

IN ALL THINGS  
WE ARE  
MORE  
THAN  
CON-  
QUERORS  
THROUGH  
HIM WHO  
LOVES US



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Eighth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



*building faith...sharing hope...living love.*

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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion at Grace

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. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body. . . This is my blood."

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 asked first to speak with Pastor Matthews.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

### **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 26, 2020

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

Romans 8:28–39

Matthew 13:44–52

### ***The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood***

The Lord our God has chosen us to be "*his treasured possession,*" not because of any strength in us, but solely "*because the LORD loves*" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "*keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments*" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "*great value*" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "*hidden in a field,*" covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "*to be conformed to the image of his Son*" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "*are called according to his purpose*" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "*at the right hand of God*" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom. 8:39).

+Welcome and Announcements+

+Confession and Absolution+

*Stand*

**354 Arise, O Christian People**

LSB 354



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
heads God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

*LSB 184*

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

**C** Amen.

## **Exhortation**

*LSB 184*

**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.*

## **Confession of Sins**

*LSB 184*

**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.**

## **Absolution**

*LSB 185*

**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

*Ps. 105:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 105:1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; \*  
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength; \*  
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

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

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



☐ 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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



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



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

# Gloria in Excelsis

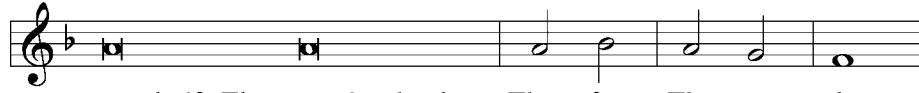
LSB 187



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



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



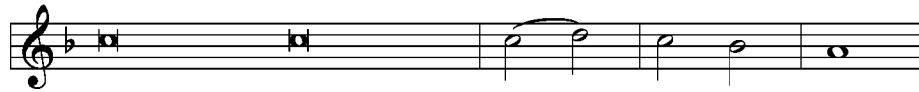
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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.



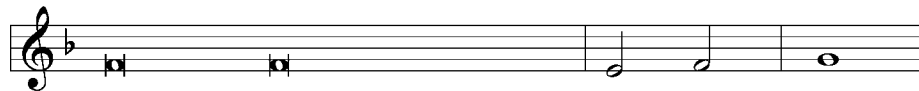
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 125 (antiphon: v. 2)*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the | righteous,\*  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to | do wrong.

**Do good, O LORD, to those | who are good,\*  
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!**

But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evil- | doers!\*

Peace be upon | Israel!

**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.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:28–39*

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure



that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*




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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:44–52*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

# 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713



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



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



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



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

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

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

## Sermon

## Votum

LSB 192

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192



**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

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord have mercy.

**P** . . . in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

## Collect

Blessed Lord, 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, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## 719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

LSB 719



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me  
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for  
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,  
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -  
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -  
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -  
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress  
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be  
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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+Service of the Sacrament+

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**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;



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.





## 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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."

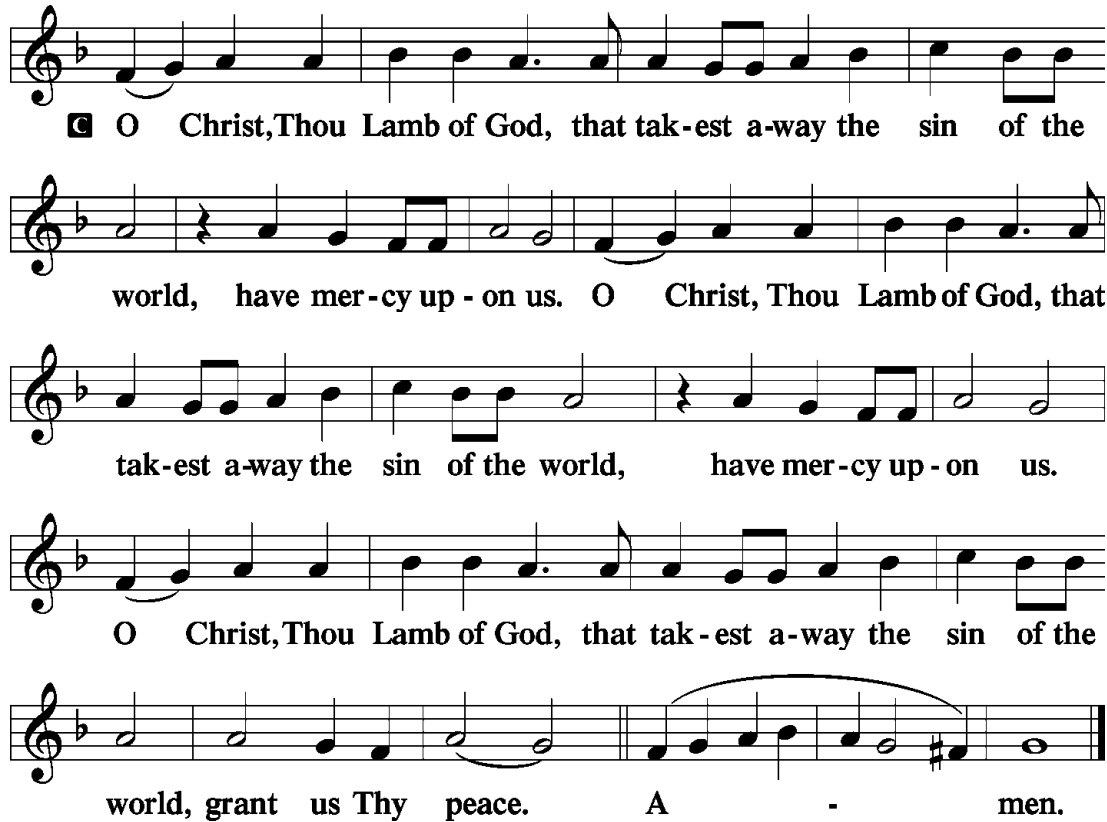
## Pax Domini

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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

LSB 199

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## The Dismissal

LSB 199

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

# 724 If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724



1 If God Him-self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood  
 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, My sun, my light, a - lone;  
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;  
 5 For no one can con - demn me Or set my hope a - side;  
 6 Who clings with res - o - lu - tion To Him whom Sa - tan hates



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.  
 Were He not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's judg - ment throne,  
 He is the Lord who cleans - es My soul from sin through faith.  
 Now hell no more can claim me: Its fu - ry I de - ride.  
 Must look for per - se - cu - tion; For him the bur - den waits



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
 With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;  
 I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in His sight,  
 In Him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;  
 No sen - tence now re - proves me, No guilt de - stroy - s my peace;  
 Of mock - 'ry, shame, and loss - es Heaped on his blame - less head;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
 The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
 But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As dark - ness by the light.  
 In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.  
 For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me And shields me with His grace.  
 A thou - sand plagues and cross - es Will be his dai - ly bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,  
 Yet I am not afraid;  
 I leave my cares, as bidden,  
 To whom my vows were paid.  
 Though life from me be taken  
 And ev'rything I own,  
 I trust in You unshaken  
 And cleave to You alone.

9 No angel and no gladness,  
 No throne, no pomp, no show,  
 No love, no hate, no sadness,  
 No pain, no depth of woe,  
 No scheming, no contrivance,  
 No subtle thing or great  
 Shall draw me from Your guidance  
 Nor from You separate.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
 No pain or poverty,  
 No earthly tyrant's anger  
 Shall ever vanquish me.  
 Though earth should break asunder,  
 My fortress You shall be;  
 No fire or sword or thunder  
 Shall sever You from me.

10 My heart with joy is springing;  
 I am no longer sad.  
 My soul is filled with singing;  
 Your sunshine makes me glad.  
 The sun that cheers my spirit  
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
 The heav'n I shall inherit  
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

**620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour — In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



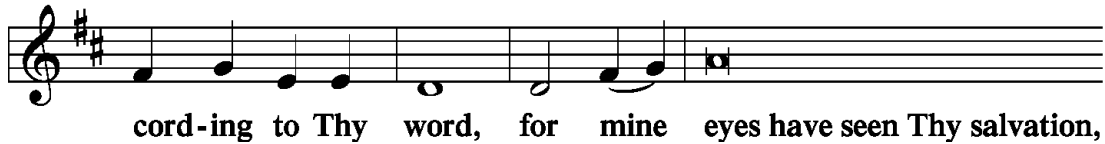
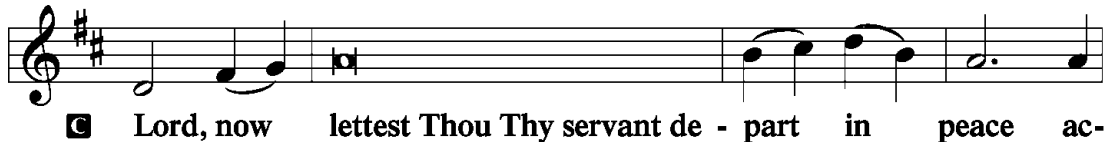
in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Stand*

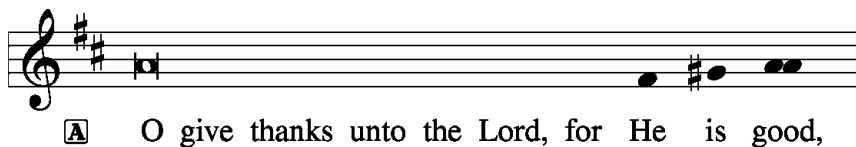
## Nunc Dimittis

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## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



## Post-Communion Collect

**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 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*



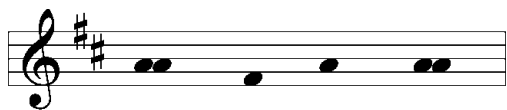
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

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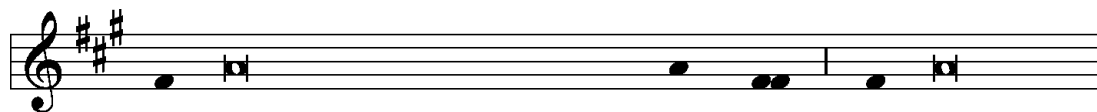
**A** Bless we the Lord.



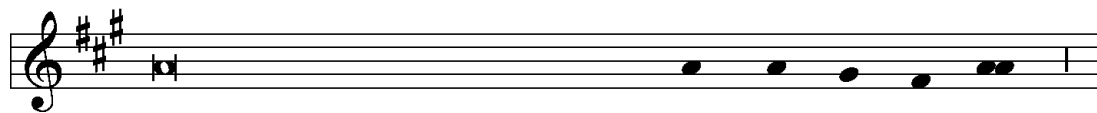
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

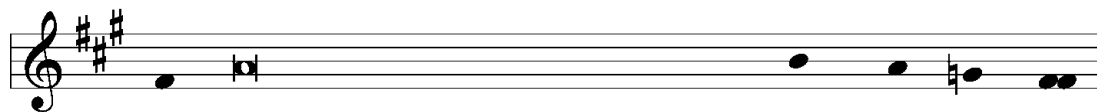
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

## 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922 sts. 1-4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**P** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## Life Quote for the week of July 26, 2020

“Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



27 Amy Steele

1 Aaron Wolf



## Weekly Worship in-person and via Facebook Live!

As we return to in-person worship today, we give thanks to God for bringing us through these trying times. For all who are ill, do not feel comfortable in larger groups, or cannot get to our services, we will continue to stream our worship services using Facebook Live! At our regular Sunday morning worship time (10:45 a.m.) we will broadcast the worship service. You can watch the live worship service, or you can view the service later by going to the Grace Lutheran Tacoma Facebook page.

Bulletins for the service are mailed out on Thursday or Friday each week. If you have not received a bulletin by Saturday afternoon, please message Pastor Matthews through the Facebook page (Messenger) and a copy of the service folder will be sent you in reply.

Your feedback on these services is greatly appreciated. If you are having difficulties accessing the services, or if other difficulties arise, please contact us through the Facebook page or by sending an email to [Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org](mailto:Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org).

## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30. When we are able to join together for Bible Study again, we will begin working through the Synod's program, Every One His Witness. This resource will help us feel more comfortable discussing our faith with friends and family. Our Bible Studies are a great way to build understanding of God's Word and give us tools to survive the challenges of daily living. **We are reviewing options for returning to Sunday Morning Bible Study. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



**Midweek Bible Study** meets Thursday mornings. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. The meeting location has changed to Prince of Peace until the South Tacoma Library lifts its meeting room closure (to avoid the spread of Corona Virus). Our sessions begin at 10:30 and conclude around 11:30. **We are planning to restart midweek Bible Study July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

## Reading and studying the Lutheran Confessions

Our Lutheran Confessions reading/study/discussion group is rolling along. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately one and a half hours. The meeting will be in the library at Prince of Peace. **We are reviewing options for returning to our study of the Lutheran Confessions. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



## **Updated Website for Grace**

During the time of our exile to our homes by order of Governor Inslee, Pastor Matthews has been working on updating our website. The old Grace Lutheran website was not significantly updated since we sold our old building. The new website presents to the world our Lutheran identity as a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as well as our confessional position embracing the Sacraments for the precious gift that they are.

The site is still undergoing updating, but current information is now available for the public to see regarding our Grace Family. Part of our new presence is a page linking people to our Facebook Live! Services. Bulletins and sermons are available on the site as well. The website address is [www.gracelutherantacoma.org](http://www.gracelutherantacoma.org). When you have a chance, take a look at our digital face to the world. Your comments and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and greatly appreciated. Please let Pastor know what your thoughts are about this new look.

## **Shop on Amazon.com? Support our congregation**

Amazon.com has a program that contributes 0.5% of purchases to a charity of your choosing. AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) is the website through which purchases are made and donations to Grace Lutheran Church accrue.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Grace every time you shop, at no cost to you.



On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. Grace Lutheran Church has registered as a charitable organization, so you will find us there.

**We have received \$83.63 so far. Thanks to all for supporting us.**

## Prayer Requests

This week we remember in our prayers, members and friends for whom prayers are requested, including:

### Healing

Alda S  
Judy G  
Dan B  
Joan D  
Jeremiah R  
Alethea B  
Jim L  
Chris R  
Joy S  
Charles S  
Kirk D

### Healing/Other

Eric S  
Denes V  
Randy H  
Hank B  
Grant O  
Bonnie S  
Ryan C  
Jim M  
Jennifer Z  
Ray C  
Eric H

### Cancer

James M  
Al S  
Gabe T  
Edith L  
Jason  
Jerry M  
Marion B  
Timothy R

### Homebound

Doug B  
Karen J



## Prepare for next week

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

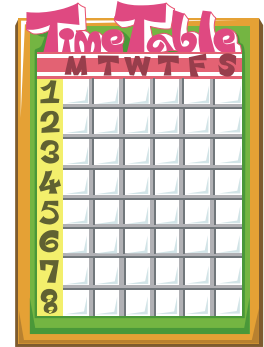
Isaiah 55:1–5  
Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)  
Matthew 14:13–21



*Scripture Readings*  
for next week

## **This Week (and next) at Grace**

Today	10:45 a.m.	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Governing Board Meeting (PoP Fellowship Hall)
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Betty Ann Circle, Psalm Study (Psalm 105b)
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:45 a.m.	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service in person and via Facebook Live!



YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Myths about Lutheran Worship, Callings in Life, The Hymn "Thy Strong Word," Johann Sebastian Bach and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM**

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO THE  
HOUSEHOLD

**THE FIRST ARTICLE—CREATION**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

I believe that God made me and all creatures, that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land animals and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.