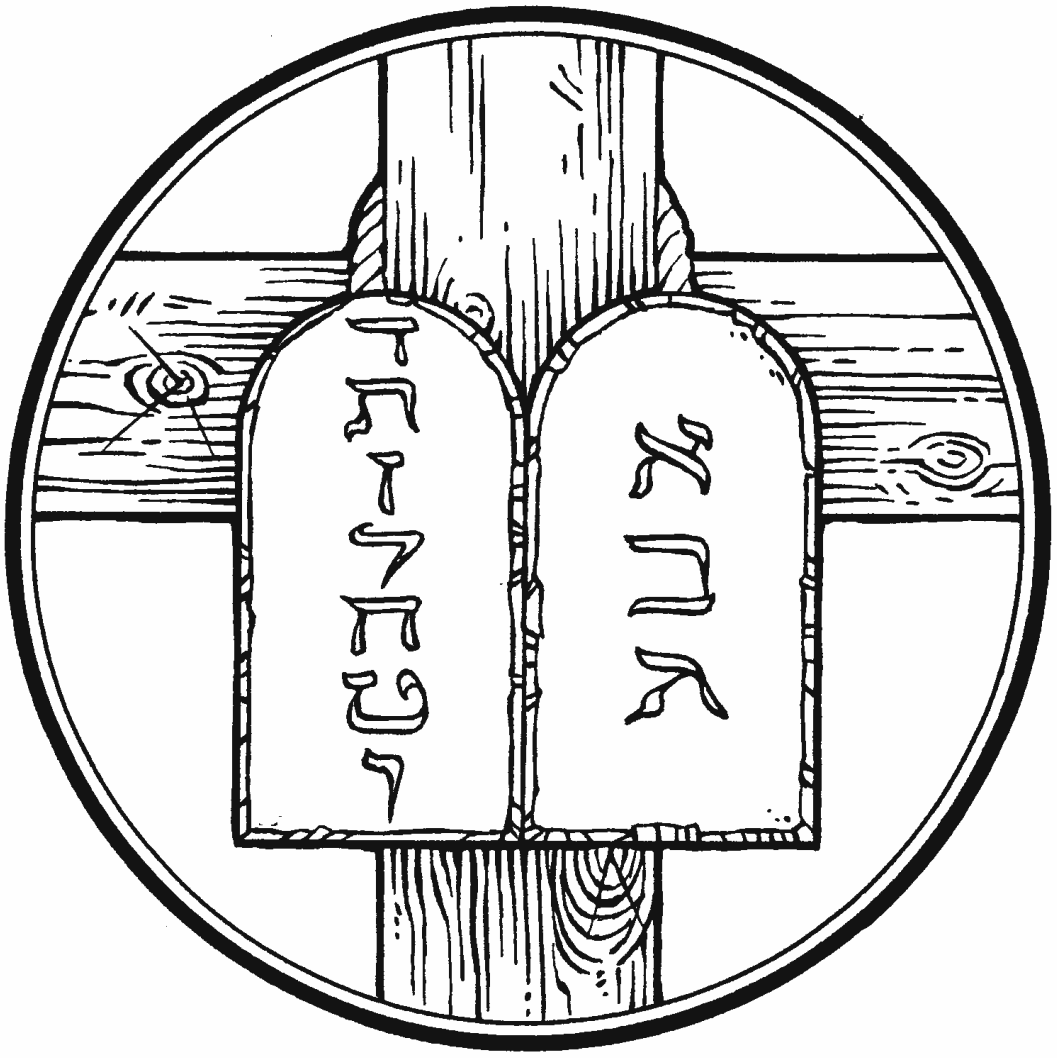
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Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service One

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Opening Hymn **#797 Praise the Almighty**



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Tune: New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf, 1665, Ansbach
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Invocation

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.**

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.**

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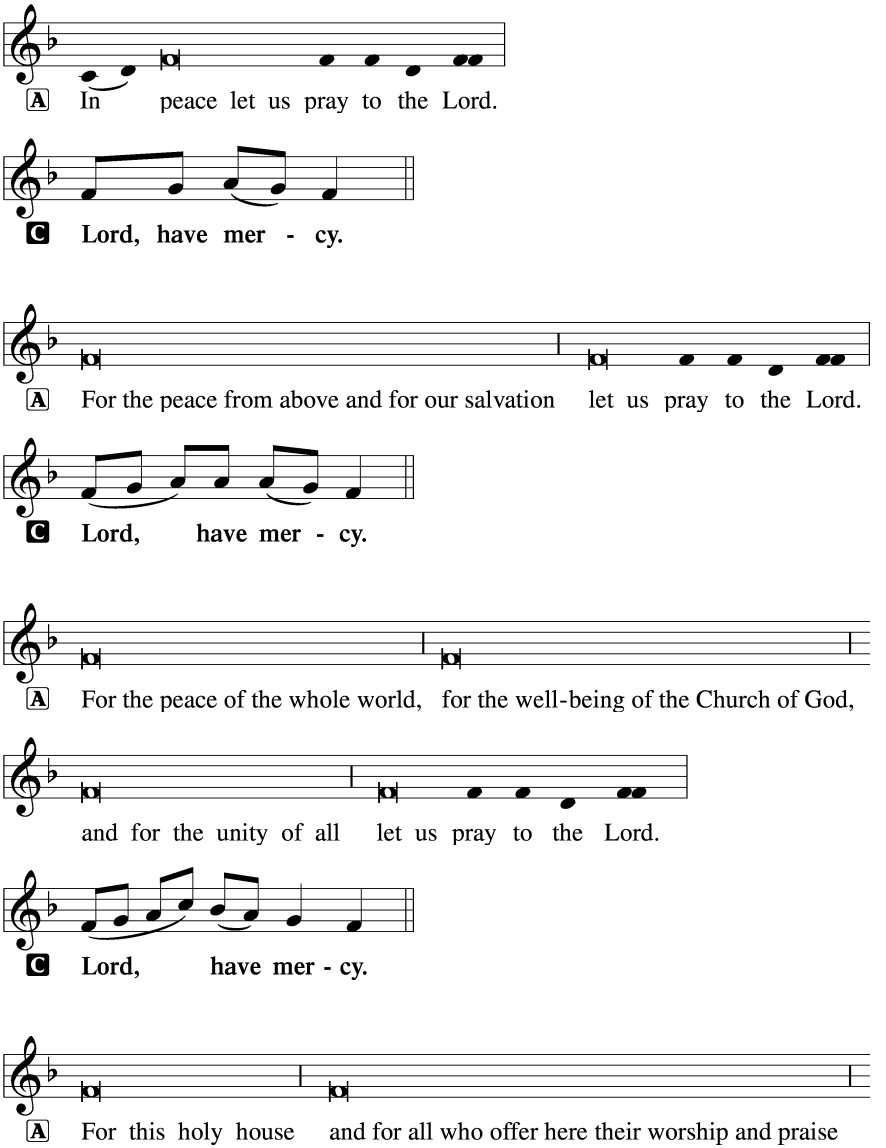
Introit *(sung responsively)*



Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
  and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
  according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
  "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
  May they be secure who | love you!
For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
  I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"
For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
  I will | seek your good.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

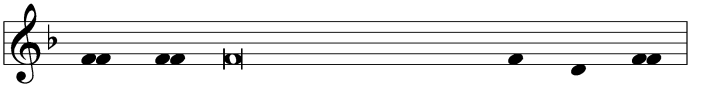
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

Kyrie











Gloria in Excelsis



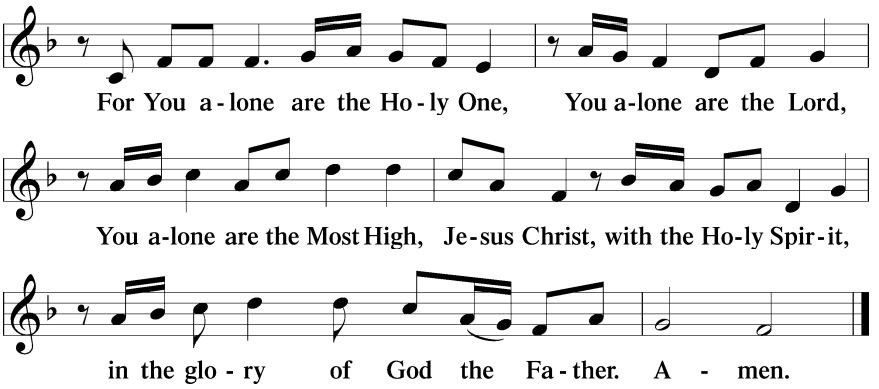




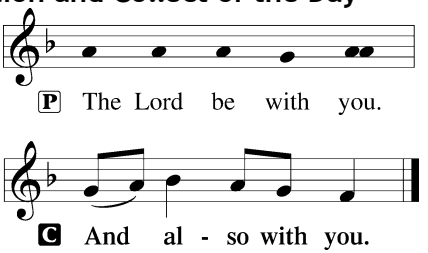








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

Circumcise Your Heart

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD
your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am
commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the
heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers
and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16 Circumcise
therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 For the LORD your God is God of
gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no
bribe. 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him

food and clothing. [19]Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. [20]You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. [21]He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Greeting

[1]Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
[2]To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: [3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

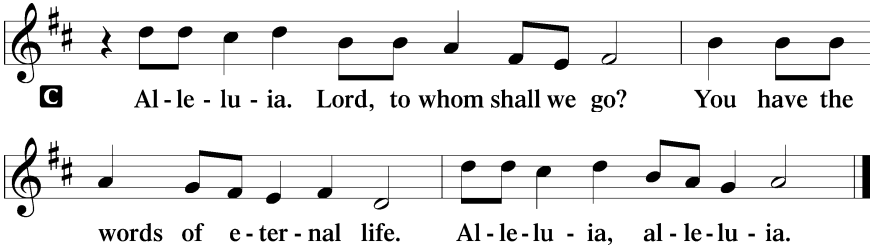
Thanksgiving

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

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



The Great Commandment

34When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
35And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And he said to him, **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."**

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying, **"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"** They said to him, "The son of David."
43He said to them**, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,**

**44"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?
45If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"** 46And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

Hymn of the Day — #694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Those in need of strength and healing

LaNora Palmateer (grandmother of DoRena Wirgau)
Tyler and Emma (friends of the Demalija's)
Lucas Reish (friend of Autumn Fisher)
Linda Trammel (grandmother of Ron Trammel)
Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)
James DeFrain, Kenneth Werling, Denny Nahrwold
Jenny Peterson (friend of Cheryl Louison)
Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)
Grace Anderson (friend of Macie Saalfrank)
Hazel Krenzke (granddaughter of Dan and Sue Buchinger)
Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

For the continued efforts of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Mariel Kleppinger, Nicole Meyer, Sierra Patrick, Kelly (Meyer) Warnimont*

We pray for our members shut-in:

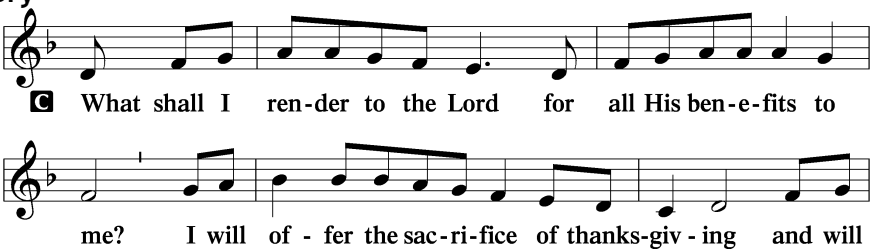
Sandy Avey (Ossian Healthcare)
Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)
Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

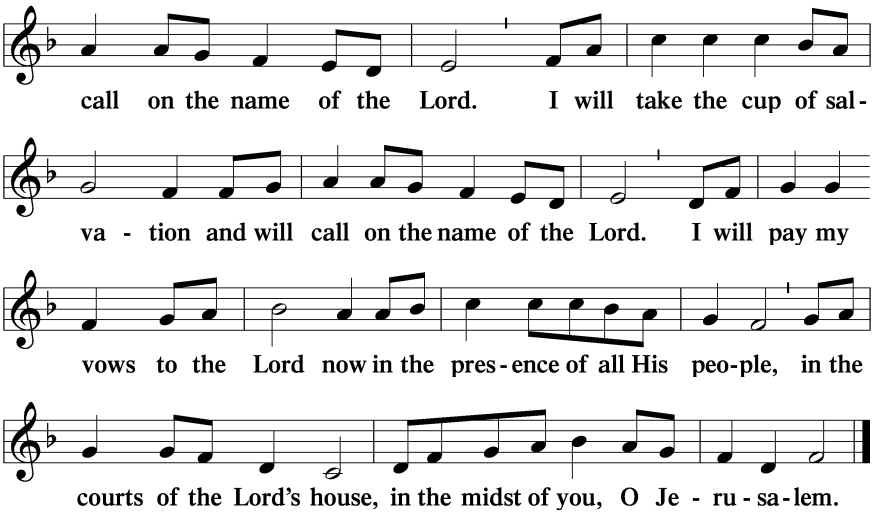
We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering

Offertory





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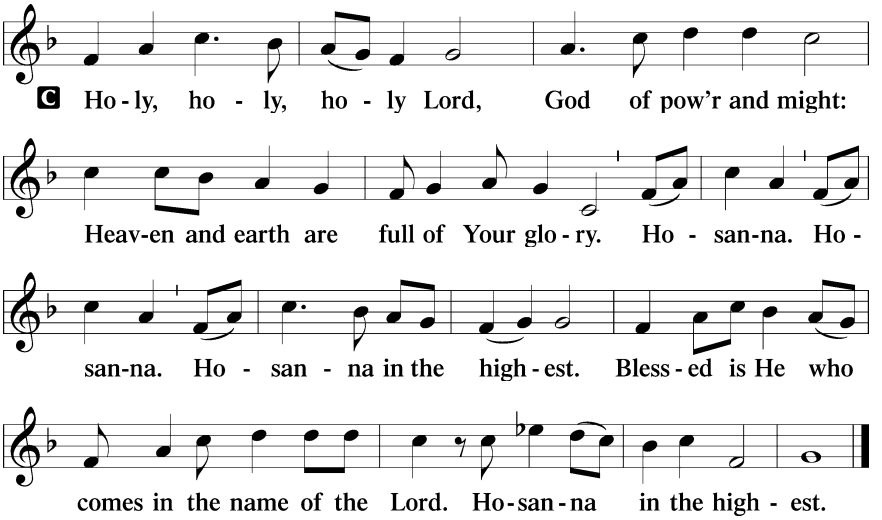
Preface



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . 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.**

Lord's Prayer

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

℣ **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;

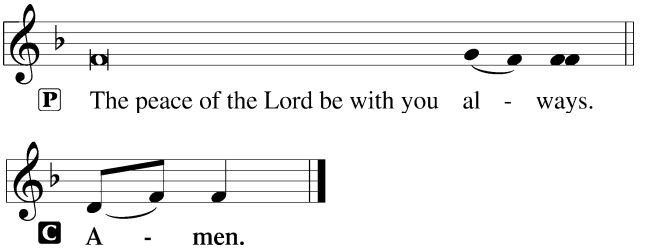
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

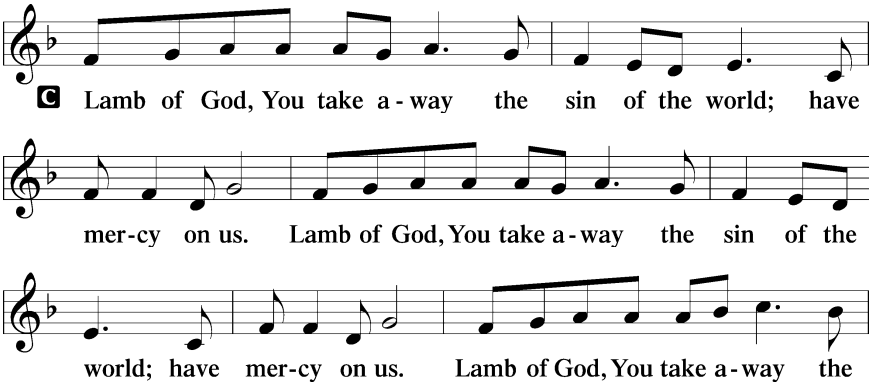
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei



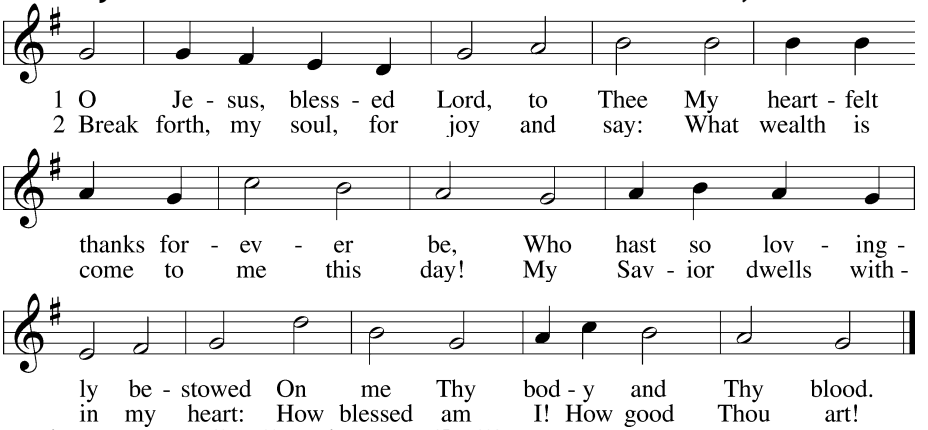


Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. **Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.**

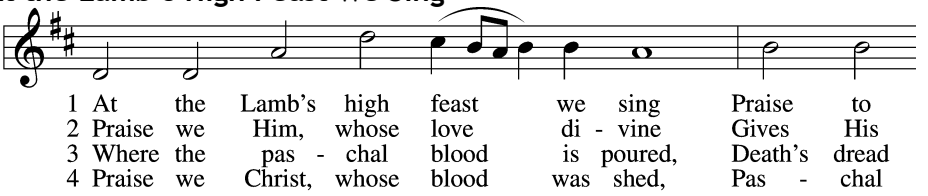
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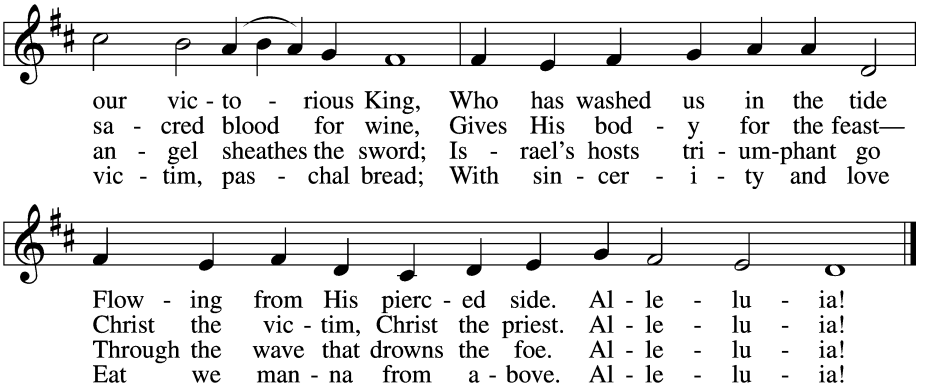
#632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



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#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing





5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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#696 O God, My Faithful God

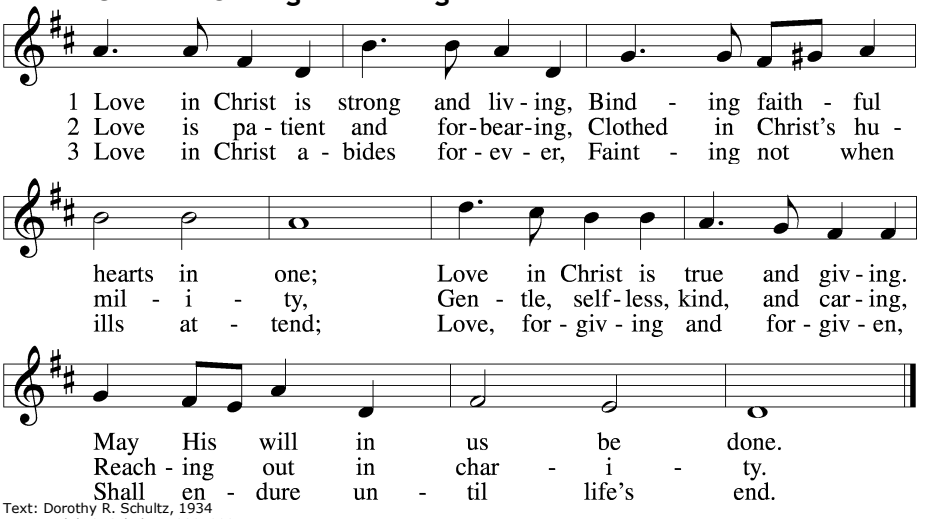


5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

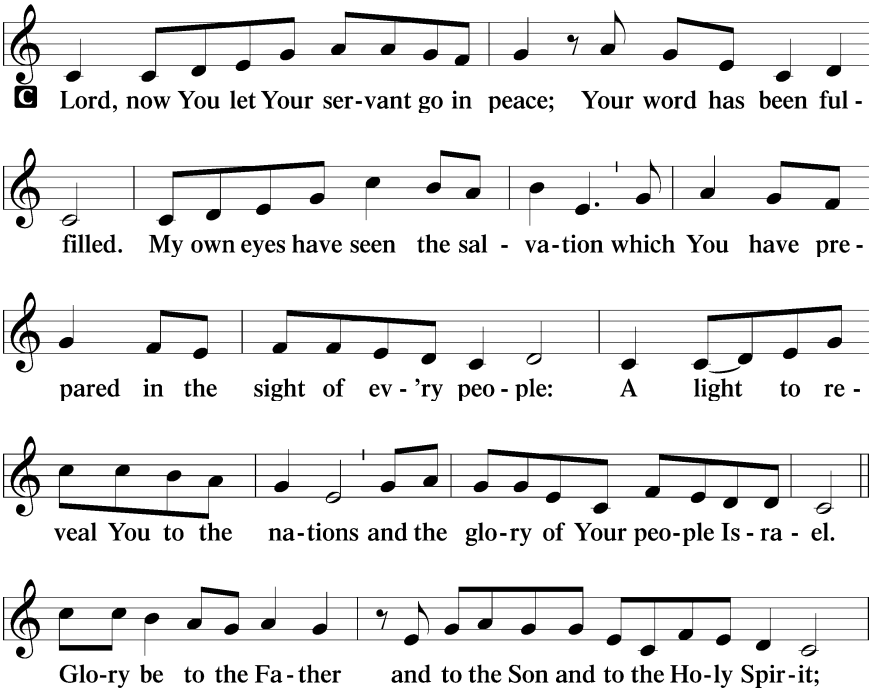
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#706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



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Nunc Dimittis





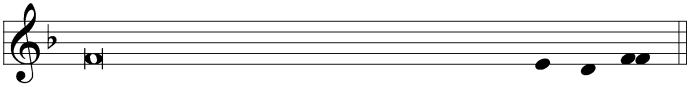
Post-Communion Collect

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.



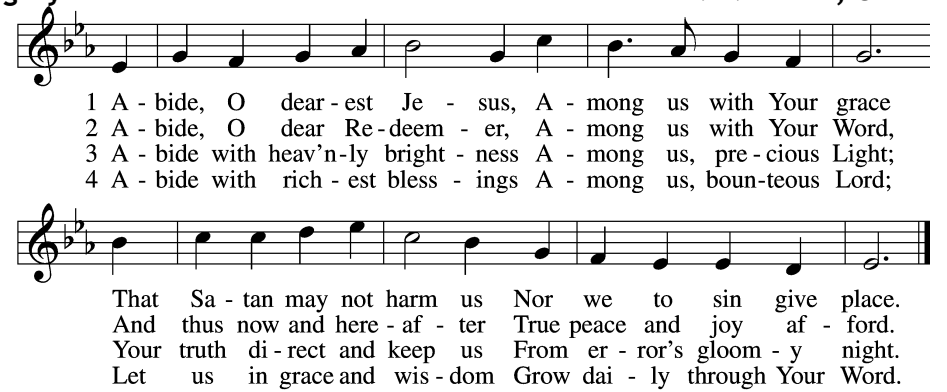
Benediction



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 #919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to sign one of the register books located in each of the church foyers. If you would like to be contacted by the pastor or an elder, then please take a moment to fill out one of the green cards on the narthex tables and give it to an elder or drop it in the offering collection plate. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again. Thank you!

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

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TODAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	1:00 p.m.	WOB Blanket Sewing (school art room)
	2:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	**10:00 a.m.**	**Chapel Service**
	7:00 p.m.	**Spoken Divine Service**
	NO	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	WOB Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11-1:00 p.m.	Pork Chop Carry out – Gym Kitchen
	11:30 a.m	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

PASTORS CALENDAR - Pastor Wirgau will be gone this morning attending to his duties as a Circuit Visitor. Feel free to contact him if you have any special needs. Thank you.

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning, have been given to the glory of God in grateful remembrance of Bruce Thorpe's birthday from wife Diana Thorpe.

LWML SUNDAY –TODAY October 4th – The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is dedicated to supporting missions and spreading the Gospel through service, prayer and financial grants. The Bethlehem LWML ladies will be serving delicious breakfast items during Bible Class and will be collecting "Mites" (small offerings) turning them into powerful blessings around the world. Blankets made by our sewing committee are on display in the sanctuary. Those blankets will be given to residents in need and also families experiencing a homeless crisis. May the Lord grant us supportive hearts and allow us to support these efforts that go forth in His name.
Vicar Preus will be speaking during the Bible Class hour.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

PUBLIC CIRCUIT FORUM to be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Bingen on October 18th at 2:00p.m. All are welcome to attend.

PORK CHOP DINNER fundraiser. Sunday, October 11th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This will be a drive thru only with pick up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry and the Women of Bethlehem project fund. Cost is $15.00 per dinner. Includes: Pork Chop, cheesy potatoes, green beans and a roll. To preorder your dinners contact: Pat Meyer at 260-227-0400 or email at spmeyer82@gmail.com
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT: Please see the sign up sheets available in the north hallway. Thank you

Please join us for a Pride & Prejudice Themed Movie Event! Hosted by Women of Bethlehem and Leaf & Lore, Ossian on Friday, October 9th in the Fellowship Hall. The event admission includes Teatime Treats and Tea Service, Goodie Bag, Activities and Prizes. Our Feature Film is showing of the 2005 Feature Film starring Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfadyen. Come dressed in your best Regency-themed outfit and enjoy a grand evening! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with the event beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $21 and available online on the Leaf & Lore Facebook page for ticket info.

ALL SAINTS DAY INSERT - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 1st. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm or the church office with their name(s) by October 28th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

SENIOR DINNER – New Hope Lutheran Church is again offering a Senior Dinner on October 15th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Ed Rahn discussing railroad safety. Free will donation will be accepted. To RSVP call 260-622-7954 or 260-223-4830.

Bethlehem Swiss Steak Dinner – Christmas Sip & Shop Market - Vendor sign-ups
Along with our annual Swiss Steak Dinner, we will also be hosting our first Christmas Sip & Shop Market on Sunday, November 1st with serving Dine in or Carry out from 11-1:30 p.m. Shopping from 10:30-2:00 p.m. We are inviting crafters, makers, and small businesses to join us as vendors for this festive community event. Booths are 10 x10, and vendors must bring their own table. Special rates for Bethlehem members: $10 for a booth, or $25 for the community. Vendor registration can be found on our church's website, blcsossian.org under the church tab. We are also asking for 2 members to donate a Thrivent card to help support the events expenses. Please text or call Erin Schumm at 260-437-3717 if you are able to contribute.

INVITATION – St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Church is going to hold their 181st anniversary church dinner on October 11th from 10-12:30 p.m. Dinner includes: Swiss Steak / Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner roll, Dessert- Adults $12.00 and Children 12 and under $6.00. Dine in or Drive thru.

SCRIP – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. **For questions or for placing an order, please contact Jill Holtzclaw 260-301-1965 our current PTL representative.**

IMPROVEMENT FUNDS NEEDED - We have two major projects starting up: **replacing a failed HVAC unit and replacing the roof on the parsonage.** These necessary repairs will use nearly all of the funds currently in our Improvement Fund. We humbly ask you to ***prayerfully consider giving above your usual contribution*** to help offset these expenses. Every gift, no matter what the amount, will make a difference in maintaining our church property and supporting our church family. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support!

Offering Sept. 27, 2026

Average weekly need $14,000

Home Fund Env.	$7,152.03
Synod	
Loose	372.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	2,100.00
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Organ Fund	
Relief Fund	200.00
Total	$9,824.03

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance $30,465.55
Next week's bills due: $15,000
Bills due two weeks: $5,000
Savings Account Balance $101,390.59
Borrowed from Savings: $18,613.75
Special Project Fund $85,572.51
Operating Loan Balance $0.00
Total available to borrow $30,000

Church Attendance

Sunday	184/141
Wednesday	15/11

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

DRIVE - THRU
Pork Chop Dinner

6514 E. 750 N. Ossian

Sunday, Oct. 11th

11am—1 pm

Cost: $15.00



Dinner includes:
Smoked Pork Chop, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and Roll

TO PREORDER YOUR DINNERS CONTACT:

Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 - spmeyer82@gmail.com
Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526 - clouison@ymail.com

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

Proceeds Benefit Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry and Women of Bethlehem Project Fund

The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the sojouner" (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and ctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see t "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.
Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn of the Week: **"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" LSB #694**

Recite the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed (LSB pg. 264)

The Catechism:

What does God say about all these commandments?

What does God say about all these commandments?He says: "I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:5-6

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

What is James 2:10?

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. James 2:10

Psalm Ps. 34 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147
P.M.	127	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	John 12:1-11 - Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany Deuteronomy 5:1-21
Tues.	John 12:12-26 - Palm Sunday Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9
Wed.	John 12:27-41 - The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Thu.	John 14:1-14 - Jesus Is the Way to the Father Deuteronomy 7:1-19
Fri.	John 19:1-24 - Jesus Is Crucified Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Sat.	*Look ahead to Sunday's Readings*

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes For Prayer

Sunday: *For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.*

Monday: *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*

Wednesday: *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

Friday: *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

Saturday: *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In our Prayers this week: Strength and healing: *LaNora, Tyler, Emma, Lucas, Linda, Sharolyn, Denny, James, Kenneth, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra;* ***Expectant mothers:*** *Mariel, Nicole, Sierra, Kelly;* ***Homebound:*** *Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Martha, and Sandy.*

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
(LSB pg. 266)

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Looking forward to Sunday Morning: Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-17; Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28
Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8; Hymns: 716, 708, 634, 636, 611, 748, 685



LWML Sunday – Blankets made by our Bethlehem Ladies Blanket Committee are on display this today as you enter the sanctuary.