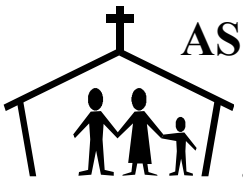
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TWENTY-FITHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary
(WITH Holy Communion)
Online Worship posted to website Saturday evening

Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:00 am and 11:00 am Services in the Sanctuary
(WITH Holy Communion)



AS WE GATHER

Today we come to the Lord's Prayer. The disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray," and He gave them the words we still pray every Sunday: "Our Father who art in heaven." Luther explains that with these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that we may ask Him with all boldness and confidence, as dear children ask their dear father. We do not pray because we are worthy. We pray because God has commanded it and promised to hear us.
This week our nation also observed Veterans Day. Luther teaches that "daily bread" includes good government and peace, gifts God often gives through those who serve and protect us. We give thanks for every veteran among us and pray for all who serve today.
As you prepare for worship, pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, one petition at a time. Then close with confidence: Amen. "Yes, yes, it shall be so."

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 22-24)

VETERANS RECOGNITION

(*Please stand as able and face the Cross*)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #717 (vs. 1, 2*, 2, 3*, 3, 4)
"*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*"

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2a O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.

3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE +

(Hymnal, p. 184)

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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. **(Hebrews 10:22)**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

(*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

People: Most merciful God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have done things that we should not have done, and we have failed to do the things we should have done.
We have been impatient. We have grumbled. We have gossiped. We have been critical of others and we have been difficult. We have used coarse language and have taken Your name in vain.
We have sought and received Your forgiveness and, then, we have refused to forgive our neighbor.
Father, forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may be freed from the guilt and burdens that we carry and daily strive to live under Your order and design for us. Amen.

Pastor: 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. **(John 20:22-23**)

People: Amen.

THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS EXPLANATION

What is the Office of the Keys?
The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth and Pastors to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?
This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

What do you believe according to these words?
I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.
(1965, Luther's Small Catechism, pg. 18; "The Office of the Keys and Confession")

(*Please remain standing as able*)

PSALMODY (Psalm 121)

Pastor: [1]I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
People: [2]My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: [3]He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
People: [4]Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
Pastor: [5]The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
People: [6]The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Pastor: [7]The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
People: [8]The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(*Please remain standing as able*)

Salutation Explanation

The Service of the Word continues with a traditional greeting among Christians. This responsive dialogue unites the people and the pastor in corporate worship. The Hebrew greeting Shalom alechum! Alechum shalom! ("Peace be with you") is still heard in Israeli streets. Christians replaced the Hebrew wish for peace, shalom, with the Peacegiver Himself. "The Lord be [or is] with you" may be said prior to the Collect of the Day.

The Salutation has been interpreted in several ways, but its underlying emphasis is the existence of a special relationship between the pastor and the congregation. The response "And also with you," or "And with your spirit," confirms this caring relationship. This is not a prayer but an exchange of mutual love and respect. The Salutation is a much stronger greeting than the "Good Morning!" often expressed from the chancel prior to a Sunday liturgy.

The salutation signifies a spiritual tie between pastor and the people that the Lord alone brings.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **(2 Timothy 4:22)**
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray together.

ALL: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You tenderly invite us to call upon You as dear children call upon their dear father. Hallow Your name among us, let Your kingdom come, and let Your good and gracious will be done. Give us this day our daily bread, with peace in our land and protection for all who serve and

defend it. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from every evil of body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(*Please be seated*)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 9:17-19
(*Daniel's Prayer for His People*)

Reader: The Old Testament reading is from Daniel, Chapter Nine.

17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. **18** O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. **19** O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 2:1–6
(*Pray for All People*)

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from First Timothy, Chapter Two.

[1]First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **2** for kings and all who are in

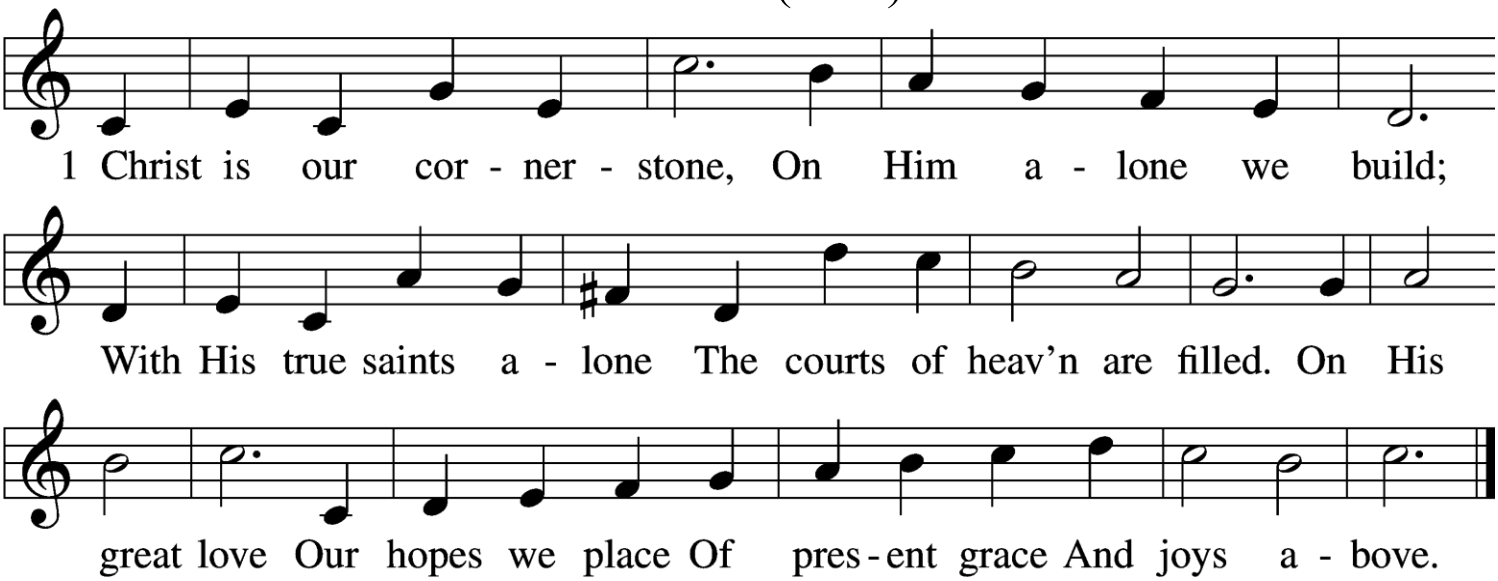
high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. **3** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

(*After the reading…*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

(*Please stand as able for the Verse and the reading of the Gospel Lesson*)

HYMN VERSE
#912 "*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*" (vs. 1)



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13
(*The Lord's Prayer*)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(*The Gospel is read*)

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one
of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his
disciples.” **2** And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread,
4 and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him
at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, **6** for a
friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set
before him’; **7** and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the
door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up
and give you anything’? **8** I tell you, though he will not get up and give
him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he
will rise and give him whatever he needs. **9** And I tell you, ask, and it
will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be
opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who
seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **11** What
father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give
him a serpent; **12** or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If
you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those
who ask him!”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Explanation of the Creed
The word "Creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe." Creeds in the Church are a confession of faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the Triune God. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
The Church has had the long tradition that goes back to the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection. That tradition is confessing the Church's faith in a way that shows unity with the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps us from falling into false beliefs.

L: Now, having heard God's Word, let us join together in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED
All: 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.

(*Please be seated*)

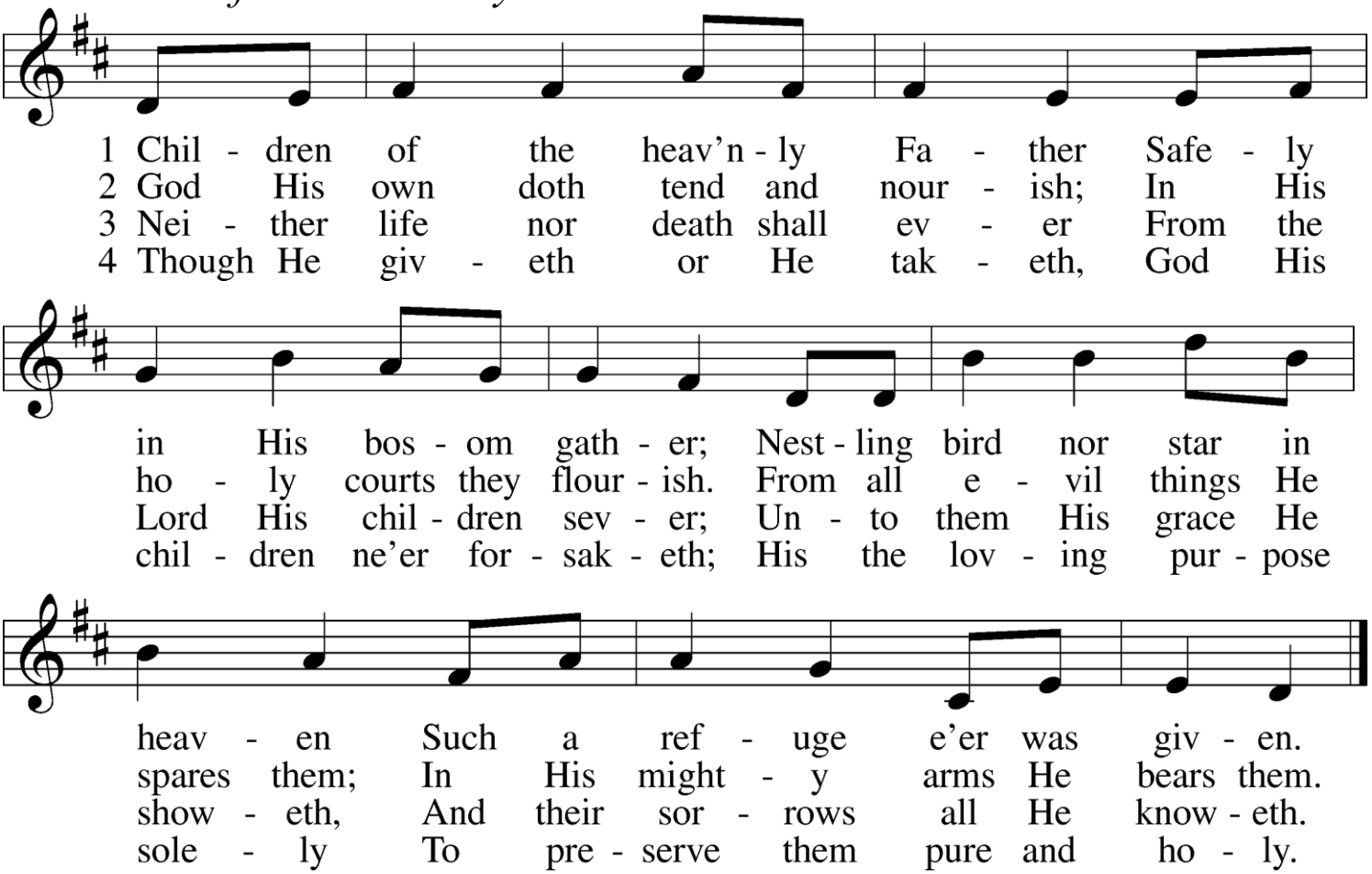
CHILDREN'S HYMN: *We invite the children forward as we sing: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world;
Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His Sight:
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children, All the children of the world;
Red or yellow, black or white, they are precious in His Sight;
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - DCE, Mr. Tom Buss

SERMON HYMN #725 (vs. 1-4)
"*Children of the Heavenly Father*"



SERMON Rev. Mark Moretz

"AS DEAR CHILDREN"

(Sunday 11:00 AM Only)
FAREWELL AND GODSPEED – Aubrey Davidson

(Sunday 11:00 AM only)
"*By Faith*"
Singers – Aubrey Davidson, Erin Davidson, Sydney Hector, Katy Hector, and Pastor Mark

TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

(*Please stand as able for the Prayers*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, since we have come in the name of the Lord to receive his holy Supper, I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ has taught us and graciously promised to hear us.
Pastor: God, *our Father in heaven,* look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth. Grant us grace, so that *your holy name be hallowed* by us and all the world, through the pure and true teaching of your Word; graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living, by which your precious name is being blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
Pastor: *Your kingdom come* to us and expand, that all transgressors who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ, your Son, by faith, and that the number of Christians may grow. Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
Pastor: May we be strengthened by your Spirit to *do and to respect your will*, both in life and death, in good times and bad, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills. Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Give us our daily bread,* preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that you will provide for all our needs. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,* so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before you, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lead us not into temptation* but help us by your Spirit to subdue our sinful desires, despise the sinful world and its ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lastly, O heavenly Father, *deliver us from all evil* of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in your great mercy that you will hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

(Modified from *Luther's Works,* American edition, Vol. 53, p. 78-79)

BLESSING OF THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

AS WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He promises, Jesus gives us not only bread and wine, but also His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. All baptized Christians, who trust this promise, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive others, are invited to the Lord's Supper.

It is also important to understand two additional things the Scriptures teach about the Lord's Supper. First, participation in this meal is a bold confession of what we believe as Lutheran Christians. The Apostle Paul writes to the church of God in Corinth and to us:

"For as often as you eat and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV)

Second, those who eat and drink the Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. The Apostle continues in his writing,

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29 ESV)

For these reasons, if you have not been instructed in the teachings of the Lutheran faith, have not confessed agreement with the Lutheran faith, or are in doubt about or holds beliefs differing from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we request that you do not receive this Sacrament today.

We encourage you to find a time to speak with your Adult Leader or pastor so we might be able to commune together with you sometime in the future.

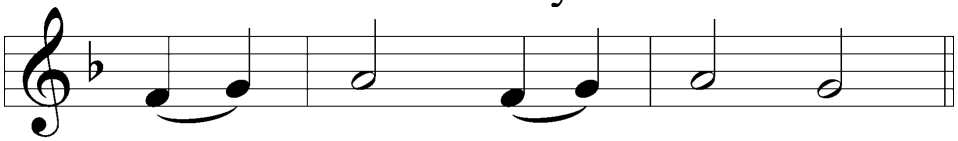
During the celebration of the Lord's Supper, you may stay in your seat or walk forward together with your group. If you choose to come forward, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you will not be receiving the body and blood of Jesus. The pastor distributing the Lord's Supper will speak a blessing for you.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

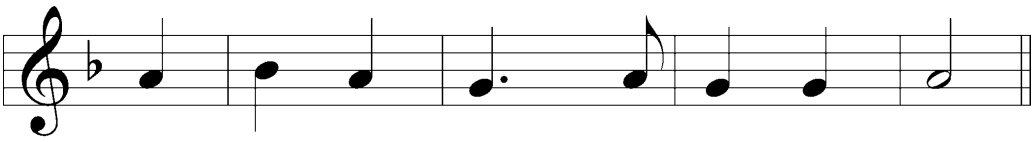
(Hymnal, p. 194)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
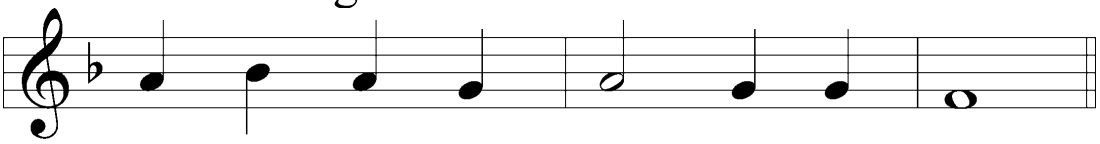


Pastor: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
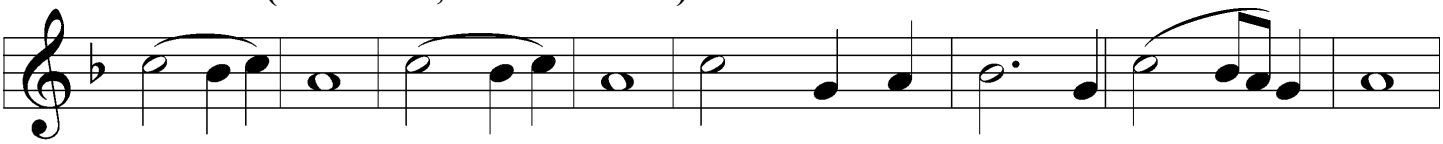
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
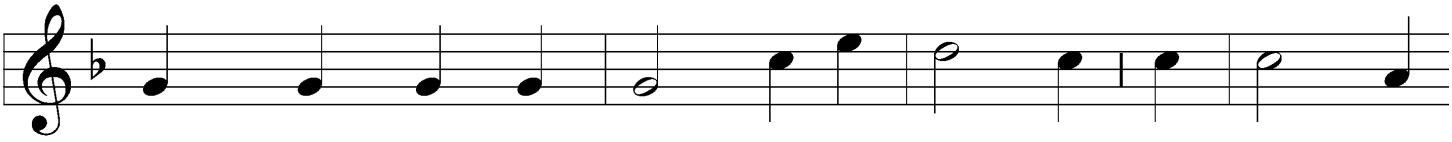


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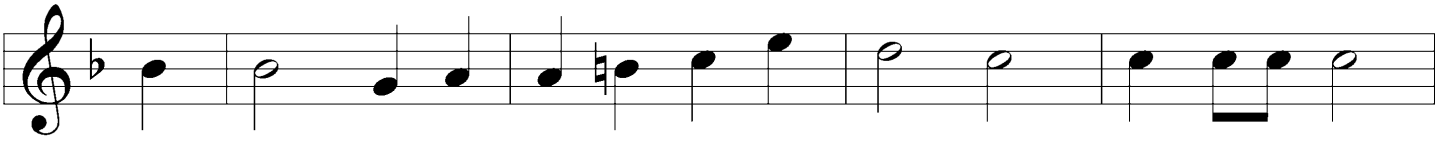
SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)
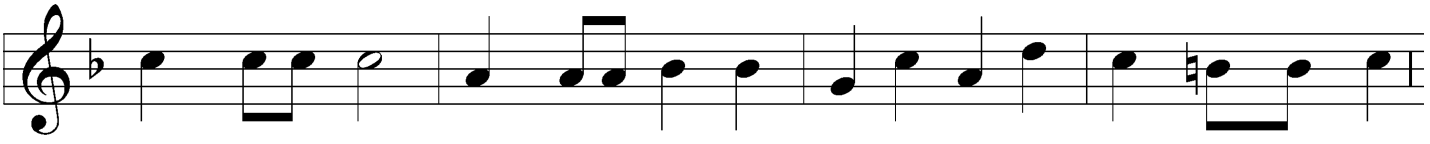


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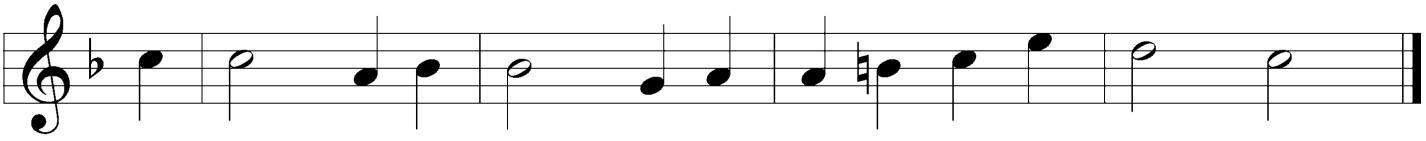
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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
(Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)
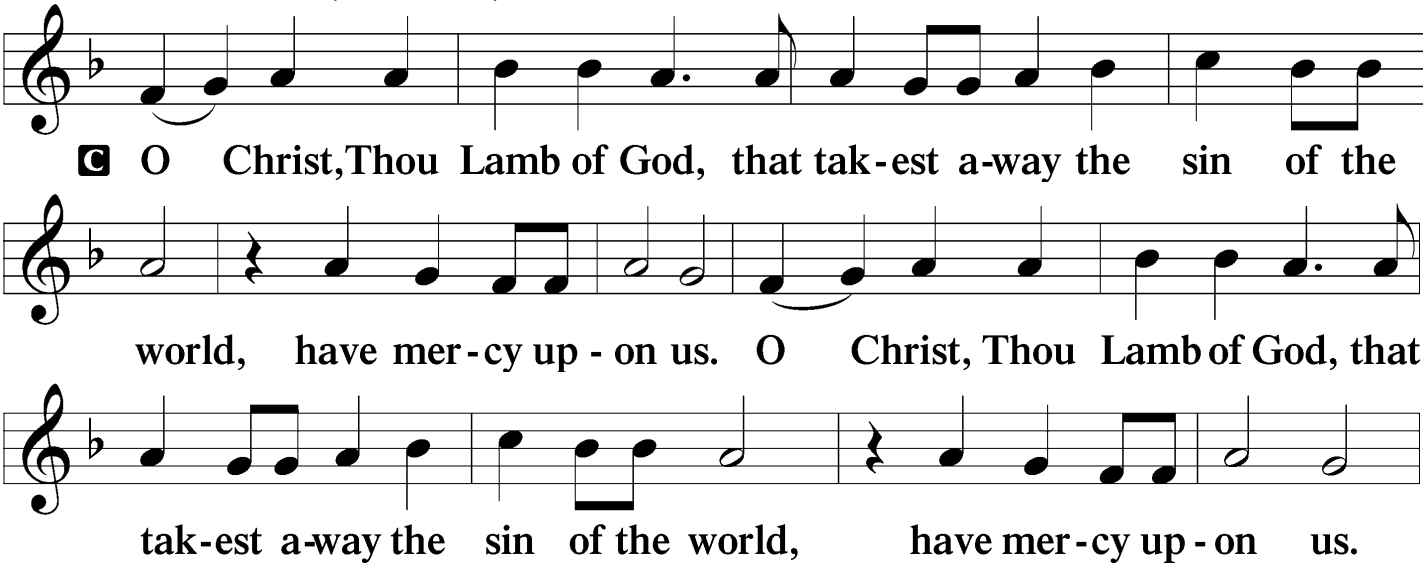
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26)*
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (*Revelation 22:20)*

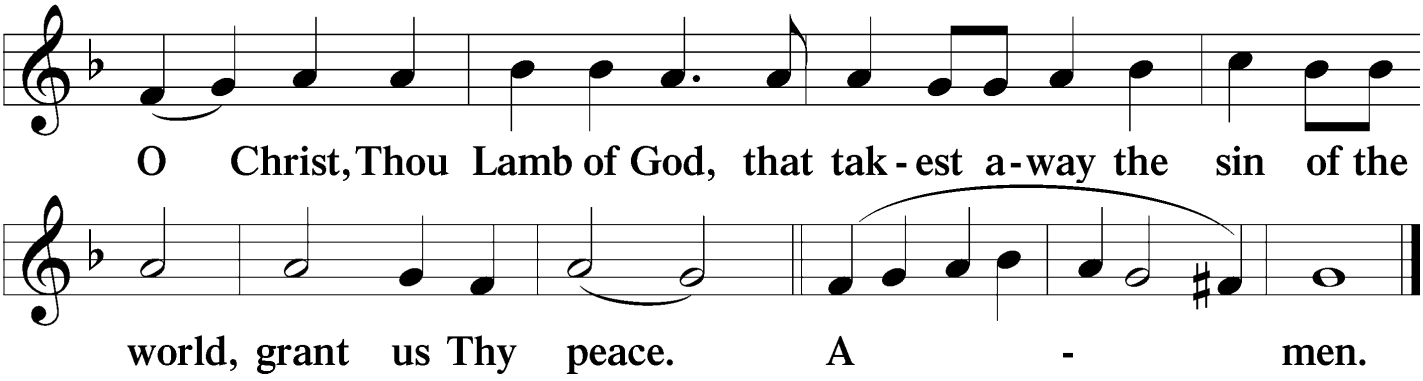
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI (John 20:19)
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)





DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(8:00 AM Only)

"*I Love You Lord*" ~ Maranatha

I Love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice
Take joy my King in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (*Three Times*)

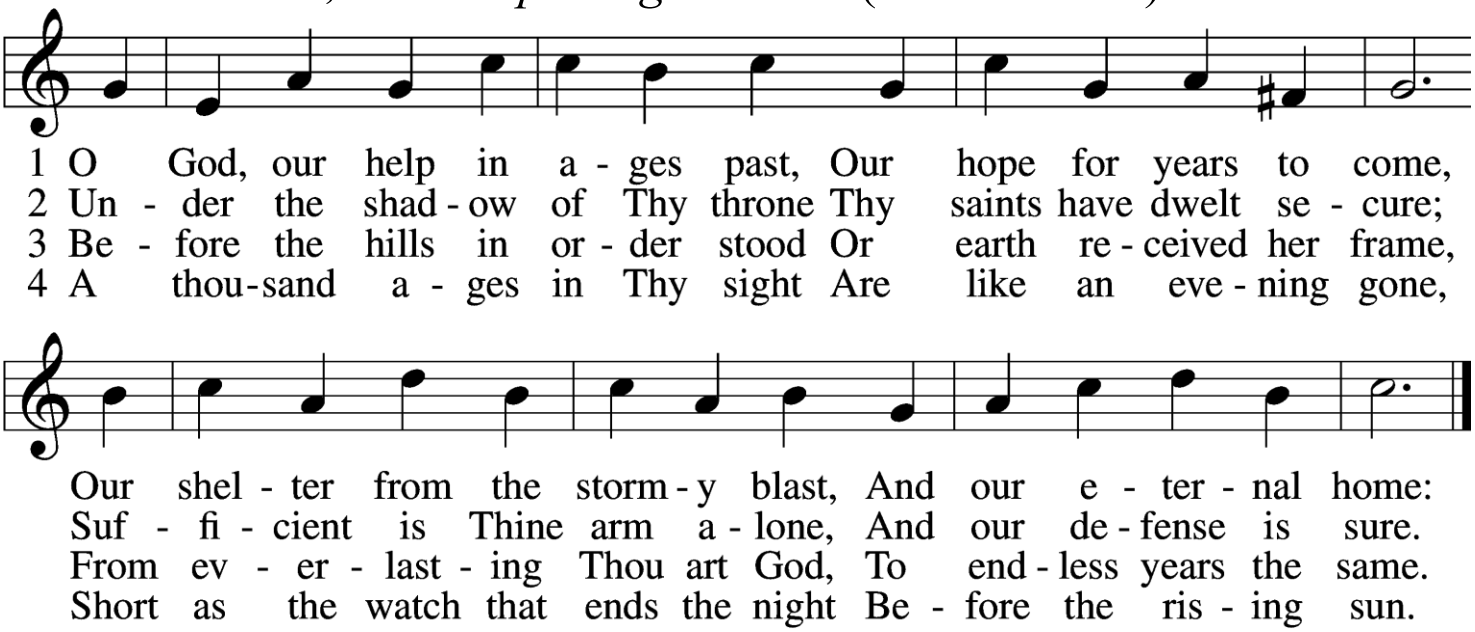
#712 "*Seek Ye First*" (vs. as needed)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you"!
Alllelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

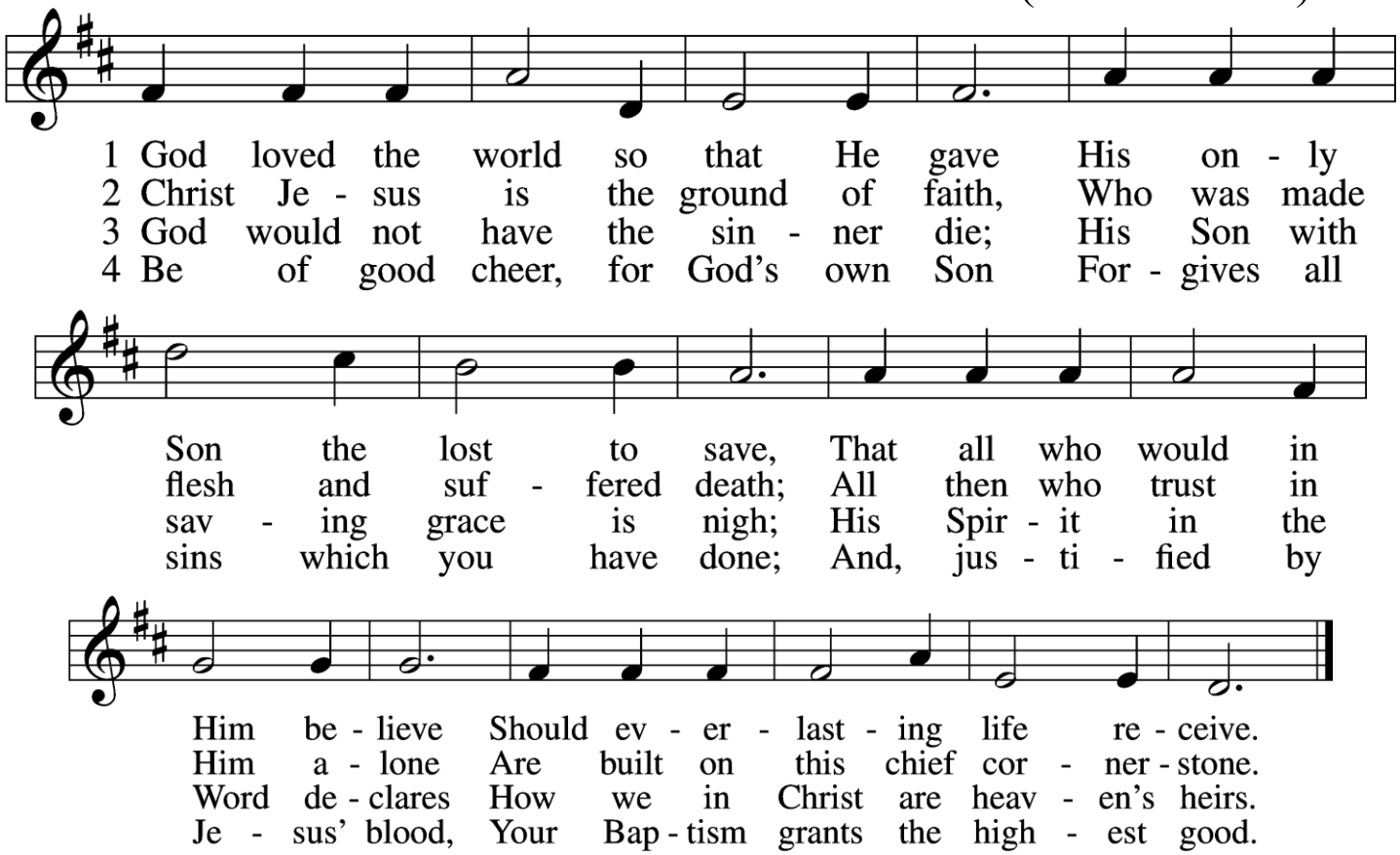
#733 "*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*" (vs. as needed)



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

#571 "*God Loved the World So That He Gave*" (vs. as needed)



5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

↑ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but

always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction Explanation

Using the words of Numbers 6:22-27, the pastor speaks the trinitarian blessing on the people. The last word of the liturgy comes from God, who hosted the service. The Benediction is more than a prayer or a wish. By His most holy name, the Benediction bestows God's blessing on the people for the rest of the week. To rephrase the Benediction as a wish (for example, beginning with "May the Lord bless…" removes the divine significance of our Host's parting declaration to His gathered guests. The Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26) is a uniquely Lutheran choice, yet it underscores the continuity of praise with all God's people.. Worshippers also may make the sign of the cross on themselves as the pastor makes it over the whole congregation.

THE BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you,

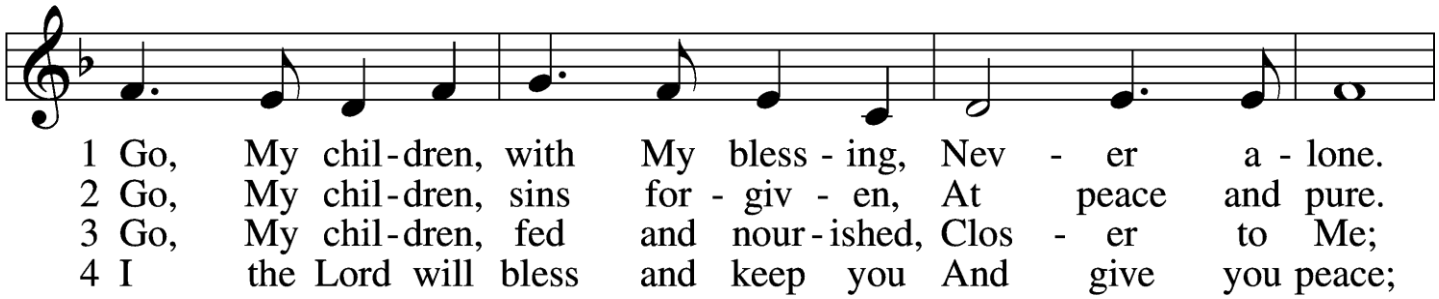
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

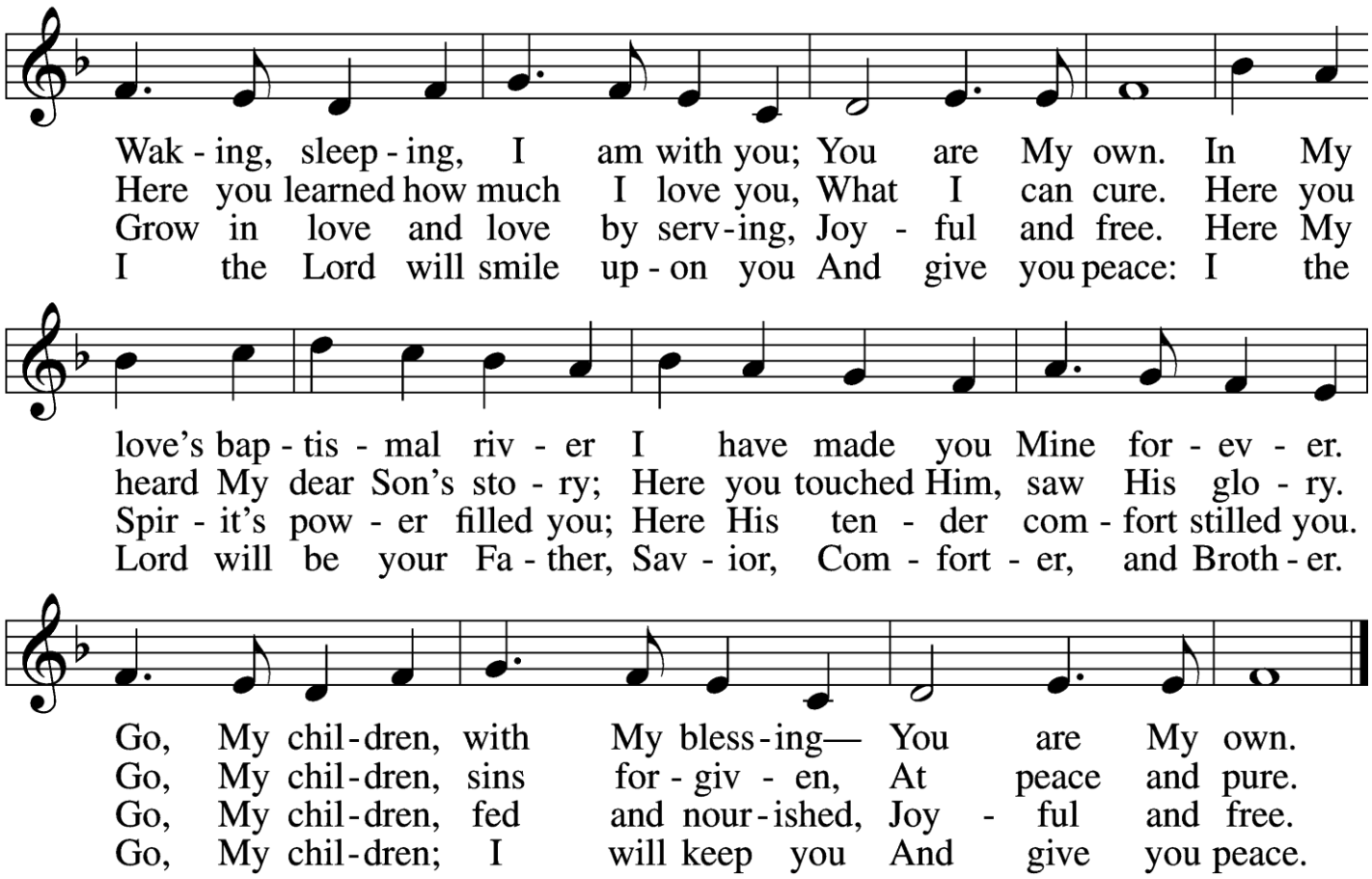
The LORD look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #922 (vs. 1-4)

"*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*"





THE SENDING

Pastor: Our worship is now ended.
People: My service now begins.
Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

IN SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:

Officiant	Rev. Mark Moretz
Organist	Cindy Golem
Pianist	Shelly Hector, Kathy Schleef
Lectors	Al Radek (5:30)
	Maggie Brown (8:00)
	Beverly Walling (11:00)

Greeters	Volunteer (5:30) Christine Bell (8:00) Kathy Schleef & Christine Bell (11:00)
Video	Adam Brown, Sam Moretz and Jaymes Yeakle
Visuals	Cari Lowery, Fred Tichnell and Sam Moretz
Usher	Chip Brown, Dory Brown, Maggie Brown, Adam Brown, Joe Brown, Carrol Gatling, Jody Gann, Jesse Lowery, Bert Brittain, Mark Roeder, and Paul Roeder
Altar Guild	Sylvia Shives, Ron Golem, Mike and Nancy Flicek, Marian Foster, Dory Brown, and Deaconess Beverly Walling
Acolytes	Evan Moretz; Erin, Aubrey, and Tommy Davidson; Sydney and Katie Hector; Joe, Charlotte, Andrew Brown and Sarah Brown; Alexis Lowery, Nethanel Lowery; Grayson and Logan Moreland

The people of Concordia have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.
You can bring your offering to the Lord using the plate as it is passed or online at concordiahagerstown.org under "Give".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

Email addresses:
Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com
Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

Gluten-free wafers are now available. Please let Pastor Mark know at the Communion Rail if you prefer these.

SUNDAY – 9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class, in the Sanctuary, Pastor Mark will lead a study of the Book of Revelation.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS: Downstairs in the Outreach Center -Pastor Pekari will lead a study on 1 John.

MONDAY Bible Study – Monday 1:30 Bible Study with the Book of Acts, Part 2. The facilitator will be Trudy Borrelli.

CHOIR – The choir is rehearsing on Wednesdays from 7:30 t0 8:30 pm. Come join us if you like to Praise the Lord with song. We can use more voices, especially men.
Leader - Kathy Schleef, accompanist -Shelly Hector.

"MISSION OF THE MONTH" for November is Lutheran Bible Translators and LWML.

Poinsettias orders Yes, it's that time already! Forms are in the worship folder this week. The cost $14.25, payable to Concordia Lutheran Church, poinsettia on the memo line. Place order form with payment in a specially basket in the office. Deadline to order is November 22.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional books for October – December (and larger print) are available in the basket in the narthex.

OPEN ARMS PRESCHOOL – Donations from the congregation of cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Clorox type wipes, Lysol spray, bleach, paper towels, sanitizers, etc. Thank you, Natalie.

ALTAR FLOWERS –the price for altar flowers is $70.00 per arrangement.
The flower chart for 2026 is on the bulletin board outside pastor's office. Member participation is encouraged and appreciated. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SUNDAY (or two or three).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Request forms to have a prayer shawl made for you or a loved one are on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office. Please complete the form and put it in Jane O'Farrell's mailbox. If anyone would like to share their talent of knitting or crocheting for this ministry please contact Jane O'Farrell

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CHURCH SIGN MESSAGE – All church events can be advertised on the Electric Sign. Please contact: Mark Eberly at emark353@comcast,.net or Chip Brown, 301- 797-1703. Keep messages short and to the point. No need to call the Pastor or any Board Member for approval.

Mission

We are the Church where the love of Christ is shared through our hearts, our hands, and our voices.

Vision

A welcoming community where the grace of Christ transforms lives through Word and Sacrament, equips disciples for faithful service, and shares His love with ever neighbor.

Core Values

1. We believe in one God, our Father, His Son Jesus our savior and shepherd, and His Holy Spirit our helper and comforter. We believe that God comes first in our lives. Therefore, attendance and worship and active, enthusiastic, and persistent involvement in God's mission are vital to our witness.

2. We believe that trusting God's love for us all is at the heart of our relationship to Him, and to our relationships with each other, and should be a part of every aspect of church life (1 Corinthians 13; John 13:34-35).

3. We believe that every person matters to God, and therefore, all people matter to the church. Likewise, we believe that we should be a loving, welcoming, and compassionate place that actively invites our community and neighbors to join us (Luke 15; Luke 5:30-32).

4. We believe, as Christ's followers, that we have been humbled, that we should be authentic (real) about our own need for forgiveness, that we live in God's amazing grace, and that we yearn for continuous growth (Ephesians 4:25-26; Hebrews 12:1).

5. We believe that God's church is one, and holy as He is Holy, and that His love and forgiveness is universal in scope, and that we should remain faithful to the Biblical truths passed on to us by Christ and Scripture, the apostles, and expressed in Lutheran doctrine while engaging with our surrounding culture

through our facility, mission efforts, and communications (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

6. We believe the pursuit of full devotion to Christ is normal for every believer and this includes the teaching or servanthood and putting our faith into action, stewardship and the pursuit of kingdom goals (Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:7).

7. We believe God is uniting His people into one Body with His over-arching ministry of reconciliation, and that every believer is endowed with certain unique spiritual abilities and we should equip them to minister out of their gifts and passion (Ephesians 4).

8. We believe that we are to be patient, kind, gentle, honest, peaceful, loving, and that having self-control is essential to our witness and church effectiveness. This includes speaking the truth in love, communicating honestly with one another, and practicing forgiveness with one another (Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 4:15).

9. We believe excellence honors God and inspires people, and that our giving of thanks for whatever we can do, see, or find that is excellent, brings God honor. We also believe that God has given us First Article gifts with which we work to be innovative, adaptable, and dynamic in the way we minister to our communities (Malachi 1:6-14; Proverbs 27:17; First Article of The Apostles' Creed).

10. We Believe that we are to be a people of prayer as Jesus taught us, calling on God as children ask their dear Father. We pray continually for our families, for Church, for our communities, for our leaders, for our nation, and for the Holy Spirit to bring all people to faith (Matthew 6:9-15).

Worship with us!

Saturday in the Sanctuary:
Traditional (*Liturgical)* Service, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday in the Sanctuary:
Traditional *(Liturgical)* Service, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion celebrated at all Services.

- ***Sunday School meets in the Education Wing, 9:30 a.m.***

Preschool (age 3-5) Community Room
Elementary (Grades 1-5) Community
Middle School (Grades 6-8) Luther Room
High School (Grades 9-12) Luther Room

- ***Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.***

Sanctuary (Pastor Mark Moretz)

Outreach Center (Pastor Pekari)

- ***Open Arms Preschool***

Registration required for 2, 3, or 4 day AM program