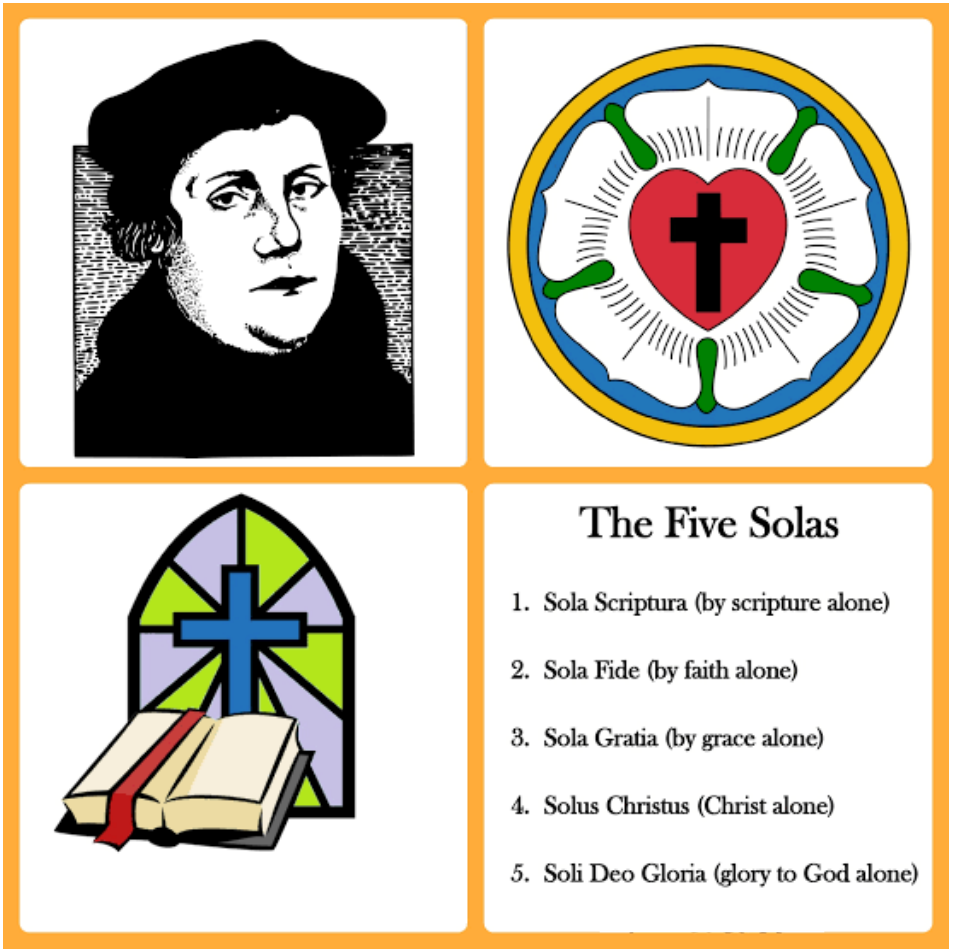


THE COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION & THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2025
9:30 a.m.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise Pastor Ermeling as he comes by during communion.

As We Gather

It began in the early 16th century on All Saints Day eve when the troubled professor at Wittenberg University in Eisleben, Germany, was convinced by the words recorded in Romans &Ephesians that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works. This changed not only his life, but also the lives of many who listened to his preaching, studied his teaching, and read his writings. Through God's LOVE we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ! That truth lives on in our church's preaching and teaching today. As this truth changed Martin Luther's life & the lives of many in his time, it can change your life and mine today in our time when we really understand the importance of the Reformation and All Saints Day as they apply to our faith and lives today.

Stand

Hymn Thy Strong Work *578 sts. 1-2, 6*

✢ Confession and Absolution ✢

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

℗ 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.**

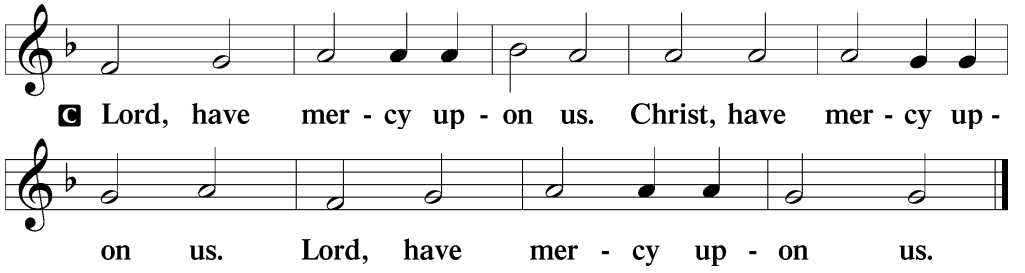
✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit

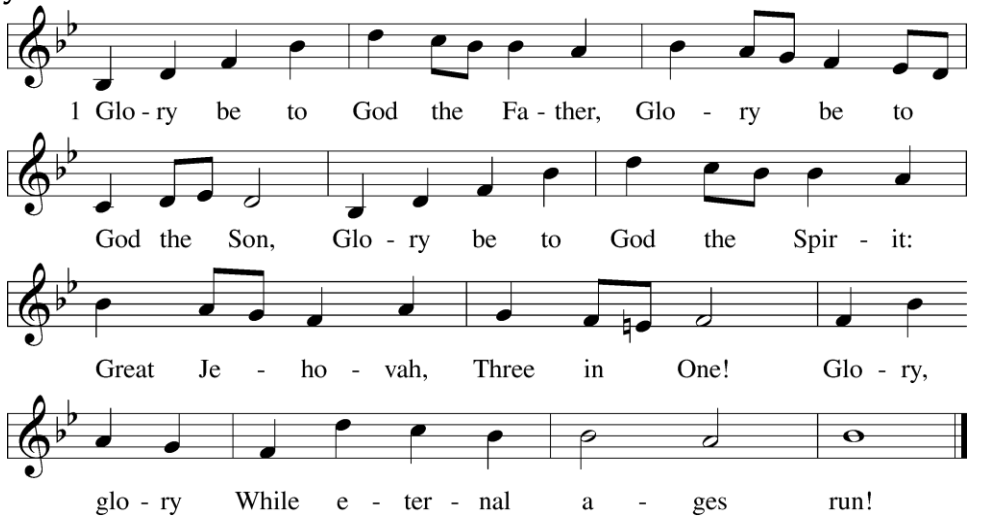
Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.
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.
I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie



Glory Be to God the Father



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31–34

31"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32not like the covenant that I made with
their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33But
this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the
LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their
God, and they shall be my people. 34And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and
each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of
them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will
remember their sin no more."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:8–10; Revelation 7:9–12

8For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is
the gift of God, 9not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

9After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10and crying
out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!" 11And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and
the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Luke 12:32
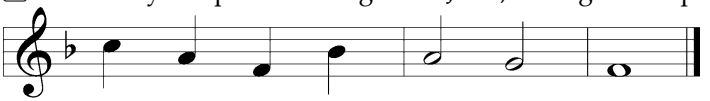
Alleluia! Fear not little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 8:12; 31–32

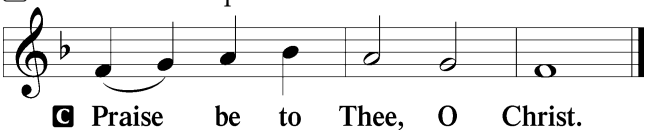
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



12Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

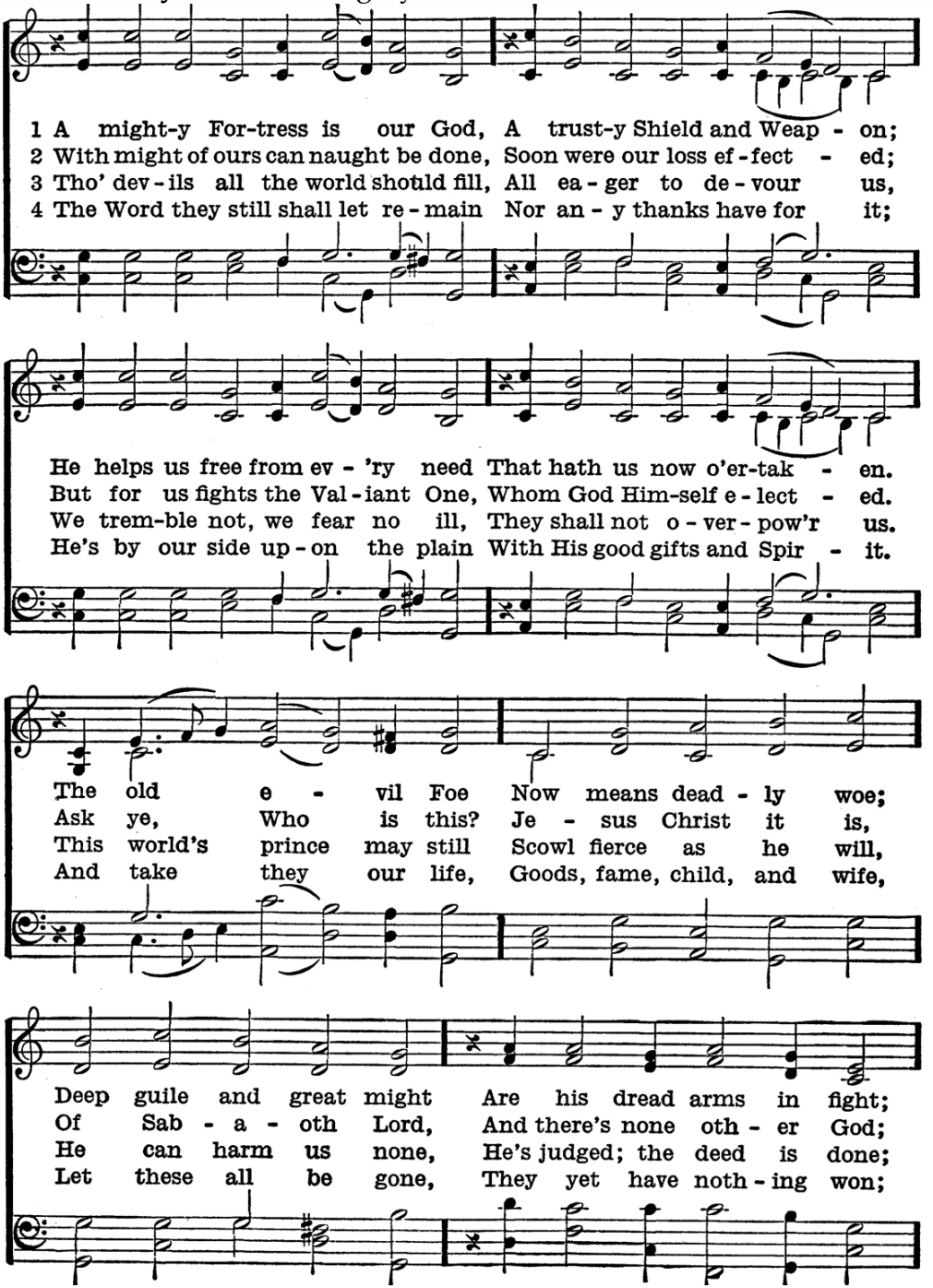
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

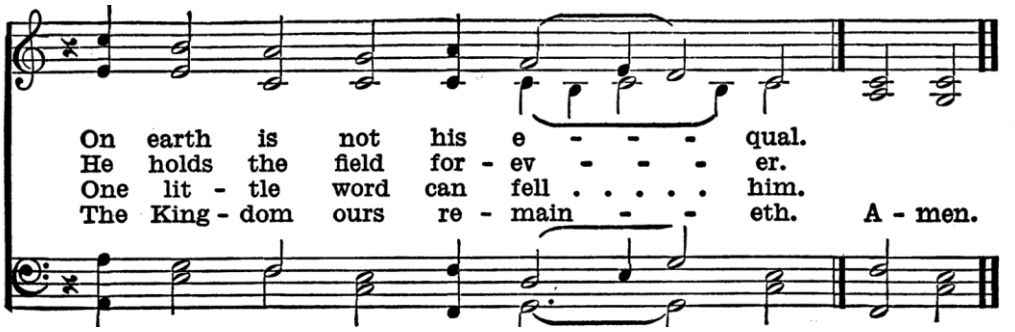


Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *TLH*



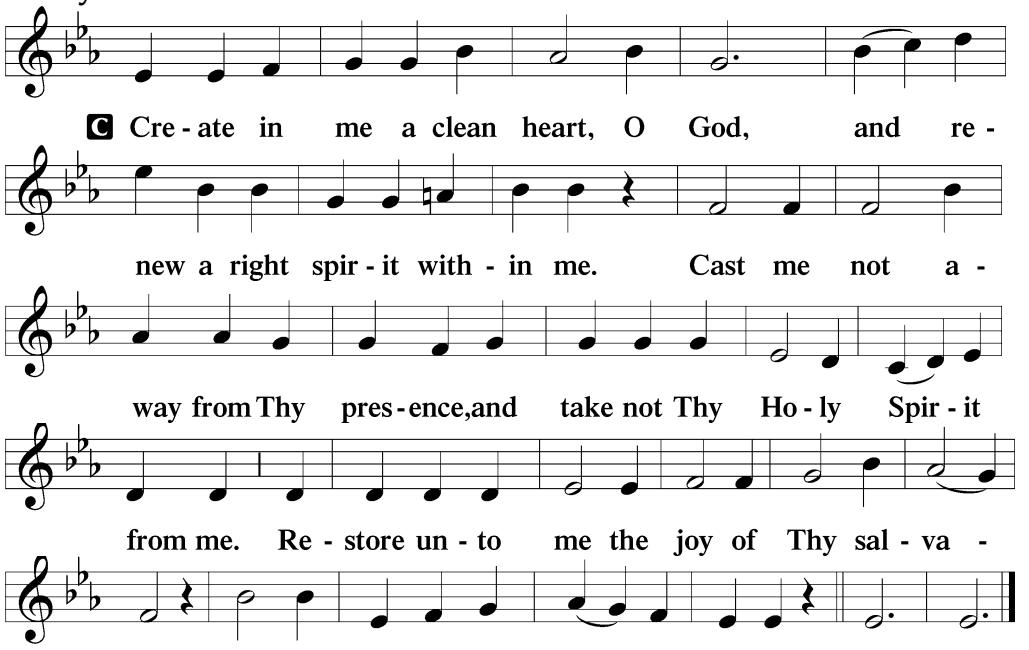


Sermon *Rev. Vernon Ermeling*

Offering

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Offertory



Prayer of the Church

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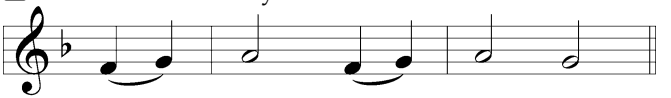
P Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**
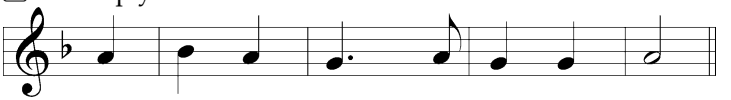
✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

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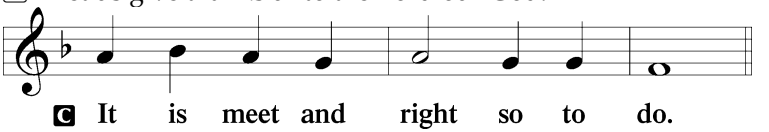
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



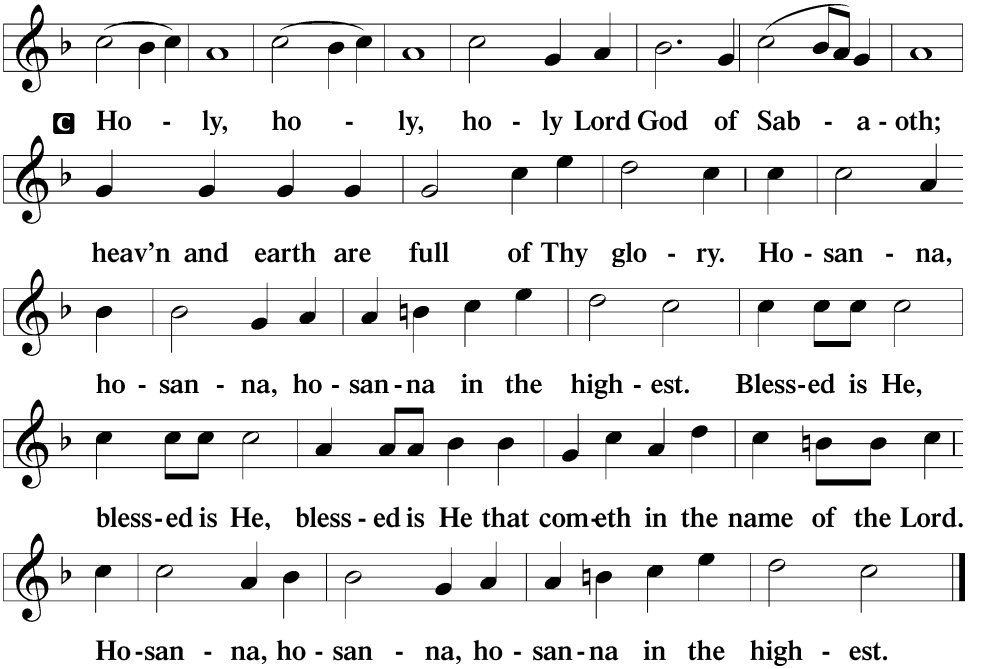
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



The 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.

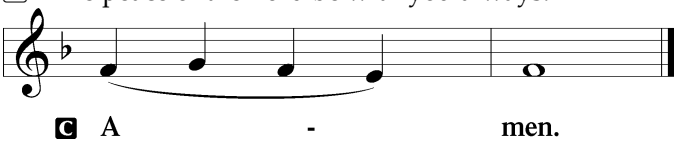
The Words of Our Lord

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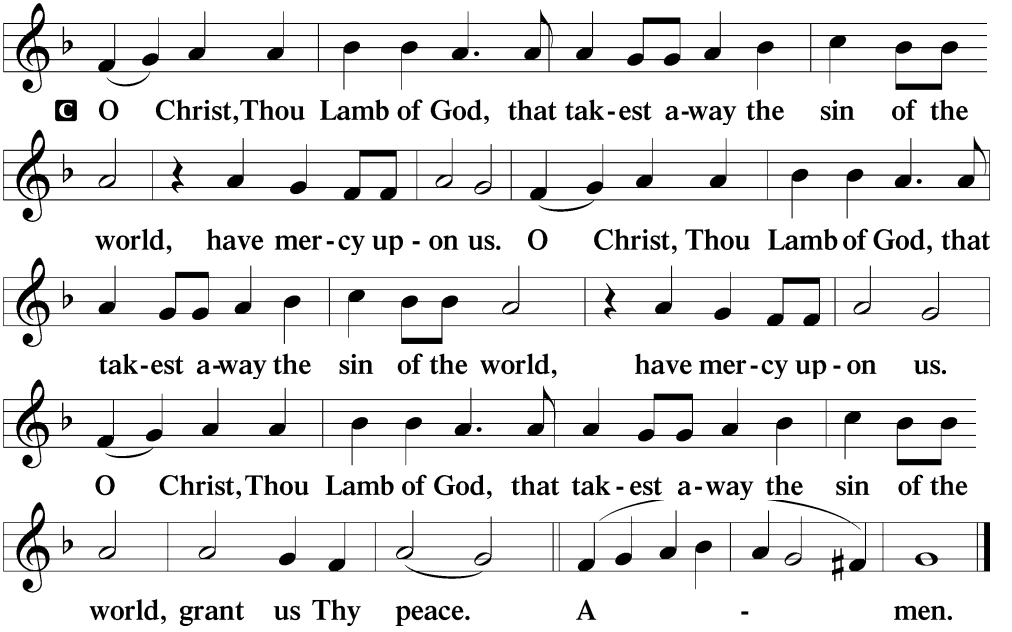
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✢ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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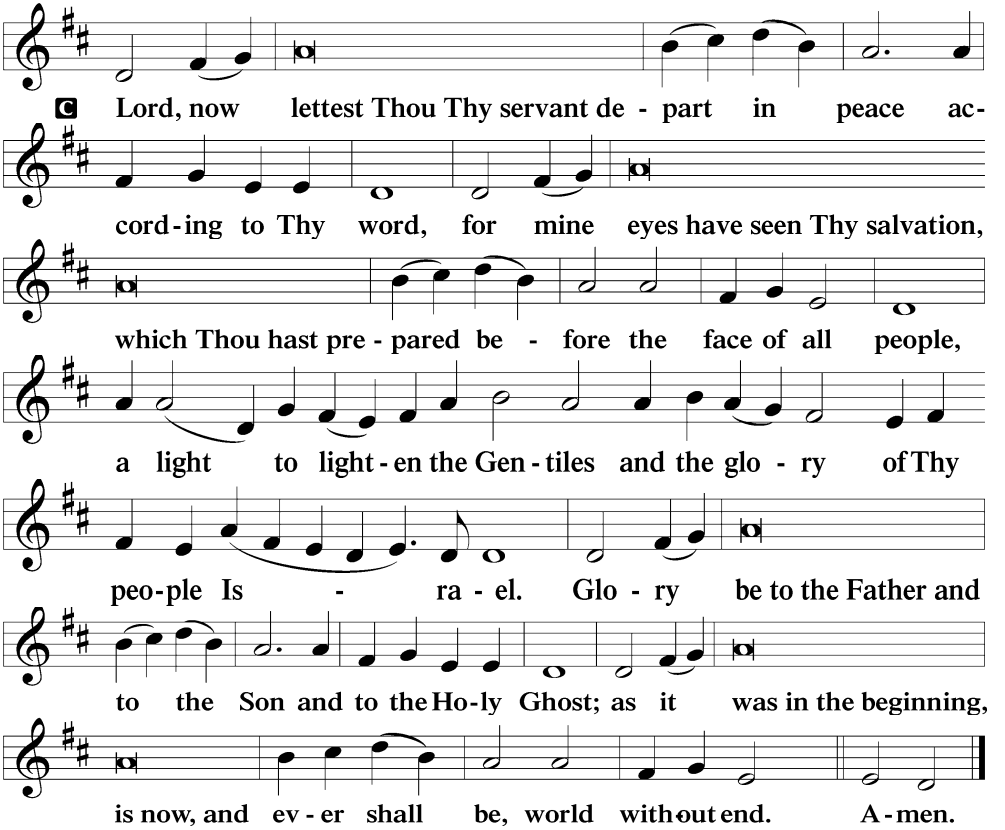


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Distribution Hymns

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word *655*

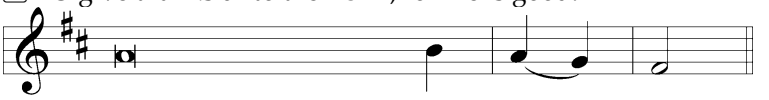
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *670*

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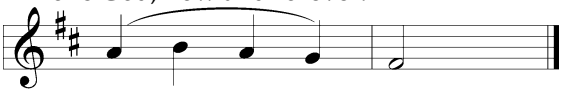


Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.
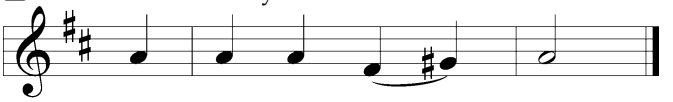


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
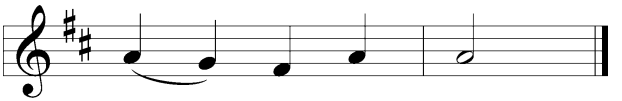


Salutation and Benedicamus

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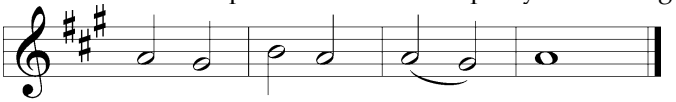


P Bless we the Lord.

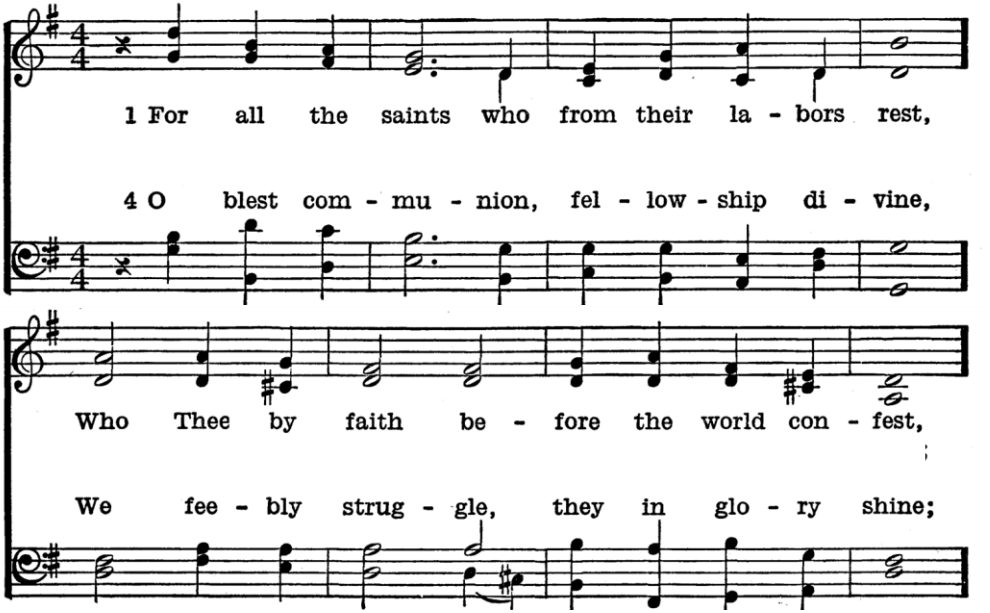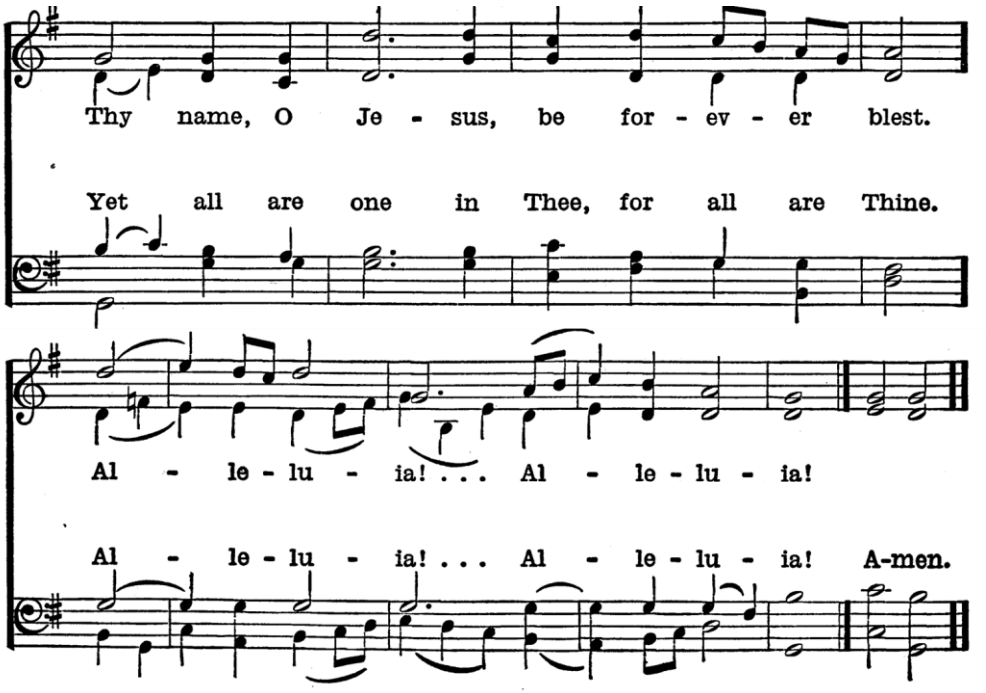


Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



Hymn For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest *TLH*





8 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Proceed to Irmer Hall for the movie.

"THE FORBIDDEN BOOK": the story of how we got the Bible in English.

Followed by our Octoberfest potluck.

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 1	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Spanish Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Movie followed by Potluck	Irmer Hall
	12:30pm	Spanish Bible Study	Irmer Hall
		Voters' Report Due	
Friday, November 6	6:30pm	Spanish Family Bible Study	Irmer Hall

BIRTHDAYS	BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY
11/02 – Zechariah Paxton	11/01 – Amanda Fust
	11/01 – Sarah Fust
	11/04 – Marcia Brant
	11/07 – Isabel Moreno
	11/07 – Roberto Moreno

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Lutheranism in Israel, Postpartum Depression, ADHD, 20th-Century Lutheran Theologian Hermann Sasse and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

VLHS Production

You're invited to join us for St. Paul Adventure on Sunday, November 15. We will be attending the matinee performance of Valley Lutheran High Schools production of High School Musical is on **Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM**. It is a well-known Disney movie and the students are very excited to be in the production.

Pastor Ermeling is treating everyone to tickets on the condition you sign up no later than Sunday, November 8. After that date you will have to buy your own ticket.

Call the church office to get your name on the list. Everyone will travel on their own and pick up their tracks at the ticket counter at the school. Feel free to invite your friends. It will be a Fun time!

LET US PRAY FOR…

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaullutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMIDIATE CONCERN:

Wayne Bartels, recovering from surgery at Loma Village Health & Rehabilitation Center.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Suzi Riley – health issues
Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer
Nicholas Jimenez – health issues
Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues
Jim Rucker – health issues

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. **PSWD Missions**

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Vernen Ermeling and family
Sunday School teachers & children
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff
The Rev. Ramón Cabrales and Deaconess Carmen
LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Achieve Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY *(members, friends, or relatives)***:**
Jackson Buffington *(Ahrens)***, Maxwell Buffington** *(Ahrens)***, Andy Smiley** *(Parker)*

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith

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