



# ETERNAL LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*(Missouri Synod)*

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 3, 2025

**WELCOME** to Eternal Life Lutheran Church as honored guests or treasured members. Before service, speak to the Lord in prayer. During service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After service, speak to one another. *(If standing during any portion of the worship service is a problem, you may be seated.)*

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ALTAR PARAMENTS** are green for the season after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth.

**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**...After the Pastor distributes the wafers, the individual communion cups will be offered first followed by the chalice. If you take an individual cup, after drinking from it, please hold the cup in such a way that the Pastor or communion assistant following behind with the chalice can see that you have received it. See pages 2 and 17. – Board of Elders

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**...is at the end of each pew. **Please sign one name per line.** After all have signed, let the sheet stick out, and return the pad to the center aisle. Thank you!

## **AFTER SERVICE TODAY:**

- **COFFEE & TREATS** in the Parish Hall. Please join us.
- **10:45 a.m.: BIBLE CLASS** in the Parish Hall;  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** in the Family Room.

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### ***Our Confession and Practice***

As Missouri Synod Lutherans, we believe the Lord's Supper is Christ's gift to the Church. St. Paul writes, *"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

St. Paul continues, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."* (1 Corinthians 11:23–29, ESV)

Accordingly, the Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. *(For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.)*

Concerning the distribution of the Lord's Supper, if you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. Gluten-free communion hosts are available; please inform the pastor (before the service, if possible) if you would like to receive one. Wine with alcohol removed is found in the center of each communion tray for those with allergies or sensitivities. If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.

## Order of Worship

### Divine Service, Setting One with The Lord's Supper – p. 151ff

A  $\Delta$  at the beginning of a hymn stanza indicates to stand.

#### Silent Prayer (✠)

#### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

#### Hymn of Invocation – 797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 $\Delta$  5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



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*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. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

**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. *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: Psalm 49:1–2*



**P** Hear this, all | peoples!\*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,\*  
rich and poor to- | gether!

**P** Truly no man can ransom an- | other,\*  
or give to God the price | of his life,

**C** for the ransom of their life is | costly\*  
and can nev- | er suffice.

**P** This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;\*  
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

**C** Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;\*  
death shall be their | shepherd.

**P** But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,\*  
for he will re- | ceive me.

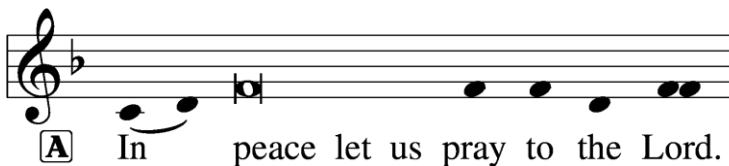
**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the ✠ Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Hear this, all | peoples!\*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,\*  
rich and poor to- | gether!

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

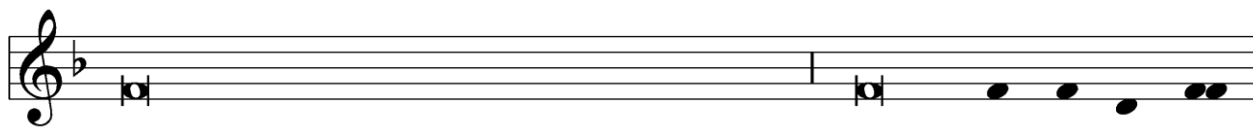
*Mark 10:47*



**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.



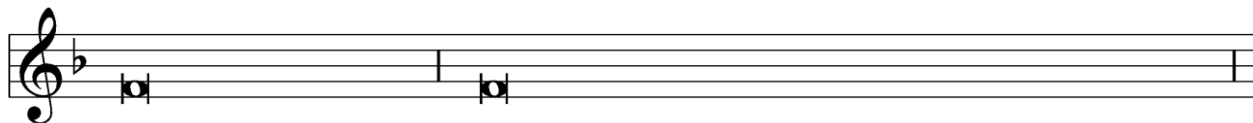
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



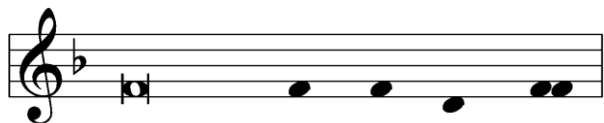
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



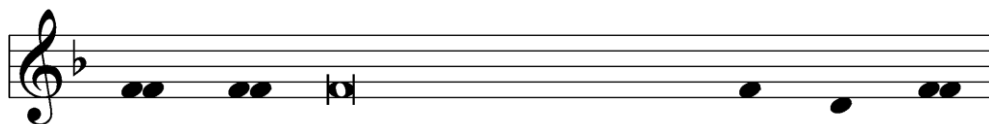
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



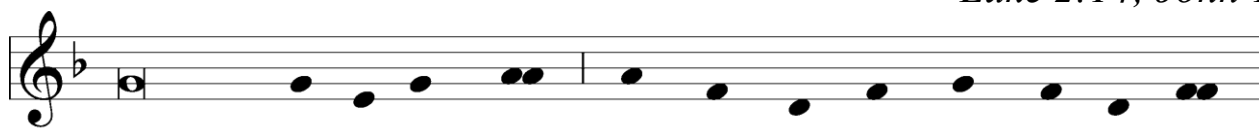
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**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



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ...

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ...

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.



<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*



**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\*  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

**C** Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*  
and their words to the ends | of the world.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

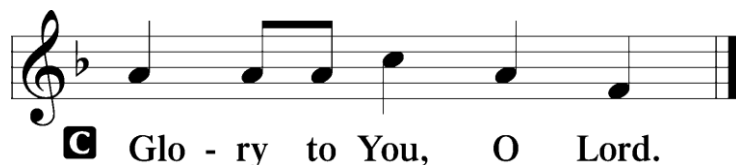


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:13–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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



Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

*Us men* means all people. *Christian*: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

# Luther's Small Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar

**P** *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

## Hymn of the Day – 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
 △ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** After each petition, the pastor prays: “*Lord, in Your mercy...*”

**C** respond after each petition, “*hear our prayer.*”

**Offering and Tithes** – A collection plate is at the back of the Nave.

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19*

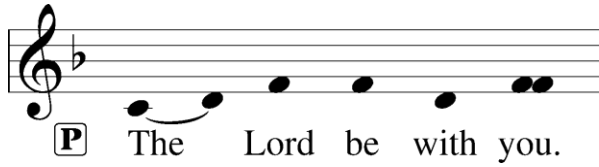


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all 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 ✠

Preface

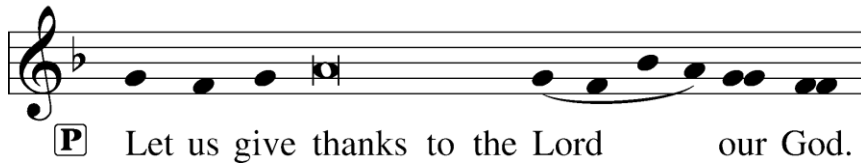
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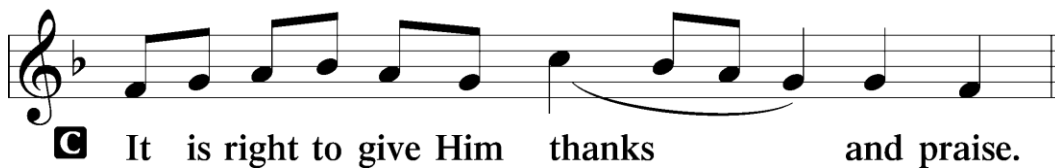
*2 Timothy 4:22*



*[Colossians 3:1]*



*[Psalm 136]*



**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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**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.

*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

**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.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 Our Lord

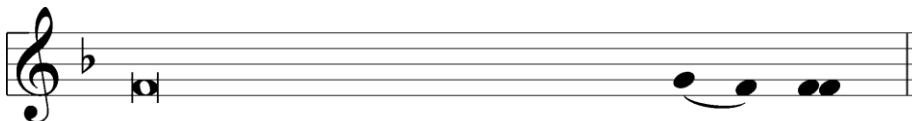
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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

*LSB 163*



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



**C** A - men.



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution:** If you are visiting with us, please review “Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper: Our Confession and Practice” on page 2 of the worship bulletin. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. Gluten-free communion hosts are available; please inform the pastor (before the service, if possible) if you would like to receive one. Wine with alcohol removed is found in the center of each communion tray for those with allergies or sensitivities. If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.

### **PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

### 861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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### 724 If God Himself Be for Me



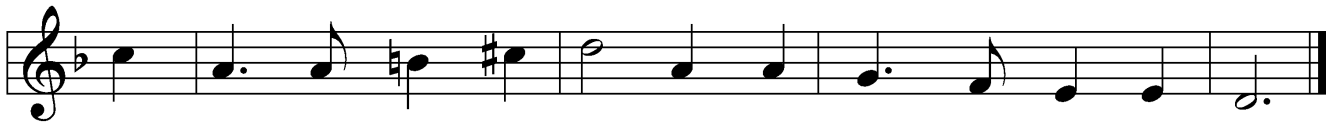
1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood  
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, My sun, my light, a - lone;  
4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.  
Were He not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's judg - ment throne,  
He is the Lord who cleans - es My soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;  
I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in His sight,  
In Him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As dark - ness by the light.  
In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.

5 For no one can condemn me  
Or set my hope aside;  
Now hell no more can claim me:  
Its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me,  
No guilt destroys my peace;  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me  
And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution  
To Him whom Satan hates  
Must look for persecution;  
For him the burden waits  
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses  
Heaped on his blameless head;  
A thousand plagues and crosses  
Will be his daily bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,  
Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden,  
To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life from me be taken  
And ev'rything I own,  
I trust in You unshaken  
And cleave to You alone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger  
Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break  
asunder,  
My fortress You shall be;  
No fire or sword or thunder  
Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,  
No throne, no pomp, no show,  
No love, no hate, no sadness,  
No pain, no depth of woe,  
No scheming, no contrivance,  
No subtle thing or great  
Shall draw me from Your  
guidance  
Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;  
I am no longer sad.  
My soul is filled with singing;  
Your sunshine makes me glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit  
Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit  
Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; (sts. 1, 3–5, 10): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1907, Pittsburgh, alt.; (sts. 2, 6–9):  
tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Vierundzwanzig geistliche Lieder, 1609, Augsburg

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## 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever;  
 I commit to Him my way.

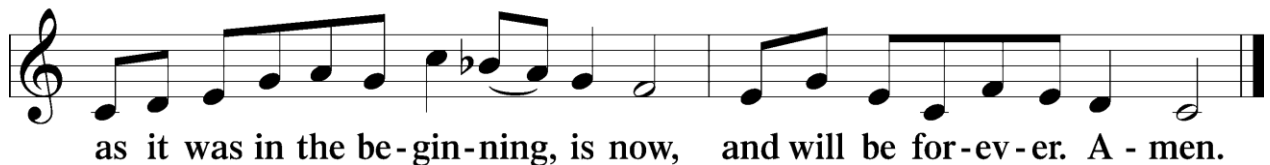
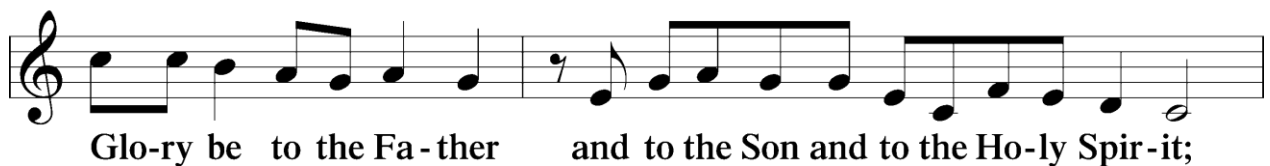
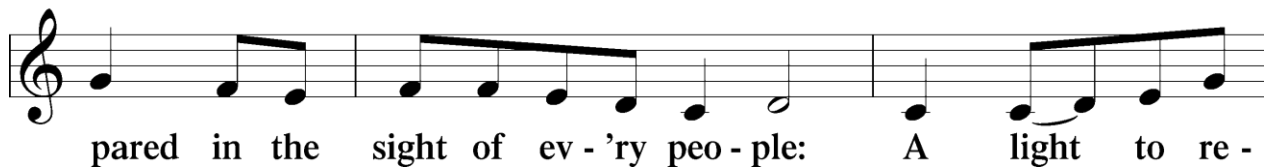
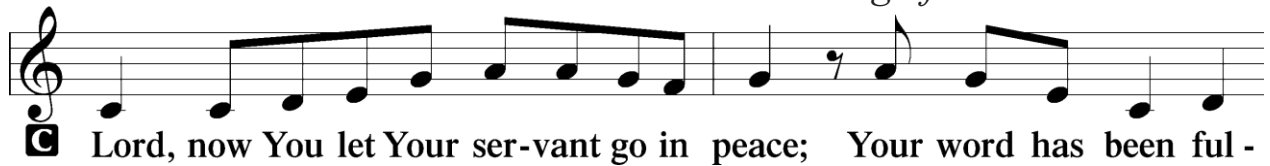
6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
 God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

*Stand*

### Post-Communion Canticle – Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* Luke 2:29-32



## Post-Communion Collect

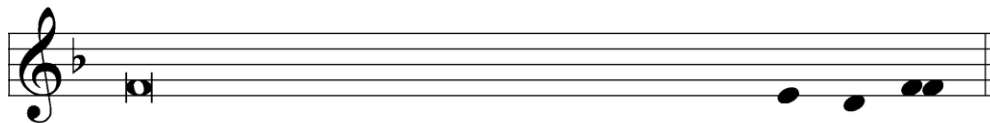
**P** Let us pray.

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.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



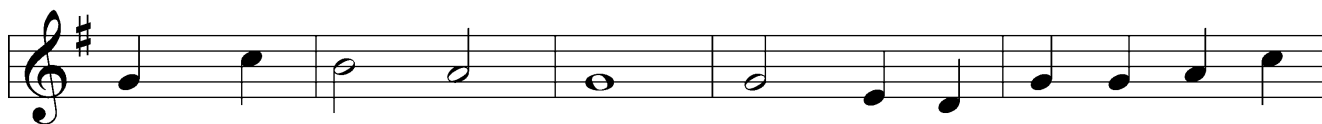
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



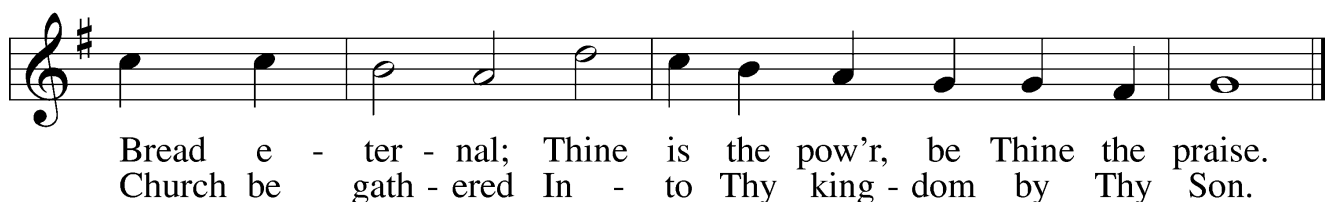
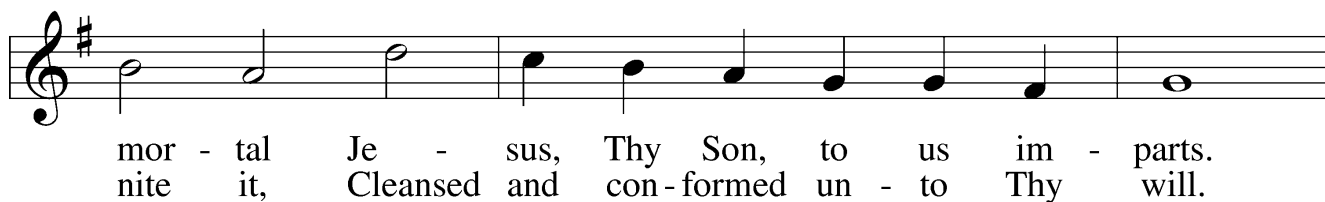
## Hymn to Depart – 652 Father, We Thank Thee



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly  
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -  
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



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- **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER...**is at the end of each pew. **Please sign one name per line** and return the pad to the center aisle before leaving. Thank you!
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** see next page. ...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 3, 2025

### ETERNAL LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Missouri Synod)

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**TODAY: Pastor Doughty** will be preaching and leading Bible study this morning. In his role as Circuit Visitor, **Pastor Crane** is visiting and preaching today at Messiah Lutheran Church in Parker, Arizona. Messiah is currently going through the call process for a new pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Contact **Mardy K.** to add someone to the prayer chain. Looking for new members for the prayer chain. Please provide an address for the individual you have added to the chain.

#### IN HIS WORD:

- ★ **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **Pastor Doughty** will continue our Bible study titled “The Lutheran Difference: Creation.”
- ★ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ★ **MEN’S STUDY GROUP** will meet *Monday, August 11*, at 6:30 p.m. to review chapter 5 of *Reading Romans with Luther* by Rev. RJ Grunewald.



**LWML MITE SUNDAY TODAY...**please leave your coins (or bills) in the large Mite Box in the Foyer. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We are blessed to have many visitors and guests join us for worship at ELLC. If you or a family member would like to learn more about becoming a member of our congregation, please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you or them. Thank you! – **Pastor Crane**



**COFFEE & TREATS** are served after Sunday worship in the Parish Hall. It’s a great time to visit and get to know one another. Please sign up to provide treats or bring something to share.






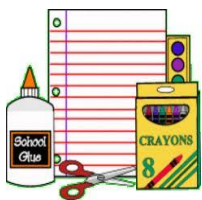
...will meet **Thursday, August 21**, at **11:00 a.m.** at Red Lobster, 6149 E. Southern Ave., Mesa (S.W. side of Superstition Blvd. & Southern, west side across from Olive Garden.) There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Foyer. For any questions, contact **Joy H.** or **Carol R.** ~ *Everyone is welcome to join us!* ~



**NEW TELEVISIONS:** Two new televisions were mounted and installed in the Parish Hall last Sunday afternoon. They will be used to enhance the display and presentation of information at Bible studies, voters' and council meetings, LWML meetings, and other events. Thank you to the Eternal Life Lutheran Church Faith Guild LWML for their generous donation toward the purchase of these televisions and related equipment.

**YOUTUBE:** We live-stream our worship services on our Eternal Life YouTube  channel, where you can also watch previously recorded worship services. Please consider subscribing to the channel. This will allow us to extend our reach and visibility. You can find the channel by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and searching for Eternal Life Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit our ELLC website and click on the "donate" option in the upper right-hand corner which will redirect you to our vendor Vanco while linking donations back to our church software. OR, scan this QR code to be taken to this secure electronic giving page. – Financial Secretary



**THANK YOU!** I was just going through all of the school supplies. Everyone was so very generous!!! I appreciate each item very much!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! ♥


– Mrs. Nardini, First-grade teacher, Jefferson Elementary

**BIG THANK YOU** for the school supplies for Jefferson Elementary School. Both the teachers and students appreciate the help in making the school year successful. Well done! – **Debbie D.** and **Renee M.**, Social Ministry

#### **IN THE FOYER:**

- **AUGUST NEWSLETTER** ◀NEW
- **PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July-September
- **LWML: MITE BOXES & ENVELOPES** for mite donations.
- **INFORMATION & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT FORMS**

## IN THE NARTHEX:

➤ **“LITTLE CHURCH”** \$1/per baptized member/per week. 

1+1+1 contributed through **June: \$308.00**. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Remember, it's easy: 1 dollar – per member – per week.

### **FREE Workshop at Eternal Life Lutheran Church**

Understanding Dementia: Biblically, Medically, and Socially

***Saturday, September 20, 2025***

9:15 AM – 1:00 PM

Registration begins at 8:45 AM

RSVP requested by ***September 13, 2025***.

Please call the church office at 480-985-0224

**Acts 17:28: “In him we live and move and have our being.”**

*Thank you to Thrivent for providing funding  
for the workshop and lunch.*

**PERMISSION TO GRIEVE:** Have you lost a loved one or are you currently going through the journey of dementia or Alzheimer's with a loved one and you don't feel like you can talk to anyone? Rev. Tim Duerr, an LCMS pastor, leads a bi-weekly grief group for those who are navigating the grief of cognitive decline as well as death. This summer, we are watching videos from GriefShare. We meet on the ***2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month*** at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakwood Dementia HUB, 6915 E. Main Street, Mesa. For more information, contact Rev. Tim Duerr: [tduerr@srhospice.com](mailto:tduerr@srhospice.com).

**ISSUES, ETC. – YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include Worship Practices in the LCMS, Lessons to Learn from Chip and Joanna Gaines' Compromise on Homosexuality, The Movie “The Fantastic Four: First Steps,” Preparing for The Lord's Supper, and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app, and a podcast provider.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** Luke 12:15 – “*And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’*” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

**STEWARDSHIP: *The 4 T’s of Stewardship:***

**Time:** *Sunday, July 27 – Worship: 67; Bible Class: 26;*

**Sunday School:** 4 children + 2 adults = 6

**Talent:** Select an “opportunity to serve” here at your church. See the August newsletter, or speak with a Council member.

**Testimony:** Call a friend, or shut-in, and bring them to church.

<b>Treasure:</b>	Actual Needed	Actual	Actual
	To Meet Budget	Giving	Spending
June 2025	\$ 19,762	\$ 19,991	\$ 17,154
Year-to-Date	\$118,572	\$135,142	\$124,053

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Closed Friday.  
Announcement deadline is on Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

**Sun. Aug. 3** **Divine Service**, 9:00 a.m. ~ LWML Mite Sunday  
Coffee & Treats in the Parish Hall, after worship.  
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

**Fri. Aug. 8** Church Office closed.

**Sun. Aug. 10** **Divine Service**, 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Treats in the Parish Hall, after worship.  
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

Rev. Rob Doughty

Associate Pastor