



The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Epiphany Lutheran Church

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HYMN

“O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life,” 552



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And
2 The ranks of death with tro - phy grim Through
3 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life Stood
4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And



end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and
an - cient streets once trod And sud - den - ly con -
face to face that hour; And You took up the -
bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We
front - ed You, The might - y Son of God. A
age - old strife With words of awe - some pow'r. “Young
like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But



know our years on earth are few, That death is al - ways near.
wid - ow's tears e - voked Your Word; You stopped the bear - ers' tread.
man, a - rise!” You or - dered loud, And death de - feat - ed lay.
You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a - way its sting.



Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!
“Weep not!” in pit - y then You spoke To her whose son was dead.
The wid - ow's son cast off his shroud And strode from death a - way.
Re - store to life our mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.

Tune: Kevin J. Hildebrand (b. 1973)

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LORD OF LIFE
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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 68:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: 68:3, 5



P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

P Incline Your ear, O Lord, and | answer me, *
for I am poor and | needy.

C In the day of trouble I call up- | on You, *
for You | answer me.

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
and I will glorify Your name for- | ever.

C For great is Your steadfast | love toward me; *
You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

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 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry | all the day. *
 For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call
 up- | on You.

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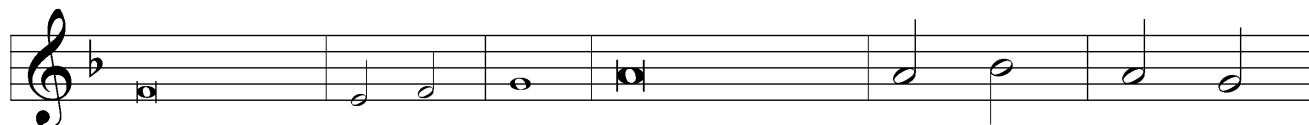


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

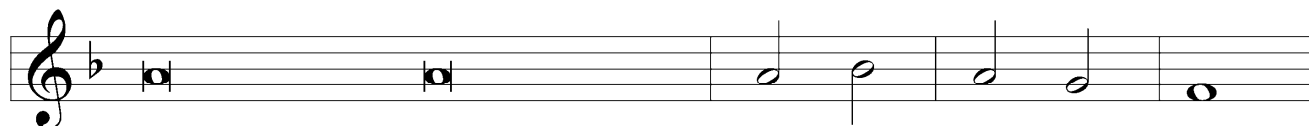
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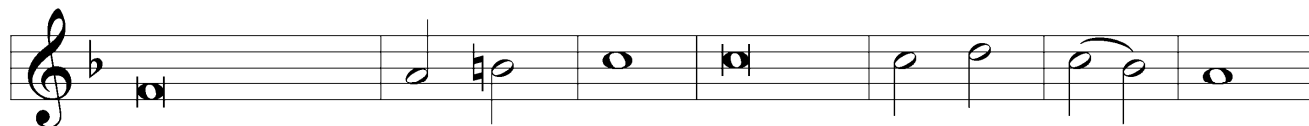
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



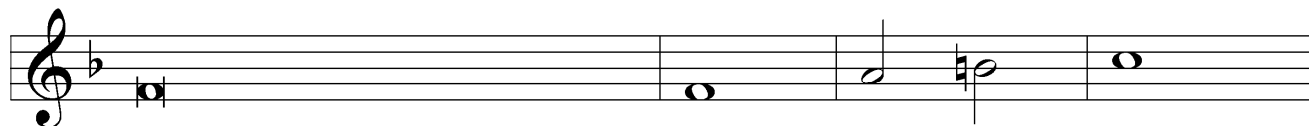
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



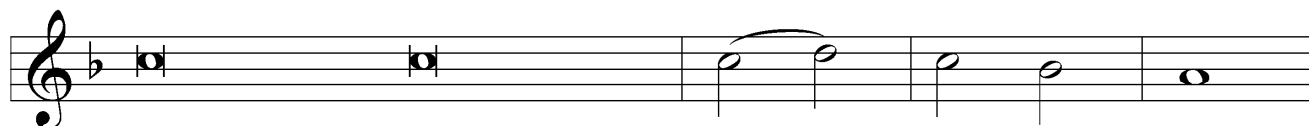
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



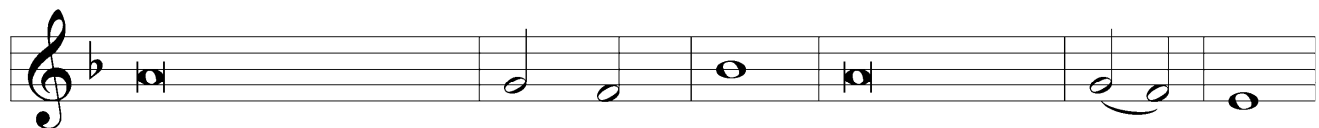
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



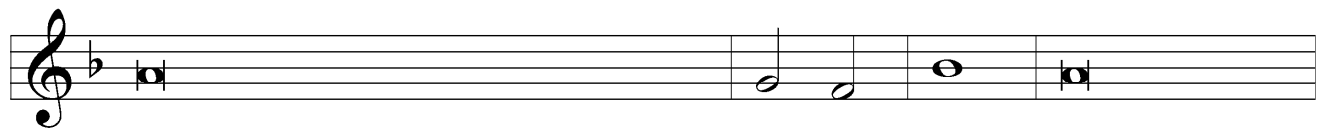
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



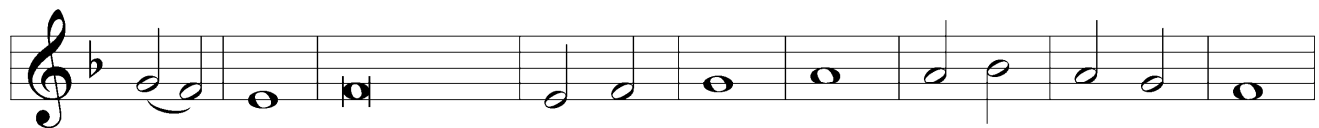
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



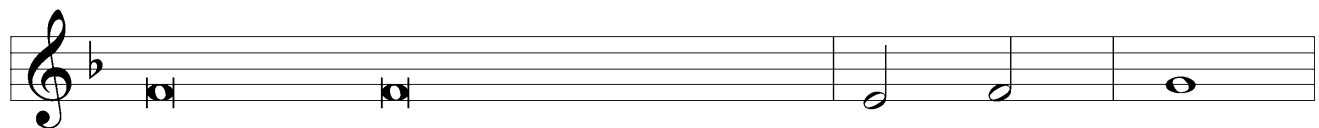
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



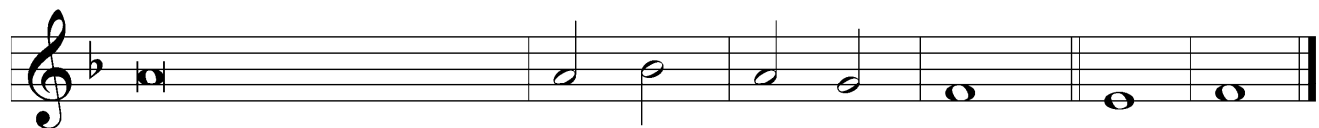
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

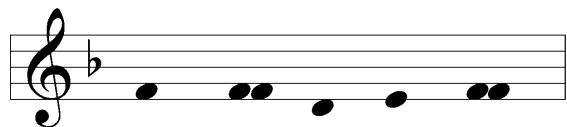


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

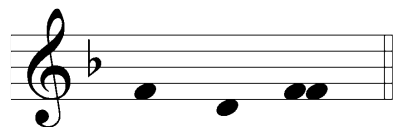
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

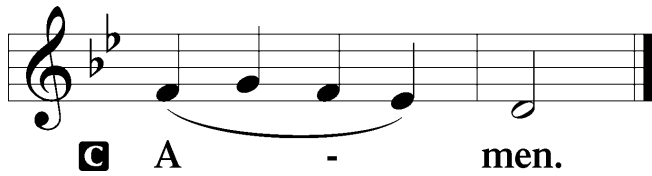


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:17-24

In those days the son of the woman, the mistress of the house [where Elijah was staying], became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the Word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 102:15-16



P Nations will fear the name | of the Lord, *
and all the kings of the earth will fear Your | glory.

C For the Lord builds up | Zion; *
He appears in His | glory.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:13-21

Brethren: I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to

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

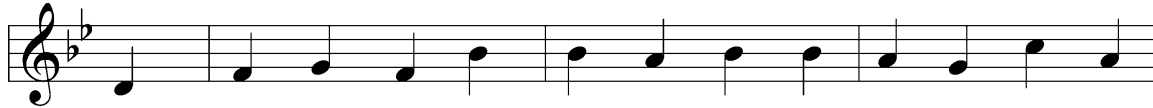
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

“The Will of God Is Always Best,” 758



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -
3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this
4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;
bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,
fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
leav - ing, Grant me to say, “Your will be done,”



He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In
I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His
Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My
Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I



time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -
Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and
fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -
now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and



pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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Tune: Claudin de Sermisy (c. 1490-1562)

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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.

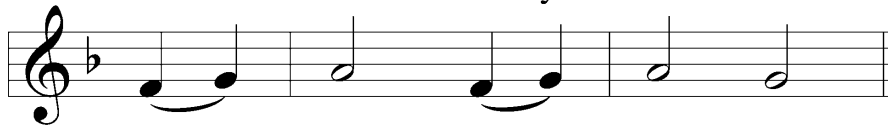
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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



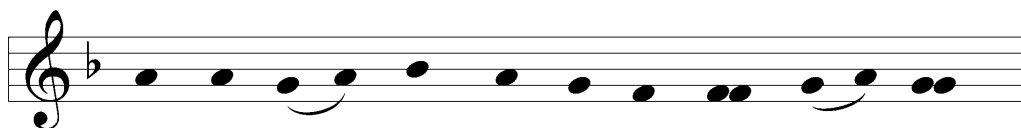
C And with thy spir - it.



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.



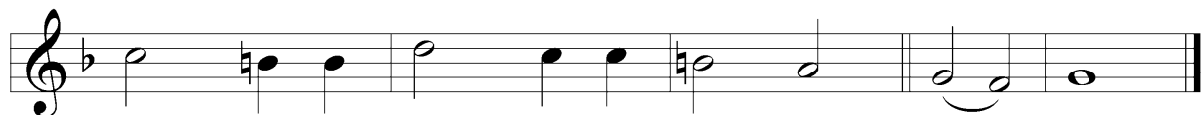
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



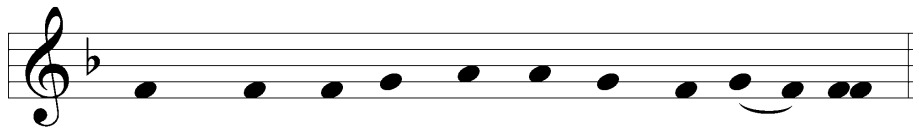
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

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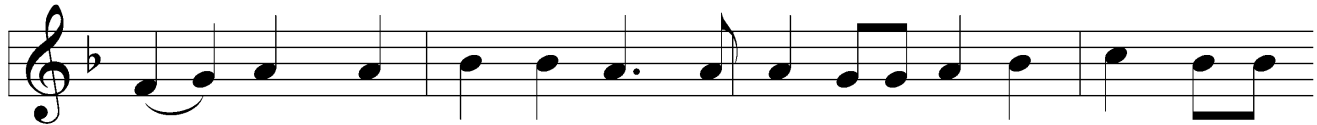


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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

“For Me to Live Is Jesus,” 742



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
 2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
 3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
 And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
 My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
 And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
 A slumber soft and still,
 No doubts to vex or haunt me,
 Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
 When death shall come to me,
 I fall asleep believing
 And wake in heav'n with Thee!

Text: *Ein schön geistlich Gesangbuch*, Jena, 1609; tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.
 Tune: Melchoir Vulpius (c. 1570-1615)
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CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN
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“I Fall Asleep in Jesus’ Wounds,” TLH 585



1 I fall a - sleep in Je - sus' wounds, There par - don for my
 2 With peace and joy I now de - part; God's child I am with



sins a - bounds; Yea, Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness
 all my heart. I thank thee, Death, thou lead - est me



My jew - els are, my glo - rious dress. In these be -
 To that true life where I would be. So cleansed by



- fore my God I'll stand When I shall reach the heav'n - ly land.
 Christ, I fear not death. Lord Je - sus, strength - en Thou my faith.

Text: Paul Eber (1511-69); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.
 Tune: attr. Martin Luther (1483-1546)

VATER UNSER
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"Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters," 598



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

Refrain



O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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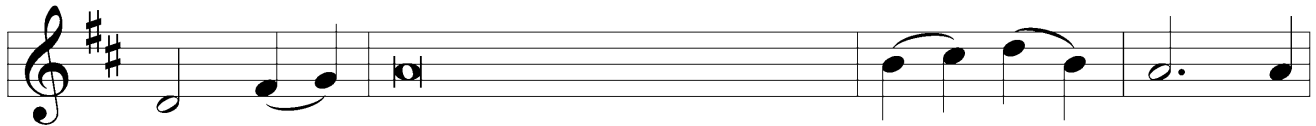
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



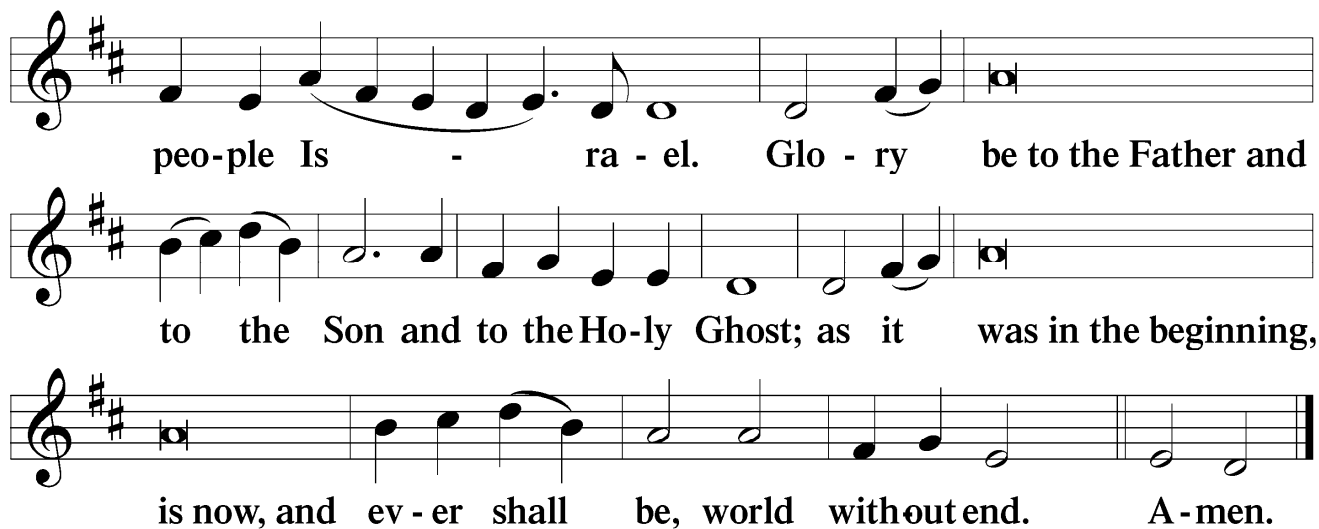
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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

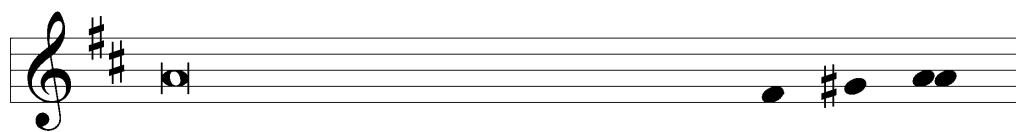


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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.

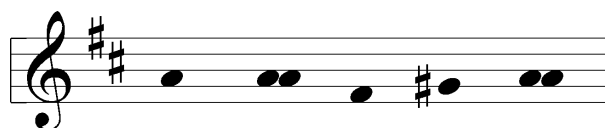
P Let us pray.

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.

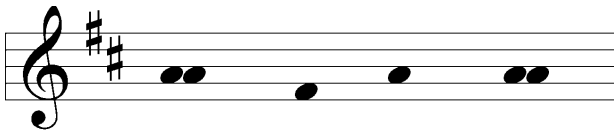
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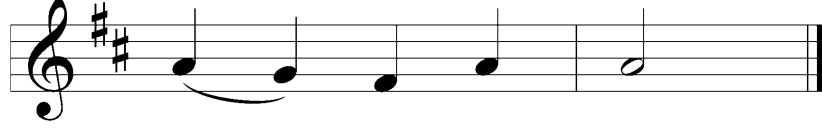
P The Lord be with you.



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

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!,” 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent:	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!	Splen - dor, the Lamb,	Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;	Break - ing our bread,	Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree;	Heav - en to earth,	Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.	Cher - u - bim sing:	“O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,	Riv - er of life,	Saints and arch -



ev - er!	Oh, what a mir - a - cle	God has in sight!
glo - ry:	Je - sus our bless - ing,	our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple,	Gift of the fu - ture now	flow - ing to me.
o - pen!”	Clothe us in won - der,	a - dorn us in light.
an - gels,	Sing with cre - a - tion	to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

OKTOBERFEST

Epiphany's annual Oktoberfest is **today**, beginning at 2:00 under the pavilion. Join us for an afternoon of good food, music, and fun and help us raise funds to support those in our area who are in need this coming Christmas as well as Higher Things.

LWML FALL RALLY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Fall Rally is **this Saturday, October 3**, here at Epiphany beginning at **9:00 AM**. All Epiphany women are invited to attend. The topic of the fall rally will be the outreach and human care sponsored by the LWML, focusing especially on Epiphany's Food Truck (which was the recipient of a Mission Grant at the English District LWML's Convention this past spring).

The ingathering for the Rally is personal care items (e.g., soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, etc.). These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and can be difficult for those of limited means to acquire. Items donated will be distributed by the Epiphany food truck.

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.

Other Announcements

THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Our Savior Evangelical-Lutheran Church and School of Hartland, Mich. is hosting their annual Body of Christ and the Public Square conference, a conference focusing on Christians being bold and faithful witnesses in the public square, and not just in church. This year’s conference is titled, *The Church on the Front Lines of Religious Liberty, Life, Marriage, and Natural Law*, featuring engaging speakers like Ft. General Gerry Boykin, former U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, Danielle D’Souza Gill author of *The Choice: The Abortion Divide in America*, and Tim Goeglein, former advisor to President George W. Bush and V.P. of External Relations for Focus on the Family. The conference is **Saturday, October 10** from **9:00AM - 4:00 PM**. You can register and find more information at bodyofchrist2020.eventbrite.com.

CAPITALISM VS. SOCIALISM: A MORAL DEBATE

Our Savior Evangelical-Lutheran Church and School of Hartland, Mich. is hosting their annual public debate. This year’s 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.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Wednesday (9/16)	5	3	
Sunday (9/20)	51	38	\$1790

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher..... Rev. Ryan Beffrey
 Organist..... Diane Scott
 Floor ElderMark MacIntosh
 Serving Elder David Steffens
 Acolyte..... Jack Cook
 Counters.....Philip Maass & Pam Ihle
 Altar Guild.....Teresa Fulk & Jen Mousheigan
 Flowers

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder David Steffens
 Serving Elder Craig Baier
 Acolyte..... Owen Fulk
 Counters..... Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
 Altar Guild..... Bev Phipps & Pam Ihle
 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

Mike & Rhinda Judy 9/28.

Next Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Christian Freedom

Proverbs 25:6-14 ✠ Ephesians 4:1-6 ✠ Luke 14:1-11

Time in the Catechism

The Sixth Commandment

What is the Sixth Commandment Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.