

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Full Service Bulletin
Pastor Erik Sorenson



July 30, 2023

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, *please read and fill out one of the registration cards* on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

Confession and Absolution

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Hymn of Invocation



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

LSB 184

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

C Amen.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

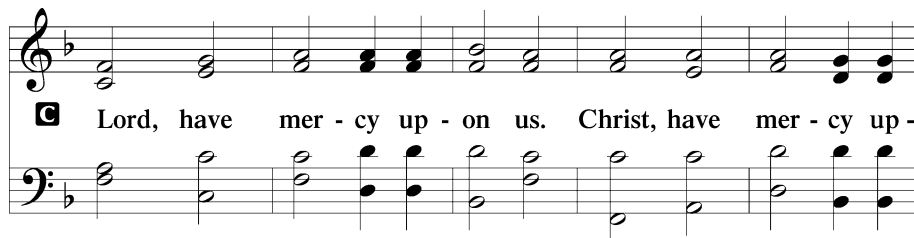
☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

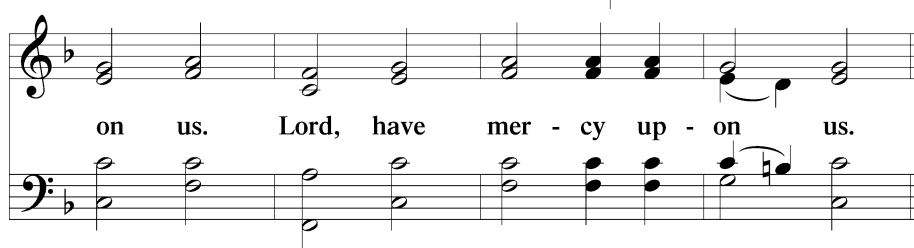
The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first system covers the lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The second system covers the lyrics 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.'. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, with some melodic lines in the bass clef.

Kyrie

LSB 186



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



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

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system continues the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Gloria in Excelsis

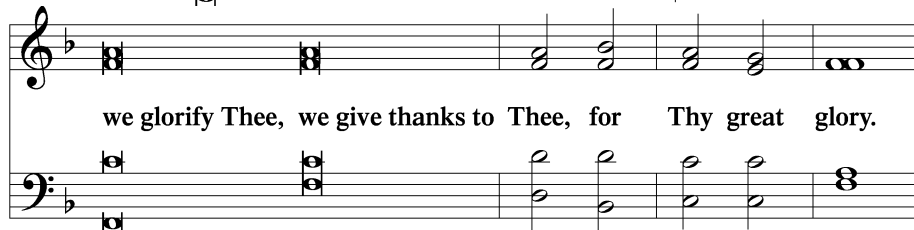
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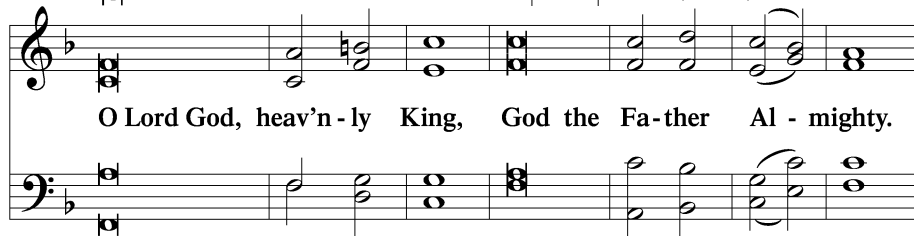
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

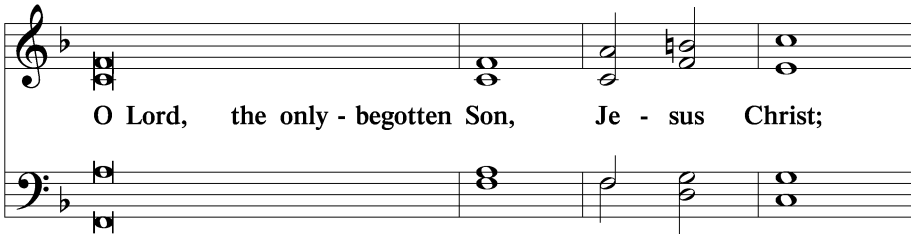


we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

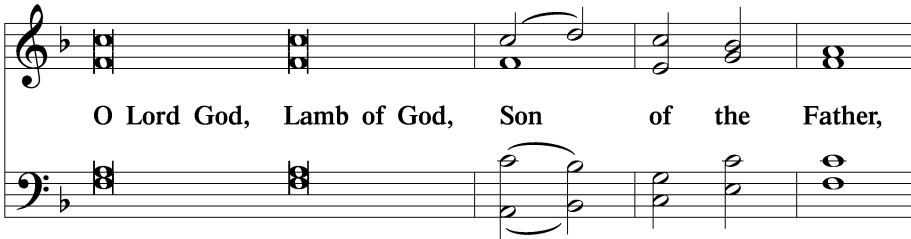


O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

The musical score for the Gloria in Excelsis consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward". The second system continues the lyrics: "men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,". The third system continues the lyrics: "we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory." The fourth system continues the lyrics: "O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.



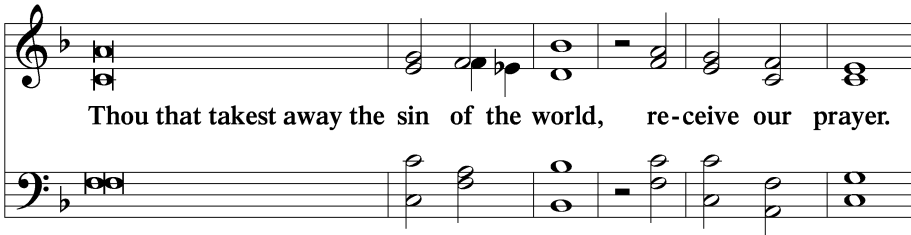
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



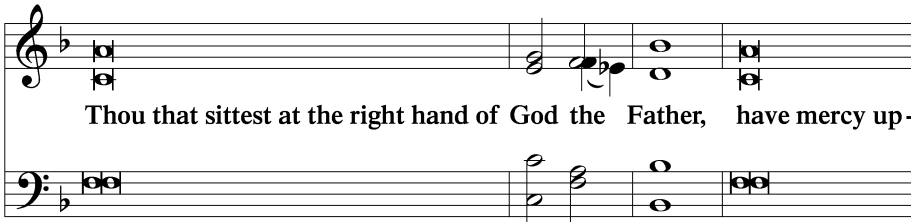
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



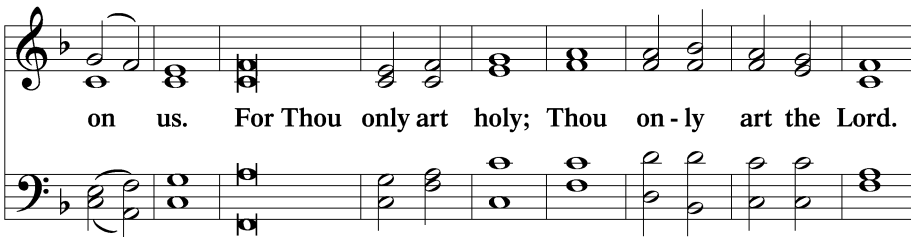
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



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

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9 (p. 152, p. 193 LP)

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

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39 (p. 944, p. 1201 LP)

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

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Alleluia is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52 (p. 819, p. 1041 LP)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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.

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Hymn of the Day



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; (sts. 1–2, 6): tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 4–5): tr. Gregory J. Wismar, 1946; (st. 7): tr. Joseph Herl, 1959
 Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, 1557, Lyons, alt.
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Sermon

Obtaining Treasure

Offertory

LSB 192

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

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir-it.



P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 195

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,

bless - 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

☐ 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

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod - y, which is giv - en for you.
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My † blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymns

554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–76
Text and tune: Public domain

746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
 3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
 This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
 This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
 They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

Text: Simon Dach, 1605–59; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Musika Teutsch, 1532, Nürnberg Text and tune: Public domain

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
 Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
 Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt. Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76 Text and tune: Public domain

654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure



1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,
2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er
3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing



My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.
Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.
Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;



Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,
Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, —
But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing



Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.
En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.
The weeds that im - per - il Your own.



Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it
Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,
Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing



To val - ue this trea - sure a - right
Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,
And har - vest me home - ward at last,



That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it
And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,
To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,



Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2 and F2, and a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2 and F2, and a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes F4 and E4, and a half note D4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2 and F2, and a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2 and F2, and a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3, followed by quarter notes E2 and F2, and a half note chord of G2, B2, and D3.

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

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 A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

818 In Thee Is Gladness

Closing Hymn



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622

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Announcements for the Week of July 30, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
7/30 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible study	7/31	8/1	8/2 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	8/3	8/4 6 PM – Game Night	8/5

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

8/1: Mike Vandercar

8/2: Jeanne Loesch, Max Thomas

Stewardship:

Budget per week: \$3135

7/23 offerings: \$701

7/23 Synodical Fund: \$25

7/23 Building Fund: \$250

The altar flowers are given by the Acree family in honor of Trevor

Wednesday Night Bible Study: We will begin our study on the rite of Confirmation this week at 6:30 PM.

Youth Catechesis: Youth Catechesis (confirmation) classes will be beginning on August 13th. If you have a child who has already begun Catechesis, or if you have a child you would like to start this year, please contact Pastor Sorenson as soon as possible. If your child will be going through classes at White Creek, please contact Pastor Sorenson as well, as he would like to have all of our catechumens together in class so they may grow with one another and so he may get to know them and they may get to know him. Thank you!

Game Night: Will be on Friday, August 4th, beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Our dinner theme is family favorites. Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

August Newsletter: Emailed out and available in the narthex.

Council Positions: At our October voters’ meeting, we will elect new council members for the positions of Synodical Fund Treasurer and Recording Secretary. If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles, please let a current council member know.

Prayer List:

Teresa Lucas (shut-in)

Ron Cox (health issues)

Luella Holle (shut-in)

Carolyn Trimpe (health issues)

Larry Phelps (health issues)

Upcoming Acolytes:

8/6: Abe Acton

8/13: Raleigh Acton

8/20: Trevor Acree

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 7/31: Read the Old Testament lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 – The Lord loves you and keeps His covenant with you to save you and make you part of His people.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 8/1: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 8:28-39 – We are conformed to the image of Christ, so nothing will separate us from Him. Through Christ, we are more than conquerors over sin, death, and the devil.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/31)
- Wed. 8/2: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:44-52 – Like a treasure, a pearl, or fish in the sea, Christ comes to find us, even giving everything He has for us.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 713 – From God Can Nothing Move Me
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/31)
- Thur. 8/3: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5 – Come, eat and drink the Lord’s free bread and wine by which He gives you His steadfast love and glorifies you.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven
Pray the Collect of the Day: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 8/4: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) – Christ descends from the nation of Israel, though it is not by the flesh that we receive Him, but by His promise.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 8/3)
- Sat. 8/5: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 14:13-21 – Christ has compassion on us and heals us by feeding us with the bread which is His body.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 8/3)