



TRINITY 17

“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
²with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love”

EPHESIANS 4:1-2

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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/Organ...Kay Kruger
Flowers Courtesy.....
Greeters.....
Ushers
Church CleanerLisa Johnson
Church Secretary.....Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool TeacherDeb Evans

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Wynn Coon, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Karen Prussia, Helen Kling, Rev. Michael Wittrock, Nancy Russell, Marvin Roth, Pat Harris, Lori Armstrong, Leora Likens, Bob Reutter



Hymn: 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

sts. 1, 6, 9



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
6 For - give our sins, Lord, we im - plore, That they may trou - ble
9 A - men, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
us no more; We, too, will glad - ly those for - give Who
You, that we May doubt not but with trust be - lieve That



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to
hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our com - mu - ni -
what we ask we shall re - ceive. Thus in Your name and at Your




say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
ty To serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.
Word We say, "A - men, O hear us, Lord!"

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Please stand, as you are able.

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,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

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.

[John 20:19-23]

Introit *Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124*



Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.

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.
 Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
 and right are your | just decrees.
 Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
 and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie

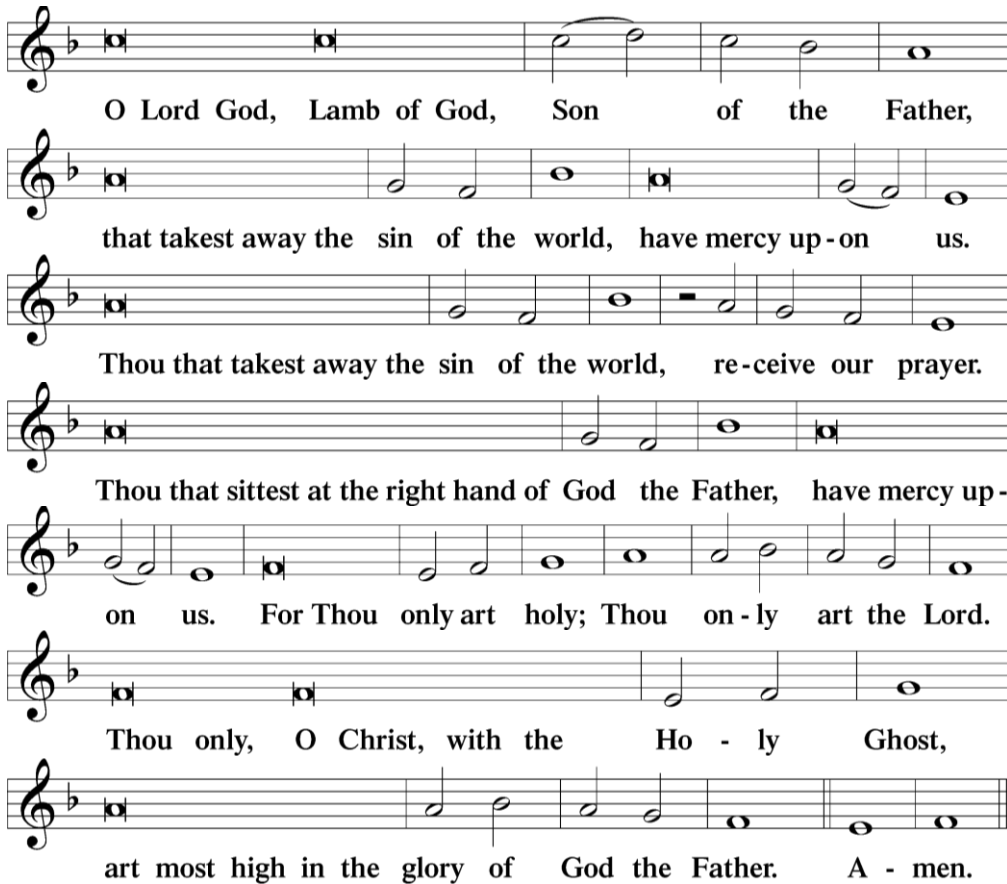
Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

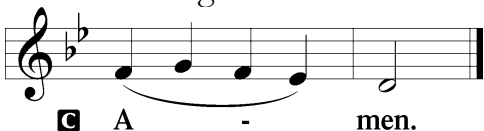
P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 25:6–14*

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the
king's presence
or stand in the place of the
great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come
up here,"
than to be put lower in the
presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into
court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you
to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your
neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's
secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring

shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no
end.
¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a
setting of silver.
¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament
of gold
is a wise reprov-er to a
listening ear.
¹³Like the cold of snow in the time
of harvest
is a faithful messenger to
those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his
masters.
¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift
he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 33:12, 6*



Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

Unity in the Body of Christ

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Stand

Verse of the Day

Psalm 95:1

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend,

move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

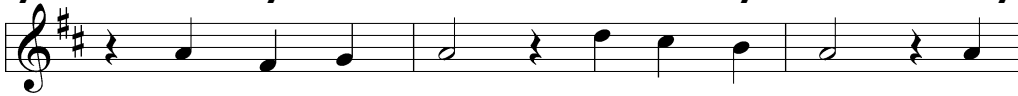
CI believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and
invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance 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.

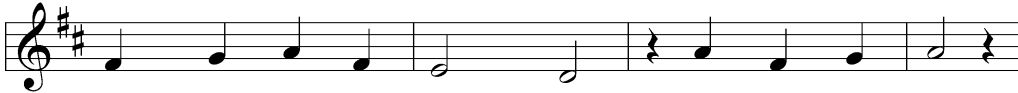
And He will come again with
glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no
end.

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 \dagger of the world to
come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed, The God-man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for-tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C** Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

[Offering at the back of church] *[1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]*

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.

Almighty Father, unite Your Church in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. Lead Christians who are at odds with one another to seek reconciliation in Christ and, as brothers, to bear with each other in love.

Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve and give success to the preaching of Your Holy Word. Through pastors, missionaries, church workers and the priesthood of all believers, send forth Your Son's gracious invitation to repent and believe and cause it to be received with joyful faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, You have given Your gift of holy marriage, and You preserve this estate against the forces of sin and Satan. Bless all married couples. Keep them faithful to each other in their vows and ready to welcome Your gift of children in their union, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, strengthen fathers to devote their households to Your Word and prayer, to bring their children faithfully to Christ's font, and faithfully to instruct their children in regular attendance at the Divine Service. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, uphold Joseph, our president; Peter, our governor; and all our leaders. Direct their work toward the common good of all people, which is found in God's Law written on our hearts and in Your righteous decrees — especially for the protection of the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, spare those who are ill, suffering or in sorrow [especially _____]. Comfort them with Your promise of constant care and mercy. Show compassion also to the bereaved. Comfort them with Your promise of a joyful reunion with Christ and their loved ones who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Bless all who will receive the Lord's Supper today to eat and drink in repentance and faith. Strengthen all believers through the forgiveness of sins promised in the Holy Scriptures, until at last we are welcomed together at Your eternal marriage feast. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P 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. **C** And with thy spirit. *2 Timothy 4:22*

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up unto the Lord. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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.'*]

P 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:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



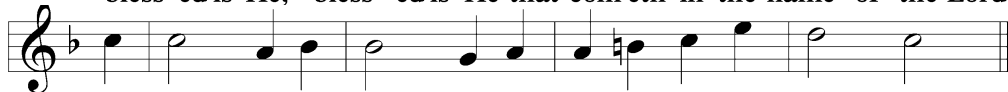
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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

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."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 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.

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.**

Distribution Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Distribution Hymn: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
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. **C Amen.**
P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit. 2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

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

Benediction

Numbers 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: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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Luke 14:5 – “And he said to them, ‘Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?’ ” The time is always ripe to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law – something less than love – that was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear but out of thanksgiving.

9/5: \$1692; 9/12: \$1822

Budget for 2021: \$124,440; **Weekly Need: \$2,393**

As of September 21st, we have received: \$91,254.35 (**\$2401.43 Average/Week**)

August Mission Project: Lutheran Classical College: \$360

September Mission Project: LCMS Disaster Response: \$165

Total Monthly Mission Giving YTD: \$4,334

September Missions Project: LCMS Disaster Response

Our Synod's Disaster Response organization is currently helping in response to three large disasters: Hurricane Ida in the Southern and Eastern United States, flooding in Ethiopia that has damaged the Lutheran Seminary and displaced LCMS missionaries there, and the recent earthquake in Haiti. Our donations will help purchase aid supplies and make it possible for response teams to continue to do their work.

Our October project will be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, don't forget the annual Bakeless Bake Sale!

The LWML Fall Rally will be next Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 9:30am, at Bethlehem Lutheran in Crawford. If you are planning to go, they would like to know by today, if possible.

LWML Sunday will be October 10th, and we will have our Missions Potluck to follow!

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