

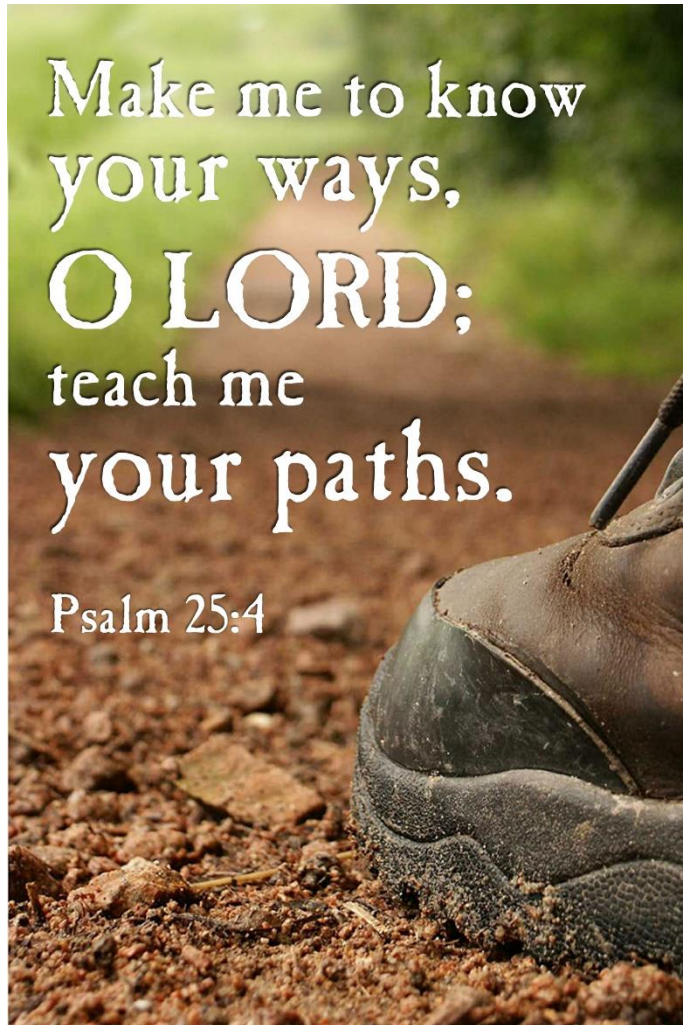
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God




1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Stand

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

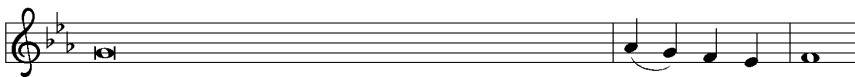
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



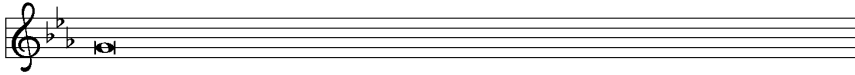
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



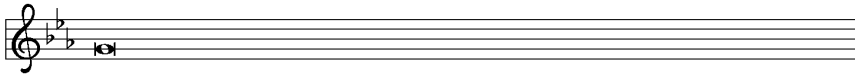
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.


HYMN OF PRAISE

Chorus:



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

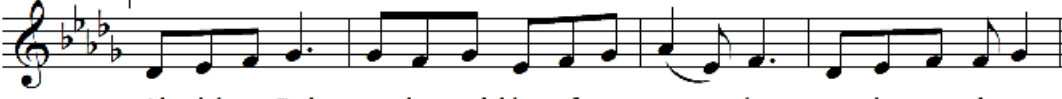
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fine
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God; peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


9

1. *Verse One:*



Al-migh - ty God, au - thor and king of cre - a - tion, we give you glo-ry,

13



(to chorus)
we give you praise, we give you hon - or, the e - ver - last - ing God.

17

2. *Verse Two:*



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lamb of God, you

22



(to chorus) 3. *Verse Three:*
take a - way our sin. Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Spi - rit,

26



Lord and gi - ver of life, em - pow - er and sanc - ti - fy us. As you have called us,

30



(to chorus)
send us forth to de - clare the glo - ry of God:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**



Be seated

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

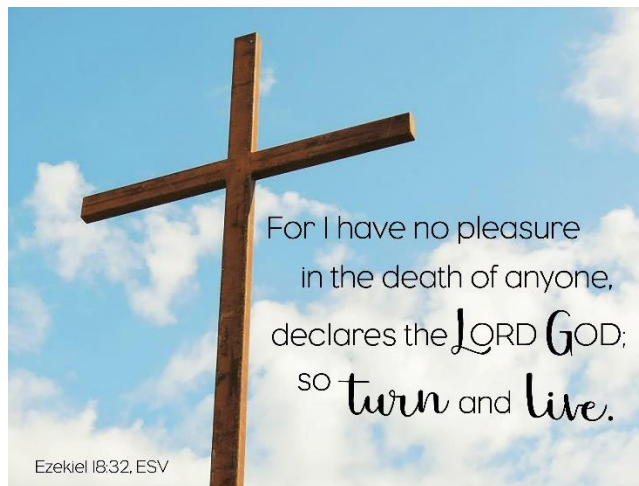
³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰ “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 25:1-10

R ¹In you, LORD my God,

I put my trust.

C ²**I trust in you;**

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

⁴**Show me your ways, LORD,**

teach me your paths.

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶**Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,**

for they are from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, LORD, are good.

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;**

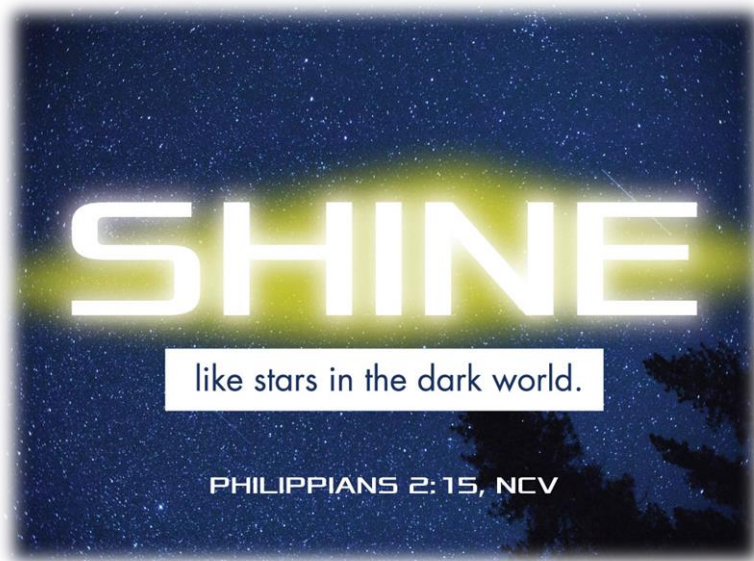
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

¹⁰**All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful**

toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.



SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4 (5-13), 14-18

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but
now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and
trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good
purpose.

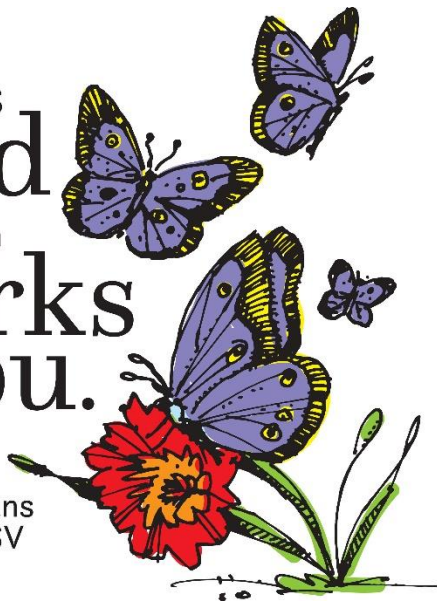
¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and
pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will
shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I
will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I
am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your
faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with
me.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

It is
God
who
works
in you.



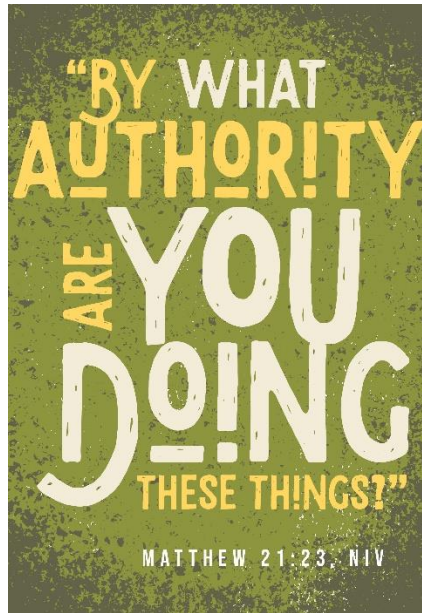
Philippians
2:13, ESV

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-27 (28-32)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

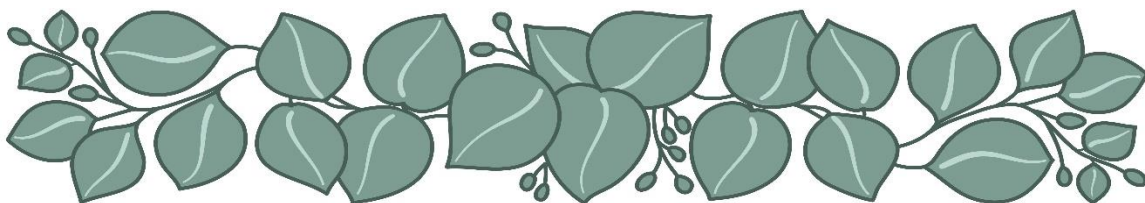
³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



Be seated

SERMON

Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

HYMN OF THE DAY

668 I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go

You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Jeremiah 1:7

1. It may not be on the moun-tain's height Or o-ver the storm-y sea;
 2. Per - haps to-day there are lov-ing words Which Je-sus would have me speak;
 3. There's sure-ly some-where a low - ly place In earth's har-vest fields so wide

It may not be at the bat-tle's front My Lord will have need of me.
 There may be now, in the paths of sin, Some wan-d'rer whom I should seek.
 Where I may la-bor thro' life's short day For Je - sus, the Cru - ci - fied.

But if by a still, small voice He calls To paths that I do not know,
 O Sav - ior, if Thou wilt be my Guide, Tho' dark and rug-ged the way,
 So, trust-ing my all to Thy ten - der care, And know-ing Thou lov - est me,

I'll an-swer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, "I'll go where You want me to go."
 My voice shall ech - o the mes-sage sweet. I'll say what You want me to say.
 I'll do Thy will with a heart sin-cere. I'll be what You want me to be.

Refrain

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, O-ver moun-tain, or plain, or sea.

I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord. I'll be what You want me to be.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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



Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Holy Spirit, giver of all spiritual gifts, grant us faith to follow Christ in all we do. Teach us your ways that we may be obedient to your will and open to your leading in our lives. Let us not make empty promises of following Jesus, but instead help us to show up daily and serve the world you love. Lord in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, your Spirit has called us together as your people in this place. Help us to be of the same mind as Christ Jesus our Lord, willing to empty ourselves for each other, the mission, and most of all for you. Grant us wisdom to work together for the sake of the Gospel. Bless also the leaders of our church, our bishop Dan Selbo, his assistants Mark, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, Andrew, our seminary president, Eric, those preparing for ministry, and all pastors in the NALC. Lord in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, our joys and sorrows are fully known to you. You grieve with us in our pain and sorrow and rejoice in our times of grace-filled joy. Bring healing to all those who are suffering from physical illness or injury, the pain of broken relationships, the sorrow of shattered hopes, and any kind of loss. [We pray particularly for] Lord in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace, bring healing to our nation as it convulses in strife, division, and turmoil. Turn the hearts of all citizens to you. Grant us elected representatives who pursue policies in accordance with your truth. Through the faithful proclamation of your word, turn our nation back to you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, sovereign Lord, all rulers, powers, and dominions are subject to you. Grant that the leaders of all nations would govern with wisdom, justice, and equity for the good of all. As our world suffers the spread of this global pandemic we ask that you would hinder its progression, prevent further loss of life, hasten the development of an effective vaccine and use this mortal danger to draw many to the only One who can raise us immortal. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated

OFFERING

Special Music

***In order to reduce the risk of infection, our ushers will not pass the offering plate during the offertory. Please use this time to engage in silent prayer, reflection, and worship. Later in the service, as you approach the altar for communion, please drop your offering in the offering plate located near the front of the sanctuary.*

Stand

OFFERTORY



What shall we give to the Lord for all his bless-ings to us? We will



lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, we will call on his ho - ly name.



We will keep our pro-mise to the Lord in the pres-ence of his peo-ple.




We will of - fer — with thanks-giv - ing a — sac - ri - fice of praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



Presider: Cong:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.



Presider: Cong:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Cong:

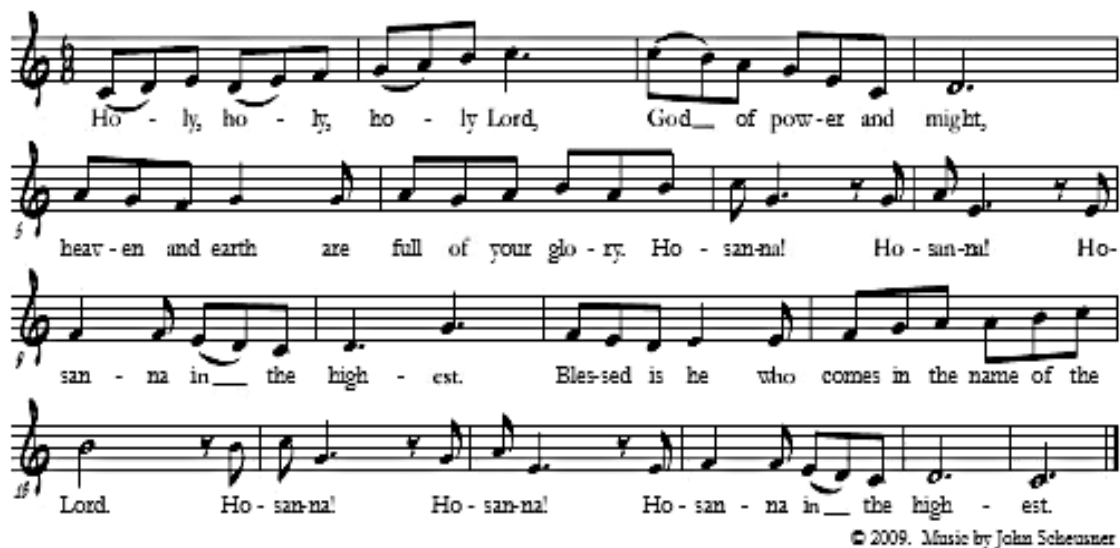
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Music: John Scheusner

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

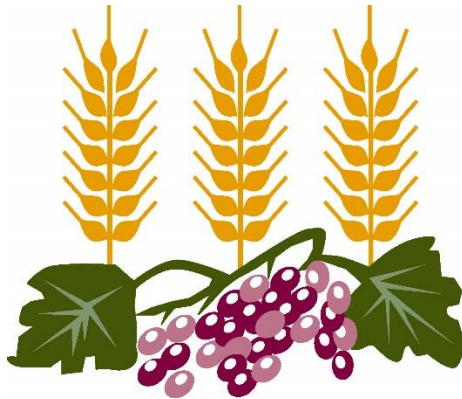
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**



Be seated

COMMUNION

**Grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*

From John 1:29



O_ Christ, the Lamb of God, you take___ a-way our sin. Have



mer - cy on us; have mer - cy on us. This is our



hope, this is our pro-mise: We are cleansed by the blood of the



Lamb of God, we are freed by the bo-dy and the blood. O_



Christ,___ the Lamb of God, you take___ a-way our sin. Have



mer - cy on us and grant us your peace.

Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn our hearts to yours, and nourished us at your table with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE (Vs 4 only)

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



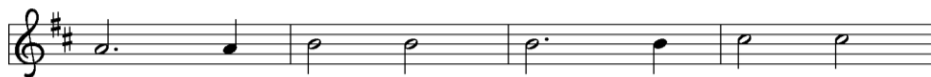
from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
from this day and un - to let us live.
and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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BLESSING

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.

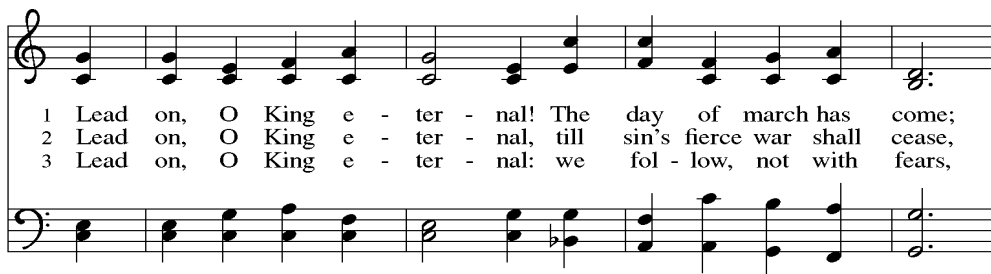


Blessed
shall you be when
you come in,
and Blessed
shall you be when
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6

SENDING HYMN

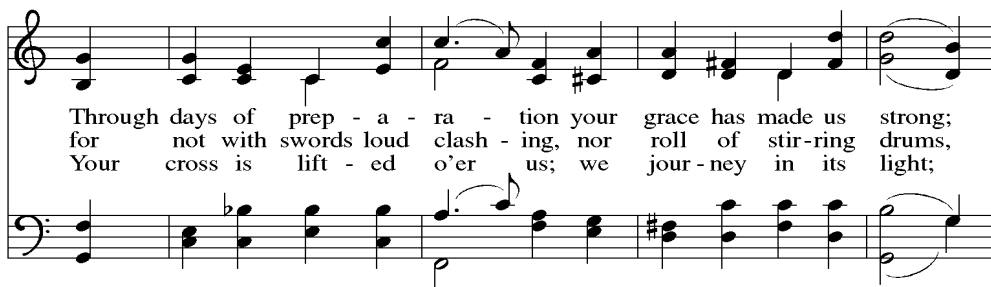
Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



September/October Servant Schedule

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Sept 27	Joe Costantino	Gary Ross	Roseann Costantino
Oct 4	Sandy Rice	Nathan Pfeiffer	Cynthia Michael
Oct 11	Joe Costantino	Donna Tucker	Kylene Terhune
Oct 18	Sandy Rice	Josh Pfeiffer	Erika Wattrick
Oct 25	Joe Costantino	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino



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As a congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused

