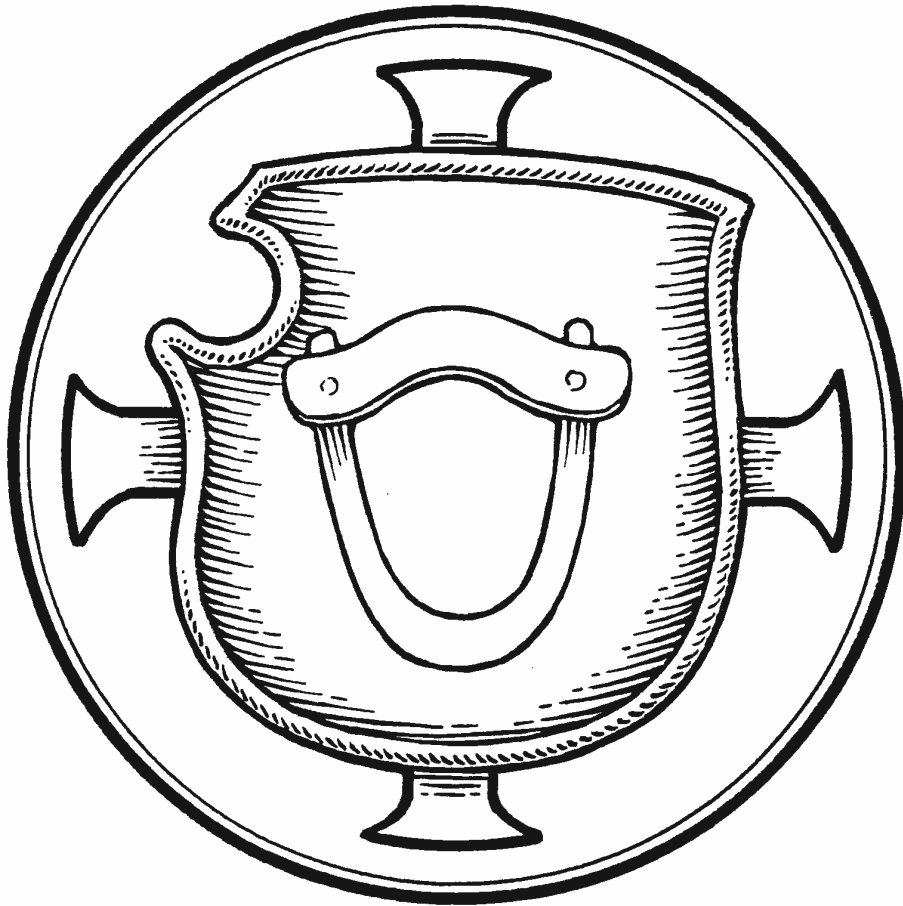


St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**July 9, 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

### 605 Father Welcomes

*Hymn of Invocation*

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a - gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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### 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 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

**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.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C** 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.

## 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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**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,

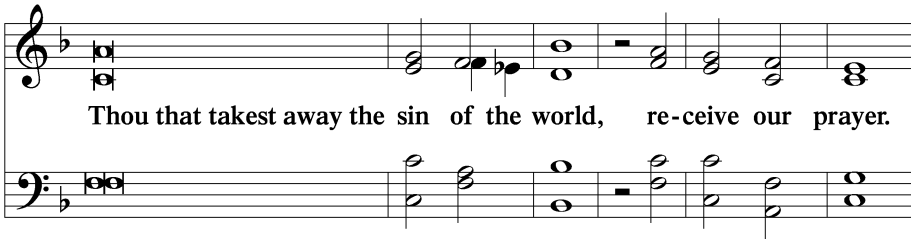
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

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,

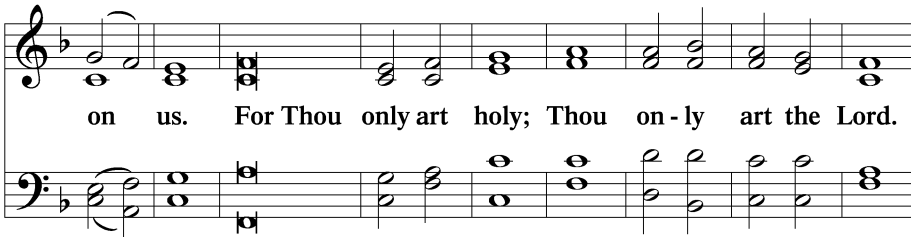
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



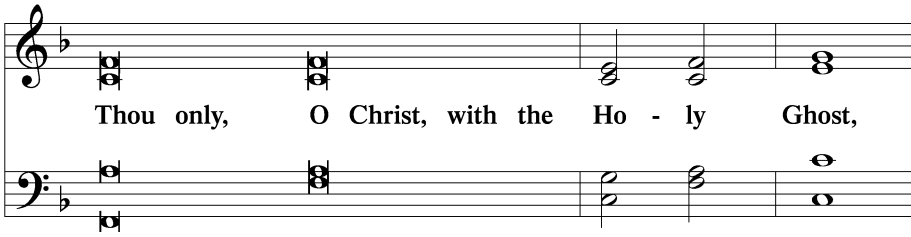
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

*Zechariah 9:9–12 (p. 797, p. 1013 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 7:14–25a (p. 943, p. 1200 LP)*

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

## Alleluia

LSB 190



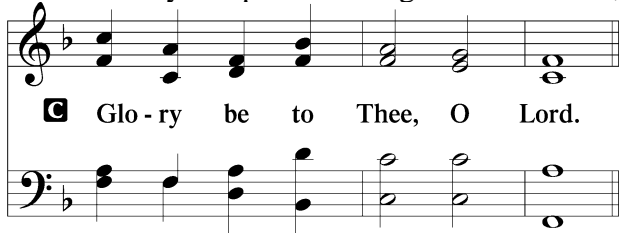
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:25–30 (p. 816, p. 1037 LP)*

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

## Nicene Creed

LSB 191

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Hymn of the Day*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

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## Sermon

*The Yoke of Christ*

## 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.

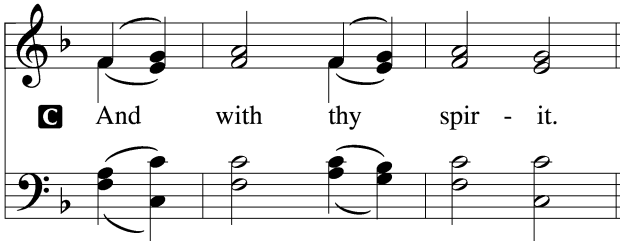
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Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



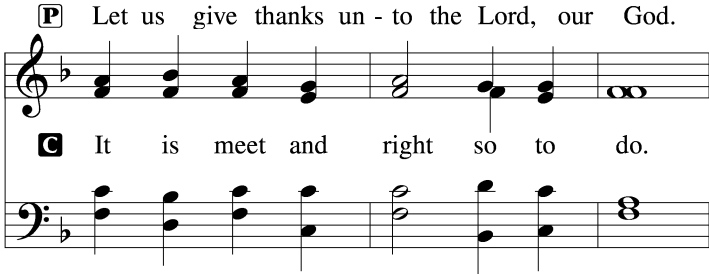
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**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

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a 3/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a sequence of chords and a melodic line that includes a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system features a melodic line in the treble staff with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

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

The fourth system continues the musical phrase. The treble staff has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff accompaniment remains.

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

The fifth and final system of the page concludes the phrase. The treble staff has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord.

# Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

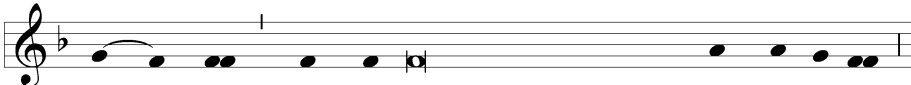
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

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  $\dagger$  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.



**C** A - - - men.



### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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

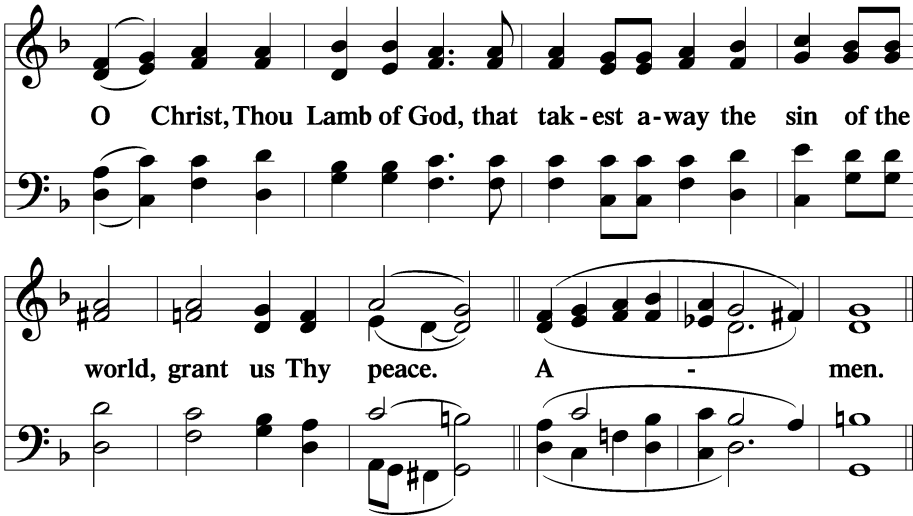


world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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

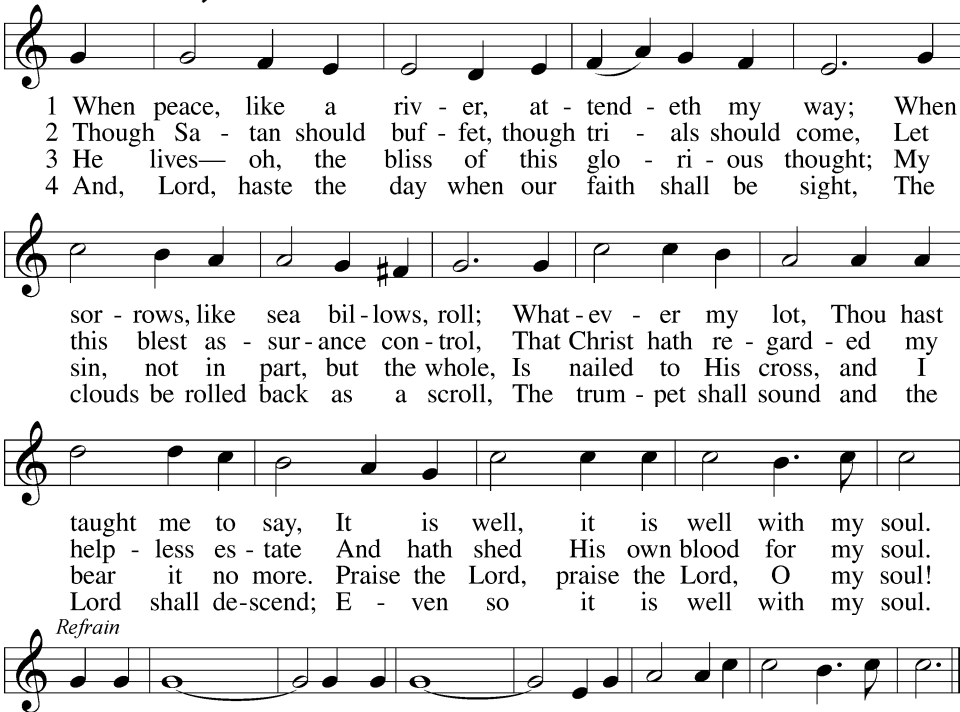




O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution & Hymns

### 763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-88, alt.

Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-76

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## 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.

Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg

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## 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light!"
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857

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## 752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the  
 3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der  
 fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let  
 dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His  
 be-for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-  
 noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your  
 fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
 From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
 All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697-1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.  
 Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, adapt.  
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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** 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

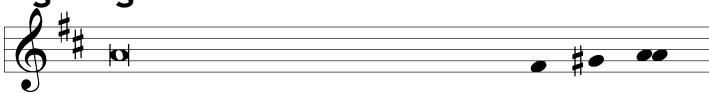
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

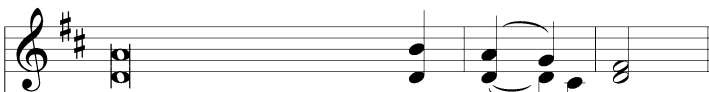
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

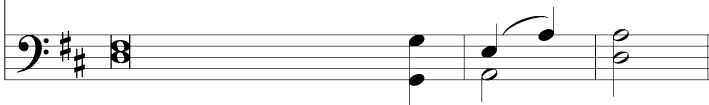
LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

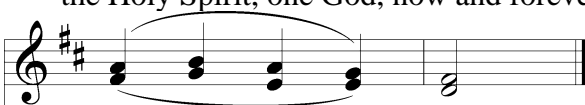


## Post-Communion Collect

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.

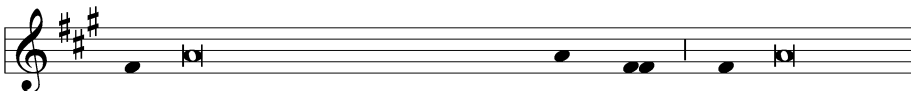


**C** Thanks be to God.

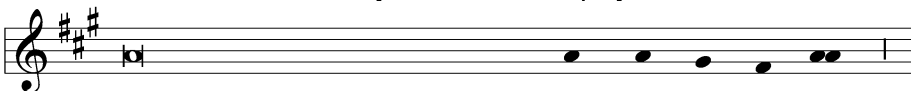


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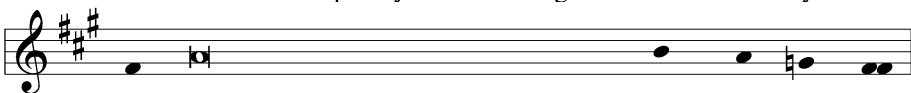
LSB 202



**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.



# 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

*Closing Hymn*



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight  
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will  
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am  
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.  
May be great, They will not de - feat me.  
Trust Him still, When He sends me sad - ness.  
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.  
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son  
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows  
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,  
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood  
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?  
All my woes Knows how best to end them.  
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.  
For my good, By His death to save me.  
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; (sts. 1-3): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 4-5): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76

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## Announcements for the Week of July 9, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
7/9 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible study 5:00 PM – Book of Concord	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13 10 AM – Elders meeting	7/14	7/15
<b>VBS @ 5-8 PM each night</b>						

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

7/9: Carolyn Trimpe  
7/12: Christopher Cox, Judy Strasser

### Stewardship:

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**7/2 offerings:** \$2646  
**7/2 Synodical Fund:** \$70  
**7/2 Building Fund:** \$0

*The altar flowers are given to the praise and glory of God*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** On break this week for VBS. We will resume next Wednesday (July 19<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM as we continue our study of the rite of Holy Baptism.

**VBS:** Children ages 3+ are invited to join us for VBS July 10-13 from 5:00-8:00 PM each night. Our theme this year is God’s Living Water: Covered in Jesus’ grace. For more information or to register a child, please see the information in the narthex or talk to Michelle Schultz. We also are still in need of volunteers to help supervise the groups. If you would like to help in this way, you can let Michelle know.

**Youth Survey:** The LCMS is asking the youth of our Synod to help them improve *Set Apart to Serve*, the LCMS church work recruitment initiative. The survey is open to all LCMS youth in seventh grade through recent high school graduates. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. You can find the survey at the following address: [lcms.org/sas-youth-survey-2023](https://lcms.org/sas-youth-survey-2023). The survey will run through July 15.

**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting:** Will be on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately after the Divine Service.

**Youth Group:** Youth group night will be delayed one week. We will meet on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, let Pastor know if you are available for an event this Friday.

### Prayer List:

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)  
**Ron Cox** (health issues)  
**Luella Holle** (shut-in)  
**Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)  
**Larry Phelps** (health issues)

### Upcoming Acolytes:

**7/16:** Abe Acton                      **7/23:** Rayleigh Acton                      **7/30:** 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. 7/10:      Read the Old Testament lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12 – Your King is coming to you to destroy the might of your enemies and set you free by His blood.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 699 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 7/11:      Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 7:14-25a – Stuck in our body of death, we do what we do not want and do not do what we should. Thanks be to God that Christ has delivered us from this body of death.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 699 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/10)
- Wed. 7/12:      Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 11:25-30 – Christ reveals to us, His little children who are burdened by sin, that He is our rest.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 699 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/10)
- Thur. 7/13:      Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13 – The Word of God does not return empty, but like a seed that is sown, it grows and bears fruit.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 577 – Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 7/14:      Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 8:12-17 – Through the Spirit, we are adopted as sons of God and thus we are heirs with Christ of eternal life.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 577 – Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/13)
- Sat. 7/15:      Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 – Christ, the Sower, sows the seed of the Word abundantly among us and it bears the fruit of faith in Him.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 577 – Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 7/13)