

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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A congregation of the English District, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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THE PREPARATION

HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory,” 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Psalm 119:137, 124



P Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your | just decrees. *

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

P Blessed are those whose way is | blameless, *
who walk in the Law | of the Lord!

C Blessed are those who keep His testi- | monies, *
who seek Him with | their whole heart.

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

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

C 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.

P Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your | just decrees. *
 Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your | statutes.

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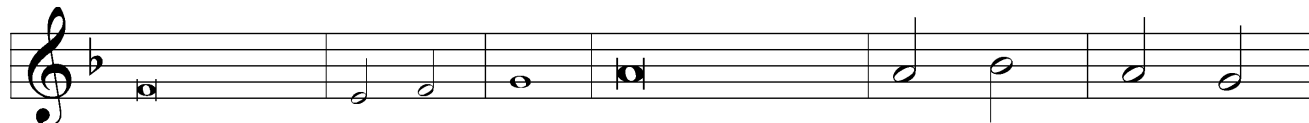


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

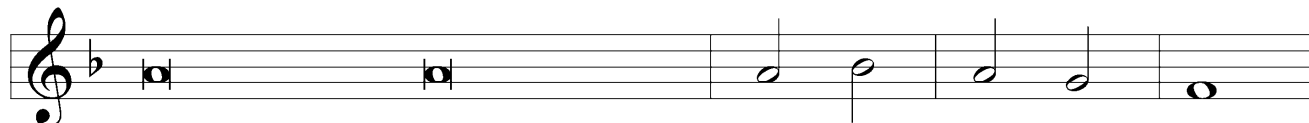
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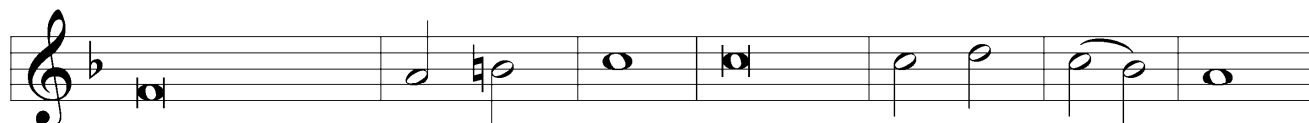
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



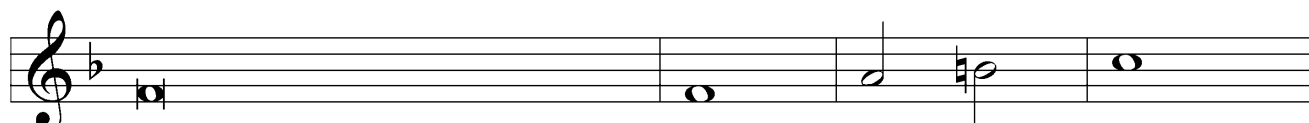
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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.



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



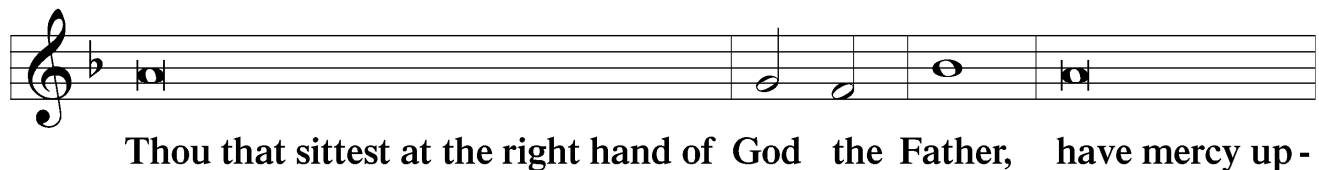
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



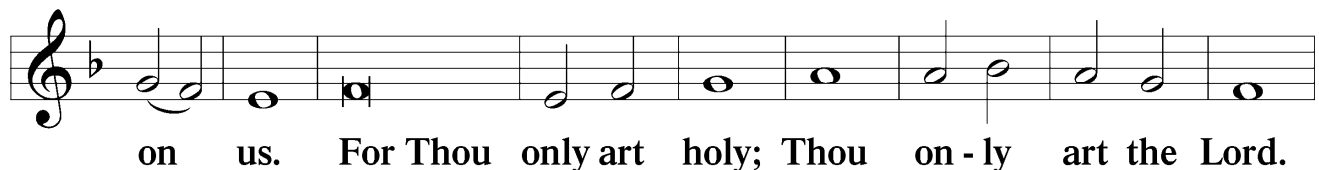
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



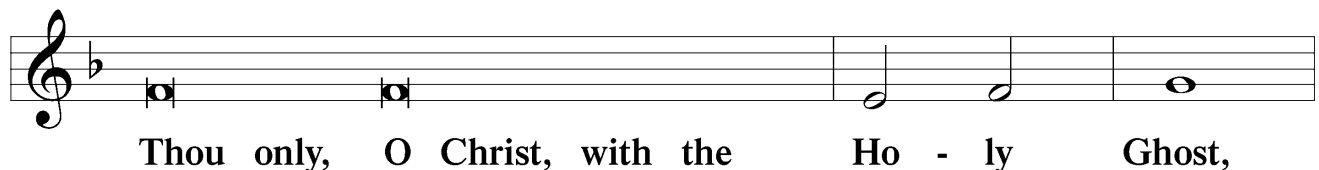
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



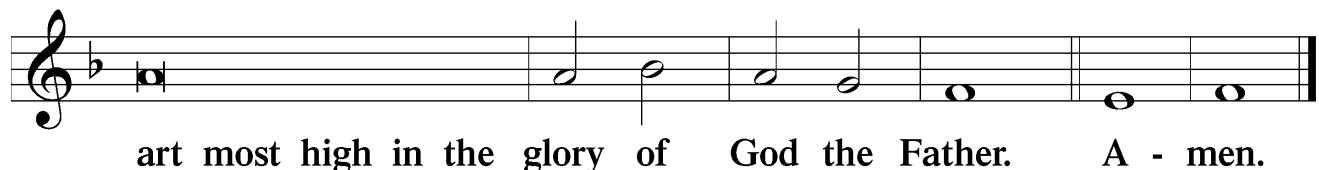
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

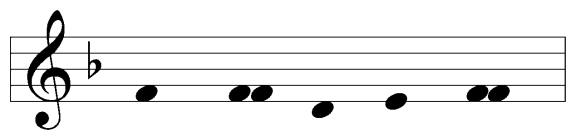


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

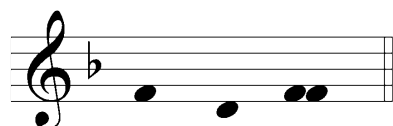
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

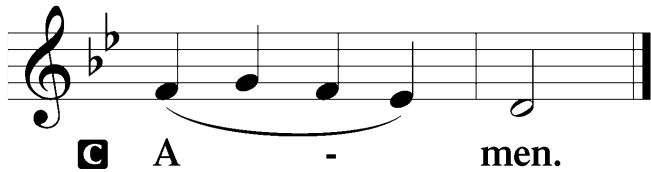


C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P O 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.



Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:6-14

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for 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 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. Like 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. Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 33:12, 6



P Blessed is the nation whose God | is the Lord, *

the people whom He has chosen as His | heritage!

C By the Word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made, *

and by the breath of His mouth | all their host.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please **STAND**.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 116:1



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

P I love the Lord:

Because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

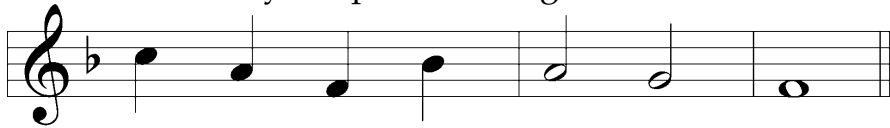


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 14:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

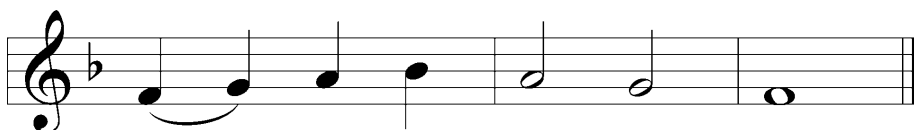


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. 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?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "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, and 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. But 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. For 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

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

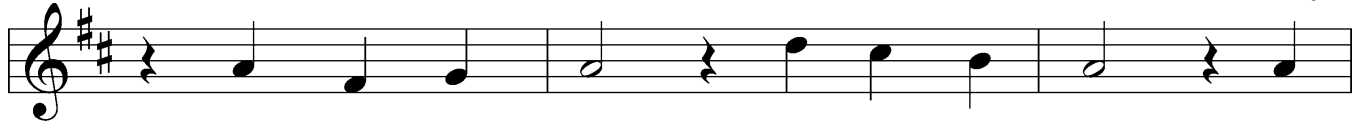
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
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.

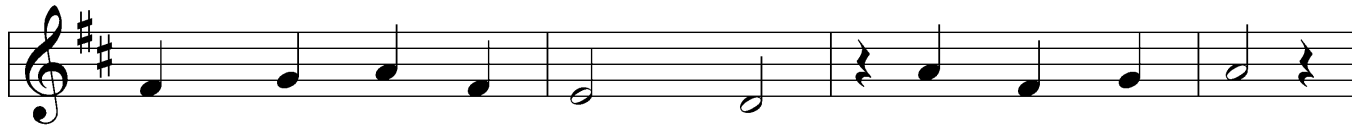
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CHIEF HYMN

“Seek Where You May,” 557



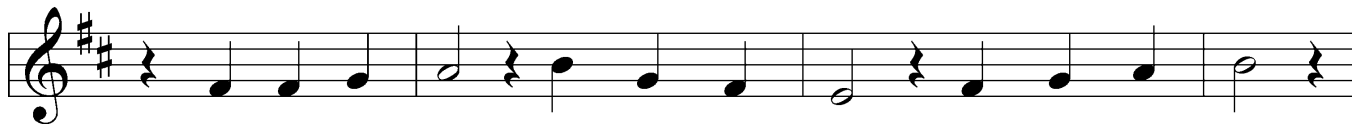
1 Seek where you may To find a way That
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



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 fortune'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

Please **STAND**.

OFFERTORY



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, | *or* | **P** ...let us pray to the Lord.
C hear our prayer. | **C** Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

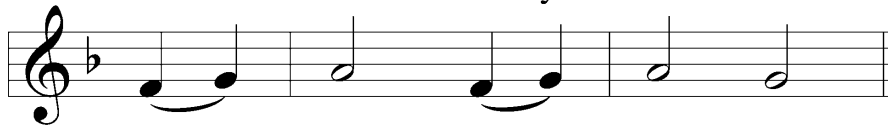
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



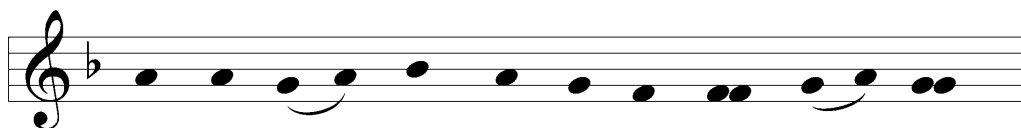
C And with thy spir - it.



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.

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

SANCTUS



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



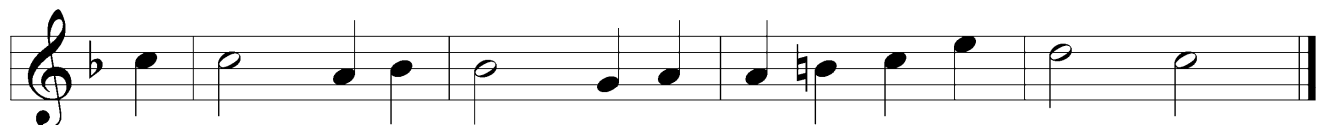
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



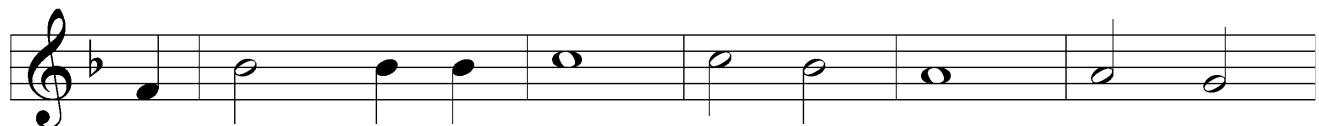
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



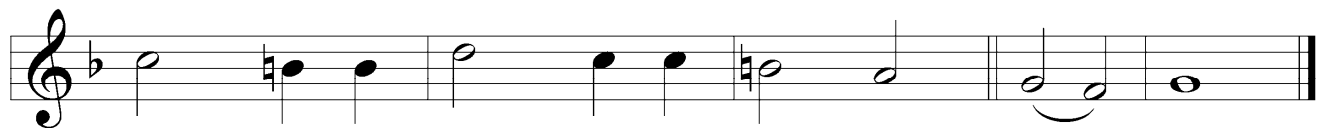
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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



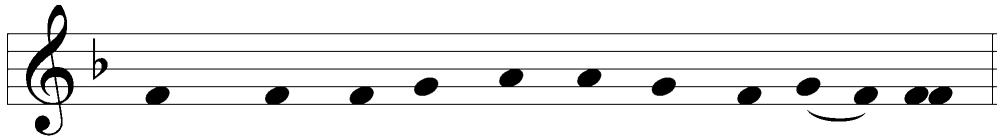
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

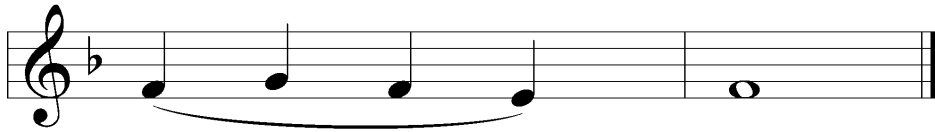
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



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.

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DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Church’s One Foundation,” 644



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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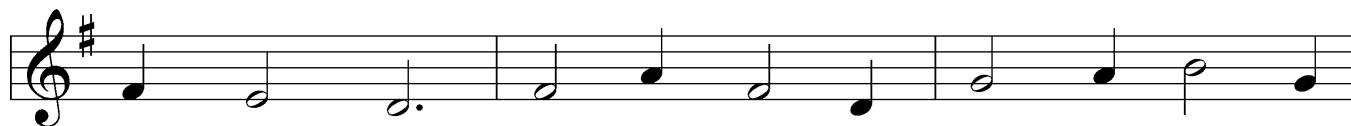
AURELIA

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"Light of Light, O Sole Begotten," 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be..." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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"We All Believe in One True God," 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-84); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

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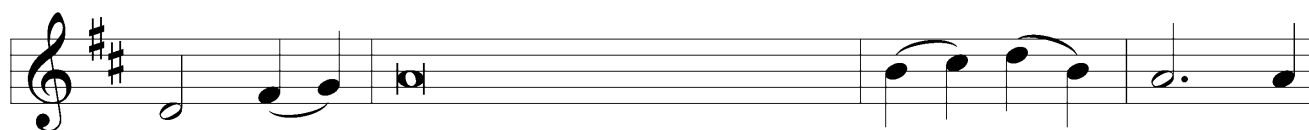
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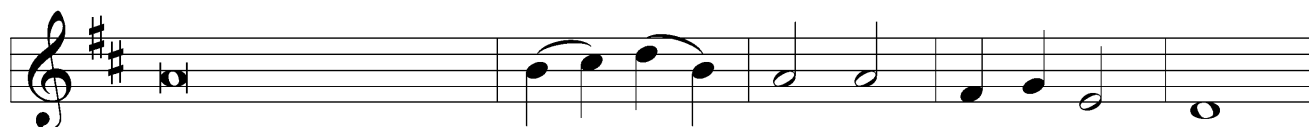
NUNC DIMITTIS



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



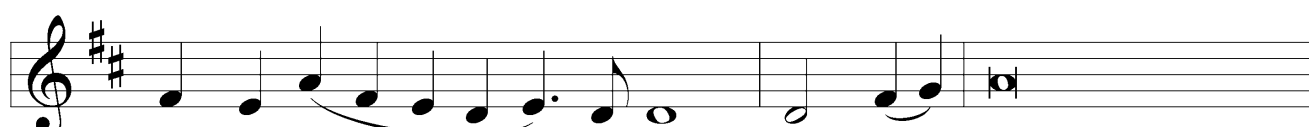
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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

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

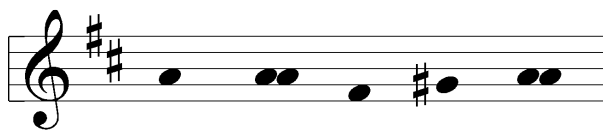
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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.

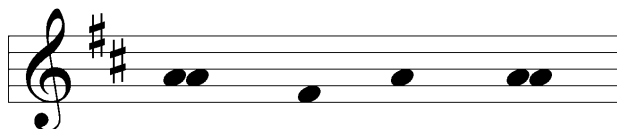
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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

CLOSING HYMN

"I Know My Faith Is Founded," 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



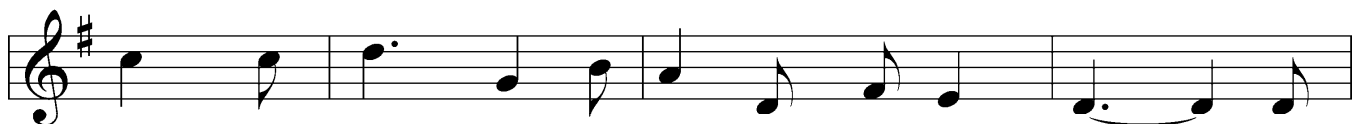
moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister (1671-1756); tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

Tune: *Concentus novi*, Augsburg, 1540

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Announcements

HIRING AT PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope is seeking a Director/Coordinator for approximately 25 hours per week. The applicant must be a professing member of a Christian church who loves the Lord and feels called to human care ministry. The applicant should be comfortable praying and speaking in public, have office and computer skills, and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Prior ministry and HR experience is helpful, but not required.

If interested please call (616) 681-4673, ext. 13. Résumés may be sent to Project Hope, P.O. Box 241, Dorr, MI 49323.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN H.S.

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support West Michigan Lutheran High School! Come to the Chipotle at 3300 Alpine Ave NW on **Wednesday, October 14** from **5:00-9:00 PM**. Tell the cashier you're there to support WMLHS and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to WMLHS. You can also order online or through the app, just used code *AH86KXD* in the promo field.

CHILI COOK OFF

It's time to dust off your chili recipe to see if it can make you the reigning champion of the Epiphany Chili Cook Off! This year's event is **Sunday, November 15**. Eating and voting will take place during the Voters' Meeting lunch. Cornbread, drinks, and dessert will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Wednesday (9/23)	0	0	
Sunday (9/27)	56	46	\$2765

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher.....	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist.....	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	David Steffens
Serving Elder	Craig Baier
Acolyte.....	Owen Fulk
Counters.....	Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild.....	Bev Phipps & Pam Ihle
Flowers	

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	Craig Baier
Serving Elder	Paul Cook
Acolyte	Titus Baier
Counters	Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
Altar Guild	Melissa Vanarsdal & Shelia Haskill
Flowers	

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Mick Francis, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Alexa Tolsma.

Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Shanda Brennan, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Barb Schmidt, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White.

Those engaged to be married

Kelsey Velie and Scott Bockus.

Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser.

Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, Brittany Warf, David Mills.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Hannah Kelsey 10/4, Krista Powell 10/4, *Mark & Cindy MacIntosh* 10/5.

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Robert H. Golm 10/1, Corene Powell 10/1, Beth Stark 10/1, David Steffens 10/1.

Next Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Foremost Commandment

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 ✠ I Corinthians 1:1-3, 4-9 ✠ Matthew 22:34-46

Time in the Catechism

The Seventh Commandment

What is the Sixth Commandment Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.