

Grace Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bible Classes: [not meeting]
Worship 10:00 A.M.



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WELCOME! We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

THOSE who serve us:

Elder	
Altar	Piano/OrganSherry Rhoadarmer
Flowers	Courtesy
Greeters	
Ushers	
Church Cleaner	Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary	Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teach	erDeb Evans

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Sherry Rhoadarmer, Eunice Masters, Ben Schaer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Little Lambs is back this week! Please keep Deb and the children in your prayers.

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) masks, while not required, may be used; 3) we will refrain from shaking hands; 4) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 5) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 6) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 7) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 8) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

This is something we are dealing with in our community and our congregation. We need to watch out for each other, help one another to care for our bodies and lives, encourage one another with the hope we have in Jesus' victory over death, and pray for ourselves and others that God would continue to lead and guide us.

STEWARDSHIP:

Luke 19:45-46 – "And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of robbers.' "The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord's House for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the Church is for. This is God's House, where we come to hear His Word and offer Him our worship and praise in word and deed. We're not looking for a profit here, we're looking to give back and support the preaching of God's Word and the Church's care for the poor and needy.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485

As of August 1st, we have received \$72,123.56 in offerings.

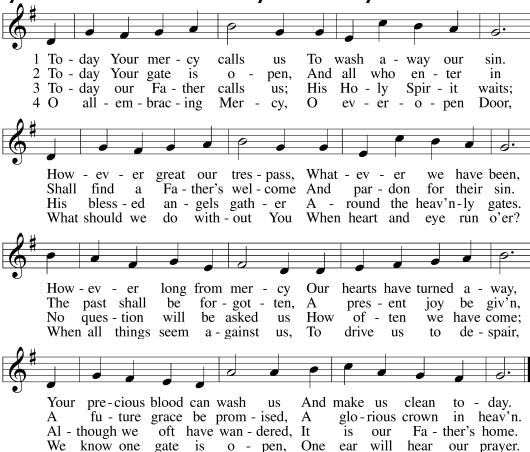


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The Lutheran Church Extension Fund also has an app available for online giving, called GivePlus. You can find it in the App Store or the Google Play store.



Hymn of Invocation: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



Please stand, as you are able

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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. [Matthew 28:19]
- 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.

 [Hebrews 10:22]

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

 Psalm 124:8
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

 Psa

Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Introit Psalm 55:1, 4–5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a



I call to God, and he | hears my voice;* he redeems my soul in | safety.

Cast your burden | on the LORD,* and he will sus- | tain you.

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,* and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

My heart is in anguish with- | in me;*

the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

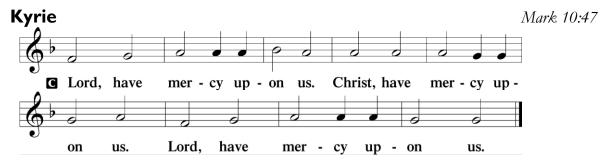
Fear and trembling come up- | on me,* and horror over- | whelms me.

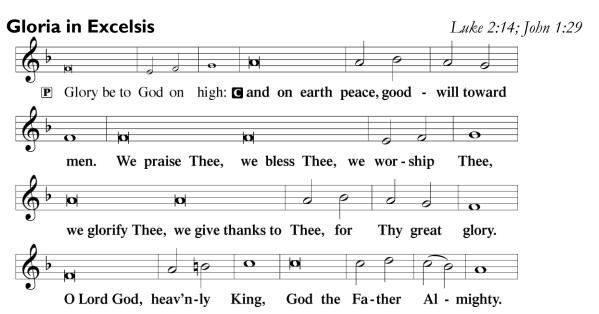
But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.

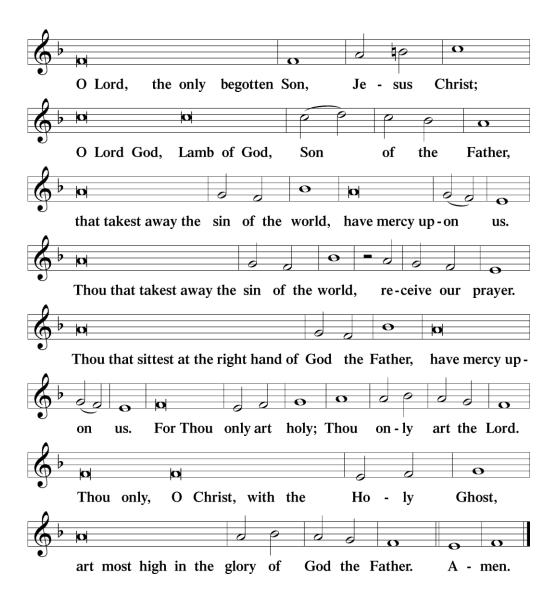
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I call to God, and he | hears my voice;*
he redeems my soul in | safety.

Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

Let us pray. O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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

Jeremiah 7:1–11

Evil in the Land

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD."

⁵"For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, ⁷then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

⁸"Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD."

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

Gradual Psalm 17:8, 2

Keep me as the apple | of your eye;* hide me in the shadow | of your wings.

From your presence let my vindi- | cation come!*
Let your eyes be- | hold the right!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Spiritual Gifts

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

A This is the Word of the Lord. CThanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 19:41–48

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

⁴⁵And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

and was made man;

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.

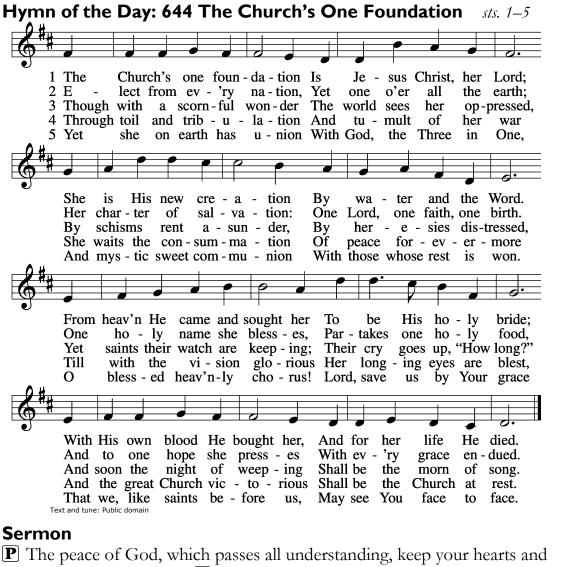
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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.



Sermon

minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 Amen.





[Offering at the back of church] [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18] Reception of New Members—Sharla Roth & Thomas Sandoz

- Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- \mathbf{R} Yes, I do.

- **P** Do you renounce the devil? **R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- **P** Do you renounce all his works? **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce all his ways? R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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.
- Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? R I do.
- Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? R I do.
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully? R I do, by the grace of God.
- **P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation? \mathbb{R} I do.
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

 R I do, by the grace of God.

- Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- R I will, with the help of God.
- Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. CAmen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

- [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- R Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

- \mathbf{P} Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one Amen. God, now and forever. C
- Peace + be with you. C Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

 Gracious heavenly Father, keep us, Your baptized children, as the apple of Your eye and hide us in the shadow of Your wings. Turn us from all false doctrine, whereby Your holy name is blasphemed and profaned. Give ear to our prayers for mercy, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Fill Your vineyard with faithful laborers, O Lord. Bless them with Your wisdom, that they would be faithful stewards of Your mysteries, making known Your gracious visitation in the Holy Word and Sacraments, which deliver eternal salvation to those who hear and receive in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

- Defend Your Church throughout the world, O Lord. Give strength to our brothers and sisters in Christ who experience persecution, and turn the hearts of our enemies, that they would be brought to repentance and faith and joined to the fellowship of all believers. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Give us hearts to recognize that all that we have comes from Your gracious provisions, and keep us faithful when we have more than we need, that we would be generous in our tithes and offerings and in our assistance of those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Bless the relief agencies of our Synod and all other groups who provide relief and aid to those in need. Let compassion and mercy be their guiding light, and give wisdom and discernment to those who administer these agencies, that their use of resources would be wise and beneficial. Lord, in Your mercy,

 C hear our prayer.
- Bless Donald, our president; _______, our governor; all those who make and administer our laws; and all judges, that they might serve our country faithfully and make decisions with wisdom. Defend all who serve in our military, and give courage to both them and their families. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Support and strengthen those who are sick or suffering [including _______]. In the midst of their trials, keep them always focused upon Christ and the everlasting hope they have in Him, and, if it be Your will, restore them to physical health and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- We give You thanks, heavenly Father, for the great gift Your Son, Jesus, has given us in His Holy Supper. As we join together with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in lauding and praising You,

lift up our hearts, that we would rightly receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']

It is truly meet, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- 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 John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

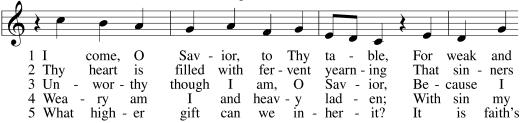
We ask all who desire to receive communion to please read the communion statement at the front of the bulletin. For those approaching the Lord's Table this day, we ask you to come individually or by family group.

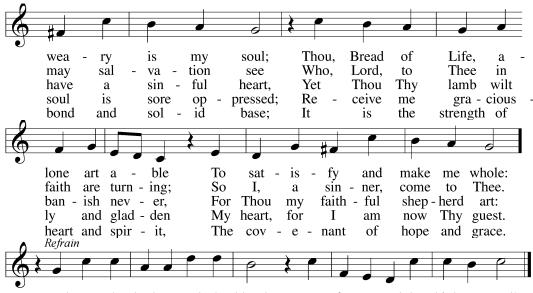
Following Communion, the following is said:

- 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.

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



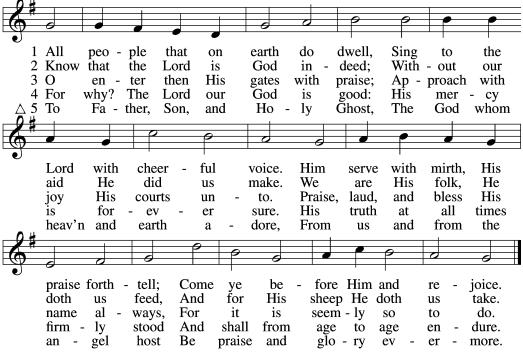


Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood

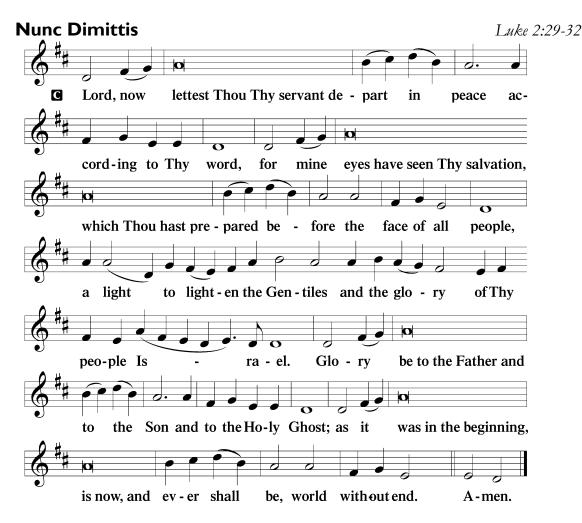
Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Stand



Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1

- (A) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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. CAmen.

P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22
[Psalm 103:1]

Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

P 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.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: TLH 419 O'er Jerusalem Thou Weepest



- 1 O'er Je ru sa lem Thou weep-est In com pas sion, dear -
- 2 By the love Thy tears are tell-ing, O Thou Lamb for sin
- 3 O Thou Lord of my sal va tion, Grant my soul Thy blood -



- est Lord. Love di vine, of love the deep est, O'er Thine
- ners slain, Make my heart Thy tem ple dwell ing, Purged from
- bo't peace. By Thy tears of lam en ta tion Bid my



err - ing Is - rael poured, Cri - eth out in bit - ter moan: ev - 'ry guilt - y stain. Oh, for - give, for - give, my sin! faith and love in - crease. Grant me grace to love Thy Word,



"O loved cit - y, hadst thou known Cleanse me, cleanse me, Lord, with - in! Grace to keep the mes - sage heard, This thy day of I am Thine since Grace to own Thee



vis - i - ta - tion,
Thou hast sought me,
as my Trea - sure,
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Thou wouldst not re - ject sal - va - tion."

Since Thy pre - cious blood hath bo't me.

Grace to love Thee with - out mea - sure.

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Announcements:

We welcome Sharla Roth & Thomas Sandoz to gather with us around the Lord's Table today to receive Jesus' life-giving Body and Blood. We rejoice as they confess their faith together with us and join in the fellowship and life that Christ has given us in this congregation!

Bob Reutter will be receiving a Quilt of Valor at the Legion Hall, Monday at 2:00 pm. Everyone who would like to attend is welcome. Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for your service to our nation!

Thought for the Day:

