



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20 September Anno Domini 2020

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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

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The Rev. Ryan Beffrey, Pastor • Diane Scott, Organist

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

HYMN

“Entrust Your Days and Burdens,” 754



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your Maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so through all our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-76); tr. F. Samuel Janzow (1913-2001), sts. 1-5, alt.;
tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, st. 6

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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 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: Psalm 84:9-10a



- P** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save Your servant, who trusts in You – You | are my God. *
- Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day.
- P** Gladden the soul of Your | servant, *
- for to You, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
- C** Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer; *
- listen to my | plea for grace.
- P** But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious; *
- turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
- C** give Your strength to Your | servant, *
- and save the son of Your maid- | servant.
- 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** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save Your servant, who trusts in You – You | are my God. *
- Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day.

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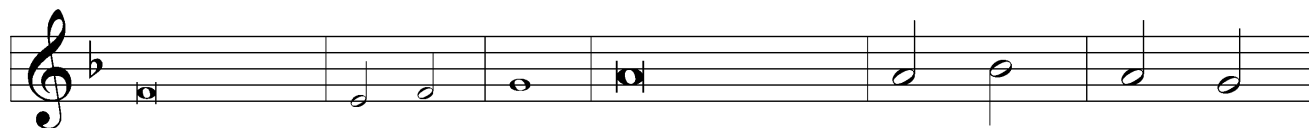


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

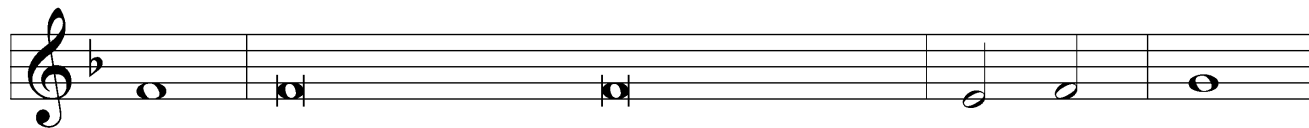


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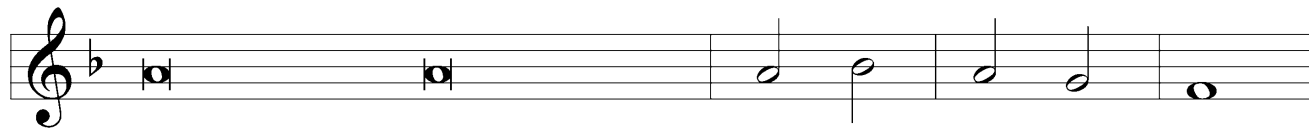
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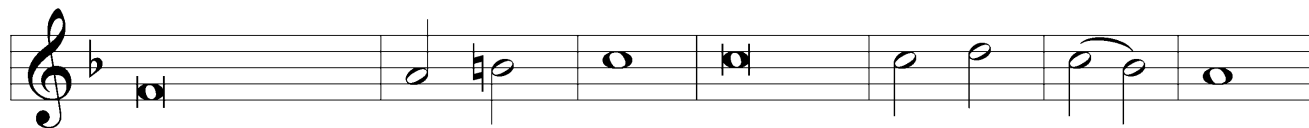
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



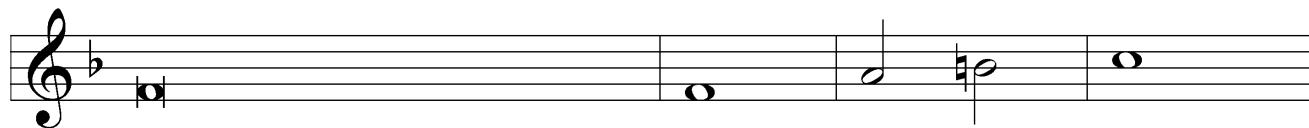
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



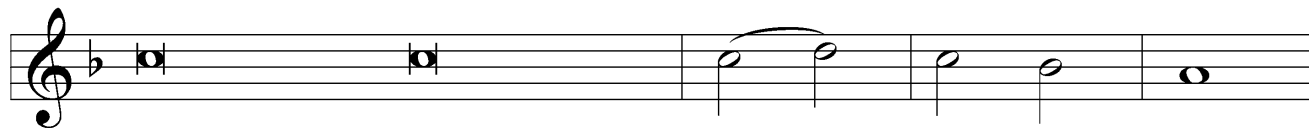
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



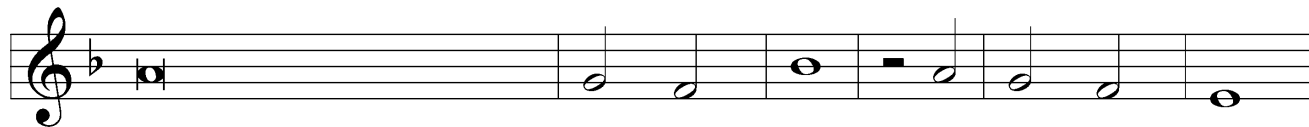
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



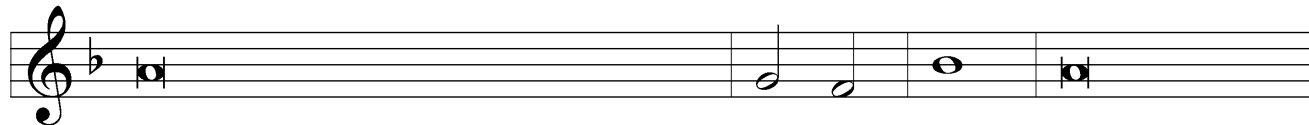
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



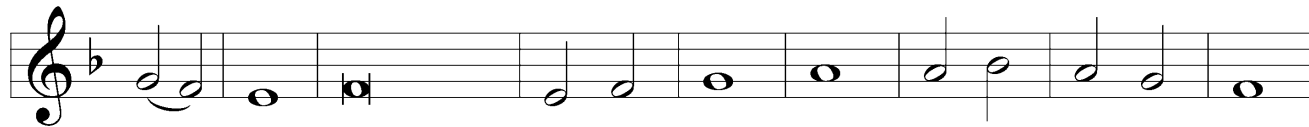
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



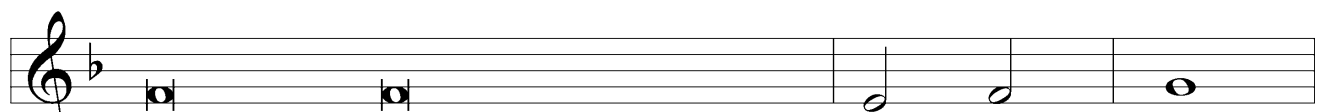
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




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.

Keep, we implore You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy, and because the frailty of man without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable for our 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.

Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

In those days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and

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

Psalm 118:8-9



EPISTLE READING

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

Please **STAND**.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 95:1



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

P Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!



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

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 6:24-34

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to the disciples, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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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.

Please **BE SEATED.**

CHIEF HYMN

"What God Ordains Is Always Good," 760



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



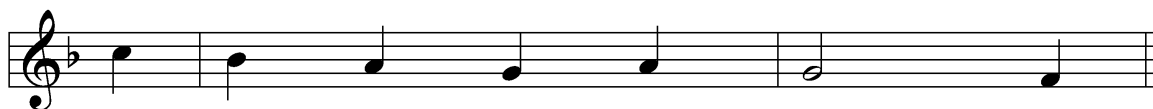
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
My life to Him com - mend - ing.
That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking
For after grief
God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708); tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
Tune: Severus Gastorius (1646-82)
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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.

Please **BE SEATED**.

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

Please **STAND.**

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.

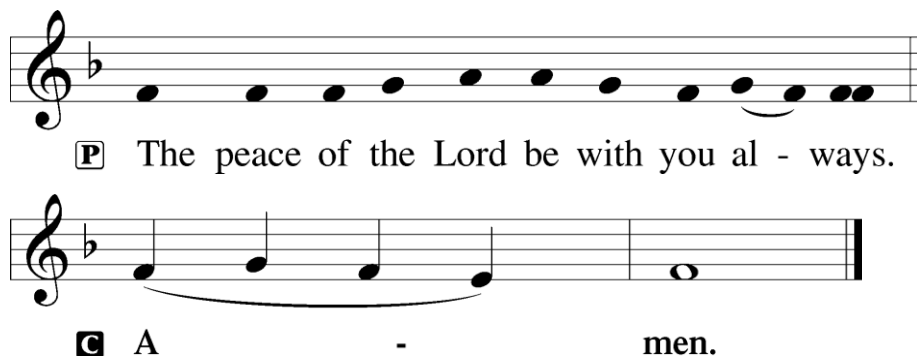


WORDS OF OUR LORD

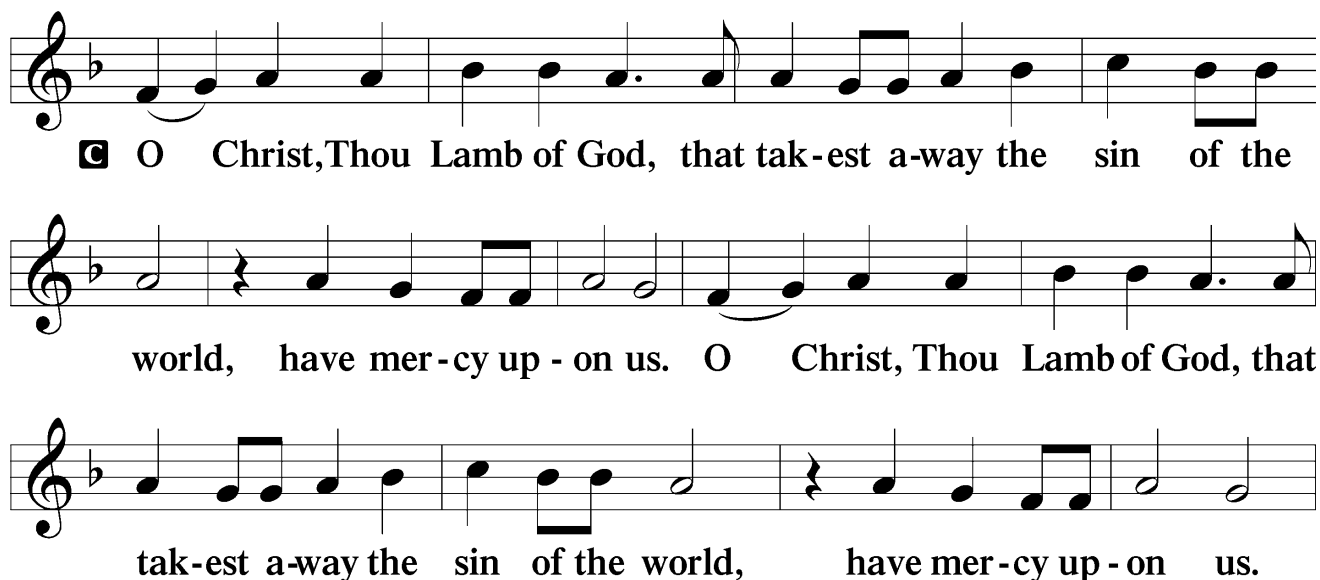
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



AGNUS DEI



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

Please **BE SEATED**.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright," 874

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O Thou that
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy
3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,
4 To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, With love all
bring-est light from light, O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove And shed the Ho - ly
glo - rious ev - er - more, We plead with Thee for
en - vy to sub - due, To give us grace our
liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do or say.
grace and pow'r To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
wrongs to bear, To make ill for - tune turn to fair.
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

5 On Christ, the true Bread, let us feed;
 Let Him to us be drink indeed;
 And let us taste with joyfulness
 The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.
 Alleluia!

△6 All laud to God the Father be;
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
 All glory to the Spirit raise
 In equal and unending praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Ambrose of Milan (340-97); tr. Robert S. Bridges (1844-1930), sts. 1, 3-4, 6, alt.
 tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1904, sts. 2, 5, alt.

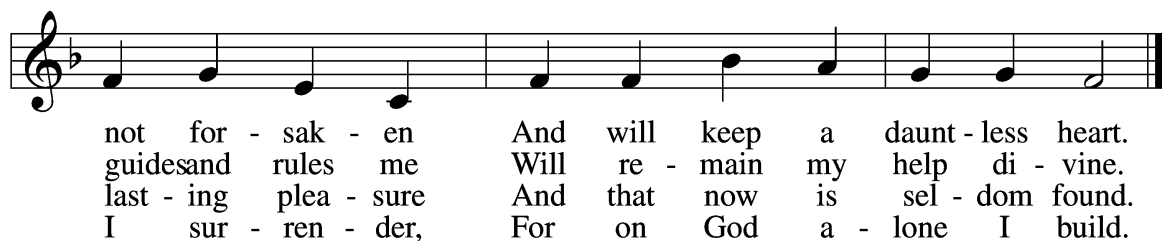
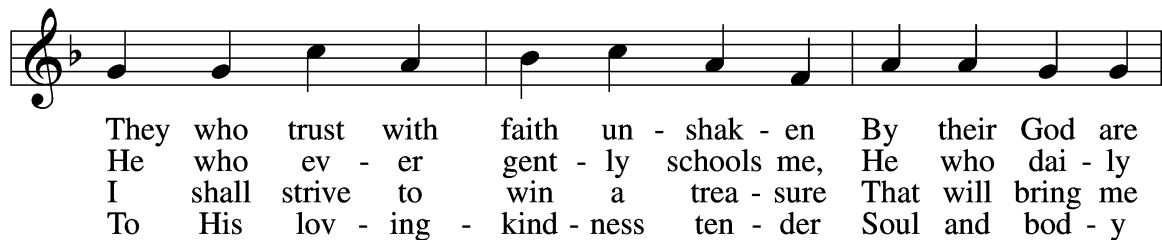
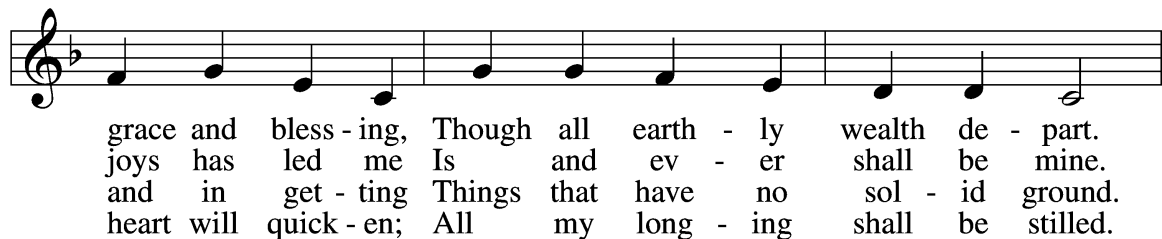
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"All Depends on Our Possessing," 732



5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

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Tune: Johann Löhner (1645-1705); adapt. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)

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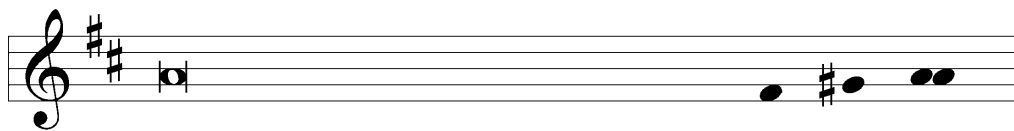
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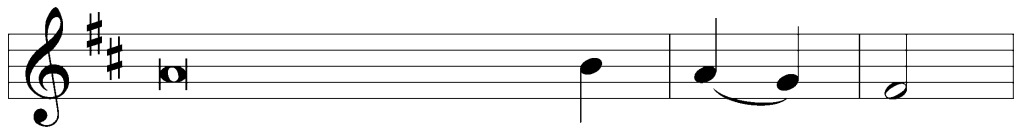
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple 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 without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

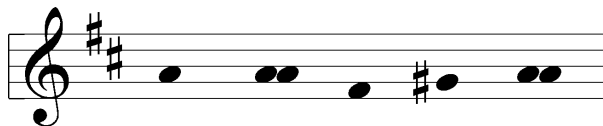
P Let us pray.

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.

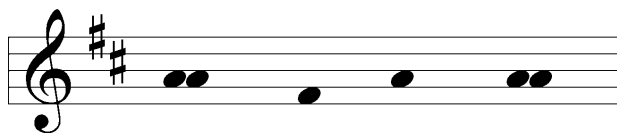
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P The Lord be with you.



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

“Evening and Morning,” 726



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-76); tr. Richard Massie (1800-87), sts. 1-2, alt.
tr. Hermann H. M. Brueckner (1866-1942), sts. 3-4, alt.

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Announcements

CAPITALISM VS. SOCIALISM: A MORAL DEBATE

Our Savior Evangelical-Lutheran Church and School of Hartland, Mich. is excited to announce their 2020 *Body of Christ and the Public Square* Conference. This year's speakers are Sheriff David Clarke, General Gerry Boykin, Fr. Frank Pavone, Mr. Timothy Goeglein and Our Savior's Pastor, the Rev. Christopher Thoma. The conference is **Saturday, October 10** from **9:00 AM until 4:00 PM**. Only 160 tickets are available for this year's conference. Visit bodyofchrist2020.eventbrite.com to register.

The second part of this year's conference is a debate on the topic of Socialism in America between author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza and author Nathan Robinson. The debate is **Monday, October 12** at **7:00 PM**. Special VIP tickets are available which grant pre-debate access to get a photo with Mr. D'Souza. Visit hartlanddebate2020.eventbrite.com to register.

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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Beginning **today**, we are asking that all volunteers (e.g., counters, etc.) and acolytes who are willing to continue to serve begin to return to service on your assigned Sundays. Since we reopened in May a small number have been making sure everything continues to run smoothly. As more of us return to in-person services, we're asking all those willing return to their posts. If you need a new copy of the serving schedule, a number of them are available on the table in the Narthex. *If you do not wish to serve at this time, please alert Pastor or the Church Office so we can make appropriate accommodations.*

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STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings (8/30 and 9/6)</i>
Wednesday (9/9)	0	0	
Sunday (9/13)	47	35	\$1510.00

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher.....	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist.....	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	Paul Cook
Serving Elder	Mark MacIntosh
Acolyte.....	Charlotte Hiscock
Counters	Rod Killips & Laurie Hiscock
Altar Guild	Becky Steffens & Cindy MacIntosh
Flowers	Beffrey family – Lydia’s Birthday

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	Mark MacIntosh
Serving Elder	David Steffens
Acolyte.....	Jack Cook
Counters	Phillip Maass & Pam Ihle
Altar Guild	Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian
Flowers	

Next Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Great Comfort

I Kings 17:17-24 ✠ Ephesians 3:13-21 ✠ Luke 7:11-17

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

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

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

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Time in the Catechism

The Fifth Commandment

What is the Fifth Commandment Commandment?

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.