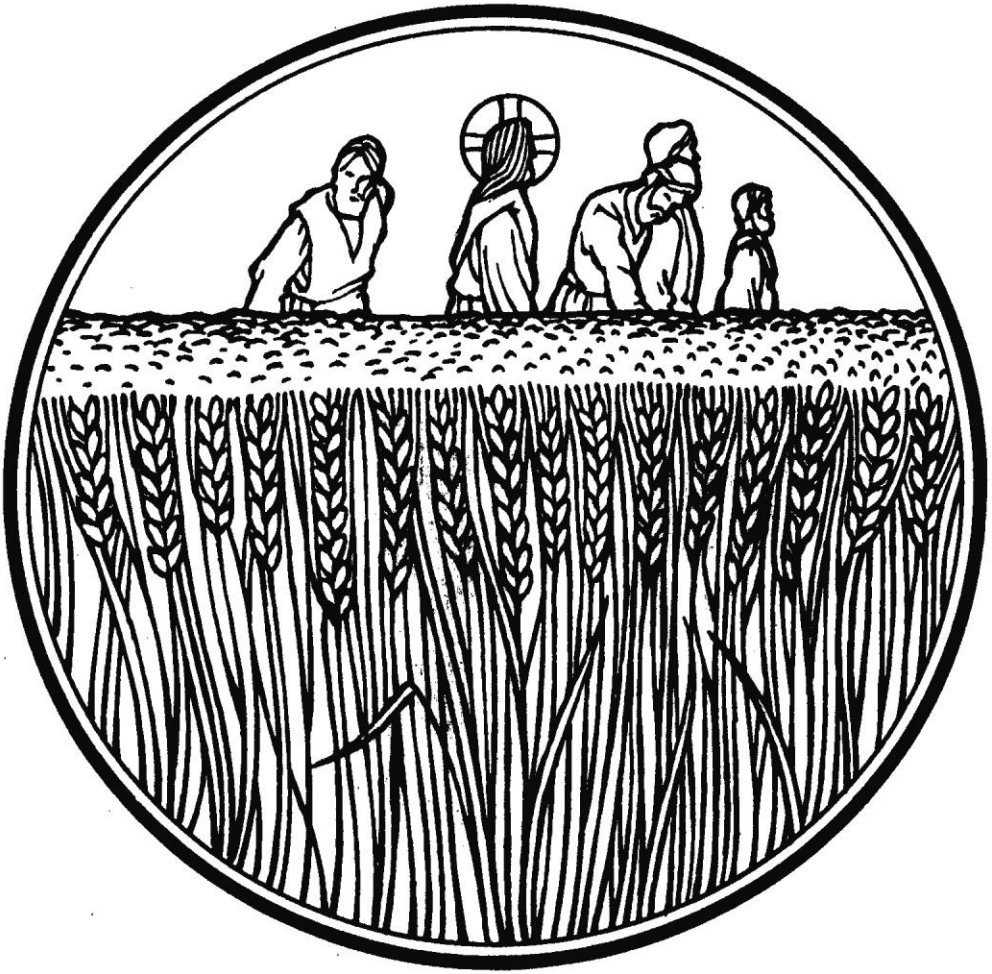
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
to Share the Hope of Eternal Life!

The Feast of St. Luke, Apostle
October 18th, 2026, A.D.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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The flowers on the altar are placed by John and Bonnie to the memory of Elmer and Alice Wichern.

Upcoming available dates for flowers for the altar: November 8 and 29, 2026.
Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put $25 in an envelope; mark it "Flower Fund" and place it in the offering plate. A friendly reminder, if you take a flower vase home, please return it the following week so it can be used again.

- ***Holy Cross upholds and adheres to the Biblical practice of Closed Communion.***
- ***Doors Open on Sunday at 8:00 AM. Divine Service Begins at 9:00 AM, followed by a Bible Study after today's service with coffee and treats.***
- ***Responsive Prayer II is offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesday.***
- ***Tuesdays Bible Study begins at 10:30 AM and lasts until 11:30 AM***
- ***Individual Confession and Absolution by appointment***
- ***The ringing of the bells starts at 9:00 AM***
- ***Words written in Bold and marked with C signify congregation response.***

Needs for pastoral care in our area, call our Pastor:
Rev. Peyton Holland
(918-332-1997)
or one of our Elders: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390),
Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279)

Divine Service III

Confession and Absolution

518 By All Your Saints in Warfare **sts. 1, 26, 3**

Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.**
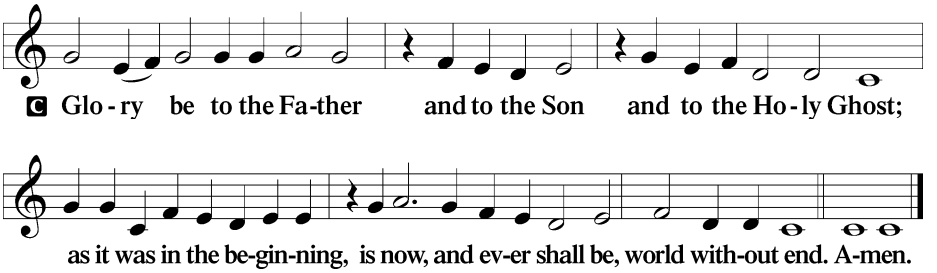
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

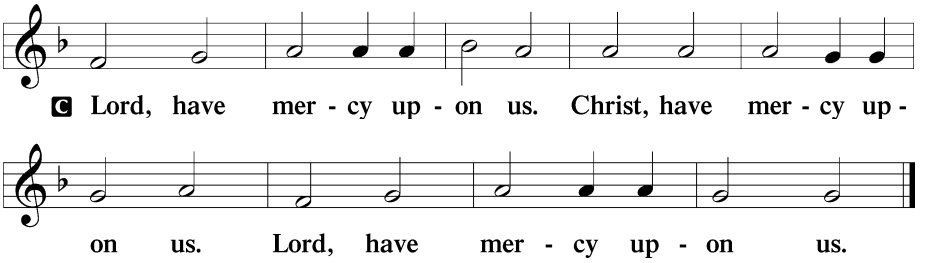
Introit — Psalm 92:1–5; antiphon: Luke 24:46–47

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise | from the dead,*
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Je- | rusalem.
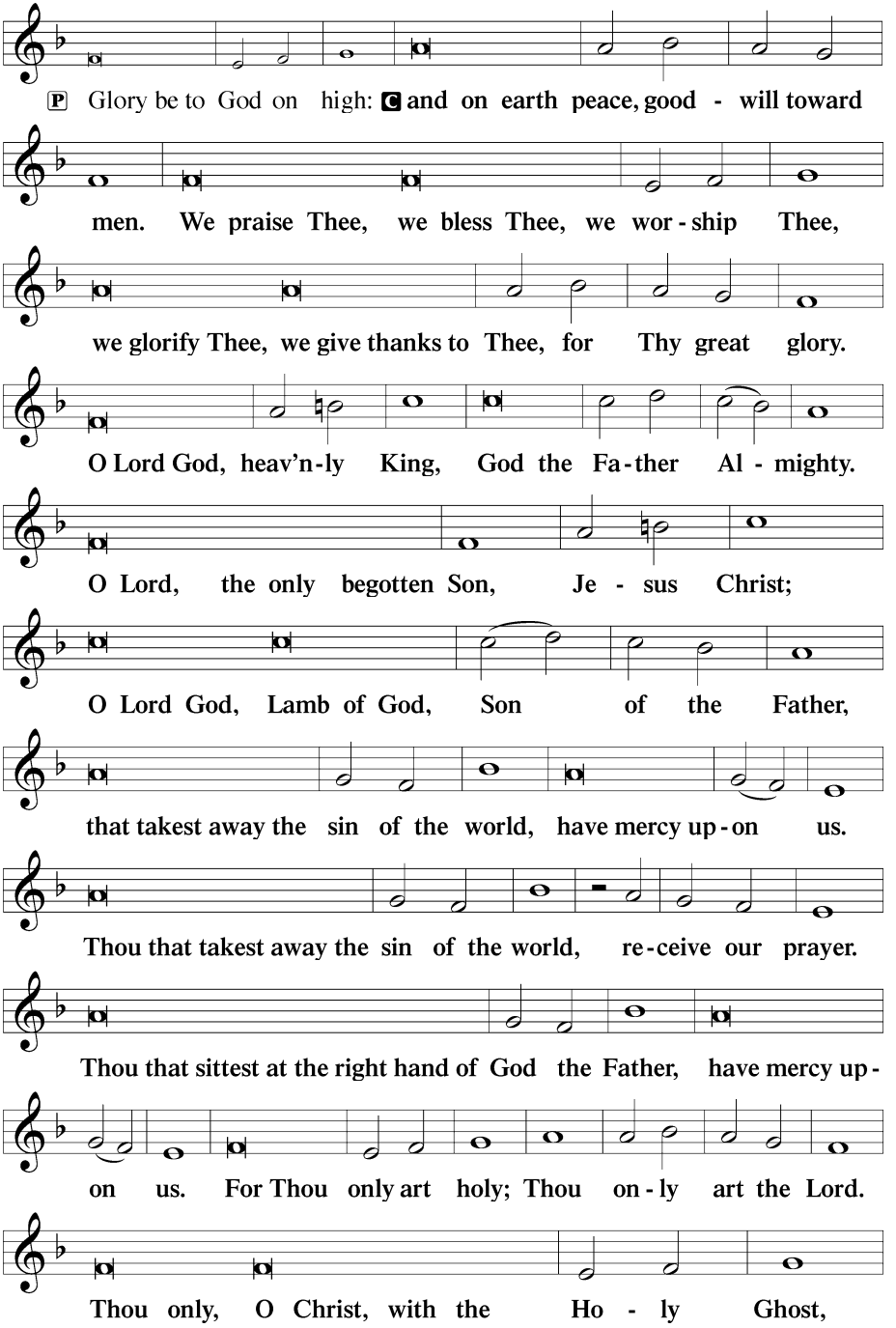
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.
How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!
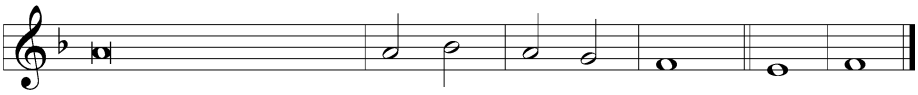


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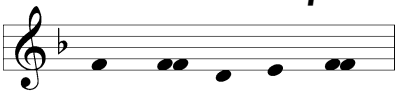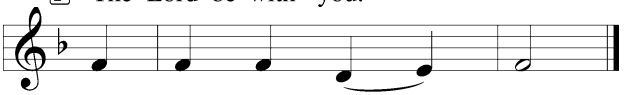


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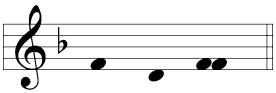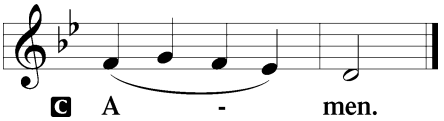




Salutation and Collect of the Day







P Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 35:5–8**

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
8And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

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

Gradual — **Psalm 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c**

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
How sweet are your words | to my taste,*
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle — **2 Timothy 4:5–18**
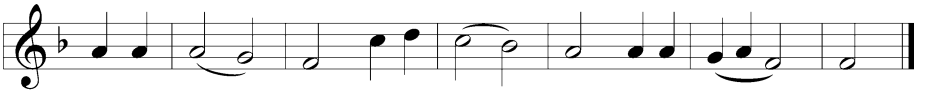
5As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
6For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.
9Do your best to come to me soon. 10For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. 12Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. 13When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. 15Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. 16At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 17But the Lord stood by

me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18]The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
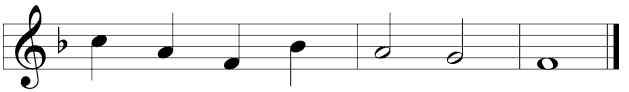
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Alleluia **LSB 190**
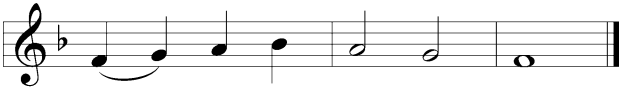


Holy Gospel **Luke 10:1–9**

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



[1]After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. [2]And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. [3]Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. [4]Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. [5]Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' [6]And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. [7]And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. [8]Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. [9]Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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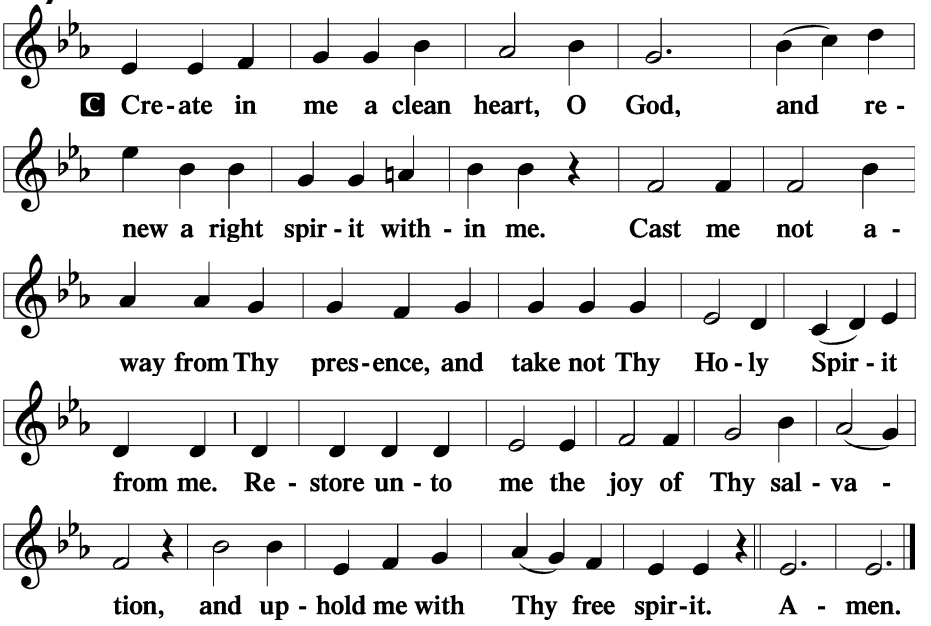
810 O God of God, O Light of Light

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Offering

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor will include these requests during the Prayers of the

Church.

Three ways to give:

1) offering plate—cash or check.
2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the "Give" icon.
3) by mail.
4) scan the QR code below and enter information on Rebel Give.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfast faith, that we may endure in time of test, trial and tribulation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all outside the faith, that their blindness and deafness would be cleared away so they may know the riches of God's grace, the gift of forgiveness and the promise of life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of faithful servants of the Word, that as laborers in God's harvest they would truly fulfill the divine command and preach nothing contrary to the Lord's Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all people as they fulfill their godly vocations: for fathers, mothers and children; for husbands and wives; for friends and neighbors; for laborers and employers; and for teachers and students, that the Lord would grant us delight in His lovingkindness and joy as we serve our neighbor with good works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of authority among us, that God would guide them by His Spirit to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution and unwavering in duty; and for our nation and its people, that we may be governed quietly and peaceably, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick, distressed, injured and grieving, *[especially _____,]* that they may receive from the Great Physician healing according to God's will, courage to face this life's tribulations and faith in His promise of perfect healing in heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune this day, that they may receive this Sacrament rightly as Christ's true medicine of immortality; and that, with faith strengthened and sins forgiven, they may live in holiness and godliness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

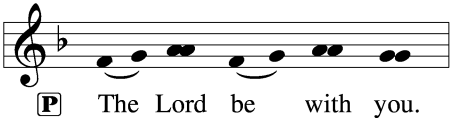
These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

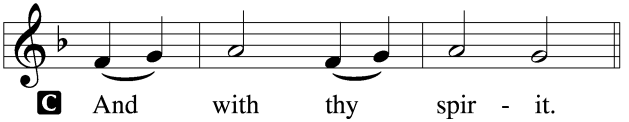
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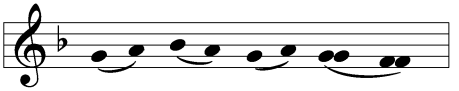
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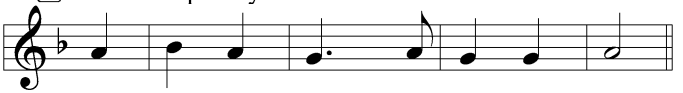
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our 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.
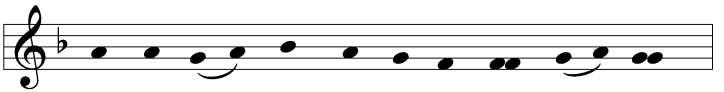
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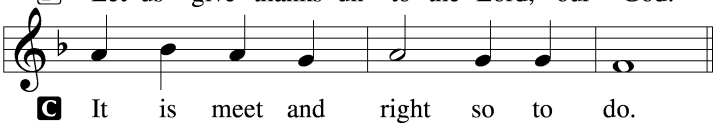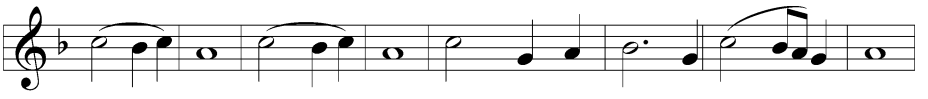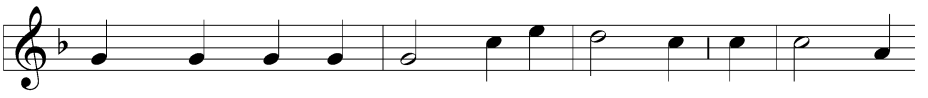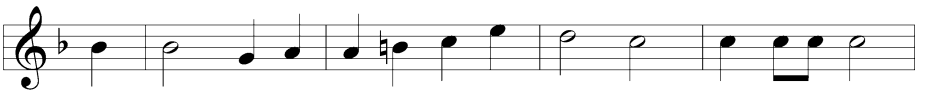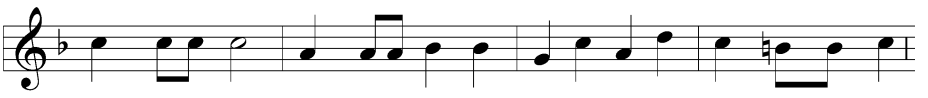












P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:
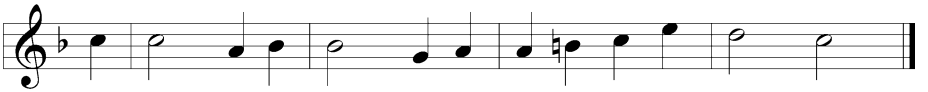
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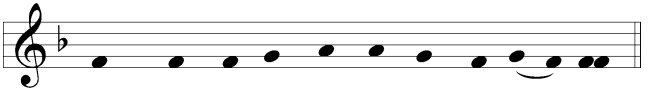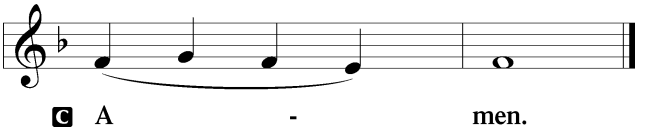










Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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.
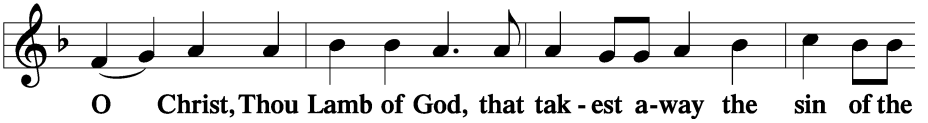
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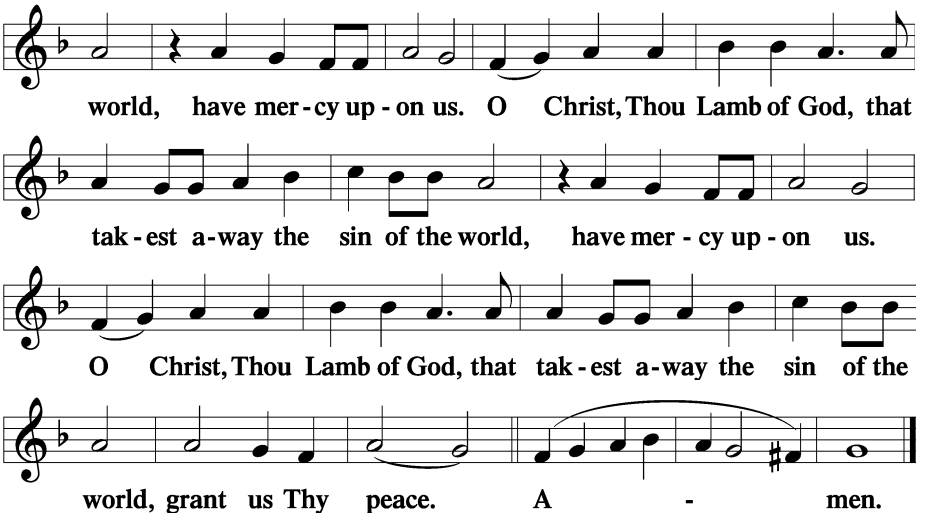
Pax Domini LSB 197





Agnus Dei 198





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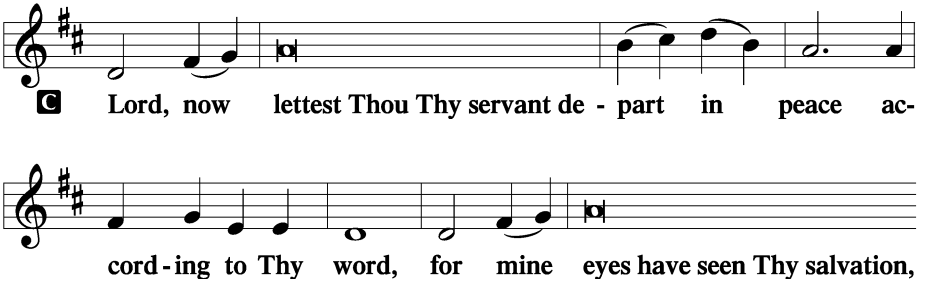
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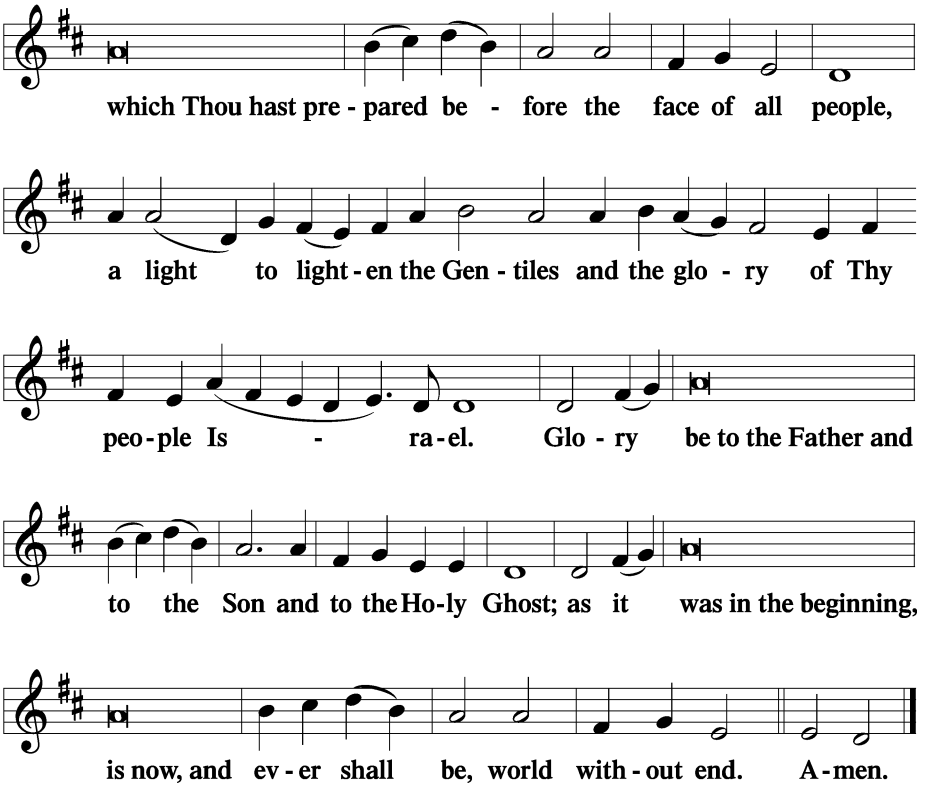
627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

547 The Lamb

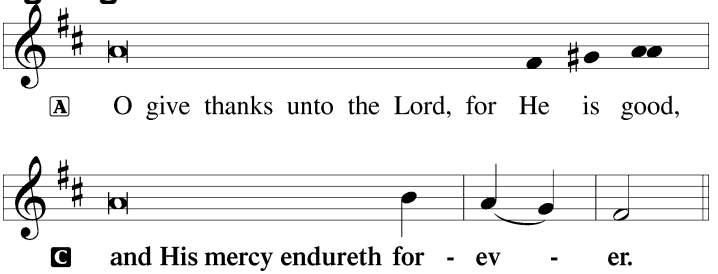
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Nunc Dimittis **LSB 199**





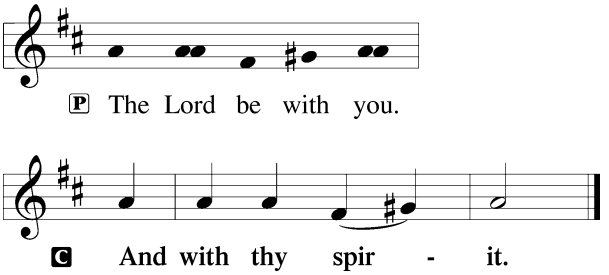
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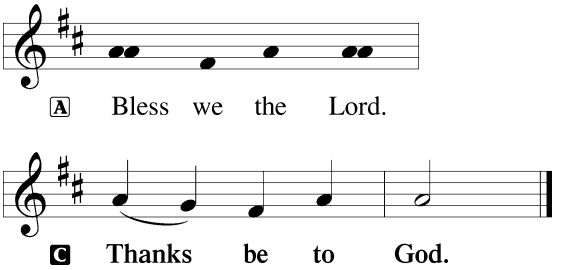
A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

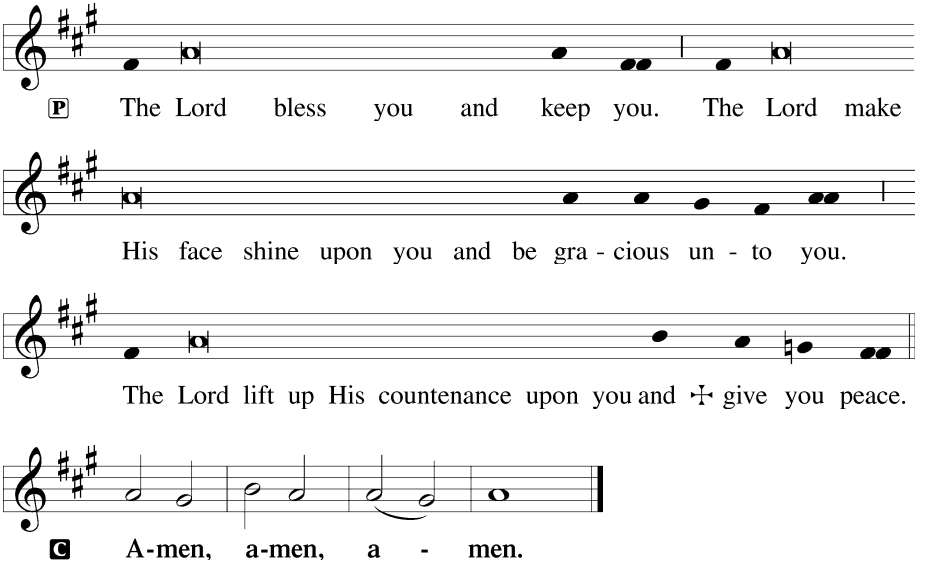
C **Amen.**



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SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Peyton Holland
Ushers: Rick Hutson & Wayne Schremp
Holy Communion Assistant: Randy Ruzicka
Organist: Todd

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	39
Second Week	48
Third Week	
Fourth Week	

Your Financial Support of Your Church	10/11/2026	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	$2,902.00	$118,982.00
Actual Offerings, including online offerings (Budget)	$2,477.00	$101,319.73
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-$425.00	-$17,662.27
% Ahead/Behind	-14.6%	-14.8%

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. *Adoration*: praising God for who He is. *Confession*: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. *Thanksgiving*: thanking God for specific blessings. *Supplication*: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound **Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.**

For healing and continued recovery **Bill Staffen** (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), **Dustin Hutson** (recovering from a brain bleed), **Carol Steiger-Rudoff** (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law, cancer), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment), **Maia Rottler** (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler, Leukemia treatment), **Connie Schwent.**

For those celebrating birthdays in October • **Eva May Rolfe (Oct. 03)**, **Stacy Bell** (Oct. 06), **Timothy Inman** (Oct. 07), **Ethan Schremp** (Oct. 08) **James Bell (**Oct. 17), **Pastor Peyton Holland** (Oct. 22), **Hayleigh Holland** (Oct. 24), **Cindy Hutson** (Oct. 28), **Victoria Perschbacher** (Oct. 30).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in October - • **Nathan and Amanda Ringwald (**Oct.01**), Michael and Bonnie Keir** (Oct. 27**), Rick and Cindy Hutson (**Oct. 28)

For local, state, and national elected officials that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community that more people are made to cease their sinful faithlessness and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our church family We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

To submit a prayer request for inclusion in the bulletin, please call the church office at 573-883-5361 or email holycrossstegen@gmail.com. Prayer requests will continue to be listed until removal is requested.