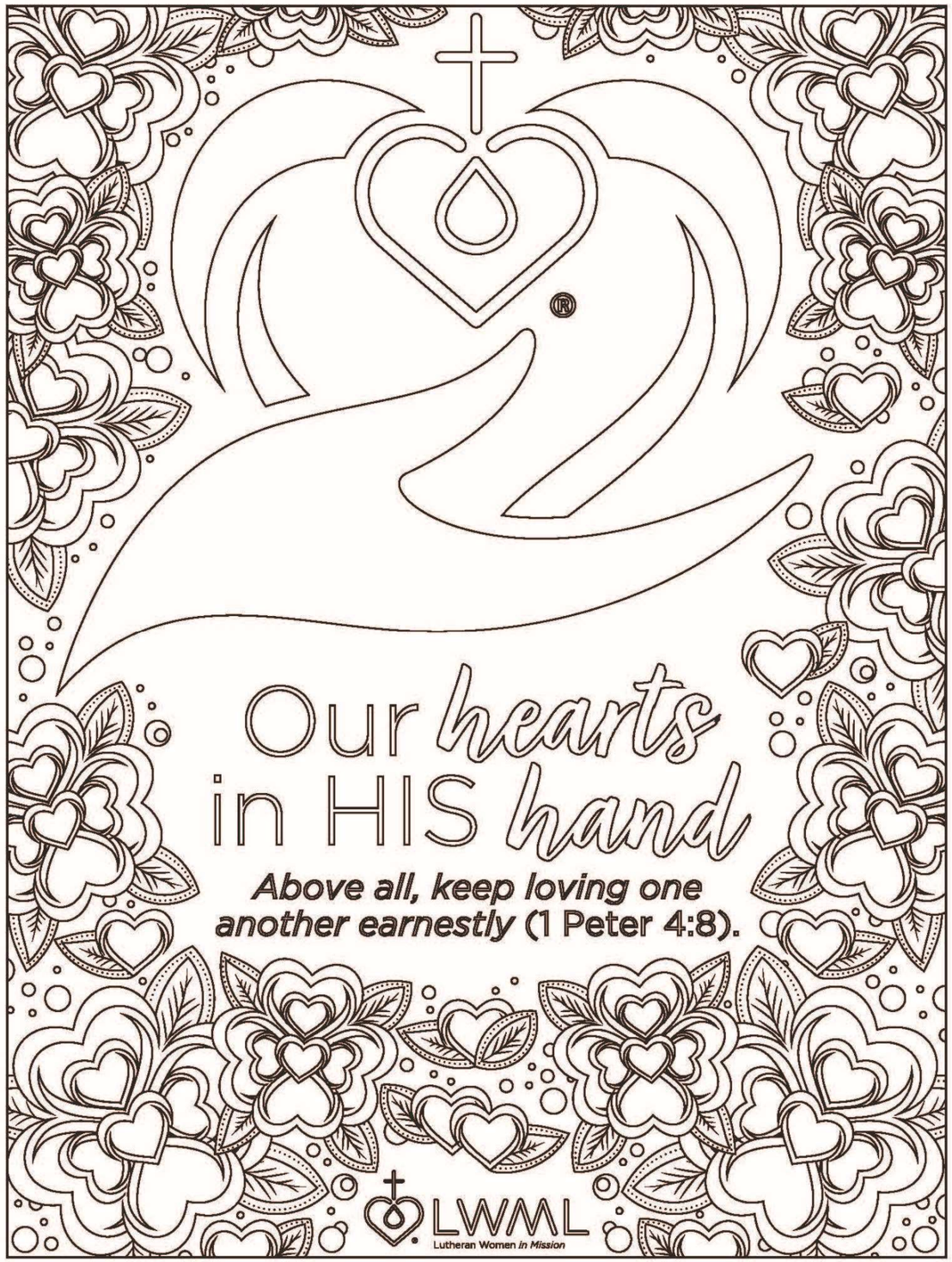

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St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

† 18th Sunday after Pentecost † September 26, 2021 †

Our *hearts* in HIS *hand*

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

LWML SUNDAY 2021

Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.

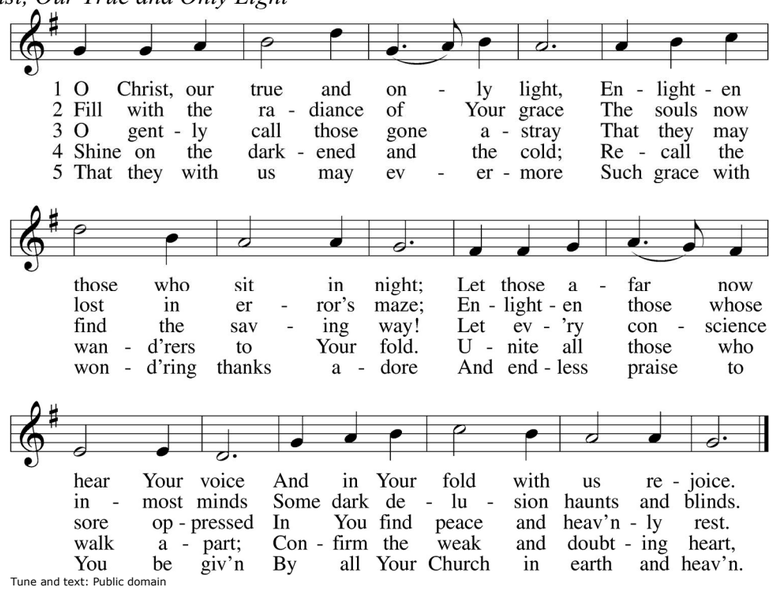
In the Lord's service today:
Rev. Robert Barth, guest pastor
Connie Komnick, organist

300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn

O Christ, Our True and Only Light *LSB 839*



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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

Pastor: 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. *Hebrews 10:22*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord:,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: **Amen.**

"I REMEMBER..."

The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee invites you to write a memory of St. John's. We'd like to do one for each of the remaining Sundays of the year. You can e-mail your remembrances to Rachael Davenport at socialmedia@stjnb.org. Ron Krohse offers this memory:

I Remember the Farm Progress Show

It was the year 2000. The Show was being held in Cantrall. Needing groups to sell lunches on the three days of the show, they approved the trio of schools Westfair Christian Academy; Salem, Jacksonville; and SJNB. Steve Rensner, principal at Salem, and I attended an orientation meeting at the library in Williamsville. The profit from the three days of sale would be equally divided among the three schools. Westfair and Salem would handle days 1 and 3, and we would handle the tent on days two. We decided to make it a church project. The night before the opening, it rained and it poured. The first day the show was totally rained out! We were to arrive just after sunrise on morning #2. Boy, was it ever muddy! As the morning progressed (after all it was the farm progress show), the grounds became a little less saturated, but it had been really muddy. The fellowship, including all ages, proved to be a day to long remember. Our volunteers worked like a well-oiled machine. What a wonderful day it proved to be. The joy of working with our brothers and sisters in Christ far exceeded any amount of money we may have earned. To God be the Glory! And that's the way I remember it more than twenty years ago. P.S. Did I mention that it was really muddy that morning?

** Oops, last week's "I Remember" said that Mrs. Carr was the superintendent, but she was actually principal at that time.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

The Greatest Commandment

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34

MIND	NEIGHBOR
GREATEST	SOUL
IMPORTANT	LOVE
YOURSELF	STRENGTH
LAW	ANSWER
TEACHER	SECOND
QUESTIONS	KINGDOM
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TRUNK OR TREAT!

Save the date for Trunk or Treat 2021 on October 31. More information will be forthcoming but we will need cars, candy and assistance with filling treat bags.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Our 150th anniversary celebration is scheduled to conclude on Sunday, October 17th. Pastor Glenn Kopper, of Holt, Michigan, will fill our pulpit that morning. Pastor Kopper served here from 1974-80. Following the service, we hope to be able to gather at the MCL Cafeteria. Watch for more details in the next weeks.

WALTHER LEAGUE

Adult leaders are needed for the Walther League beginning as soon as possible. The leader role is open to anyone over 18 with a willingness to work the jr. high and high school youth. This may be individuals, couples or even a group which operates as a board to guide regular meetings and activities of the group. See Pastor or Connie Komnick if interested.

SEPT & OCT 2021 LWML CID MISSION GRANT #3 – EXPANDING ACCESS AT CAMP CILCA ~ $16,000

Camp CILCA reinforces the work of pastors and congregations in teaching the faith to young people, adults and families. These funds will be used to purchase materials and labor for heating and cooling in two large cabins at the camp. These updated cabins will attract more campers and families to Camp CILCA to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enjoy God's Creation throughout the whole year.

How can I help? Pray that God uses Camp CILCA to spread the gospel to all who attend or participate in the camp activities. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

OFFERINGS

There are several ways to provide offerings at St. John's. One is the offering basket placed at the back of church. The second is the Give+ app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition, there is a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

DARTBALL

The church council agreed to attempt to again have a dartball team this year. Dartball is played once a month with six other area churches participating. Male, female, young or old are invited to join in the fun which we have been a part of for going on 80 years. Play is held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00. The season begins on September 27 at Good Shepherd in Sherman. For more information, please contact Bob Dalton.

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org**:** Study Ezekiel 10-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER'S ANNUAL LIFE BANQUET

St. John's Lutheran Church is co-sponsoring The Pregnancy Resource Center of Jacksonville's Annual Life Banquet to be held on ***Tuesday, November 2nd*** from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Hamilton's Banquet Hall in downtown Jacksonville.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to enable PRC to continue the mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, saving the lives of the unborn, and restoring those who have been wounded by abortion.

This year's keynote speaker will be award winning Christian recording artist Mark Schultz. Mark has sold over 2 million records, with ten No. 1 singles, and is a Dove Award winner. Mark and his wife Kate have four children. When they were blessed with their last two children it was a full circle moment for Mark, who is adopted. Now being on the parental side of adoption, Mark says he views being adopted by his parents and by God in a totally different way!

Our sponsorship includes a table for eight attendees and meal. Please contact Bill (217-741-3164) or Mary (217-741-4380) Pfeffer if you would like to attend and be seated at our table. This is a non-denominational, Christian ministry. St. John's has supported this pro-life ministry for several years.

Service of the Word

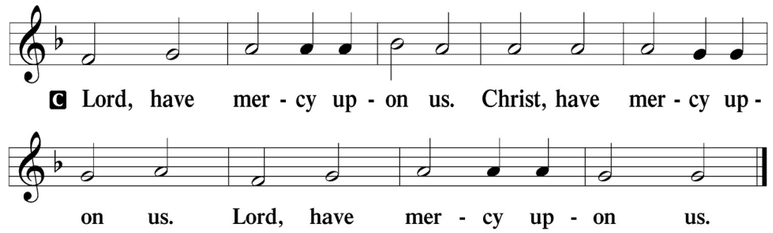
Introit

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; antiphon: v. 13

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.
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.
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

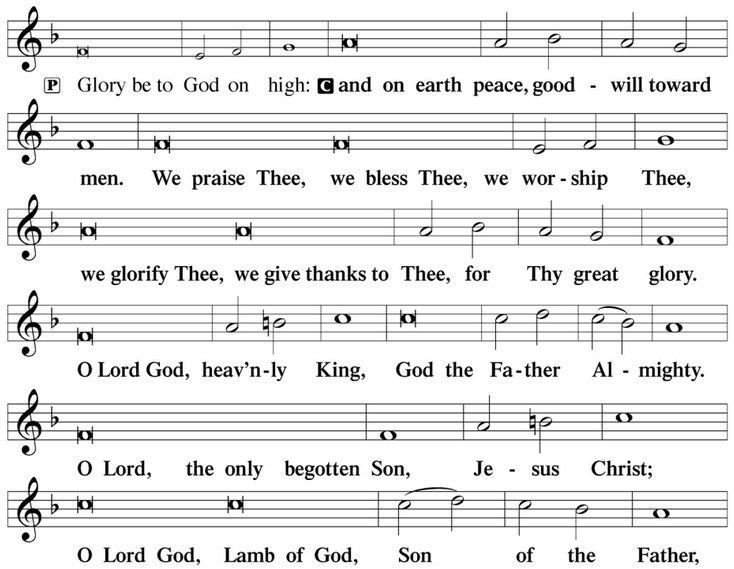
Kyrie

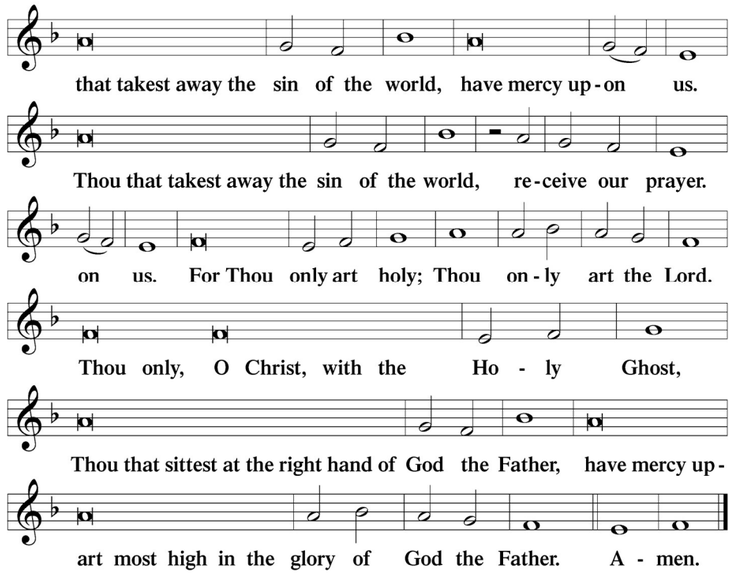
LSB 186 *Mark 10:47*



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187 *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



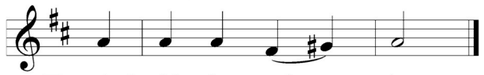


Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189 *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-27

22"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Church News

LWML SUNDAY

Today we celebrate LWML Sunday. This year's theme is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," based on 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all, Keep loving one another earnestly." The Mary Martha Guild celebrates this the last Sunday of September each year as in 1967 ladies of our congregation met to see if there was an interest in forming an evening group. 54 years later, 5 of these ladies remain members of the guild here at St John's. Our thanks to Rev. Barth for including our work in the service and prayers today. Altar flowers are placed to God's Glory as we continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness." We are always thankful for the many ways you all support us throughout the year. Smile and take a purple packaged LWML mint as you leave church today.

LWML NEWS

Thank you to all the ladies that made our Zone Fall Rally a success on September 16th!! A special thanks to the committee members for their superb planning to make everything go smoothly, and to Rachael and Connie for their technical expertise! If you haven't done so already, watch the live stream on St. John's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

The next meeting is on October 7, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Pat leads devotions and Karen is the hostess. Our roll call is "Pumpkin Show and Tell." Each member is asked to bring a pumpkin and explain its relevance to her. Our program includes a discussion of the successful Fall Rally and the revealing of our 2021-2022 agenda! If you have not already done so, register for the CID Fall Retreat October 8 & 9 at Camp CILCA- "Grab Your Shoes and Go!"

The ladies are collecting old eyeglasses; donated eyeglasses are welcome and appreciated from anyone. We are also collecting items for Health and School Kits until the meeting on October 7. A list of items can be found at the west entrance.

If any lady in the congregation has been thinking about joining Mary-Martha, now is the perfect time as we begin a newly planned year of fellowship as "We consecrate to our Savior...our will to do His will.."

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

There will be Bible Class next Sunday, October 3. Stay tuned for announcements about future classes.

PRAYERS

We remember the family of Pastor Robert Barth. His mother, Alma, died on September 18, 2021. May the Lord comfort them with the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We also remember the family of former St. John's member Eunice (Wellenkamp) Aufdenkamp, who passed away on September 21, 2021. Her parents, Harvey and Leta Wellenkamp, were longtime members. May the Lord comfort her loved ones in this time of loss.

We ask God's care and protection upon the people of Haiti who suffered a disastrous earthquake and upon those who have been affected by Hurricane Ida. We also remember those affected by the turmoil in Afghanistan. May we use the resources which God gives us to help in time of need.

CALL COMMITTEE

The Church Council is inviting and encouraging all members who are interested in joining the Call Committee, in the search for a new pastor, to contact an Elder or Council member.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of Pastoral Care during our vacancy, please contact Pastor Kaufmann or an Elder: Pastor Kaufmann (217) 503-7865; Jim Whalen (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton (217) 341-9687.

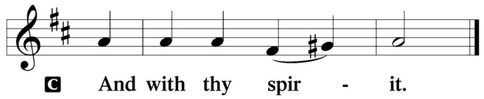
TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

In today's lesson, "His Father's House," Jesus' parents travel to Jerusalem as they do each year for the Passover. Returning home, Mary and Joseph notice Jesus' absence, yet they assume He is among the others in their traveling group. When He doesn't appear, they return to Jerusalem, searching desperately for three days. They finally find Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who are amazed at His understanding. Despite being in His "Father's house" (Luke 2:49), Jesus honors His earthly parents and returns to Nazareth with them. For discussion at home this week: "*Where do you find Jesus today? How does He share His Word with you?*"

Benedicamus and Benediction

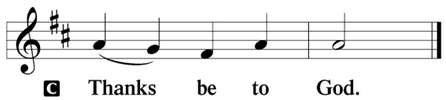
Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People:



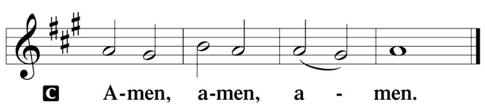
Pastor: Bless we the Lord. *Psalm 103:1*

People:



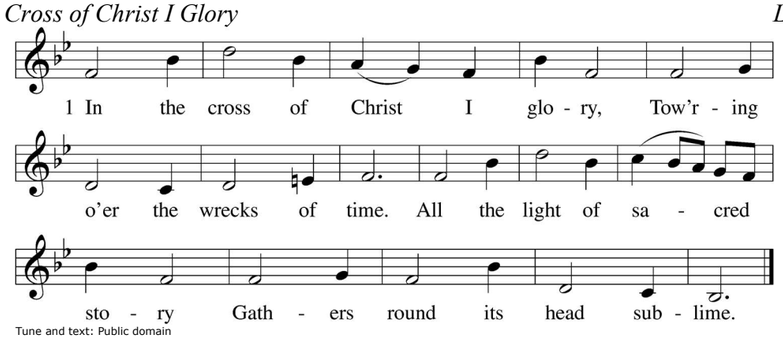
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People:



Anniversary Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory *LSB 427*



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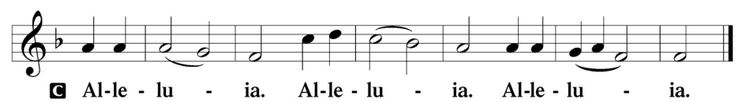
Epistle

1 Peter 1:18-22

18 …knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with
perishable things such as silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without
blemish or spot. 20He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last
times for your sake, 21who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
22Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another
earnestly from a pure heart…

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

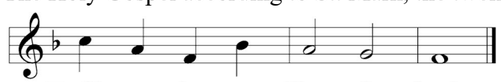
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

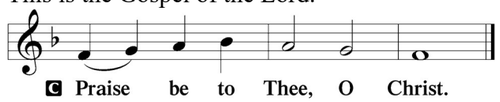
Mark 12:28-31

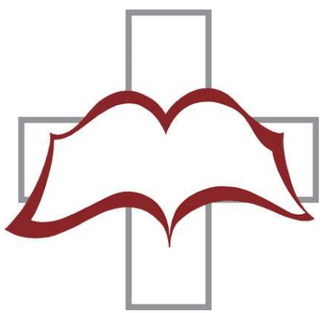
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
People:



28And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he
answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29Jesus answered,
"The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30And you shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
31The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater
than these."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People:





Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

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

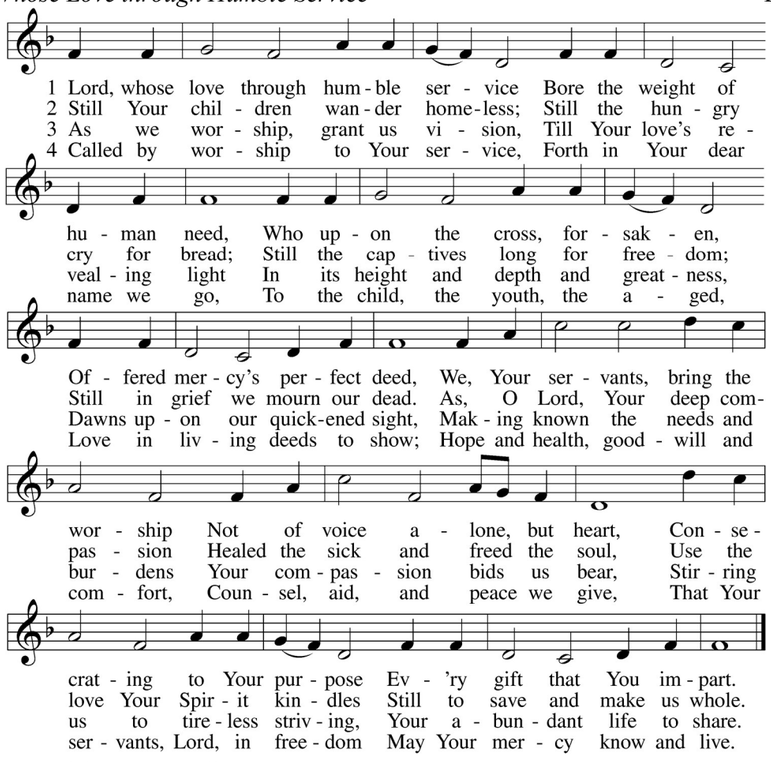
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *LSB 848*



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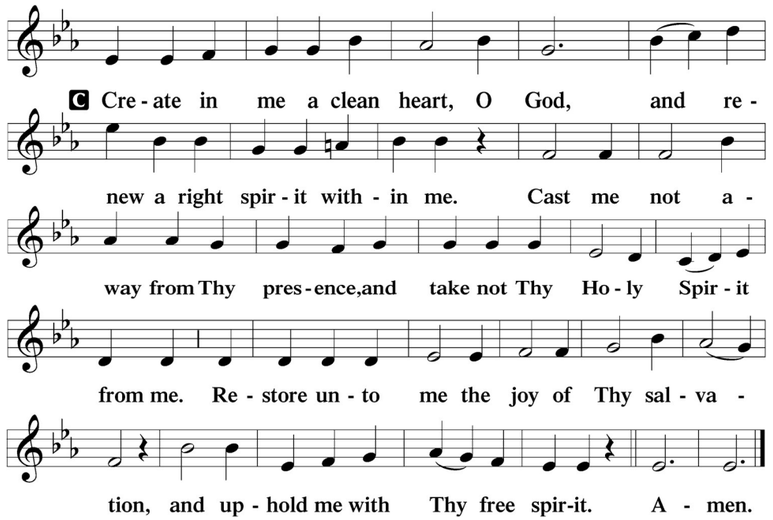
Sermon

Hearts Full of Love (Ephesians 3:14-21) *Pastor Robert Barth*

[14]For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15]from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16]that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17]so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18]may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19]and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
[20]Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21]to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

LSB 192 *Psalm 51:10-12*



Offering

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.
People: **Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
People: **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.**