

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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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 vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel*” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “*on a very fertile hill*” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “*choice vines*,” but also building the “*wachtower*” of His prophets and hewing out the “*wine vat*” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “*he looked for it to yield grapes*,” there were only “*wild grapes*” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “*the fruits in their seasons*” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “*suffered the loss of all things*” in order to “*gain Christ and be found in him*,” to “*know him and the power of his resurrection*” (Phil. 3:8–10).

**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.

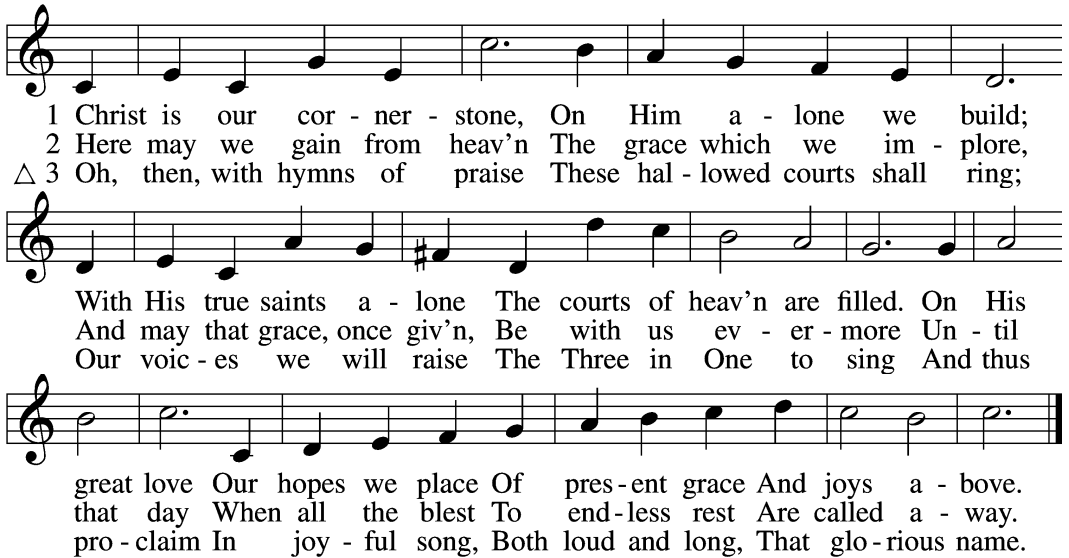
#### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*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**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
 △ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;

With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus

great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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 ☩ 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.)*

*Psalms 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

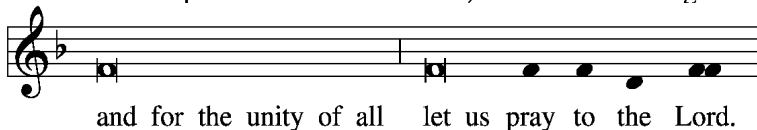
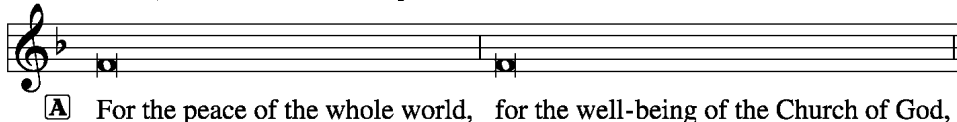
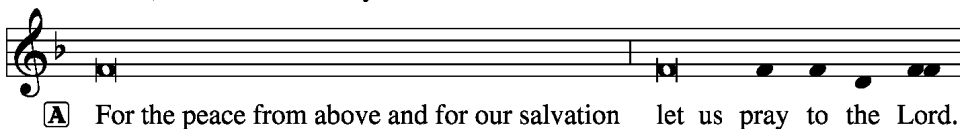
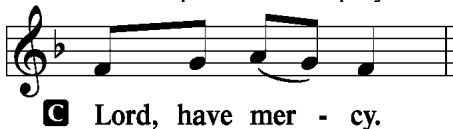
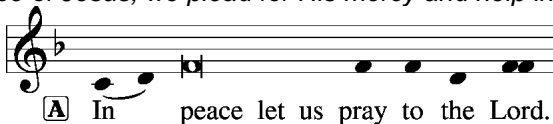
**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

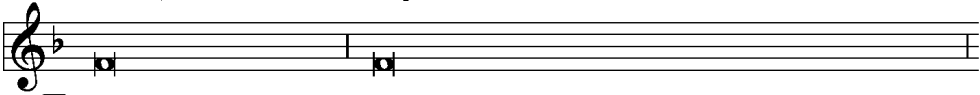
**Kyrie:** *(Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)*

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



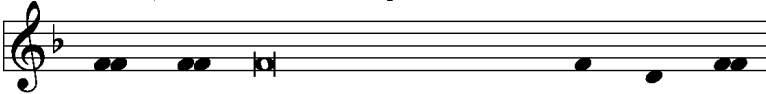
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



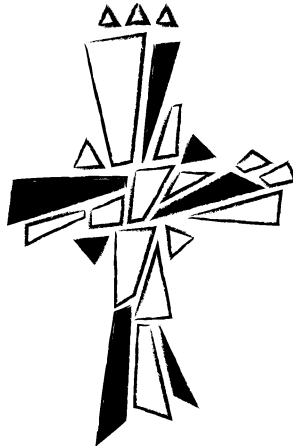
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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**

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*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.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

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

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.
- <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.
- <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.
- <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?
- <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.
- <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.
- <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

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

**G**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.*)

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**G**Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Common Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**G** 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

*Matthew 21:33-46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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



<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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



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

*Stand*

**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.)*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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

**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.)*

# O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore taught;  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of of hu - man frame,  
For us we tempt - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

## Sermon “What Offends You?”

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

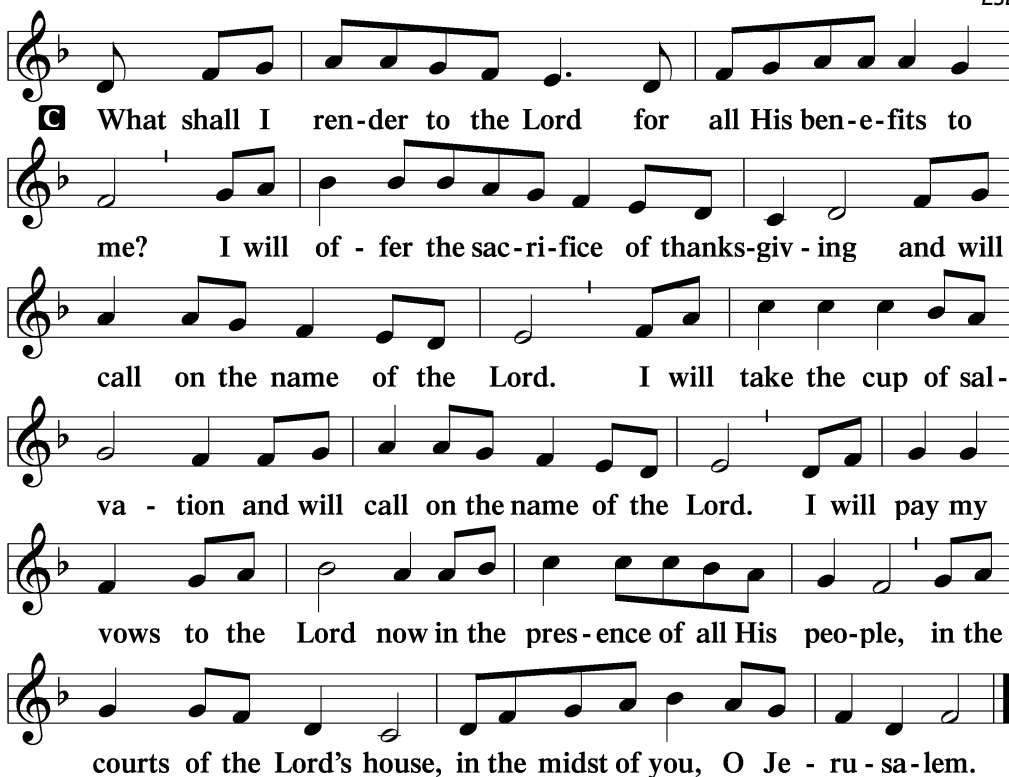
### Votum

- 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.)*

LSB 956



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

**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.

## 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 good, 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:

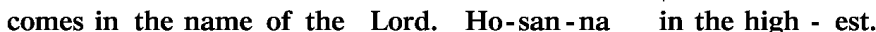
**Sanctus:** *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)*

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



**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.

**C Amen.**

LSB 162

**but deliver us from evil.**

LSB 162

LSB 163



**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

**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

### The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this  
 brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -  
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly  
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,  
 in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

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| <p>5 We dare not ask how this can be,<br/>                     But simply hold the mystery<br/>                     And trust this word where life begins:<br/>                     "Given and shed for all your sins."</p> | <p>7 But blest is each believing guest<br/>                     Who in these promises finds rest;<br/>                     For Jesus shall in love remain<br/>                     With all who here His grace obtain.</p> |
| <p>6 They who this word do not believe<br/>                     This food unworthily receive,<br/>                     Salvation here will never find—<br/>                     May we this warning keep in mind!</p>       | <p>8 Help us sincerely to believe<br/>                     That we may worthily receive<br/>                     Your Supper and in You find rest.<br/>                     Amen! They who believe are blest.</p>          |

# Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

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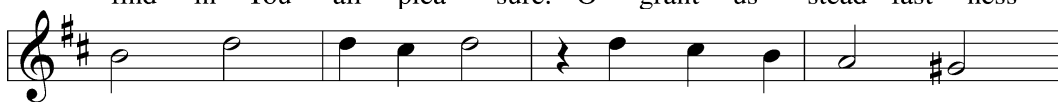
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun -  
 2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -  
 3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and  
 4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And  
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True  
 low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine  
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



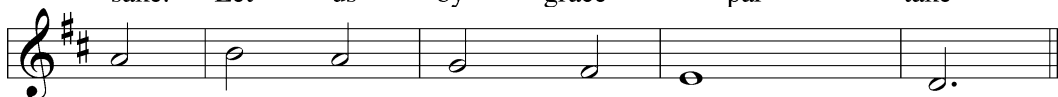
waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,  
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,  
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,  
 find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -  
 And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -  
 In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -  
 In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.  
 tain. Grant that they may re - main  
 stroy And e - vils that an - noy.  
 sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
 Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

*Stand*

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

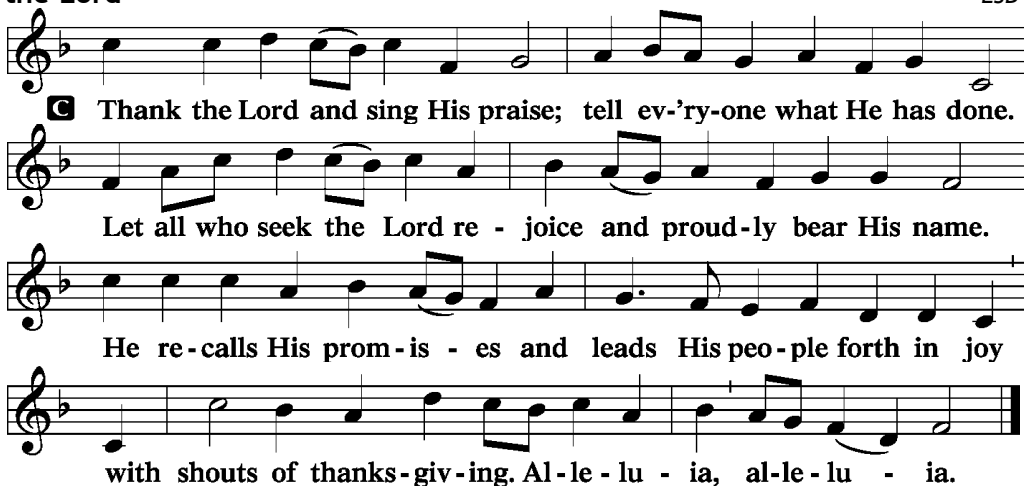
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

**G** Amen.

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

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**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.

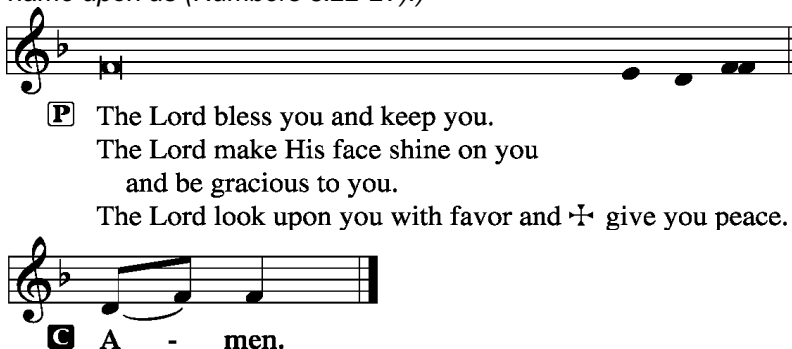
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your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



**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 + give you peace.

**C** A - men.



# We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

## 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



Altar flowers today were given to the Glory of God in celebration of Milly Cheak's birthday!

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Elders:**

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**June Parker**

**Esther Wolff**

**Kim Appel**

**Ruth Eaton**

**Altar**

**Wendy Rohde**

**Guild:**

**Nelda Rohde**

**AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b><u>Sun. Oct. 8</u></b>	<b><u>Mon Oct. 9</u></b>	<b><u>Tue. Oct. 10</u></b>	<b><u>Wed. Oct. 11</u></b>
8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion 11:30am-Adult Instruction Class	4pm-Quilting 7pm-LLL	Bi-Circuit Mtg- Schulenberg	10am-GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation Class
<b><u>Thurs. Oct. 12</u></b>	<b><u>Fri. Oct. 13</u></b>	<b><u>Sat. Oct. 14</u></b>	<b><u>Sun. Oct. 15</u></b>
		Luthern Young Adults Conference Austin, TX	8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion Voters Meeting after service

Attendance

Sunday Worship (10/1) 127

**Visit with Pastor**

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail ([rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com](mailto:rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com)) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.

**Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the pastor. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.

**Online Resources**

Each week, our congregation live streams the 10:00 AM Sunday morning on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/](http://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/)). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. Bulletins and newsletters are also available online at our website, [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org).

**KFUO Bible Study Resources**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Begin studying the book of Hebrews on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Joshua 12-15 and a special Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Lutheran beliefs surrounding saints in the Augsburg Confession (10/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app.

### **Mt. Calvary Turkey and Dressing Dinner**

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, La Grange, will hold their annual Turkey & Dressing dinner on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Plates will be available by DRIVE THRU ONLY at the church parking lot located at 800 N. Franklin. Tickets are \$15 per plate. The meal includes turkey, dressing, homemade noodles, green beans, and cranberry sauce. Tickets are available at the church office, church Preschool, Lukas Bakery, LG Chevron, Men's Club members, or LYF members. This popular meal always sells out, so please purchase your tickets in advance!

### **WANTED: Conscience - Dead or Alive** **4th Annual Conference, St. Paul, Austin**

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 9 AM - 5 PM

St. Paul Lutheran (LCMS) [3501 Red River St, Austin, TX 78705](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3501+Red+River+St,+Austin,+TX+78705)

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is the main teacher for college students and young adults ages 18 - 35ish. Teaching, preaching, singing, worship, games, food.

Pre- and post conference social events for Friday and Saturday nights.

Housing needs are being evaluated and must be made known by September 17, 2023.

The 2023 conference schedule will be emailed to you after the registration deadline.

To give you a general idea, look at a conference sample at the end of the registration form.

**Please register now, the conference registration deadline is Sunday, October 8, 2023, Housing interest by Sunday, September 17, 2023.**

Thank you.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/aQXZb7taBnjLkxVH9>

Please contact Vera Sweet for questions: [txlutheranya@gmail.com](mailto:txlutheranya@gmail.com)

### **Voters Meeting**



We will have our next voters meeting after service on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring our Trunk-or-Treat event again this year, which will take place on **Tuesday, October 31** beginning at **6 PM**. We're asking individuals and families to sign up on the bulletin board next to the office to decorate a table in our parish hall and bring candy to hand out to the many children who will come. If you can't be there to help, we'd love for you to donate candy that can be used by those who are here; a box in the narthex has been provided for this purpose. Thanks for supporting this community outreach event!

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14



### **Oktoberfest Meal Tickets**

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available! Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meals will be available on Saturday, October 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! (Deadline is Thursday, October 19th.) Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

### **Oktoberfest**

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 28th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds.

Events for the day include:

- German meal of brats, kraut, green beans, noodles, bread and coffee cake for dessert will be served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm by pre-sale tickets only. \$15/plate \*Tickets are available NOW!
- Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, cheese and nuts.
- The NEW **Battle of the Brew and Battle of the Vine Contest** submissions need to be made by 10:00 am. See our Facebook page for more information regarding this contest.
- Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:15 pm.
- Live Auction of items will take place at between 12:15 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Children's games and activities will begin at 12:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, temporary tattoos, photo backdrop, pumpkin painting, hayride, and more!
- 42 Domino and Cornhole tournaments will begin at 1:30 pm.

Please visit our website for more information! ([www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org))

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

### **Follow Us On Facebook!**

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and you can share them with your friends!