

**The 16th Sunday after Pentecost |
September 8, 2024**

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About the Cover

The beautiful picture of healing in Isaiah was literally fulfilled by Jesus. In His hands, “the deaf hear and the mute speak.” Jesus has fulfilled all the prophecies about Him in the Old Testament. By his grace, He also has opened our ears to hear His Word, to repent, and to believe the Gospel of His forgiveness through His cross and resurrection.

Moreover, He has opened our mouths to speak of how

“He has done all things well”

(Mark 7:37) for the sake of the world.

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024**

Hymn of Invocation:

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love
By love are we thus bound.

- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Stand

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

Invocation

LSB 184

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.**

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

Confession of Sins

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.**

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.

Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8



The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to
me,***

**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those
who go down | to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to |
you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy
sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for |
mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my
heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give |
thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

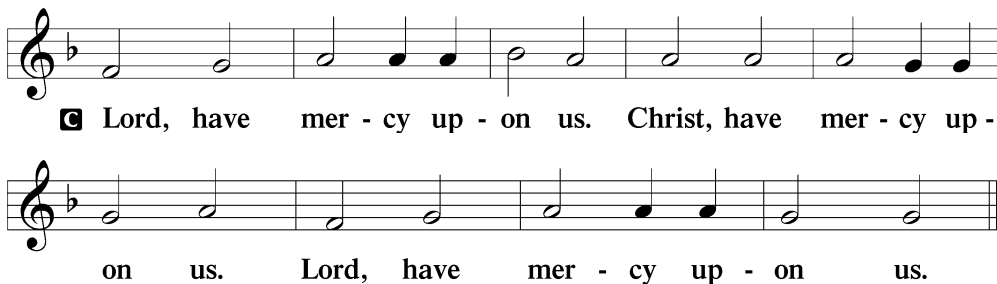
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Kyrie

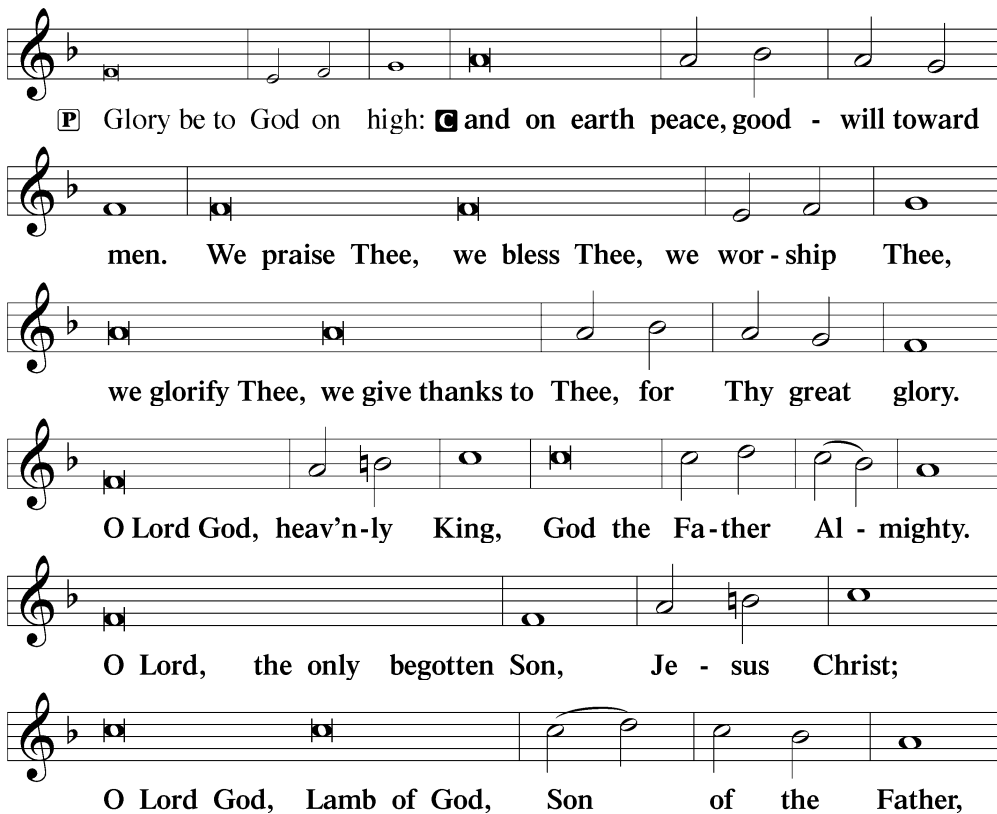
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



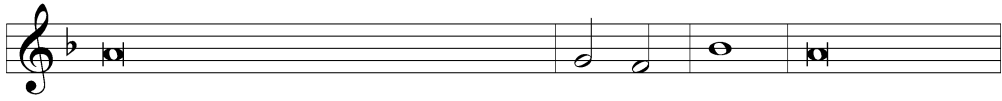
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



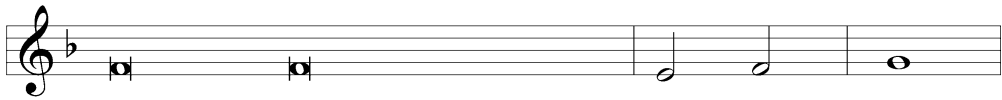
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



R And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray... O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and

grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

(God will come and restore all things.)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God
will come with vengeance, with the recompense
of God. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;⁷the burning sand shall
become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of
water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

(What good is a dead faith?)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes

into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

(The healing of the deaf and mute man)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears

were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under

Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the So together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *“Praise the Almighty”*

LSB 797

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!

All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon:

Ephphathal!: Isaiah's Promise and Jesus Miracles''

Isaiah 35:5-7


Votum

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

C Amen.

Stand Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



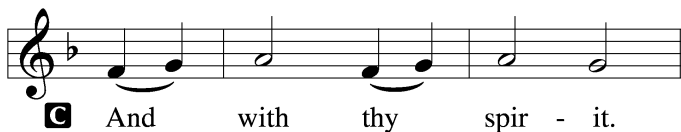
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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. He opens the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf and brings healing to all the nations. 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

LSB 195



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

☐ 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: “*O Son of God, in Galilee*” LSB 841

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessèd Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
You can restore, O Lord;

Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.

4 Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear
Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer
To ev’ry troubled heart.

5 Then in Your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst’ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal

He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.

Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.

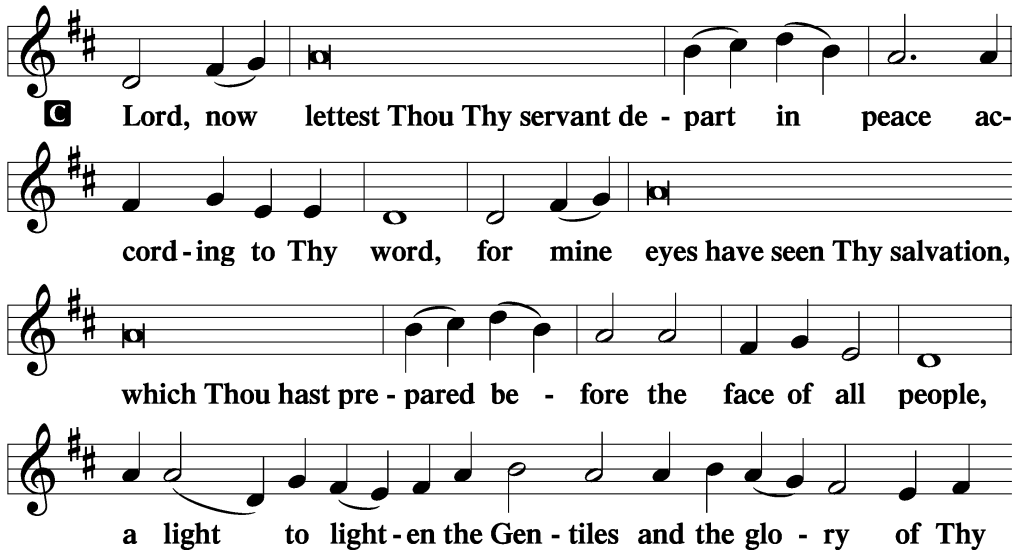
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.


Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

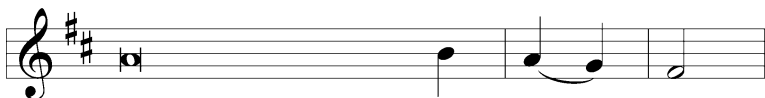


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



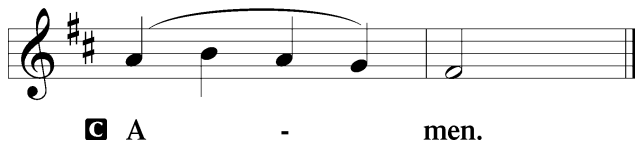
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

A 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,

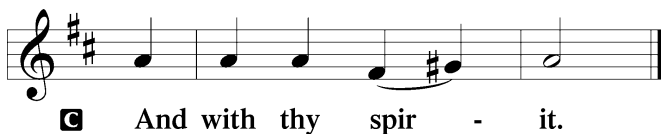
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



Salutation

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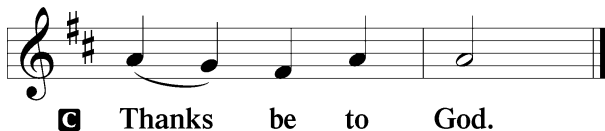
P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

LSB 201

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

LSB 201

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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: “*Jesus Shall Reign*”

LSB 832

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH THE
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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING

SUNDAY, SEPT 8	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service, HC
	<i>Sunday School Rally Day</i>	
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	Christian Care
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Property Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:15 A.M.	Fitness Class
	10:35 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	4:30 P.M.	Bells
	5:30 P.M.	BOE Meeting
THURSDAY	12:30 P.M.	LWML
SUNDAY, SEPT 15	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service, HC

Welcome Luncheon – Pastor Wright & Zion Lutheran

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer list emphasis for today:

Those serving in the military.

Serious health conditions: Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe

Birthdays!

9/10 Bonnie Terrell; **9/12** John Stewart;

9/13 Tom Stuenkel, Autumn Mahlburg

Please remember to complete one of the attendance cards in the pew rack. This information is used for many planning purposes.

Voter's at the December 2023 Assembly, entrusted the call committee to condense the call list and present four candidates to the Assembly.

The information needed for an informed decision may be evaluated in the church office during business hours. Opportunities to evaluate the information outside of office hours will be by appointment. Six identical folders are prepared and ready for viewing. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

The Voters established the Call Committee at the December 2023 meeting.

Here are the members for those that were not able to attend. Michelle Bowser, Ben Brondos, Don Freeman, Marcia Green, Alan Schmidt, Lew Steinbrecher, Tom Stuenkel, Jan Tutskey and Rev Nerud, Circuit Visitor.

Quarterly Voter's Assembly will be at 2:30 pm, Sunday, September 22nd

Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of September is YouthHope (Christian Friendliness).

Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out and about!

Holy Cross will be serving a spaghetti dinner at Rock Island Christian Care on Monday, September 9th.

(This dinner is provided the second Monday of every month). Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salad and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is located in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These clearly marked items can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or the Sunday preceding. Space is limited in the mission kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. Jerry Tutskey and the Mutual Encouragement Committee thank you in advance for your kind participation.

Just a reminder... There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in September and October.

FYI... Bell practice **WILL** resume this month. New players are always welcome! Thanks!

LWML YARD AND BAKE SALE: It's time to clean your closets, attics, basements, garages, etc for our annual yard & bake sale. Our yard sale & bake sale dates are Thursday evening, October 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

- Items for donations may be dropped off at the church beginning Monday, September 30th after 8:30 a.m.

(No large pieces of furniture, please).

- Baked goods can be dropped off on Thursday, October 3rd.
- We will need help setting up tables on Monday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m.
- Volunteers are welcome all through the week.
- We need helpers for clean-up on Friday.

Please be a part of this major fundraising event for our LWML. Proceeds from the yard sale and bake sale are used to support our seminaries, our missionaries, our youth and confirmands, and other projects of our congregation, District and Synod. Please contact Jan Tutskey or Marcia Green with questions.

Save the Date! Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Wright and Members of Zion Lutheran Church. On Sunday, September 15th at noon, the Evangelism Committee will be hosting a welcome potluck luncheon for Rev. Wright and members of Zion Lutheran Church. All are invited! If you will be attending, please sign the RSVP sheet that is posted in the church's entryway so the committee will know how many to plan for. Chicken from Mulkey's Restaurant will be served. There will also be a sign-up sheet available to bring a salad or dessert. For more information, contact Jeff Welvaert, chair or any member of the Evangelism Committee; Gerri Stolze, Martha Kroll, Deb Lindley, Melissa Thorngren, Marcia Green.

When going up to communion crossing your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion will be helpful to Pastor Wright as he is still getting to know our congregation. Thank you!

Exercise Class/Fellowship Hour: New Time! Exercise class now begins at 10:15 a.m. immediately following the 9-10 a.m. Bible Class led by Pastor Wright. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

The Rock Island Zone fall rally is Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan, IL. beginning at 8:30 am. The theme is “Seek the Lord”. Registration is \$15 and is due by September 10th. There are registration forms in the entryway. Any questions, call Mary Pement at 309-797-6367.

Greetings, We will be electing a new Zone Secretary/Treasurer at the LWML RI Zone Fall Rally on September 17th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way, please call or text **Janet Mau 563-209-0723**.

Holy Cross's support of Rev. Mahlburg's Sri Lanka mission work is going very well. Thus far \$3,510 of the \$4000 pledged has been collected. This goal too will soon be met.

Thank – you

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The current Dollar for Missions project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future.

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Prayer List

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Park Vista- Ron & Caroline Luecke; Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo- Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips.

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri, Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Pastor Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

Friends of the congregation receiving treatment for Cancer: Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison).

Serious Health Concerns: Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Susan Raber, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake, Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns: Alfred Karsten, Lucy Jahns, Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, David Kramer, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.