# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

**Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ *Pastor***
**Stephen Pruitt ~ *Director of Music***

***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.***

Psalm 33:12

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*A Special Welcome* to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** – Flo and Richard Ball, Eugene Barker, Sr., Victor Duarte, Helen Everett, Doris Fitchett, Pat Gregory, Jeanne Greif, Terry Ingmire, Sabrina Jennings, Hannah Kuenzli, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Scott and Natasha Thieman, Leslie Waller.

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## *The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God*

by Charlotte Gunther in honor of all who are first line fighters/workers for the Covid-19 virus.

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**HOLY COMMUNION** – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **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**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

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 or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.
*For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34*

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

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**Areas of church to be open to congregation during Phase 3 –**

**Parking lot entrance only - Hallway inside parking lot doors - Sanctuary - Two Restrooms on parking lot side of building**

**Church Service –**

1. We will continue to video services and have them available for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.
2. There will be one service at 10 AM on Sundays. (during Phase 3 there will no Bible Study, Welcome Center, or Sunday School - just in and out for church service only).
3. Bulletins will not be handed to you but will be in the pews when you come in. **Please sit in these pews only and at the same end that the bulletins are placed.** (ie, if the bulletin is on the left side of the pew, please sit only there.)
4. The content of the service will be under the discretion of Pastor Meraz and Director of Music/Stephen Pruitt.
5. A plan has been developed to safely serve communion when it is offered.
6. We will continue to offer online giving options.
7. Handbells and vocal choir will resume after a safe period has elapsed.
8. No one will be allowed in the choir loft except for Director of Music/Stephen Pruitt.

Offering - An offering plate has been placed by the entrance/exit door if you wish to leave your tithe.

# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020

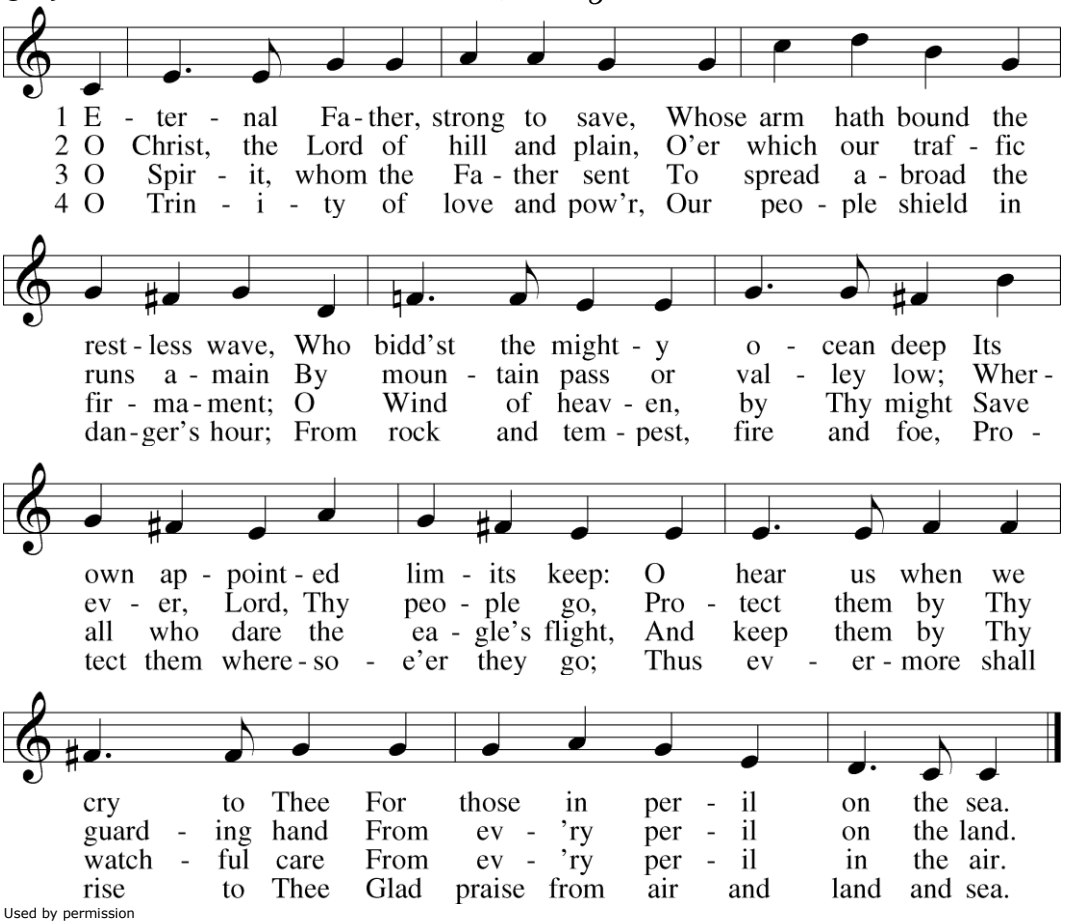
*The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. Please respect this time of silence.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Stand* (as you are able)

### Opening Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* *LSB 717*

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# Confession and Absolution

*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.**

**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.**

*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.
**C** **Amen.**

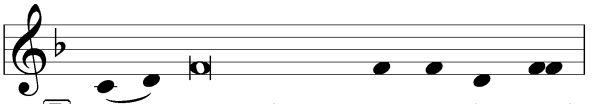
# Service of the Word

## Introit

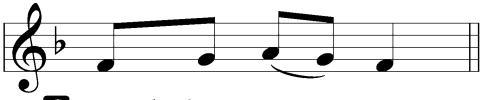
*Ps. 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: Ps. 91:1*

**C** **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High**
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
**I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,**
**my God, in whom I trust."**
**Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—**
**the Most High, who is my refuge—**
**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,**
**no plague come near your tent.**
**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.**
**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High**
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

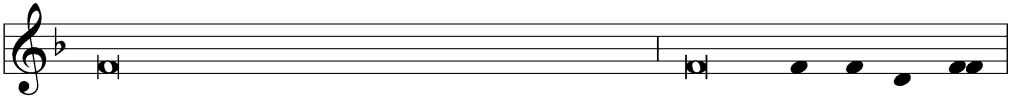
## Kyrie



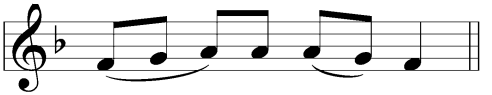
**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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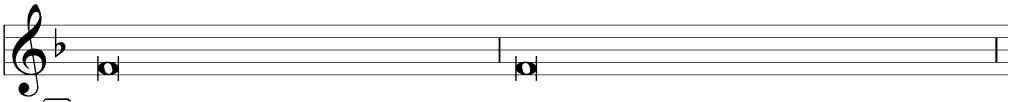
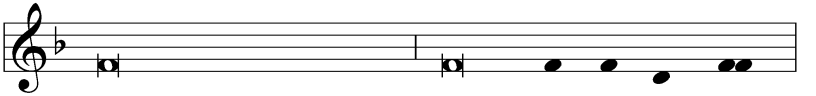
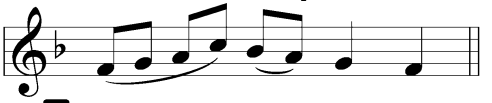


**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

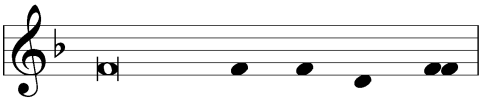


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

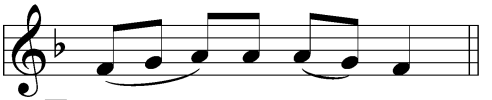


**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



let us pray to the Lord.



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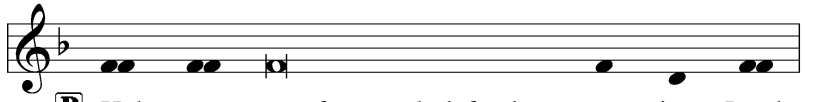

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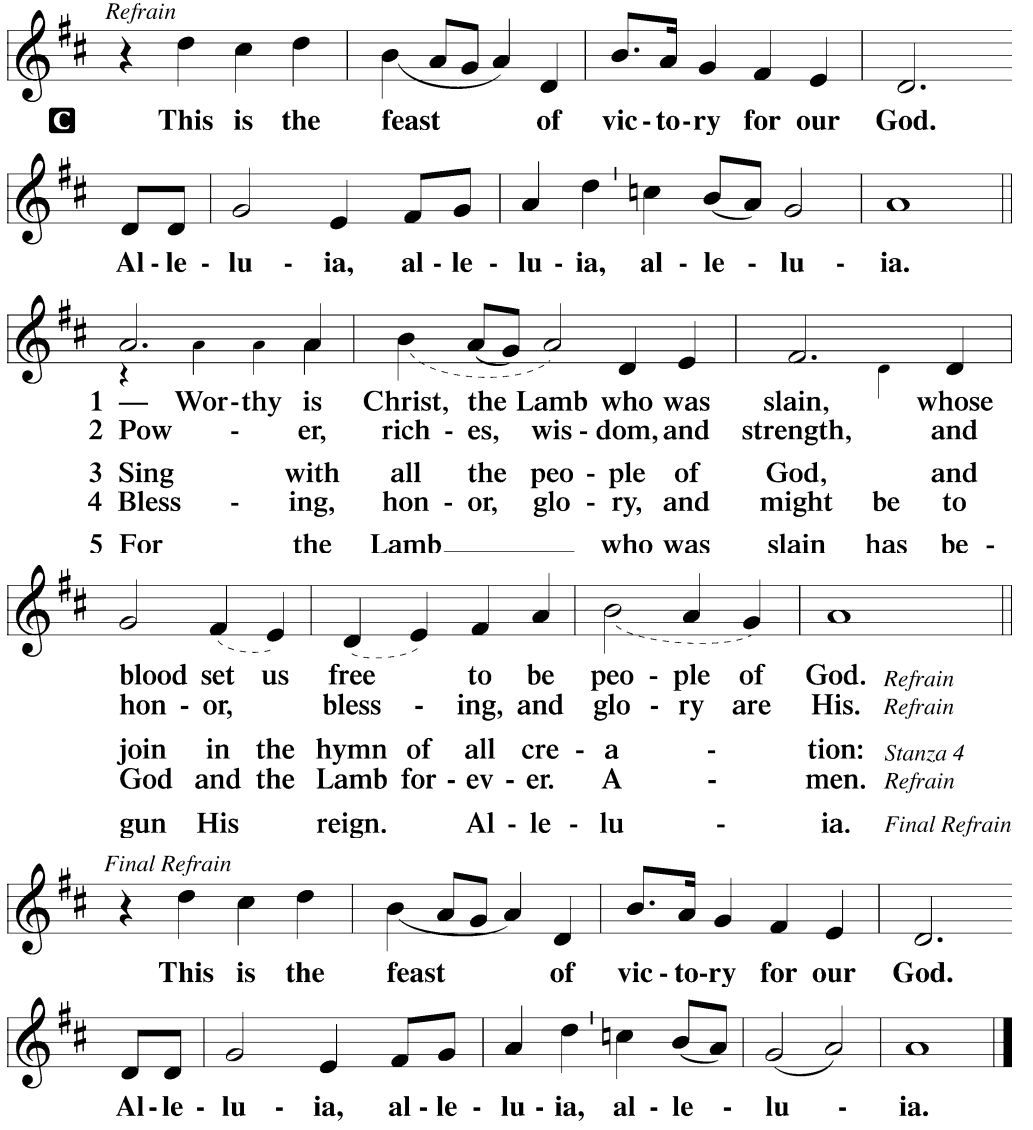

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

## Gradual

*Rom. 11:33, 36*

**C** **Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!**
**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**
**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**
**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

*Romans 7:14–25a*

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have

the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. [19]For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. [20]Now if I do what I do not want, it is no
longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.
[21]So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. [22]For I delight
in the law of God, in my inner being, [23]but I see in my members another law waging war against
the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
[24]Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [25]Thanks be to God
through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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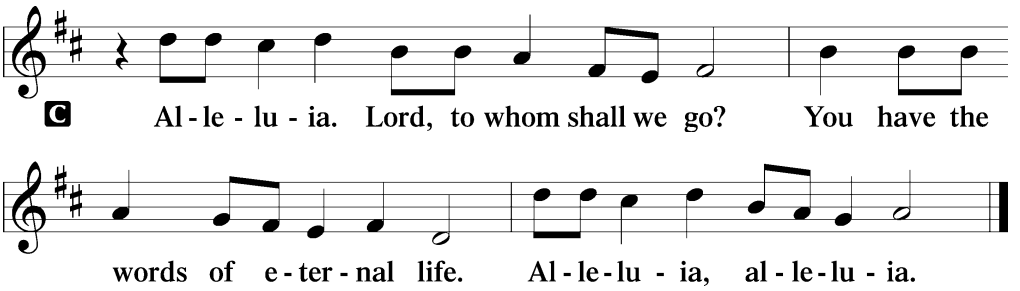
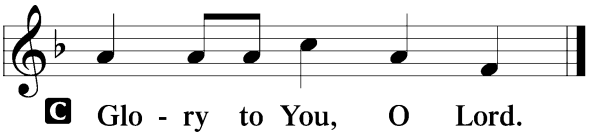
## Alleluia and Verse




## Holy Gospel

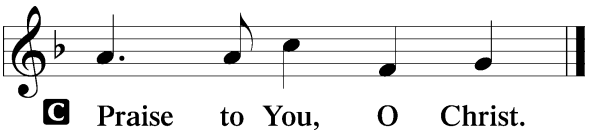
*Matthew 11:25–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.




[25]At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; [26]yes,
Father, for such was your gracious will. [27]All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28]Come to me, all who labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is
light."

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



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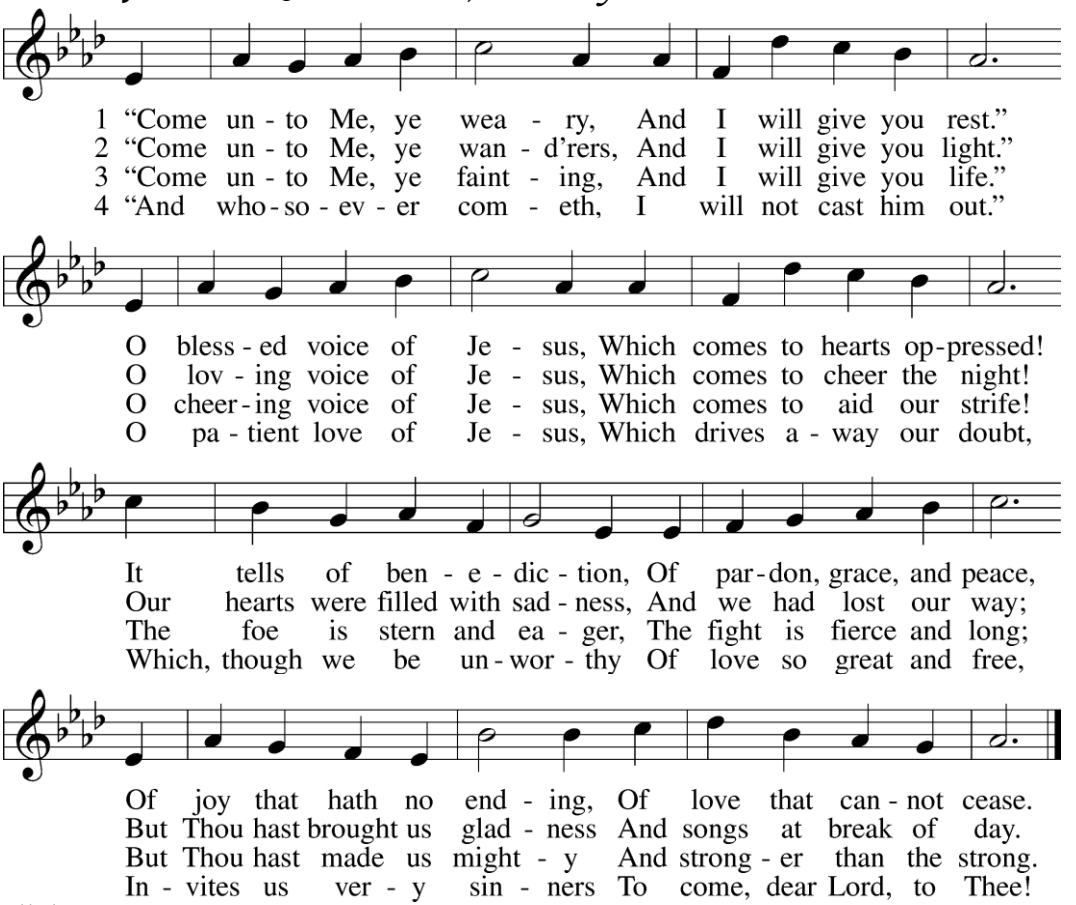
## Hymn of the Day

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary* — *LSB 684*

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## Sermon

*Stand* (as you are able)

## Nicene Creed

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right**

**hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

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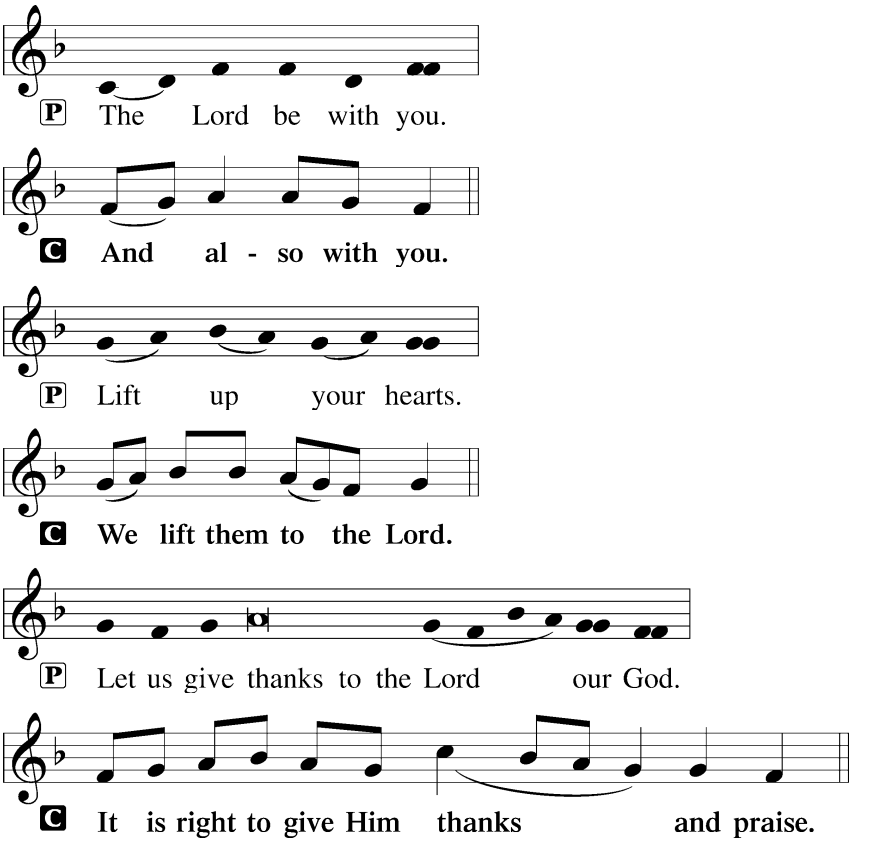
## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

**C** **….hear our prayer.**

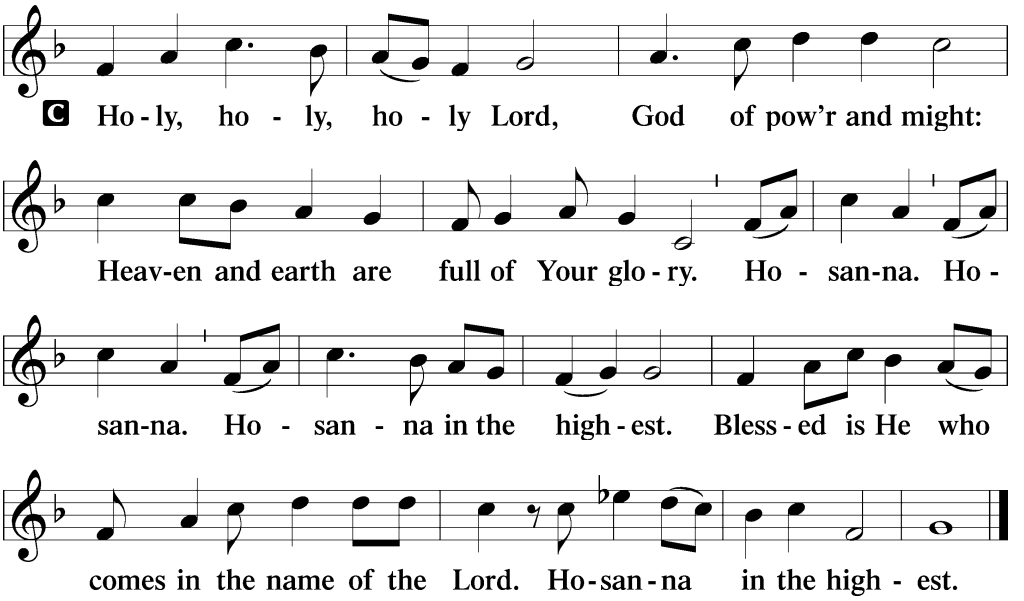
# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



℗ 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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




## Prayer of Thanksgiving

℗ 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.

℃ **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 ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

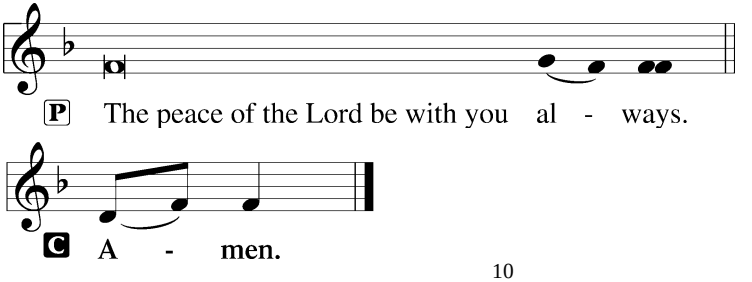
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini



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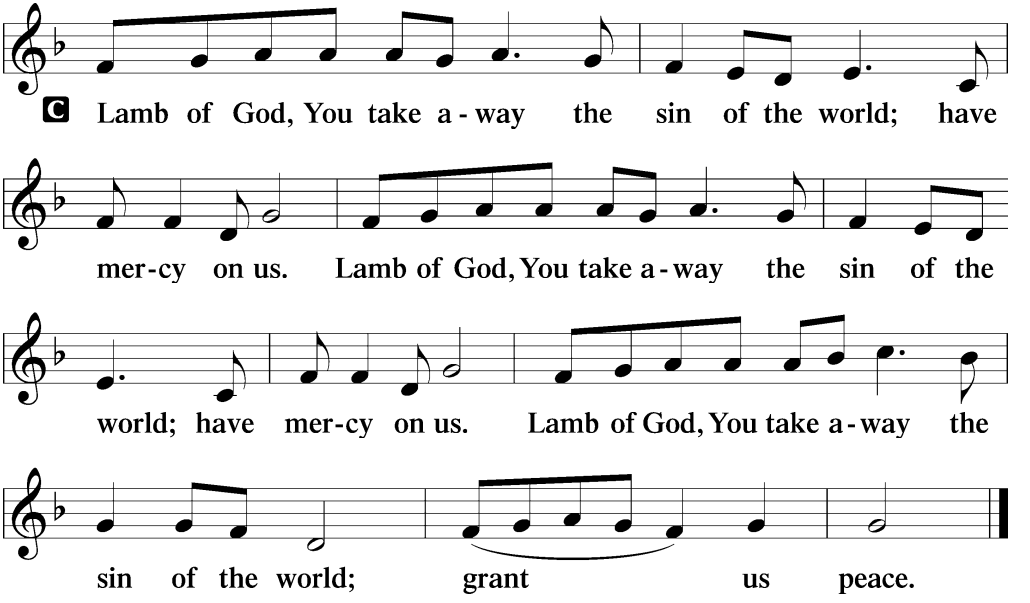


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## *Pastor will give instructions on communing.*

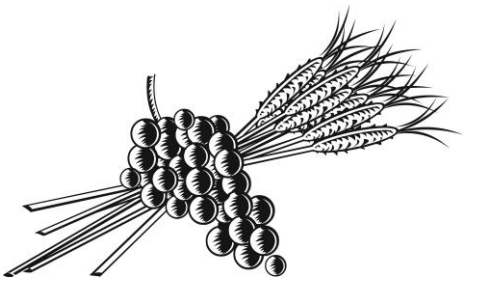
### Distribution

*The pastor distributes the body and blood of Christ to those who come to receive.*

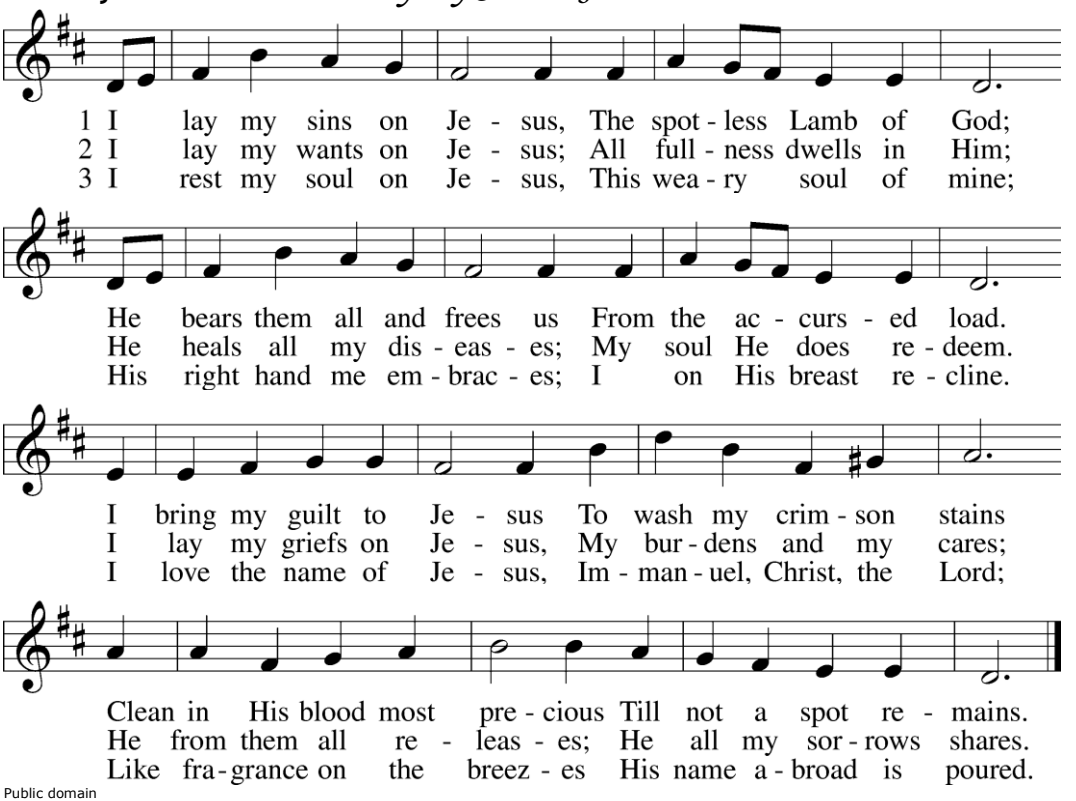
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**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.**



**Distribution Hymn** *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* *LSB 606*

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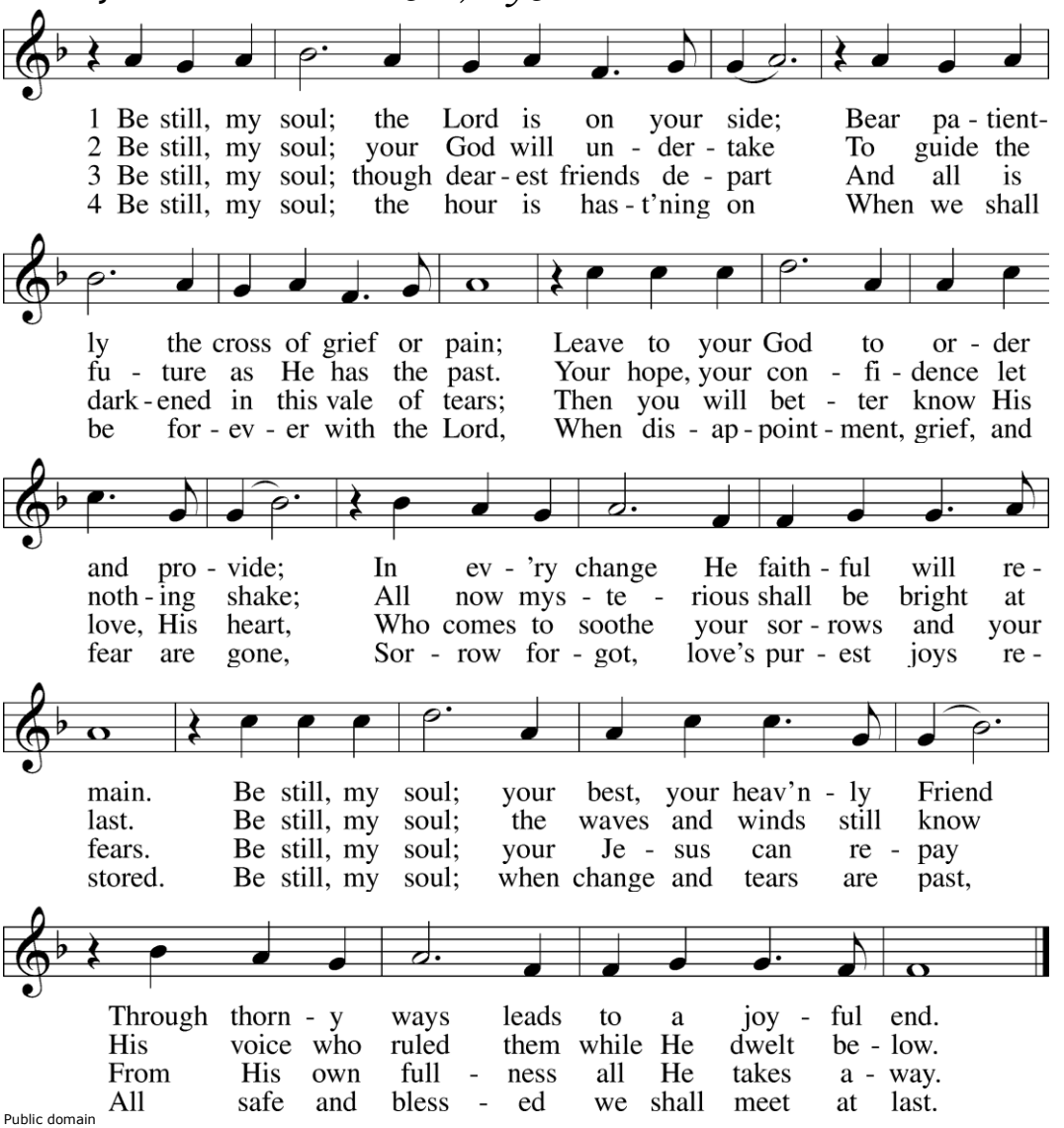
**Distribution Hymn** *Be Still, My Soul* *LSB 752*

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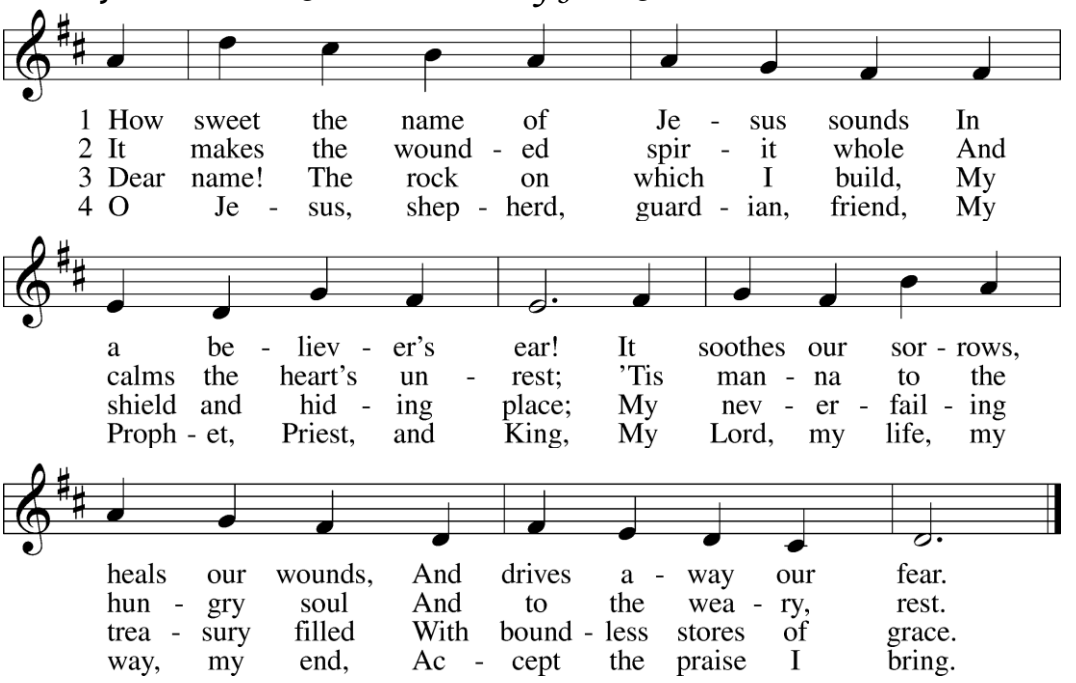
**Distribution Hymn** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* *LSB 524*




5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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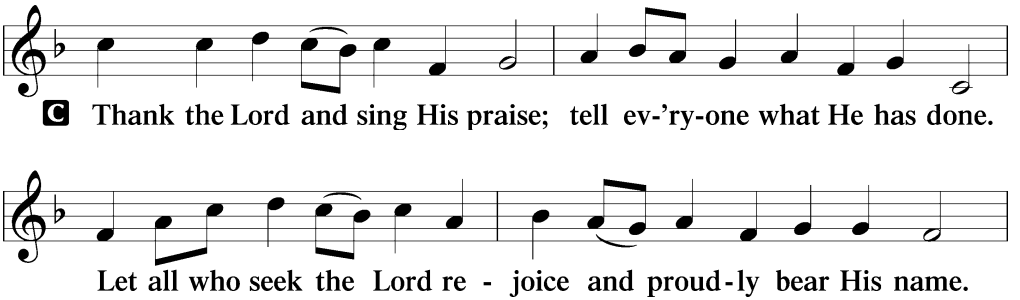
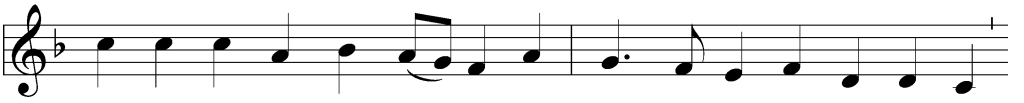
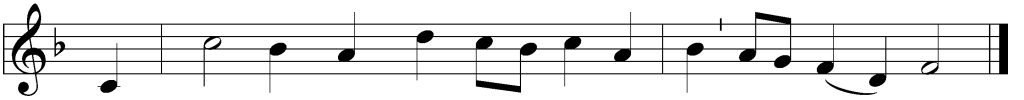
*Stand* (as you are able)

**Thank the Lord**



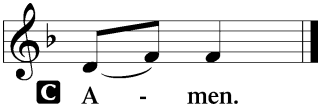


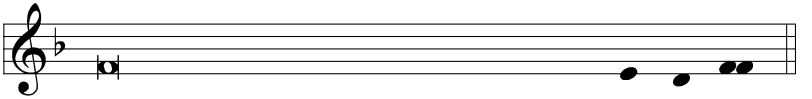

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

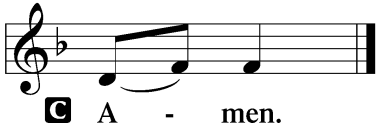
**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



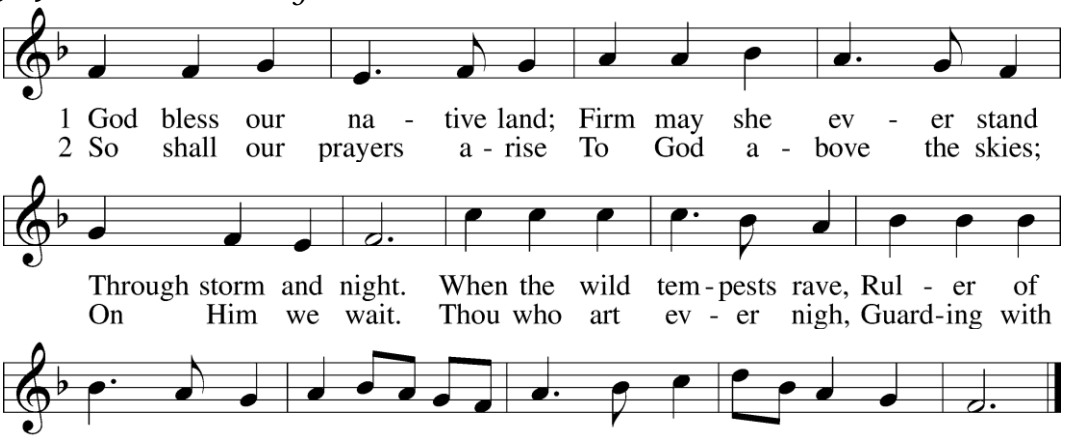

## Benediction



**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.



**Closing Hymn** *God Bless Our Native Land* *LSB 965*

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***Pastor will give instructions on exiting the building one pew at a time. Please continue exiting thru the parking lot doors to the parking lot in an orderly manner to ensure there is social distancing. We will not be using the front entrance at all.***

**Postlude**

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# July 2020

**God uses money to confirm direction.**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*
*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*
Proverbs 3:5-6

## Applying Bible Principles

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires — as the writer of Hebrews observed — believing that God " . . . exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply." This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it: God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by his Word if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

By the way, has God been speaking to you lately? Has He confirmed that direction through His Word? If so, remember this: You can be confident that as God works in your life, He will use money or the lack of it to confirm His direction.

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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| Today, July 5th | **The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** | |
| | Communion Worship Service | 10:00 am |
| Sunday, July 12th | **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** | |
| | Worship Service | 10:00 am |

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEWS** - In July we usually have **Christmas in July** to raise funds and collect items for *Samaritan's Purse* ***Operation Christmas Child*****.** We are still unable to meet for social events but we are still having Christmas in July. This year our hope is families will take a box and fill it up. The boxes are available on the front pew this morning. *We do ask if you take a box to please fill it and return it. These boxes have been pre-paid.* **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOX WHETHER YOU FILL IT OR NOT.**

When packing the boxes, they ask that the box is packed for a girl or boy and include one "WOW" item. Please keep in mind everything has to be able to fit into the shoebox. The wow item could be an inflatable ball, stuffed animal, small doll or car.

*Samaritan's Purse* asks that no religious symbols or name of organizations be on anything that is donated. We ask that no items require batteries. Most of the boxes go to third world countries or poor areas and batteries are not something they have access to.

**Here is a short list of some items that are recommended:** Nail clippers, combs, hair ribbons, wash cloth, small towel, sun glasses, crayons, pencil and sharpener, index cards, pens, small coloring book, pencil holder, solar calculator, ruler erasers, hat gloves, scarf, socks, flip flops, yoyo, marbles, card games, jacks etc… As you can see the list is endless.

**Recommended "WOW" items:** Fishing line, coin purse, puzzles, compass, magnifier, costume jewelry, small story books, mixing spoons, cups, measuring cups, screw driver, hammers, nails and screws. Again, you can see the list is endless.

Most items are able to be purchased at the Dollar Tree. So, if you are able to take a box and fill it up it would be greatly appreciated!

## Scriptures for July 12th

Isaiah 55:10-13 ~ Romans 8:12-17 ~ Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, June 28, 2020
Worship Attendance - 33
General Offerings - $2,005.00