

***November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016***  
***The Last Sunday of the Church Year***



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Divine Service 10 AM

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”**

**In our readings today,** The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. *“They shall be mine,”* He says, *“and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him”* (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining *“the distinction between the righteous and the wicked”* (Mal. 3:18). He truly is *“the King of the Jews”* (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith *“weep for yourselves and for your children”* (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He *“is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation”* (Col. 1:15). *“All things were created through him and for him”* (Col. 1:16), and *“all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”* bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself *“by the blood of his cross”* (Col. 1:19–20).

**Requests,** please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

**Hearing,** Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **WELCOME**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*Stand*

**Invocation** (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

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

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

**C** Amen.

**Confession:** (We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Absolution:** *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*

*Ps. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8*

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!

**May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

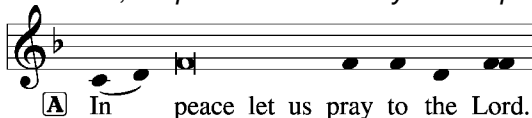
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

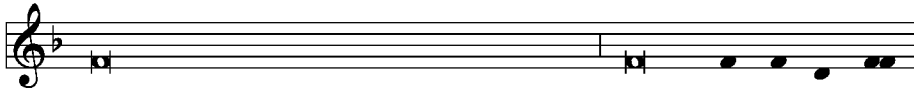
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**Kyrie:** *(Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)*

*LSB 152*



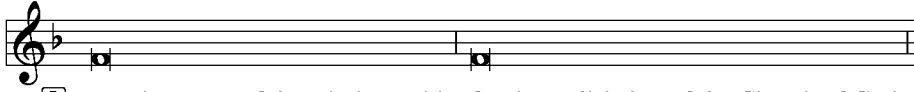
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



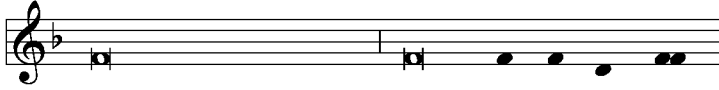
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



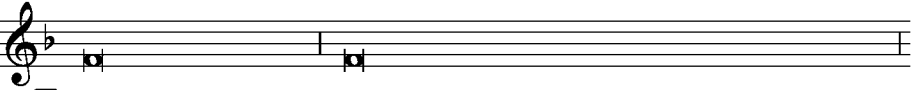
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



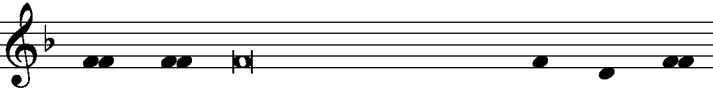
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise:** (*Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.*)

# **This Is the Feast**

LSB 155

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

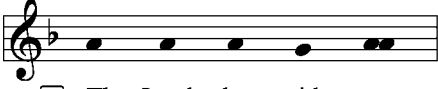


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**Salutation:** (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



**P** The Lord be with you.

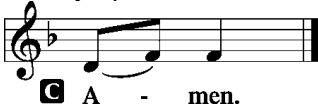


**C** And al - so with you.

**Collect:** *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## **Children’s Message**

**Scripture Readings:** *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 3:13-18*

**A** Today’s Old Testament reading is from Malachi, the third chapter

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” <sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *(The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)*

*Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## **Epistle**

*Colossians 1:13-20*

**A** Today’s Epistle reading is from Colossians, the first chapter

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 23:27-43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"



<sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Creed:** *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day:** *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

## Sermon "The Love of the King"

Luke 23:34, 43

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

### Votum

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


**C** Amen.

Stand

**Offertory:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

### Create in Me

LSB 956



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.

### Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

Sit

**Offering:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

**Prayer of the Church:** *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### *Close of the Prayers*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)* LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



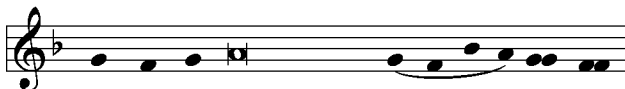
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



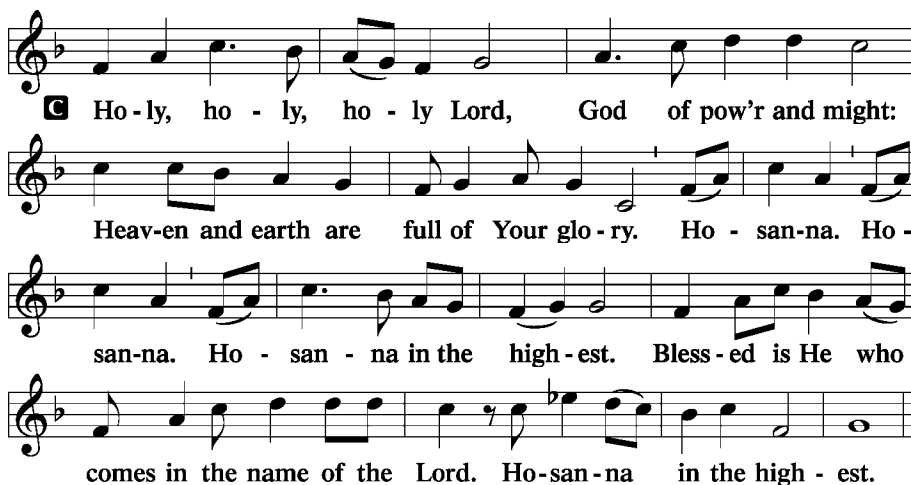
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:** (Latin for “holy.” The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).) LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:** (We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.) LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

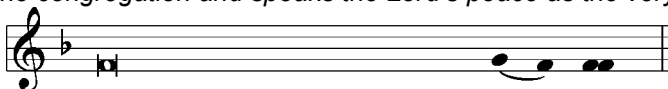
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Words of Our Lord:** *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)* LSB 163



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



- C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei:** *(Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.)* LSB 163



- C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

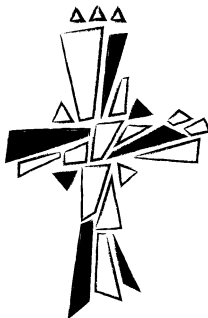


taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

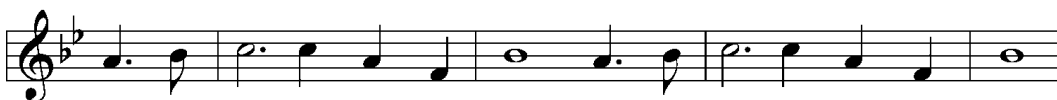


# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

# Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree





Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

*Stand*

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

- 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.

**Post-Communion Cantic:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

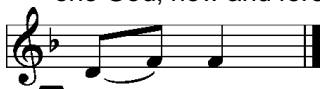


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

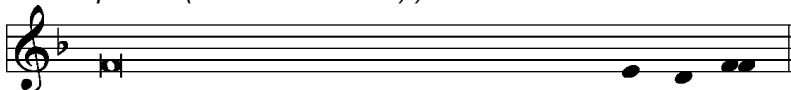
**P** Let us pray.

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.

**Benediction:** *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 166



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

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns,	The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son,	The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love.	Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life,	Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns All mu-sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, In beau-ty glo-ri-fied.  
And rose vic-to-rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A- wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an-gels in the sky Can ful-ly bear that sight, But  
His glo-ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e-ter-ni-ty.  
root whence mer-cy ev-er flows, The babe of Beth-le-hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys-ter-ies so bright.  
died e-ter-nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

### **Silent Prayer After Worship**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

#### **POSTLUDE**



both of these events

On **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM**, we will gather for our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service with Holy Communion. As Christians, we know that the one true God is the source of our every blessing, and so it is good and right that we give thanks to Him. As a part of our worship that evening, we will exchange loaves of bread with each other; please see November's newsletter for more information. We will also bring non-perishable food items to give to the Smithville Food Pantry. These donations can be dropped off at church anytime before Thanksgiving Eve as well. Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve worship and participate in



### *Advent Midweek & Christmas Schedule*

Nov. 30, 2016	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 A - Fo Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host: GLLC
Dec. 7, 2016	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Fr - L Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host: LWML
Dec. 14, 2016	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 M - R Advent Worship with GLLC Children's Christmas Program 7:00 pm	Host: Brd of ED
Dec. 21, 2016	No Classes Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 S - Z Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host:
Dec. 24, 2015	Christmas Eve Candlelight 7:00 pm Sunday School Children's Program	
Dec. 25, 2015	The Nativity of Our Lord 9:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion	

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

**Nov. Elders:** Jim Duty  
Galen Bunte

**Organist(s):** June Parker  
Esther Wolff (Sub)  
Kim Appel (Sub)

**Ushers:** Vince Kaiser  
Jack Page

**Nov. Altar  
Guild:** Marilyn Burns  
Mary Lou Oliver

**Readers:**

**Nov. 20** Davey Kadlecek  
**Nov. 27** Debbie Higgins

**Nov. 20** Ramon Wolff & Sterling Brown  
**Nov. 23** Thomas Brown & David Wolff  
**Nov. 27** Barrett Watson & Brenden Kadlecek  
**Nov. 30** Alex Caldwell & Gene Brown

**Acolytes:**

**VISIT WITH PASTOR**

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com), or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

**SERMONS ONLINE**

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

**NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS**

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

## AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Nov.20</u>	<u>Mon. Nov. 21</u>	<u>Tues. Nov. 22</u>	<u>Wed. Nov. 23</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 3p Nursing Home Devotions	6p GLLC Mtg 7p Evangelism	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/Noon	10a GLLC Chapel 7p Thanksgiving Service
<u>Thurs. Nov. 24</u>	<u>Fri. Nov. 25</u>	<u>Sat. Nov. 26</u>	<u>Sun. Nov.27</u>
THANKSGIVING Office Closed	Office Closed Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Brd of Ed 6:30p Youth Group

### \*MID WEEK SCHEDULE

6:00p Mid Week Meal

6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages

### FINANCIALS – as of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

	<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>YTD</b>
General Offering	5,080.00	3,694.98	5,167.00	3,099.00	179,110.67
2016 Weekly goal	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27	192,660.42
Difference	<b>891.73</b>	<b>-493.292</b>	<b>978.73</b>	<b>-1,089.27</b>	<b>-13,549.75</b>
SS Offering	32.00	29.00	41.00	39.00	
GLLC Donations		20.00	75.00	425.00	

Sunday Worship (11/13) 180    Sunday School (11/13) 71

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	<b>Charlotte</b> Metzler, <b>Lucy &amp; Alvie</b> Tinberg, <b>Annie Mae</b> Rohde, <b>Pauline</b> Dickson, <b>Eleanore</b> Brantley, <b>Evelyn</b> Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), <b>Teresa</b> Slusher, <b>Milly</b> Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie</b> Wallace, <b>Kenny</b> Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Jim</b> Caldwell & <b>Rob</b> Scoggins (friends of the Rohde's), <b>Gloria</b> Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), <b>Carolyn</b> Smith, <b>Kelly</b> Tumaian (the Langer's daughter), <b>Amber</b> Vydral (niece of Donna Kadlecek), <b>Charlene</b> Frerich (the Johannessen's daughter), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Regina</b> Reeves, <b>Coey</b> Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), <b>Rick</b> Fowler (friend of the Langer,s), <b>George</b> Neave (friend of GLLC), <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the

	Kadlecek's), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jo Ann</b> Copeland, <b>Marvin</b> "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), <b>Jamie</b> Evans (friend of GLLC), <b>Kelsey</b> Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper), <b>Melissa</b> Wellman (friend of the Langer's), <b>Pete</b> Luna
Recent Health Concerns:	<b>Melissa</b> Brown, <b>Helen</b> Whitley, <b>Marian</b> Fritsche, <b>Sandra</b> Senn (Gene Brown's teacher), <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), <b>Jensen</b> Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Eleanor</b> Mutschink, <b>Sergio</b> Zamora (co-worker of Donna Zimmerhanzel), <b>Barbara &amp; Charlie</b> Johannessen, <b>Aaron</b> Atsye (friend of the Deapens, <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Lee</b> Hampton, <b>Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Glenn</b> Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, <b>Shirley</b> Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), <b>Mildred</b> Buscha, <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), <b>David</b> Rohde, <b>Robert</b> Miller, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Mark</b> Bunte, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Janelle &amp; Rowe</b> Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), <b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), <b>Sharee</b> Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Courtney</b> Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Marybeth</b> Claiborne, <b>Lula</b> Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Loretta &amp; Mike</b> Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), <b>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadlecek's), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Shannon</b> Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), <b>Willie</b> Smith (Ryan Smith's father), <b>Becky</b> Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), <b>Donna, Holly &amp; Carl</b> Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Tom</b> Brown (son of Kathleen Brohlin), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>Fred</b> Barkley (friend of the Langer's), <b>Edna</b> Mayfield (daughter of Kikue & Clarence Hannusch), <b>Kenneth</b> Matocha (friend of Daniel Kadlecek), <b>Samuel</b> Engman, <b>George</b> Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), <b>Kikue</b> Hannusch, <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Lisa</b> Ladewig (granddaughter of Esther Hoskins), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (3 yr. old- friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Jordon</b> Nitsche (friend of Frances Pool), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), <b>Jordan</b> Burleson, <b>Esther</b> Hoskins, <b>Garrette</b> Hoffman, <b>Charley</b> Rae Furr, (friend of Donna Zimmerhanzel), <b>Evelyn</b> Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), <b>Floyd</b> Meeks, <b>Christopher</b> Harms (friend of the Metzler's).
In the Military:	<b>Giancarlo</b> Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), <b>Aiden</b> Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), <b>Madison &amp; Dan</b> Martin, <b>Kenneth</b> Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock), <b>Beck</b> Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).
Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Fred</b> Barkley (friend of the Langer's), <b>Kevin</b> O'Dwyer, <b>Karen &amp; Phil</b> Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Joshua</b> Zimmerhanzel, <b>Albert</b> Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langer's), <b>Gabriel</b> Bullara (Melissa Brown's grandson), <b>Sloan</b> Davidson (friend of the Flora's), <b>Jessica</b> Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)
In Mourning:	The family of <b>Melvin Fritsche</b> The family of <b>Linda Jolly</b>



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guest Rev. Don Haselhuhn from Trinity  
Lutheran Church in Burlington, Kansas.

**Tues, Nov 22** --- Revelation 19:1-21 with  
guest Rev. Russell Reed from Immanuel  
Lutheran Church in Brownton, Minnesota.

**Wed, Nov 23** --- Revelation 20:1-15 with  
guest Rev. Jonathan Meyer from Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**Thurs, Nov 24** --- Revelation 21:1-8 with  
guest Rev. Joshua Palmer from Catalina  
Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona.

**Fri, Nov 25** --- Revelation 21:19-27 with  
guest Rev. Gerhard Grabenhofer from Faith  
Lutheran Church in Corning, New York.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Today in Sunday School we studied the  
account "David Becomes King." Just as  
David reigned over Israel, so the God-man,  
Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of  
grace, of which we are citizens. Consider  
asking, "How was King David different from  
King Saul? How does Jesus serve as our  
King?"

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Thanksgiving Eve**

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Epistle Reading: I Timothy 2:1-4

Gospel Reading:

Luke 17:11-19

**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
The First Sunday in Advent**

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11



# Slate of Officers for 2017 Ballot

## 2016 officers

yrs to  
serve

## 2017 officers

yrs to  
serve

### Elders (9)

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Chad Catron	2	Chad Catron	1
Jim Duty	2	Jim Duty	1
M.W. Kasper	1		3
Charlie Johannessen	1		3
Jack Page	3	Jack Page	2
Cliff Burns	3	Cliff Burns	2
Ed Randle	3	Ed Randle	2
Vince Kaiser	2	Vince Kaiser	1
Galen Bunte	2	Galen Bunte	1
<b><u>President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>President (1)</u></b>	
Tim Wolff	1		1
<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1		1
<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>	
Mary Lou Oliver	1		1
<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>		<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>	
Betty Flora	1		1
<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>	
Rose Pietsch	1	Rose Pietsch	1
<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>	
Debbie Higgins	1		3
Tommy Higgins	1		3
Carol Wood	2	Carol Wood	1
Wendy Rohde	2	Wendy Rohde	1
Billie Courtemanche	1		3
Frances Mynar	2	Frances Mynar	1
<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1		3
Nancy Fritsche	1		3
Marilyn Randle	1		3
Mary Lou Oliver	3	Mary Lou Oliver	2
Melissa Brown	3	Melissa Brown	2
Kathy Kasper	1		3
Becky Watson	1		3
Barbara Johannessen	1		3
Charlie Johannessen	1		3
Toni Ann Kadlecek	2	Toni Ann Kadlecek	1

<u>2016 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>	<u>2017 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>
<b><u>Learning Center Board (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Learning Center Board (7)</u></b>	
Margie Hicks	1		3
DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	2	DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	1
Bianca Kasper	2	Bianca Kasper	1
Brenda Page	1		3
Victoria Seaton	2	Victoria Seaton	1
Cathy Smith	1		3
Cheryl Moore	3	Cheryl Moore	2
<b><u>Board of Trustees (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Trustees (7)</u></b>	
Kerry Becker	3	Kerry Becker	2
Allan Hancock	3	Allan Hancock	2
Ivan Fritsche	3	Ivan Fritsche	2
Ronald Pietsch	3	Ronald Pietsch	2
John Stelling	1		3
Allan Hurst	1		3
Micah Deapen	1		3
<b><u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u></b>	
Ed Randle	1	Ed Randle	1
<b><u>Head Usher (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Head Usher (1)</u></b>	
Elders	1	Elders	1
<b><u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u></b>		<b><u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u></b>	
Betty Flora	3	Betty Flora	2
Nancy Fritsche	3	Nancy Fritsche	2
Rose Pietsch	3	Rose Pietsch	2
Mary Lou Oliver	3	Mary Lou Oliver	2
Marilyn Burns	3	Marilyn Burns	2
Chrissy Becker	3	Chrissy Becker	2



# **The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer**

## **Order for Family Devotions for November 20-26, 2016**

### **Invocation**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

**Introit** (Bulletin, p. 3)

**Learn by Heart:** *The 7<sup>th</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Its Meaning*

### **Daily Readings**

*Sunday:* Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20

*Monday:* Daniel 2:1-23; Revelation 18:1-24

*Tuesday:* Daniel 2:24-49; Revelation 19:1-21

*Wednesday:* Daniel 3:1-30; Revelation 20:1-15

*Thursday:* Daniel 4:1-37; Revelation 21:1-8

*Friday:* Daniel 5:1-30; Revelation 21:9-27

*Saturday:* Daniel 6:1-28; Revelation 22:1-21

**Hymn of the Week:** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (LSB 516, Bulletin, p. 9)

**Meditation:** *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

**Prayers** (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, p. 20-21; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; LSB pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* Thanksgiving for God's gift of faith

*Monday:* For the unemployed

*Tuesday:* For the sick and suffering

*Wednesday:* For husbands and wives

*Thursday:* For missionaries

*Friday:* For those persecuted as Christians

*Saturday:* For those fallen from the faith

**Collect** (Bulletin, p. 6)

**Apostles' Creed**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer**

**Benediction**

**L** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**R** Amen.