

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Robert, MO*



*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
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## § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

## *Holy Communion Announcement*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

***How Can We Help You?*** We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

## Those Serving November 19<sup>th</sup> at Faith

|                    |  |                       |   |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Organist</b>    | Heidi Perling  | <b>Asst. Minister</b> | Don Edie                                |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     |  | <b>Greeters</b>       |   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Lee Phinney  | <b>Refreshments</b>   |   |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Colin Strange, Brian Strong<br>Dave Matthews, Fred Brady | <b>Sermon Title</b>   | The Lord's Name,<br>The Lord's Blessing |

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*The order of service for today is located on page 203 of the Lutheran Service Book.*

*Please rise. 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.**

## Confession and Absolution

**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 You are feared.**

**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.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:

2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,

3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,

△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,

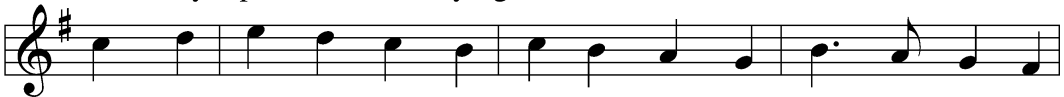


You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your

May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the

May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the

Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,

pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,

last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,

grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.

Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.

But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.

And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

Text (st. 1): Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.; (sts. 2, 4): William Mercer, 1811–73, alt.; (st. 3): Richard Whately, 1787–1863, alt.

Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.

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# Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

*(Continue Singing)*

**A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

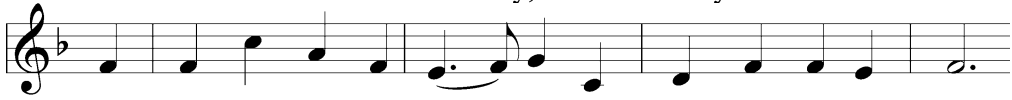
**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

- A** The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from Zephaniah, chapter 1.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>“On that day,” declares the LORD,  
“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.”

<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.”

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



Antiphon Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands up- | on us; \*  
yes, establish the work | of our hands!

**<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.**

**<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.**

**<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\*  
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”**

**<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
or as a watch | in the night.**

**<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as | with a flood;\*  
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:**

**<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;\*  
in the evening it fades and | withers.**

**<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\*  
by your wrath we | are dismayed.**

**<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.**

**<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath,\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.**

**<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we | fly away.**

**<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\*  
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?**

**<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.**

Antiphon Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands up- | on us; \*  
yes, establish the work | of our hands!



## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

## Alleluia and Verse



*Matthew 25:29a*

**P** For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the

one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

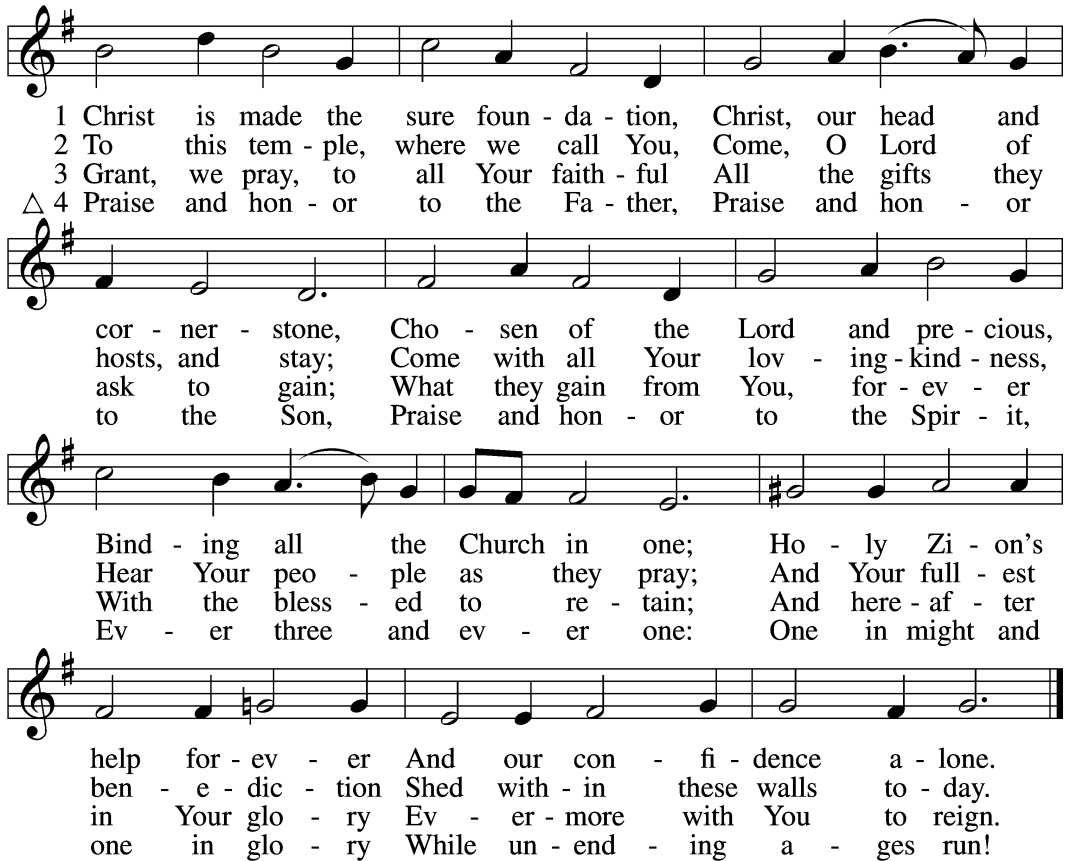
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or  
 cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,  
 Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and  
 help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

*Please rise.*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For those haunted by guilt and shame, that God would not enter into judgment with His servants, but faithfully convince them of His grace and holiness for them in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For pastors, that God would strengthen them to meditate on all He has done and proclaim His Word in its truth and purity; and that God's good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For our families, that as children of the day, we may be blessed to learn the Father's ways and stand vested in the armor of His faith, love and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For national repentance, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the afflicted, including those listed in our bulletin, that for His name's sake, God would preserve their lives and bring their souls out of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For a right reception of Christ's body and blood, that since He has destined us not for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ, God would give us penitent hearts that welcome His grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For God's kindness to those who died in the faith, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that He would comfort all who mourn with the assurance that, whether we are awake or asleep, Christ has died that we might live with Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

*Please rise.*

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

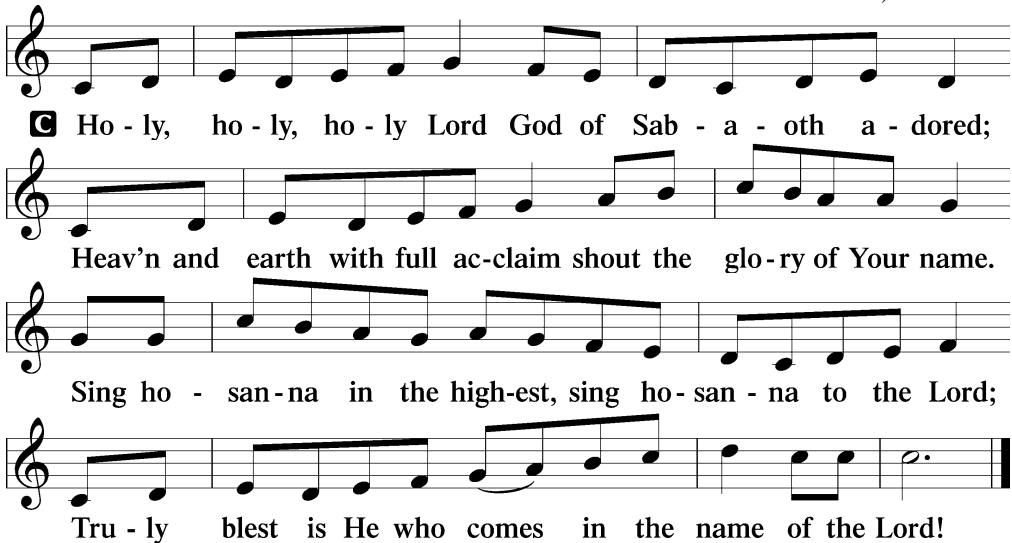
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

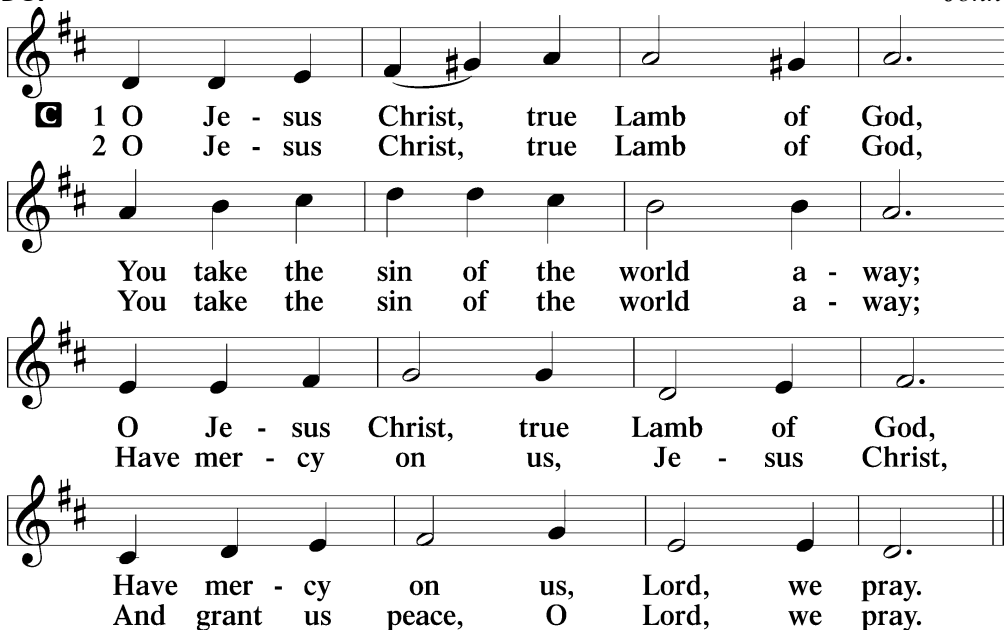
## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Please be seated.*

## Communing at Faith

*Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.*

### Distribution

#### 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,  
With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,  
Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93  
Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901  
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# 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling  
 joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,  
 Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,  
 O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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*Please rise.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

**C** Amen.

# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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** Amen.
- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,  
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing  
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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