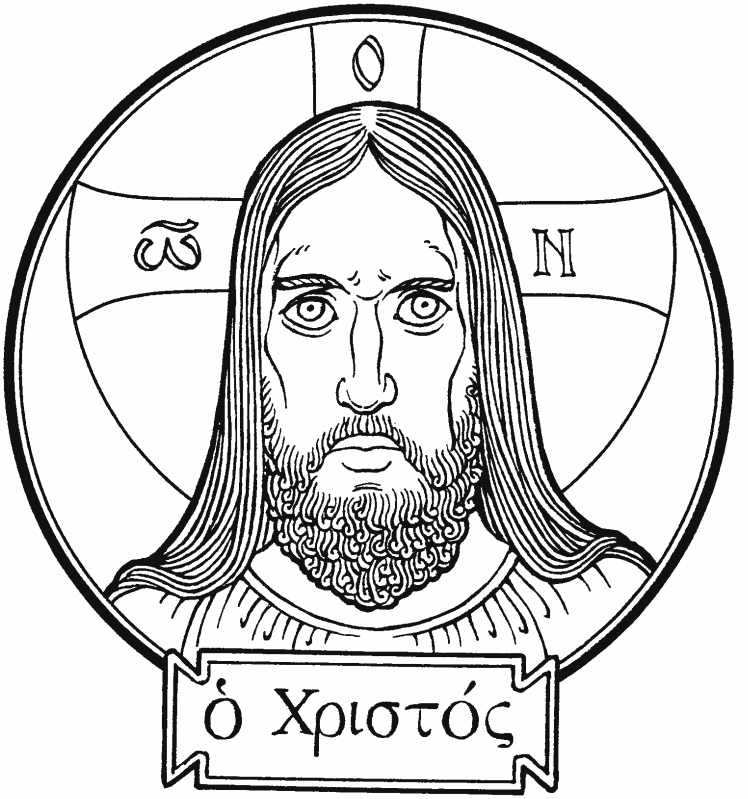
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd , 2026



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SMITHVILLE, TEXAS

Divine Service with Holy Communion
10 AM

Bible Class and Sunday School
8:45 AM

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."

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Ushers: Tanner Pietsch, Thomas Brown
Altar Guild: Rose Pietsch, Frances Mynar

In our readings today: Jesus asked His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even "the gates of hell shall not prevail" (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness "will never be dismayed" (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that "joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (Is. 51:3). Therefore, "according to the measure of faith that God has assigned" (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 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 (Matt. 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 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 Cor. 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.

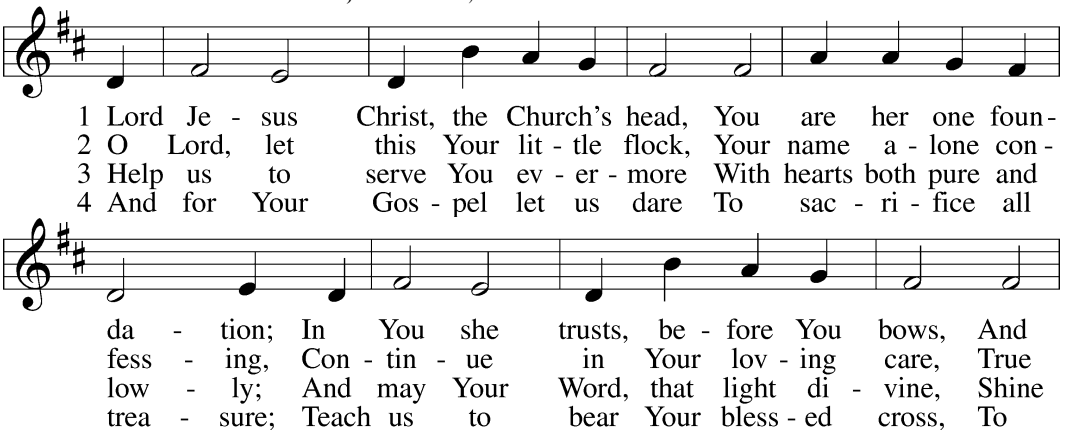
A Prayer Before Worship: *O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace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

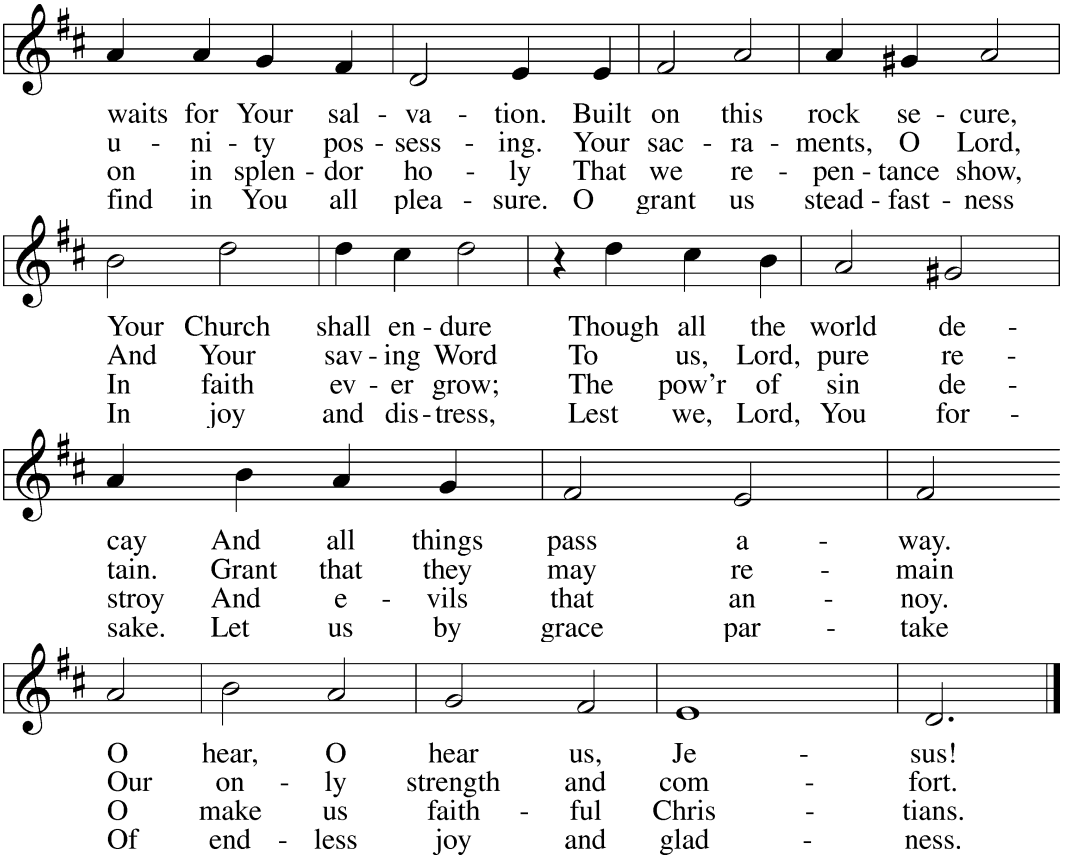
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Please stand and remain standing

OPENING HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head* *LSB 647*





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 come into the presence of our holy God, recognizing our sin and pleading for mercy on account of Christ).*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: *Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD*!*
As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.
I will tell of the decree:
The LORD **said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."**
Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD **endures forever. Praise the** LORD**!**
But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD*!*

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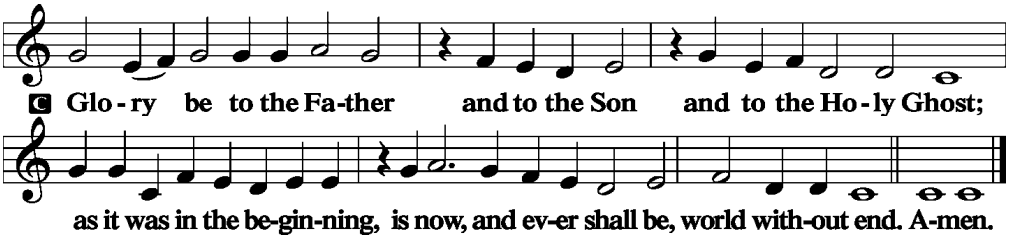
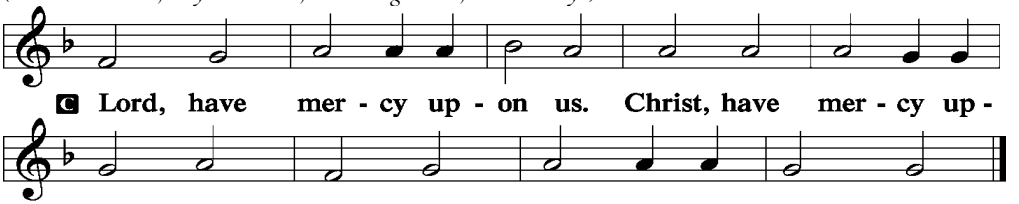
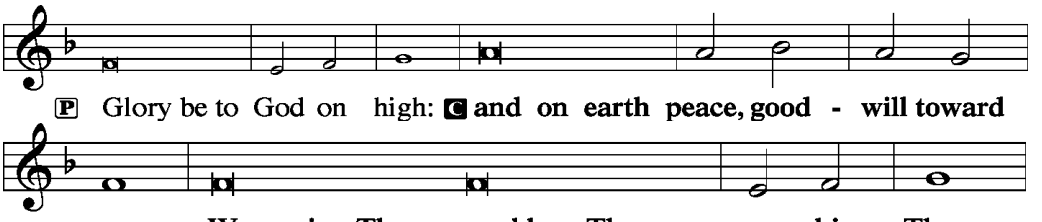
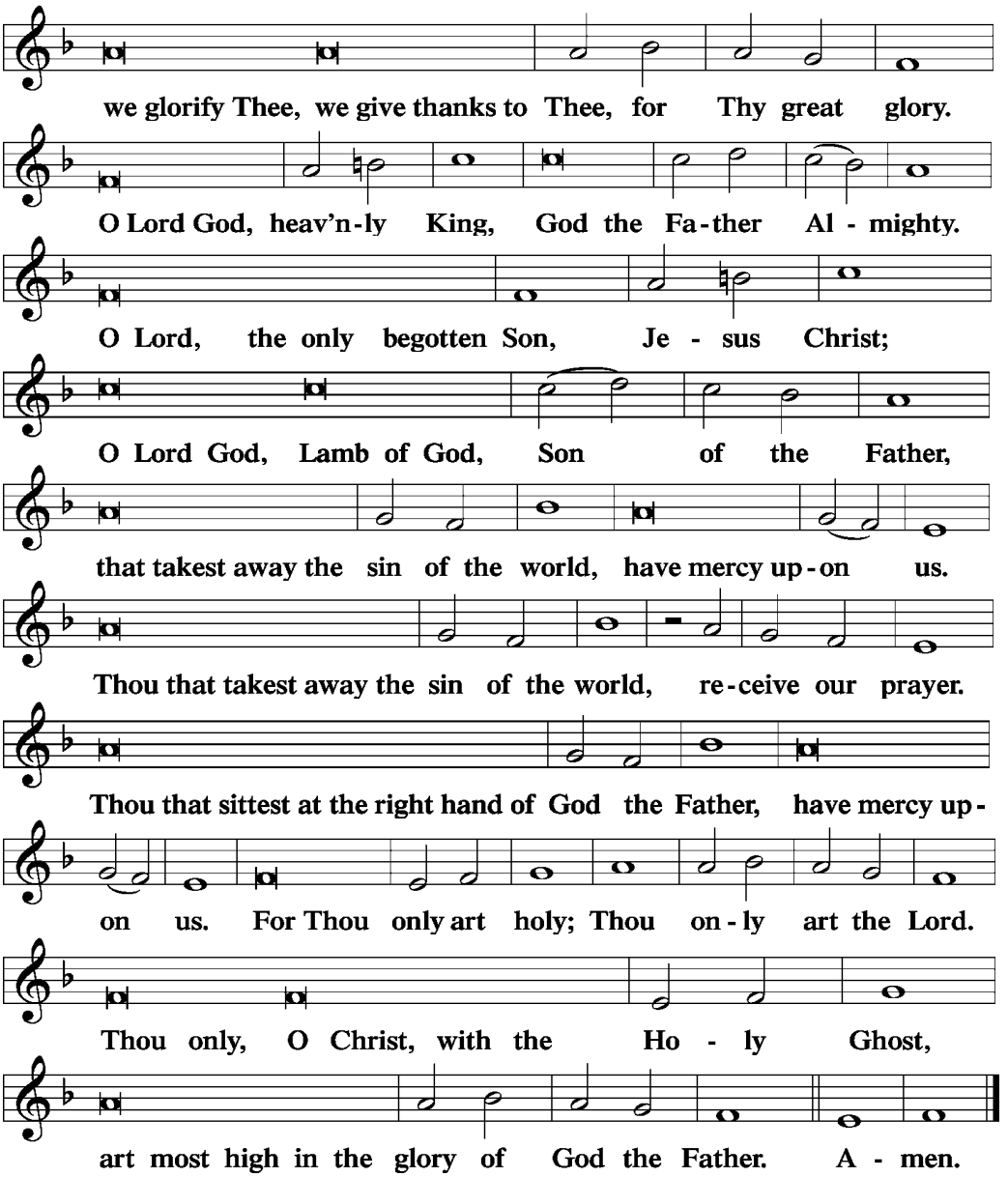


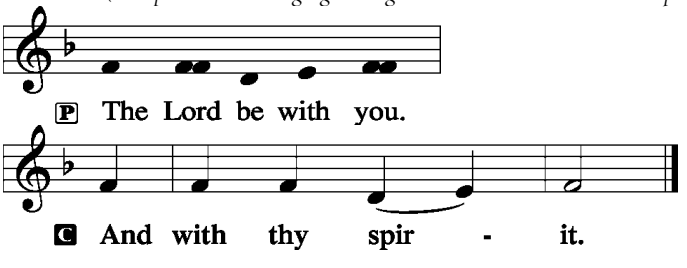
KYRIE: *(From the Greek, "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy").* *LSB 186*



HYMN OF PRAISE: Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

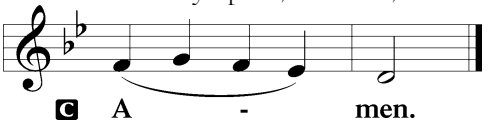


SALUTATION: *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence).*



COLLECT OF THE DAY: *(These prayers have been used for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day).*

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:1–6*

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
3 For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
4 "Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a*

[8]*The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.
[1]I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
[2]I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
[3]On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
[4]All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
[5]and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
[6]For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
[7]Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
[8]*The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 11:33—12:8*

[33]Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
[34]"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
[35]"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
[36]For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5]so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6]Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7]if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8]the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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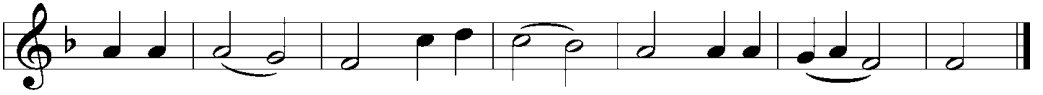
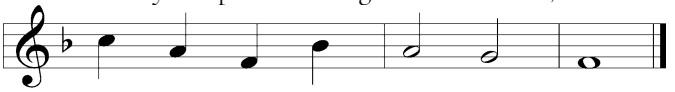
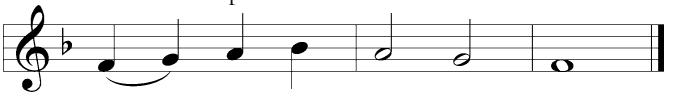
ALLELUIA *LSB 190*

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20*

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

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him,
"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father
who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the
gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED *LSB 192*

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.

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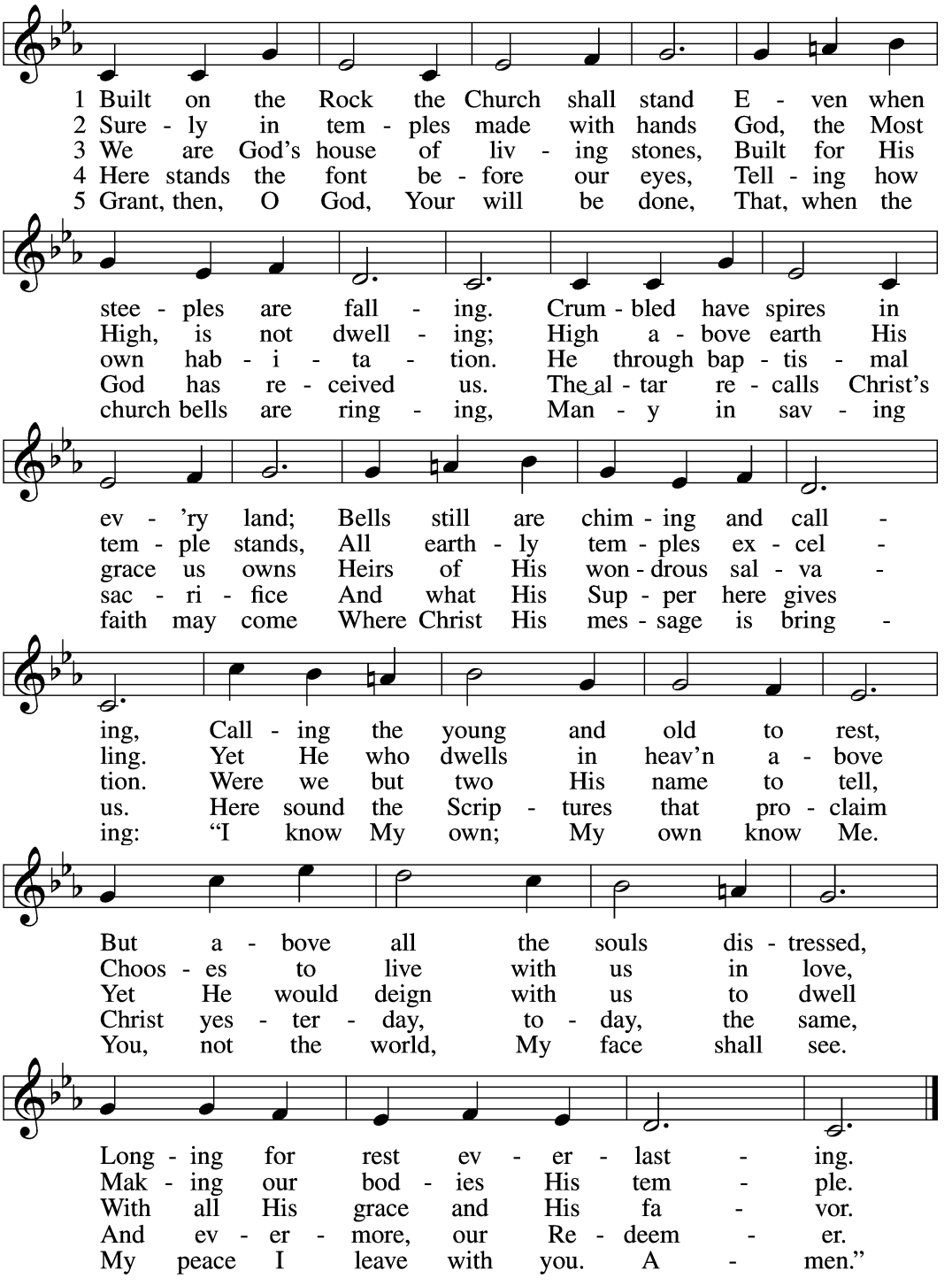
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Built on the Rock* *LSB 645*

SERMON **"Christ Builds His Church"**

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

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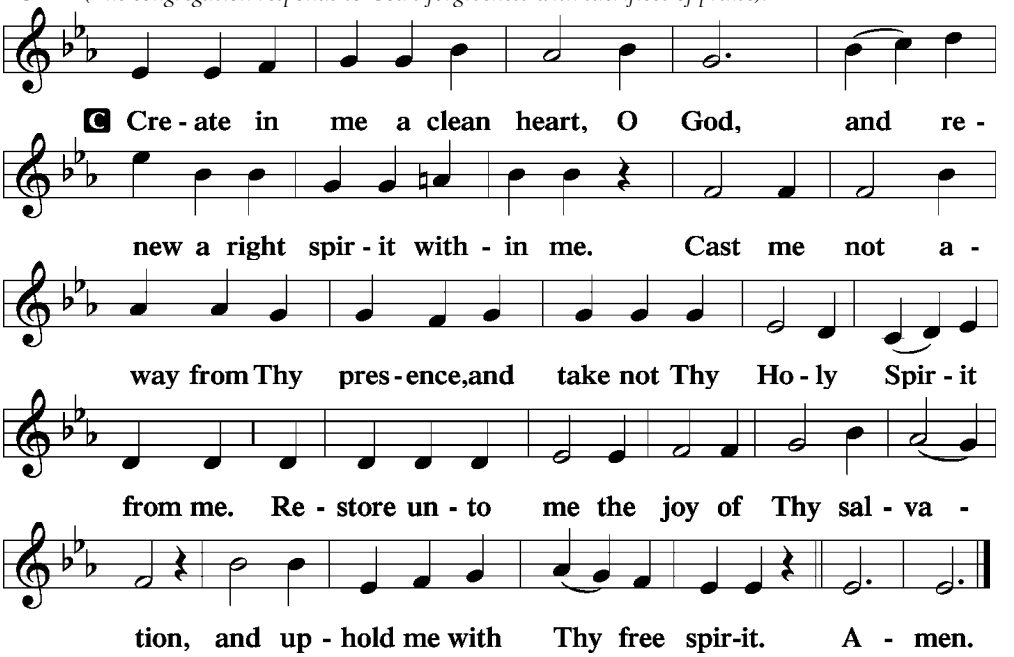
OFFERTORY *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with sacrifices of praise).*

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

Stand

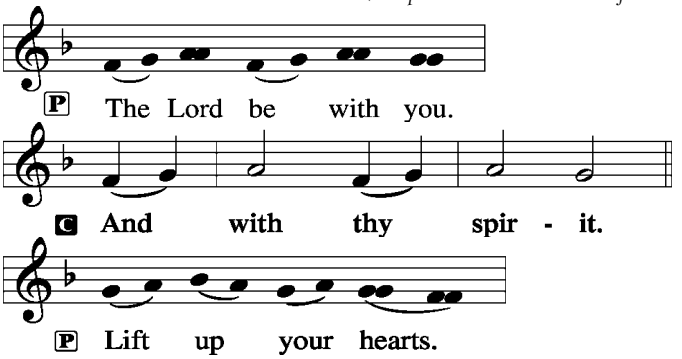
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *(The congregation prays for the Church and for all people throughout the world).*

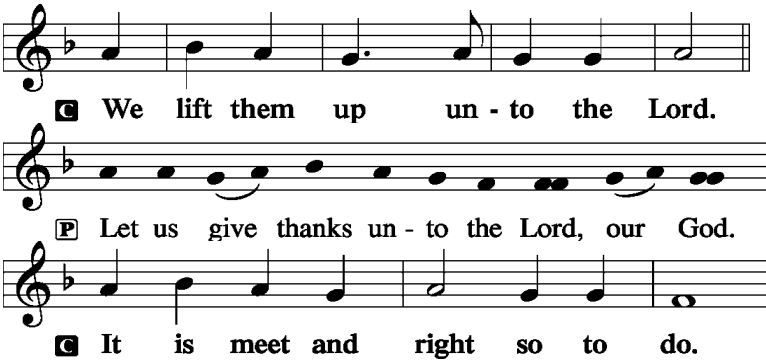
P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

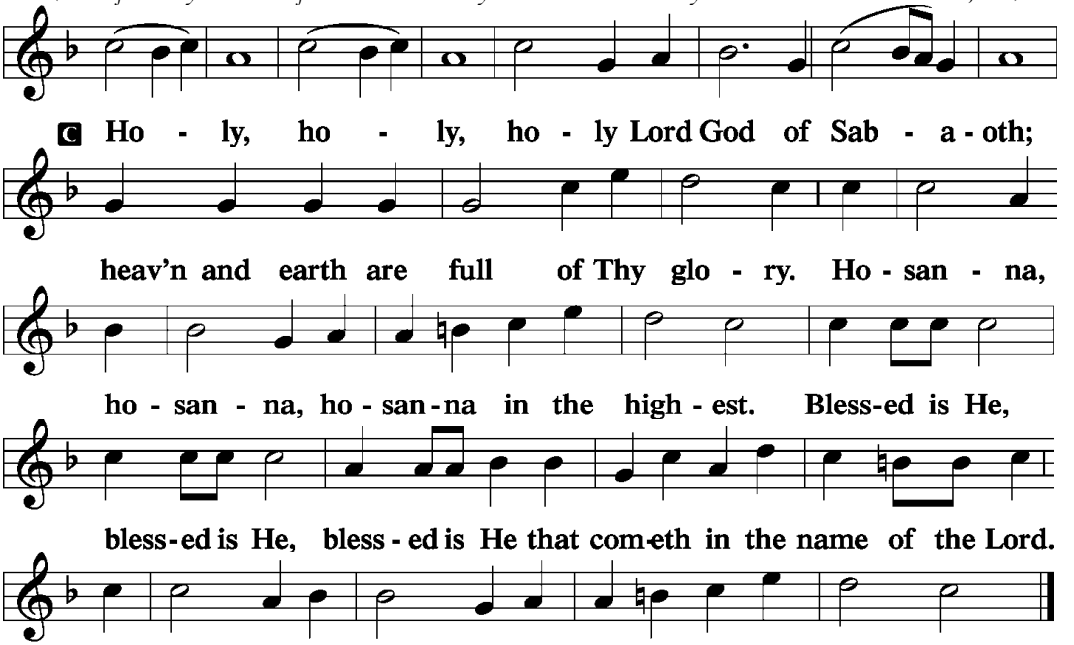
PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE: *(We praise and thank God for what He does for us in the Lord's Supper).* *LSB 194*





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. 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." Heaven joins earth as we cry out with the heavenly host to welcome our Savior Jesus).* *LSB 195*



LORD'S PRAYER: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us).* *LSB 197*

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;

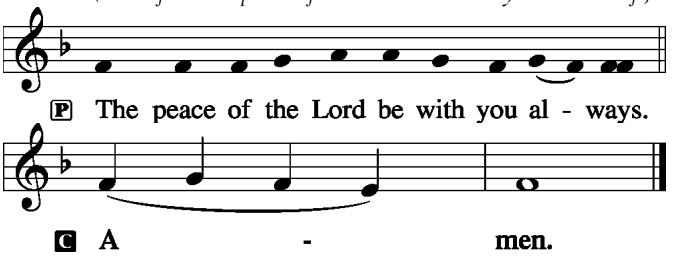
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

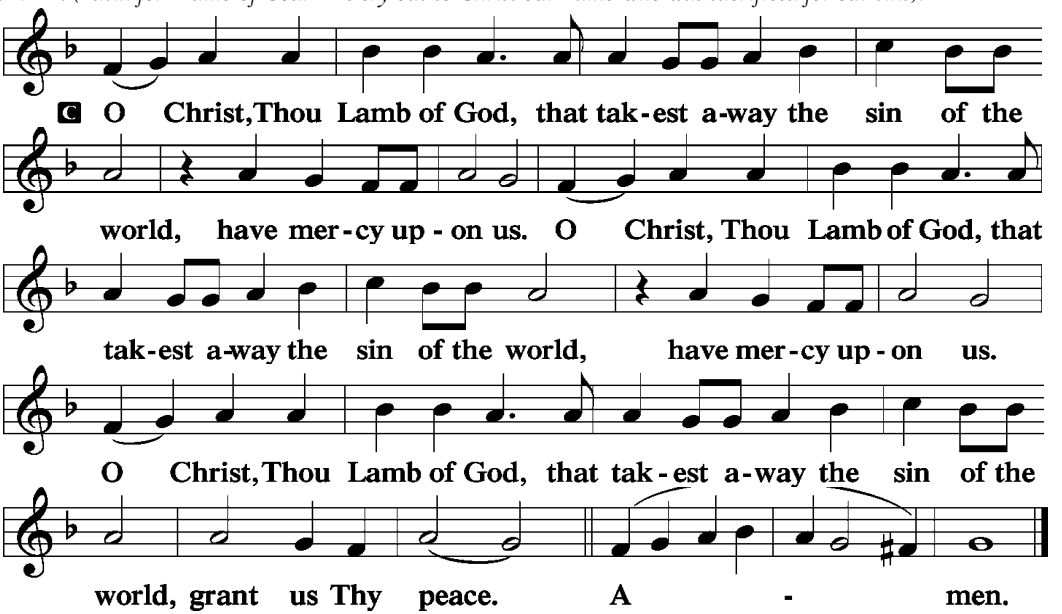
WORDS OF OUR LORD (*Jesus tells us that He gives us His body and blood under the bread and the wine).* *LSB 197*

℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI: *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The body and blood of Jesus gives us peace).* *LSB 197*



AGNUS DEI: *(Latin for "Lamb of God." We cry out to Christ our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins).* *LSB 198*

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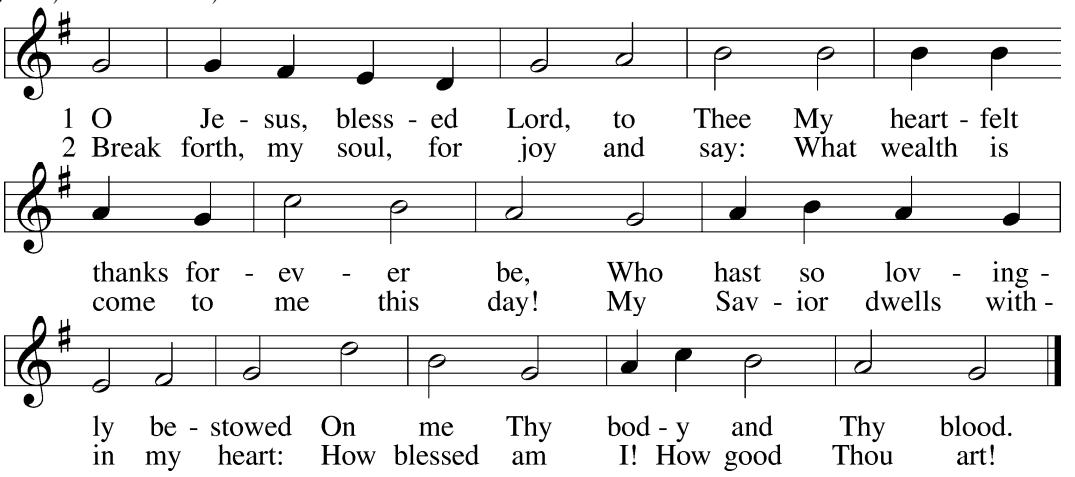
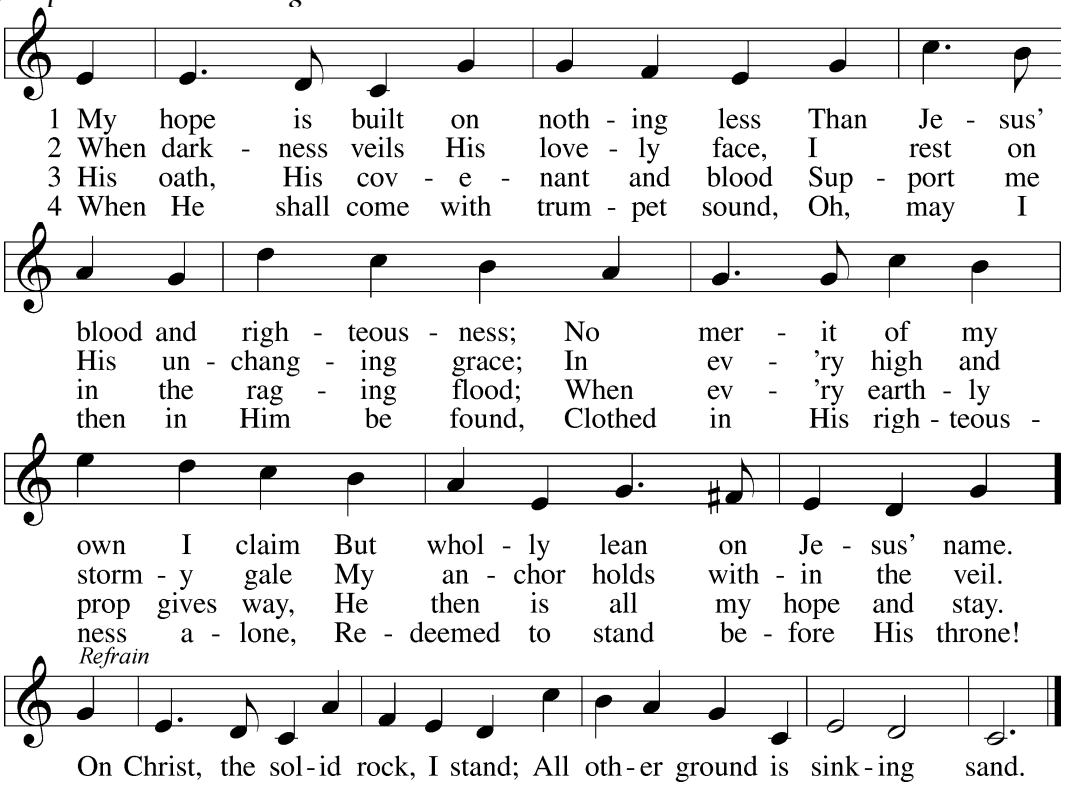
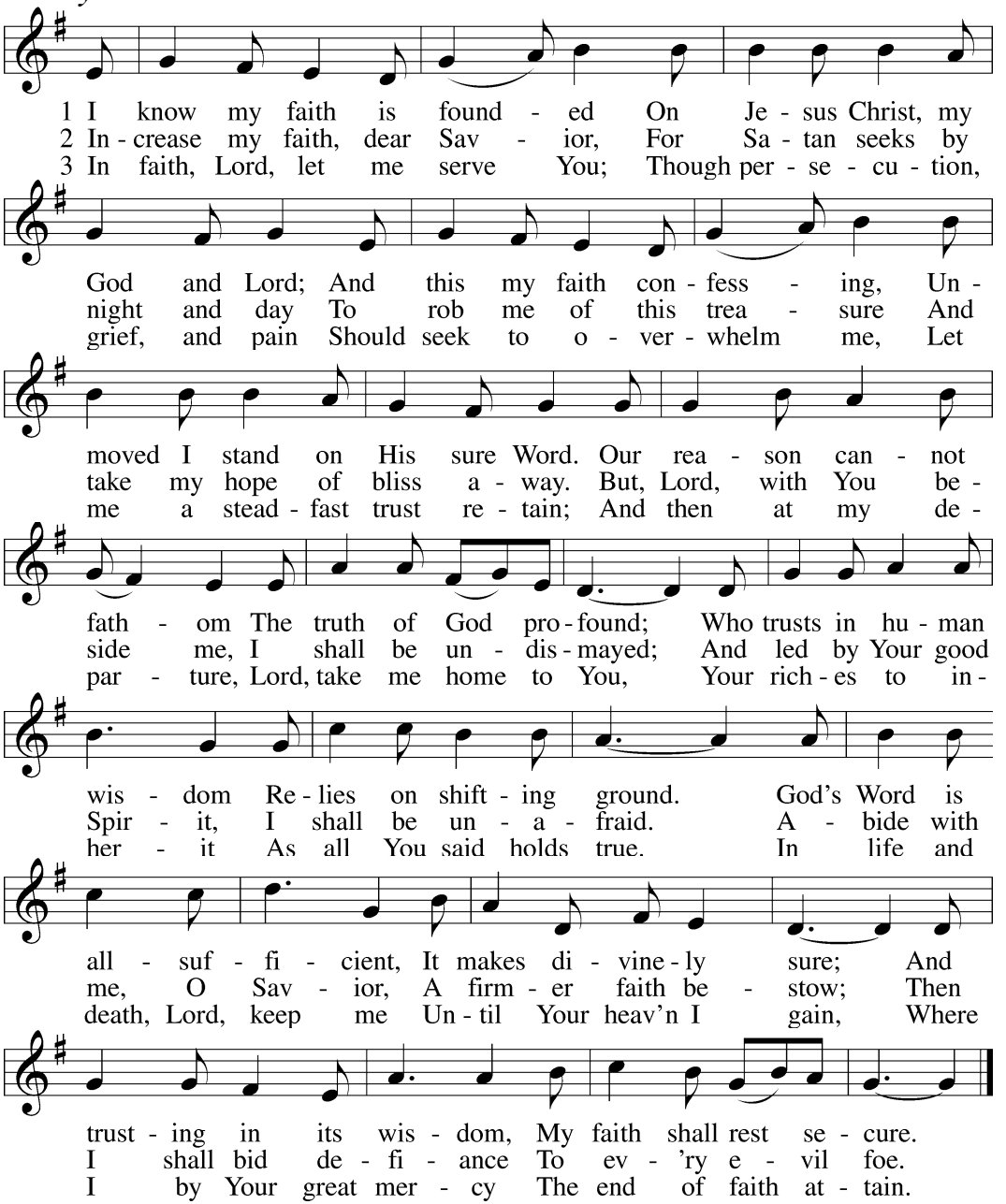
Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee LSB 632



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575



Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of my sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

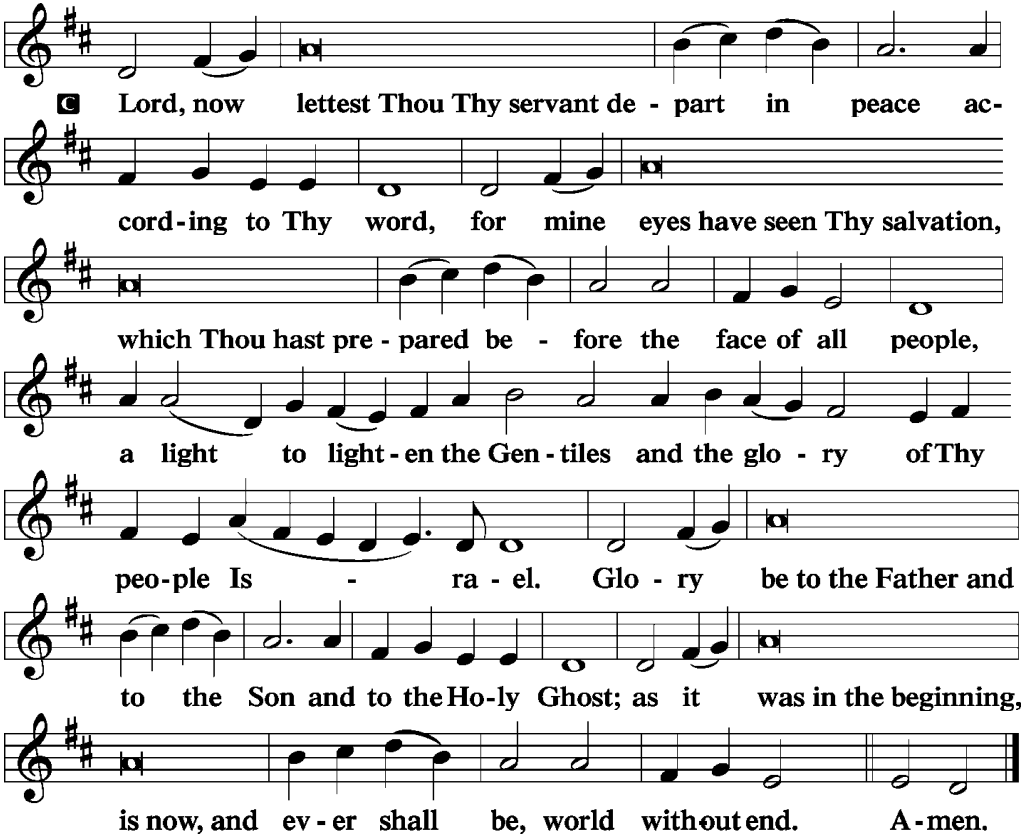
Stand

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 CANTICLE: *(Having received Christ in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace).*

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

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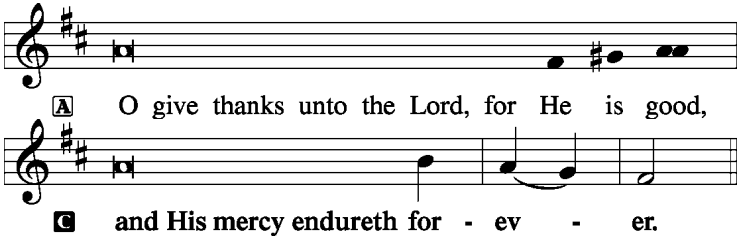
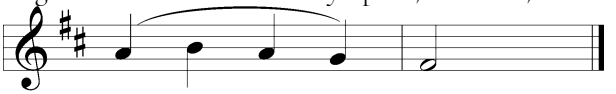


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *(We thank God for what He has done and ask that it would show forth in our lives).*

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.

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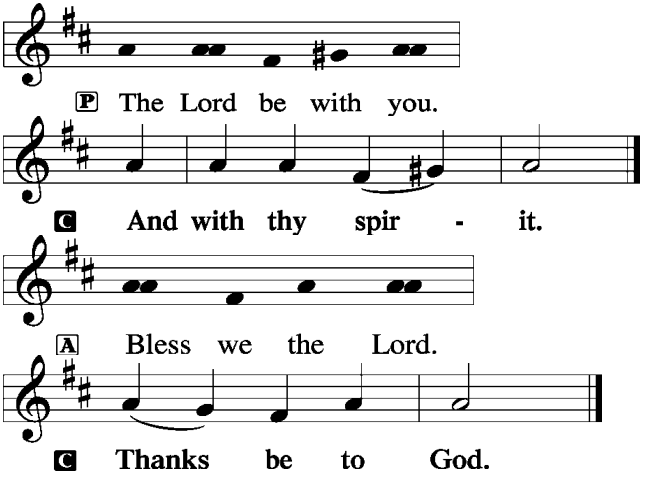
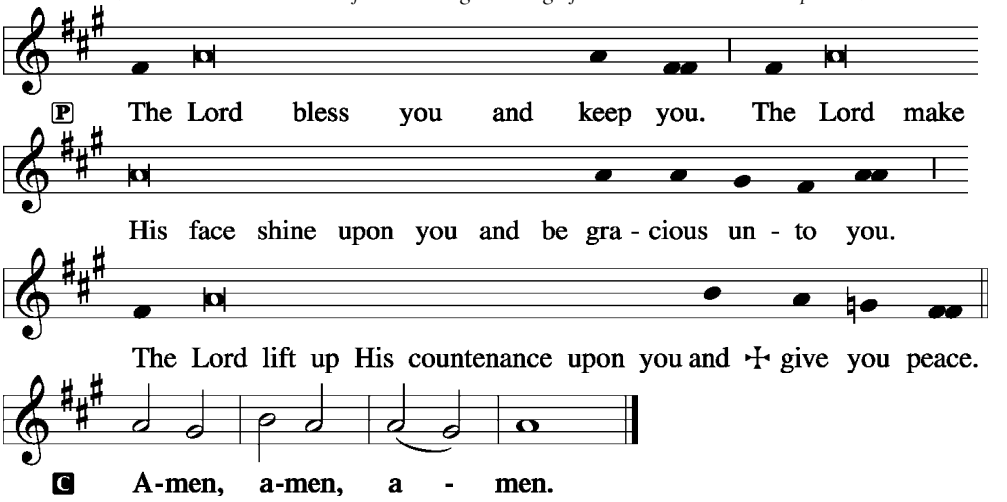


BENEDICTION: *(The Divine Service ends just as it began. We go forth with God's name upon us).* *LSB 202*



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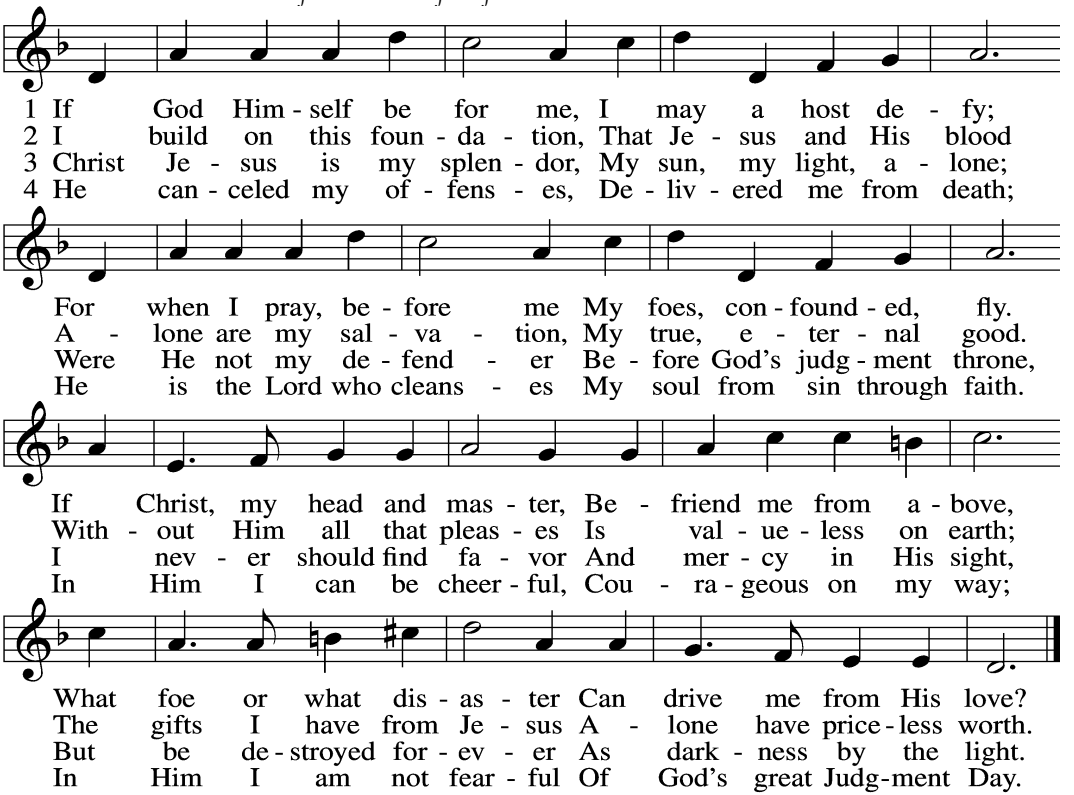

5 For no one can condemn me
Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me:
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me,
No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution
To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution;
For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses
Will be his daily bread.

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

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

(stanzas 9 & 10 on next page)

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

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

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

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Prayers for August 23 - 29

BIRTHDAYS: Patricia Kaiser (8/25); Patti Langer (8/27); Troy Kasper (8/29); David Rohde (8/29).

ANNIVERSARIES: Philip & Kimberly Appel (8/1); Jerry & Helen Fleck (8/15); Pete & Murrelyn Rice (8/23); Jim & Mary Ann Duty (8/24); Macky Wayne & Kathy Kasper (8/26); Cat & Stacia Coronado (8/28).

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word & Sacraments.
Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, & seminaries; for good government & peace; for rain & the fruitfulness of the earth.
Tuesday: For deliverance from temptation & evil; for the addicted & despairing, tortured & oppressed; and those struggling with sin.
Wednesday: For marriage & family, that husbands & wives, parents & children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities & neighborhoods.
Thursday: For the Church & her pastors; teachers, deaconesses, & other church workers; for missionaries & for all who serve the Church; for fruitful & salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body & blood.
Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ & for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted & oppressed; the sick & dying.
Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts & minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors & people as they prepare to administer & receive Christ's holy gifts.

Books of the Bible:

Proverbs

Proverbs presents wisdom for godly living, teaching the fear of the Lord, moral integrity, and practical obedience (Proverbs 1:7; 3:5–6). Many of its sayings are framed as a father instructing his son, emphasizing personal guidance, correction, and the passing on of covenantal truth. This fatherly instruction highlights the relational aspect of God's wisdom, as the faithful are called to heed God's Word and live accordingly. True wisdom comes from God and ultimately points forward to Christ, the embodiment of divine wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:24). The book guides believers in righteous speech, just actions, and faithful stewardship, showing the blessings of obedience and the dangers of folly. Proverbs underscores that living according to God's Word is a path to life and blessing within His covenant, just as a father's teaching nurtures the next generation in faith and righteousness.

Additional Prayers

MEMBERS: John Anderson, Milly Cheak, Gertrude Davis, Mike Davis, Jim Duty, Benny Hajdik, Gracie Harmon, Phillip Hellman, Nora James, Alice Miller, Mildred Mutschink, Mike Noak, Frances Pool, and Laverne Wallace.
FAMILY / FRIENDS: Cindy Griesenbeck, Michael Hicks, Kelly Huber, Brent Kovar, Belinda Mangum, the family of Philip Hellman.
MISSIONARIES: Rebecca Bartelt (LCMS Missionary) serving the Lord as a sacred music educator in Taiwan.
THOSE IN ECCLESIAL AUTHORITY: Rev. Nate Hill, Circuit Vis.; Rev. Jon Braunersreuther, TX Dist. Pres.; Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Synod. Pres.
SCHOOLS: Faith Lutheran HS; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

Resources

GLC Facebook Page: *facebook.com/glcsmithville*
GLC Newsletters, Bulletins, & Podcast ("The Faithful Word"): *glcs.org*
KFUO Radio: *kfuo.org.* **Lutheran Hour** (*lhm.org*): Sun. & 7am (104.9) & 12:30pm (91.5)
Issues, Etc. Podcast: *issuesetc.org*
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever Podcast: *thewordendures.org*
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Congregation at Prayer – Pentecost 13

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L O ✠ Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O ✠ God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia!

C ***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.**

Psalm of the Week... Psalm 138

Hymn... "Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand" (645)

Learn-By-Heart Scripture… Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Daily Readings…

Monday (8/24): 1 Kings 5:1-18; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Tuesday (8/25): 1 Kings 7:51-8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Wednesday (8/26): 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Thursday (8/27): 1 Kings 9:1-9, 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Friday (8/28): 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
Saturday (8/29): 1 Kings 11:42-12:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
Sunday (8/30): 1 Kings 12:20-13:5,33-34; 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Learn-By-Heart Catechism… The Lord's Prayer (324)

The Seventh Petition - But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reptation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

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

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Lord's Prayer...

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.**

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Luther's Morning / Evening Prayer...

Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen**.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

C **Amen.**

Looking Forward to Next Week...
14th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)
Jeremiah 15:15-21—— Romans 12:9-21 —— Matthew 16:21-28