FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Rev. Patrick Poock

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “The hour” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “that they may be one” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “with one accord” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “Devoting themselves to prayer,” they wait upon the Lord in “the upper room” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:13).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each **Sunday** at **8:00 am** and **10:30 am** and **Wednesday** at **5:00 pm**. **Bible Class** is held on **Sunday** at **9:15 am** and **Wednesday** at **3:30 pm** and **6:30 pm**.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which

is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation, we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, **we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock.** In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD…For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

The second quarter of 2026 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for **Lutherans in Medical Missions (LIMM)**

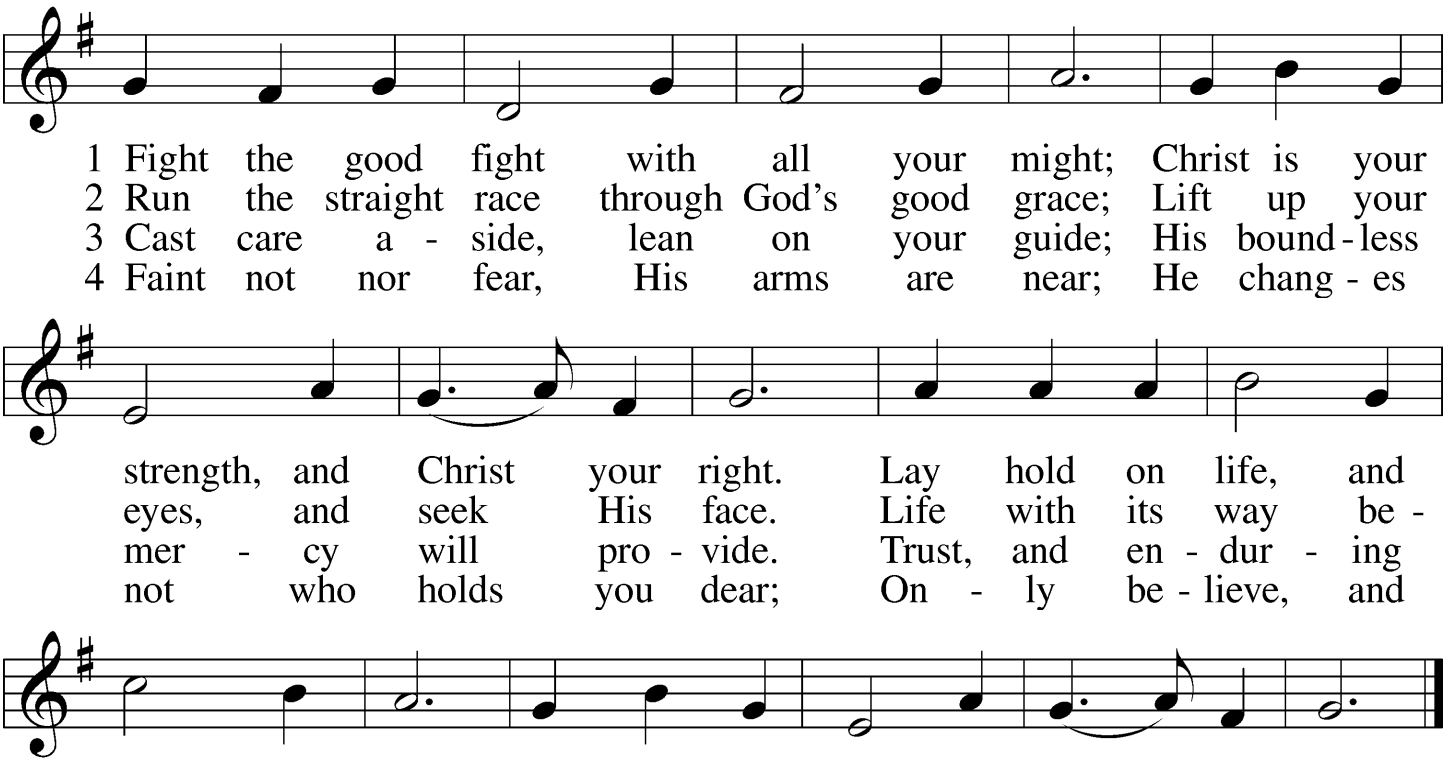
LIMM connects healthcare professionals with global mission work to share Christ's healing in underserved communities. Founded by medical workers and church leaders, it addresses the lack of medical service opportunities in LCMS missions. LIMM sends volunteers to countries around the world to provide care, train local communities, and support Lutheran missionaries. It also funds essential medical supplies and equipment through donations. LIMM relies on partners and supporters to continue its mission of bringing both physical and spiritual healing to those in need. https://limm.org

Weekly Newsletter: If you would like to receive our weekly email, you may sign up at: https://www.faithlutheranfl.com/#NEWS and click on the "Weekly Newsletter Sign Up" button.

Memory Verse **John 1:12**

To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION LSB 151

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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 151

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.**

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

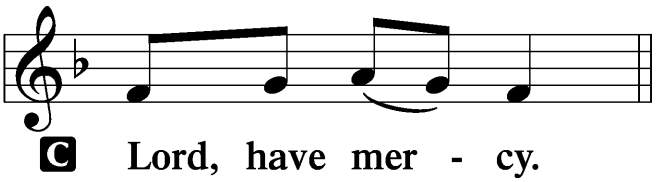
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

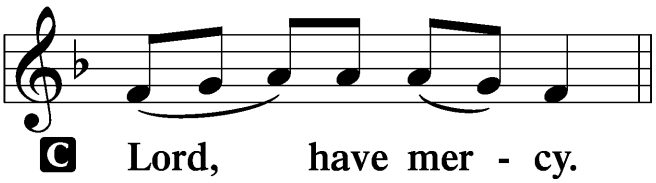
INTROIT Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
Cong: to you, O LORD, I will make music.
Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Cong: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!
Cong: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Cong: Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
Cong: and his faithfulness to all generations.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
Cong: to you, O LORD, I will make music.

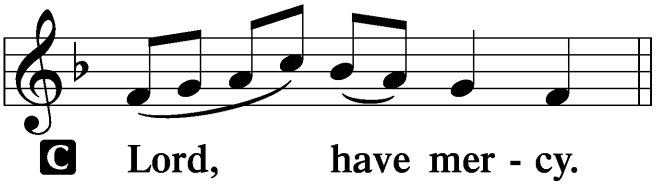
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



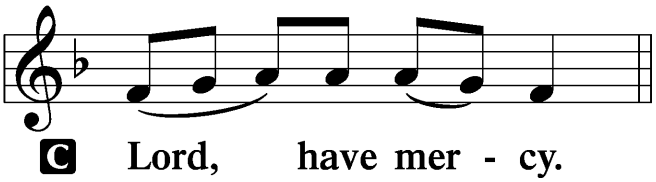
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



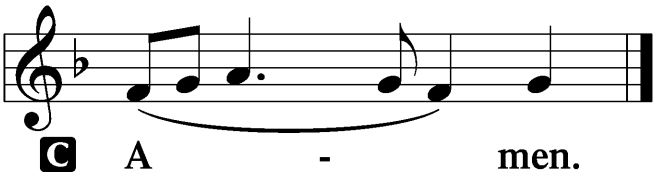
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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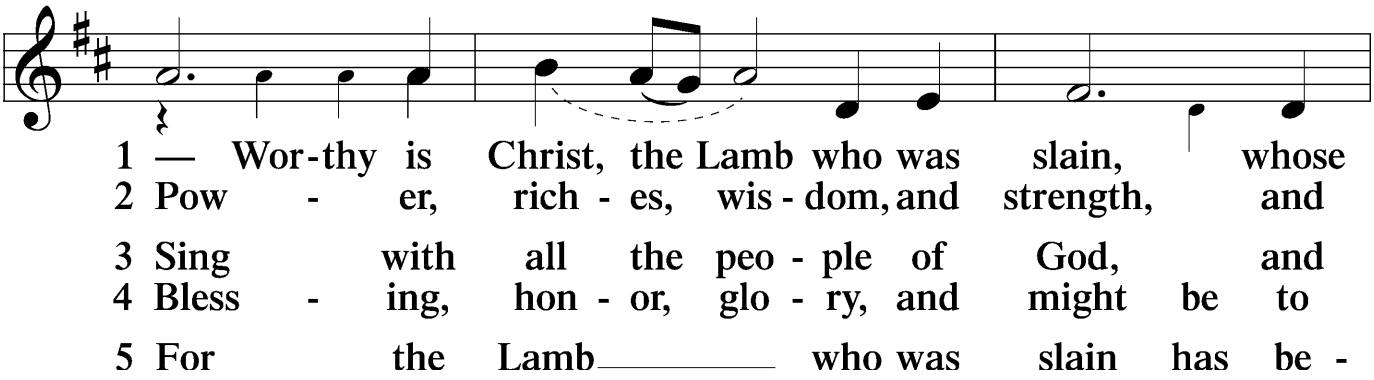
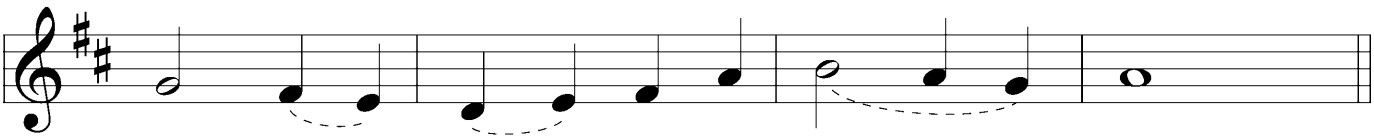




Final Refrain

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12–26

12 Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near
Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the
upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and
Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and
Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer,
together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about
120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke
beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested
Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this
man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the
middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)
20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"'Let another take his office.'

[21]So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, [22]beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." [23]And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. [24]And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen [25]to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." [26]And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

[12]Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13]But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14]If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. [15]But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. [16]Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. [17]For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [18]And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

[19]Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

[6]Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, [7]casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [8]Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [9]Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. [10]And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. [11]To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

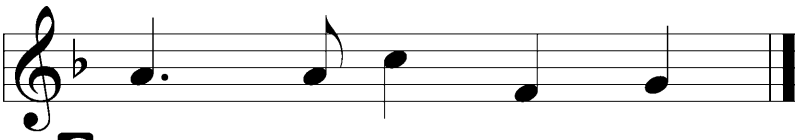
GOSPEL John 17:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

[1]When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2]since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3]And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4]I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5]And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

[6]"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7]Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. [8]For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9]I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. [10]All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [11]And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

539 CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S REDEEMER

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

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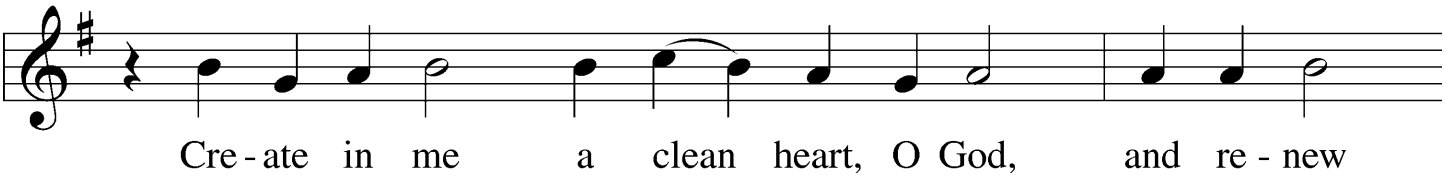
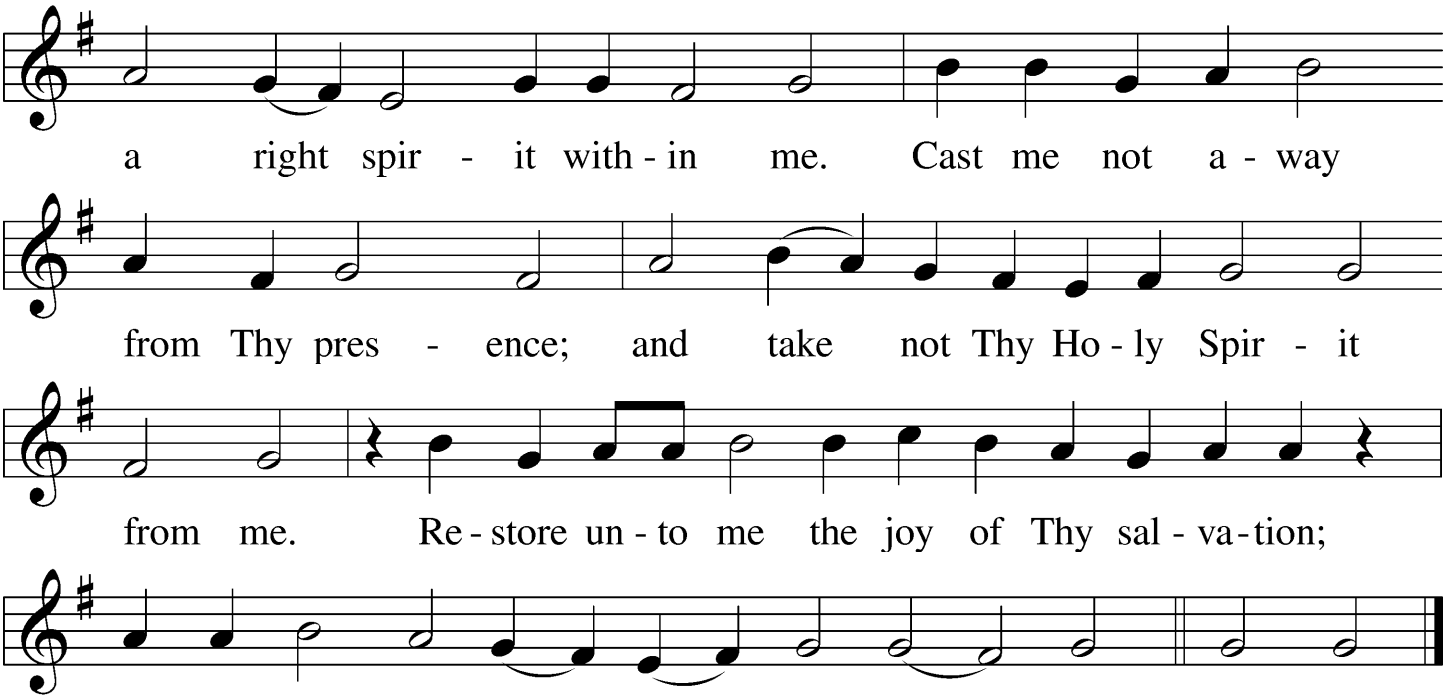
956 CREATE IN ME





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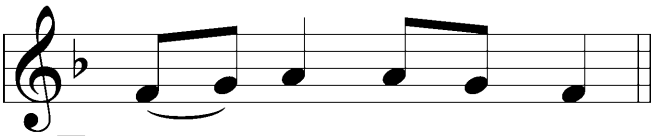
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

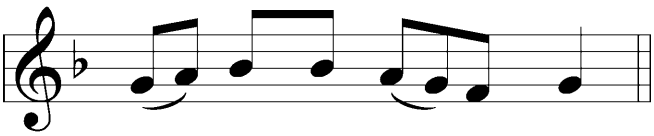
PREFACE LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C **And al - so with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.



C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED) LSB 161

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

SANCTUS LSB 161

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

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

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.

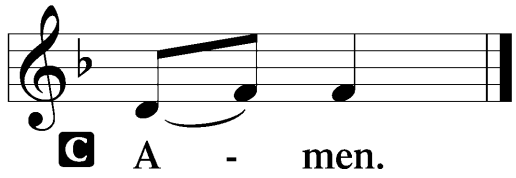
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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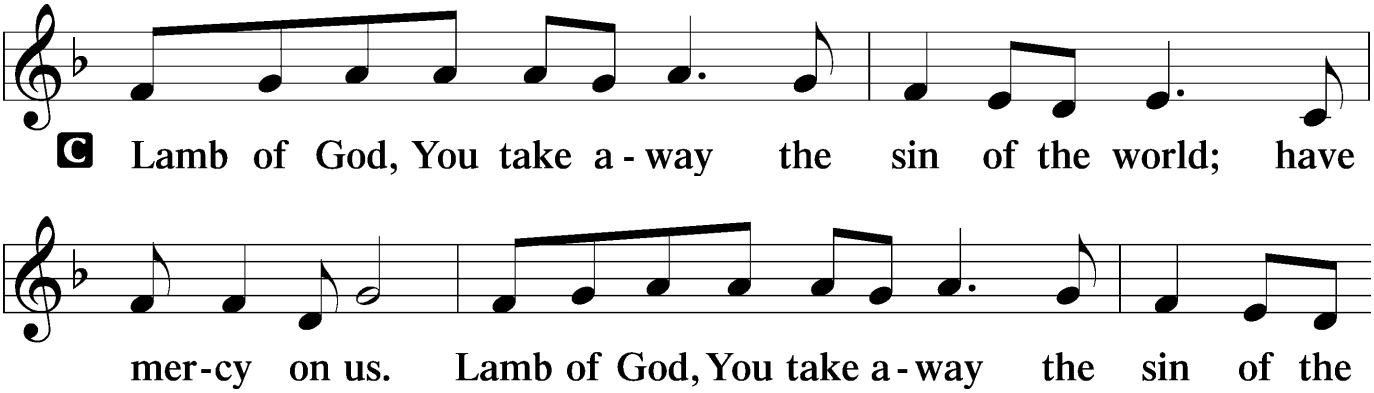

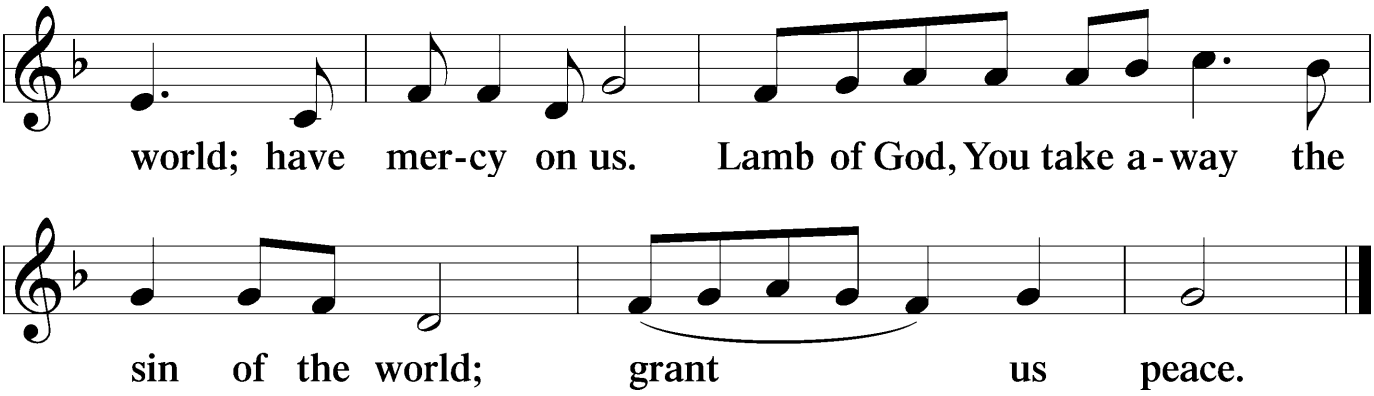

DISTRIBUTION

856 O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE

bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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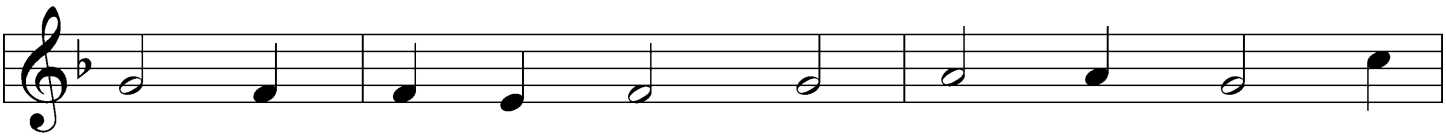
623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
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in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
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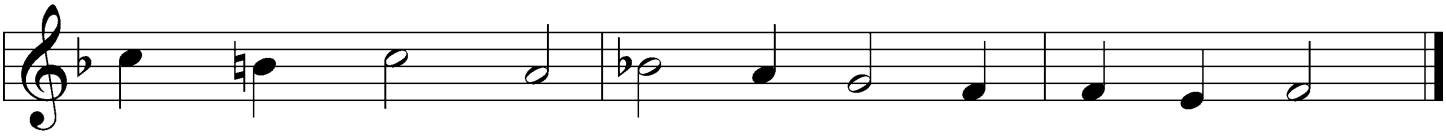

bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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564 CHRIST SITS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,

Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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724 IF GOD HIMSELF BE FOR ME

5 For no one can condemn me
Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution
To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution;
For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses
Will be his daily bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,
Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden,
To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken
And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken
And cleave to You alone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder
Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,
No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance,
No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance
Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

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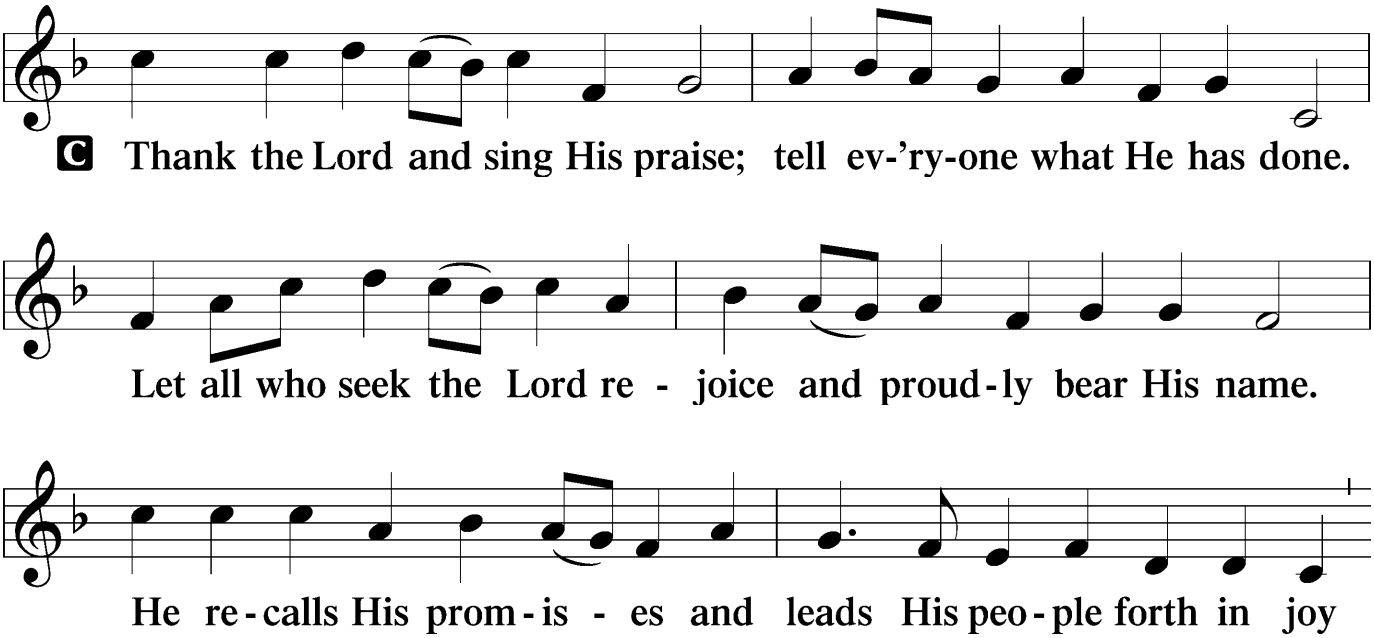
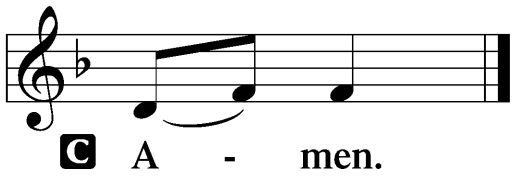
THANK THE LORD LSB 164



POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION LSB 166

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.



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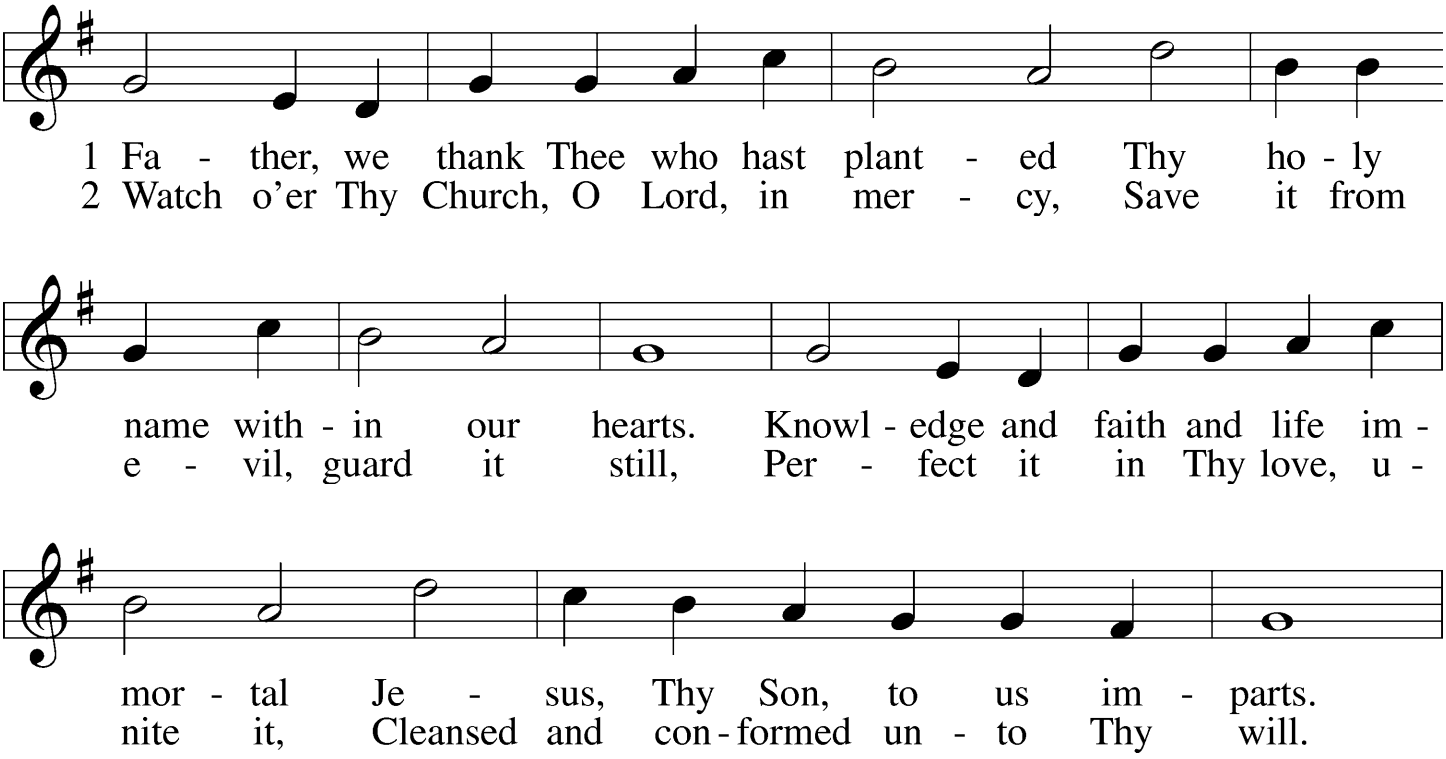

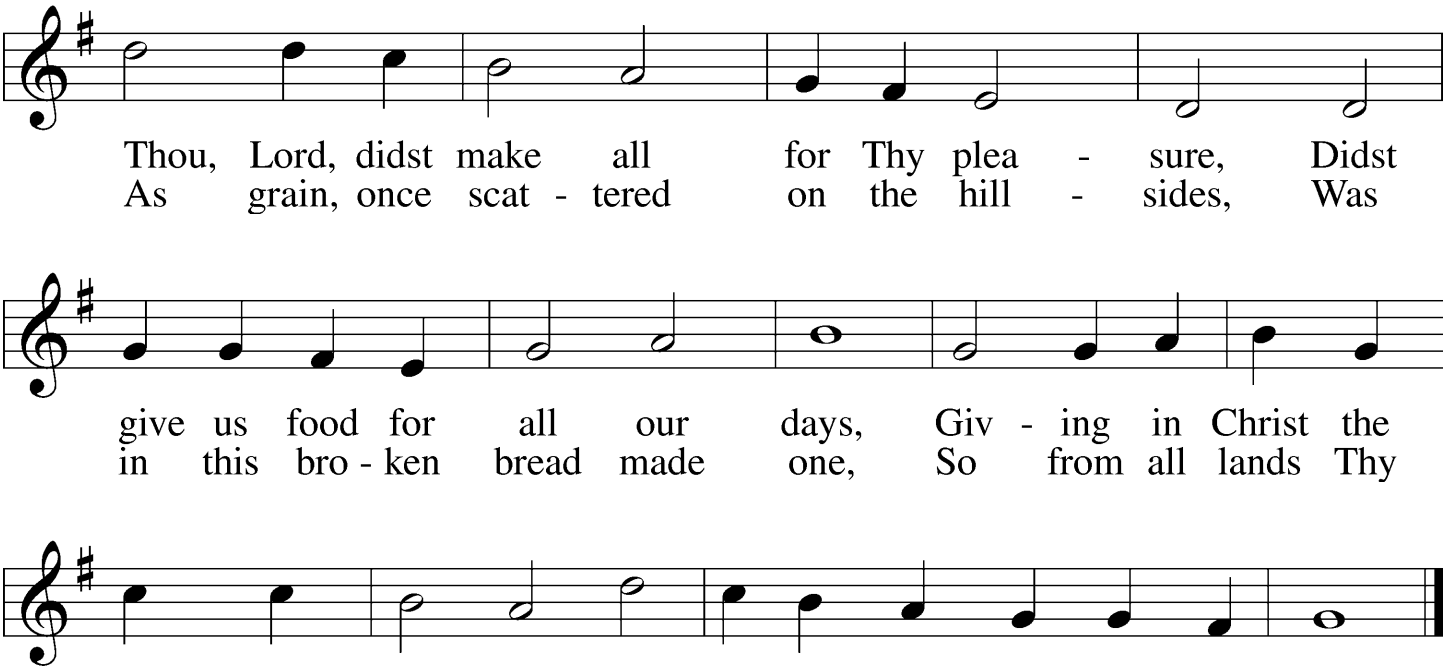

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Rev. Patrick Poock
Organist: Lillian Boettcher

Happy Birthday
Jeff Matson 17th
Carl Schwarz 18th
Lesley Seay 19th

Happy Anniversary
Pastor Kenneth & Susan Hinrich 22nd (50 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, May 17th
8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Fellowship
5:00 pm Beer, Brats & Bible

Monday, May 18th
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20th
3:30 pm Exodus Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:30 pm Book of Concord

Sunday, May 24th
8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service
11:30 am Coffee Bites

Looking Ahead

Monday, May 25th Office Closed – Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th NO Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm
Wednesday, May 27th Women of Faith 9:00 am
Wednesday, May 27th Bible Study 3:30 pm
Wednesday, May 27th Divine Service 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 27th Book of Concord Study

Saturday, May 16th
Armed Forces Day

Remember to thank the Active-Duty Military Personnel that you know or may meet, especially those near and dear to our congregation:

CARSON DuCHANE - daughter of David & Julie DuChane, who serves as a Nuclear Mechanic aboard the nuclear ballistic missile submarine Wyoming (SSBN-742).
CHAPLAIN SOL GROSSKOPH, stationed in Germany. We are praying for him and his wife, Tierney, as part of the LCMS program to "adopt" chaplains and pray for them and their ministry.
CHRISTIAN MORALES - paratrooper stationed in Africa.
JAMES BRILLHART - son of Larry & Barb Wikel is stationed in Oxnard, CA.
JEREMY WISSNER, son of Greg and Carol Wissner is stationed at West Point Military Academy.
JONATHAN THOMPSON, grandson of Lou & Jan Courtney, stationed in the United States.
LUKE THOMPSON, grandson of Lou & Jan Courtney serves in the Air Force.
MATTHEW THOMPSON grandson of Lou & Jan Courtney, stationed at Tinker AFB, OK.
MICHAEL FARIA - son-in-law of Ed & Judy Shrader is a Staff Sargent in the Army stationed in Alabama.
NATHAN GREEN, the son of Meta Green, is stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
PATRICK CAUKIN - son-in-law of Ed & Judy Shrader is a colonel in the Army stationed in Arkansas
REV. PATRICK POOCK - Chaplain, Air Force Reserves
SILAS POOCK - son of Pastor and Gwyn, serving in the Air Force.