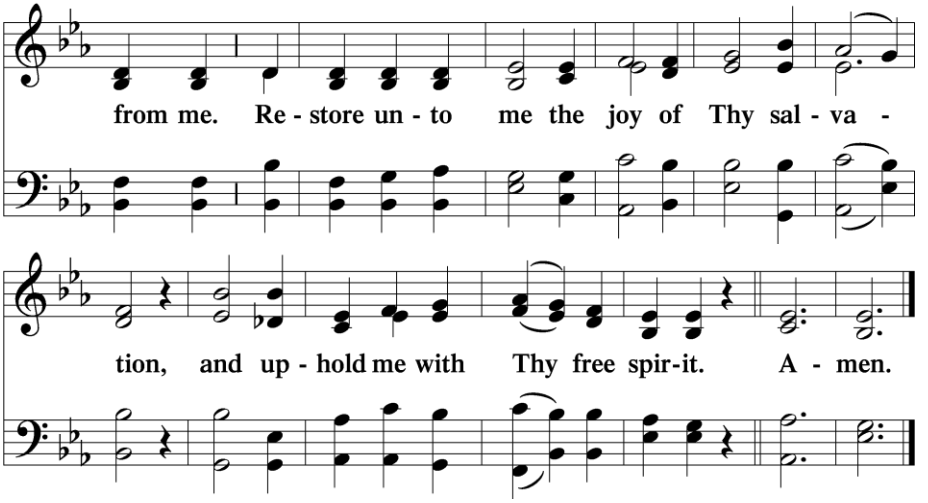
How does Christ change the way we <u>live</u> our life? **(v. 27)**

✞ How does Christ change our perspective even on <u>death</u>? **(v. 21)**

THE OFFERTORY

(LSB p. 192-193; TLH p. 22-23)





Sermon Hymn: 742 *For Me to Live is Jesus* *LSB 742*

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

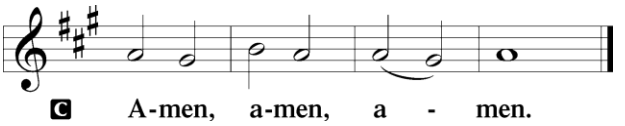
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26). **(LSB p. 202; TLH p. 31)**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 838 ***The Saints in Christ*** *(please stand for last verse)* *LSB 838*

Announcements

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

Today: 9/27/26
Choir Practice – 8am
Worship – 9am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 11:15am

This Week:
Tues.-Thurs. – **Great Lakes Pastoral Conference – Fairchild, WI**
Thursday – **Board of Property – 5:30pm**
Technology Committee – 6pm
Education – 6:30pm

Church Cleaning: Team #9 (9/25-10/2); Team #10 (10/3-10/9)

Next Sunday: 10/4/26
Mission Festival Sunday
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)

In Your Mailbox – Messiah Calendar – *October*

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Today @ 11:15am– Sunday School Teachers, please meet in Pastor's office for our Sunday School teachers meeting today at 11:15am.

Mission Festival Potluck Meal Sign-Up Sheet - Next Sunday – October 4th -
There is a sign-up sheet posted on the narthex cabinets for our Mission Festival Potluck meal next Sunday 10/4 at 11:15am. The Activities committee will be providing the main course of fried chicken. We are asking the congregation to sign up for any sides or dessert if you are able. Thank you!

New Activities Committee for October – December:

Group 2
October - December 2026
Albrecht, Andrew
Brown, Adam/Jadyn
Davis, Richard/Amber
Gerbitz, Andrew/Madeleine
Gerbitz, Caleb/Abby
Gerbitz, Joel/Kristine
Gerbitz, Joanna
Naumann, Brian/Brittany
Nelson, Bryon
Plockelman, Alex
Plockelman, Abigail
Plockelman, Mike/Jennifer
Saunders, Alex/Hannah
Serba, Joshua/Sarah
Winters, Kenny/Michaela

CLC Call News – 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. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **returned** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Glenn Oster of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA, has **returned** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

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.

Nepal Flooding Disaster Update – From Missionary Todd Ohlmann:
Pastor Raju and his brother Rajan have now made three visits to the flood affected areas. They have also been working hard to contact all HCLC members affected by the August 26th flash flood. They report that the damage and destruction continues to have a severe impact on the country and on the members of the HCLCN congregations in the area.

National reports now confirm over **1,400 deaths and more than 6,000 people missing**. Entire communities have been displaced, and many families are living in temporary shelters with limited resources.

Of the fifteen HCLCN families that were mentioned in earlier reports, 28 deaths have been confirmed. Other survivors have been scattered to Kathmandu, Nuwakot, and other cities where refugee camps have been set up or where relatives could take them in. Several HCLCN members are still missing.

The HCLCN is working to provide help for 75 families who are living in tent camps in Pipaltar, Nuwakot. Some are injured, though exact numbers are not yet available. HCLCN pastors are holding small fellowship gatherings in the camp when possible.

HCLCN has already delivered basic emergency supplies. Raju reports that government and NGOs have distributed some, but families still lack essential items such as hygiene supplies, clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils, and materials for rebuilding.

The CLC Board of Missions has approved and sent the first installment of Kinship Humanitarian Disaster Relief Aid to assist with the rebuilding of 10-15 homes.

Raju and Rajan plan to make another visit to bring more supplies the first week of October. Please continue to keep the people of Nepal and our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN in your prayers as recovery efforts move forward.

Donations can be made to Kinship "Special Offerings (Relief Aid)" at **www.LutheranMissions.org/Kinship** or through your local congregation.

Bible Readings:

9/27	Amos 2:6-16 Psalm 89 Rom. 16:17-27
9/28	Amos 3:1-11 Psalm 90 Mark 1:1-15
9/29	Amos 3:12-4:5 Psalm 91 Mark 1:16-34
9/30	Amos 4:6-13 Psalm 92 Mark 1:35-2:12
10/1	Amos 5:1-15 Psalm 93 Mark 2:13-28
10/2	Amos 5:16-27 Psalm 94 Mark 3:1-21
10/3	Amos 6 Psalm 95 Mark 3:22-35

SCAN FOR ONLINE OFFERING

October Ushers	Cleaning Team 10/3-10/9
John Mueller John Marita Eric Weaver	<u>Team 10</u> D/C Albrecht M/M Weibye B. Weibye E/E Weaver R. Busse
October Slideshow Alex Saunders	

Fruits of Faith September 1-15:		
General Offerings:		$18,277.16
Budgetary Needs:		$19,370.92
Over (Under) Budget:		($1,093.76)
CDSIF:		$100.00
MSAF:		$25.00
Missions:		$100.00
Kinship:		$750.00
YTD (thru 8/31) ***Budget*** *$77,484*	***Received*** *$57,971*	***Difference*** *-$19,513*
Norm Mackensen Mem.: $310 | Ray Zechel Mem.: $785		
Attendance Last Week (9/13): 106		

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