

**Reformation Sunday |  
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## About the Cover

Martin Luther desired his seal to be a symbol of the firm footing we have in the Gospel. The black cross in the center of a living red heart signifies that Christ's death brings us life. The flower blossoms like the joy and peace of faith in salvation, and the heavenly blue background points to future joy in eternity. It is all surrounded by the golden ring because salvation in Christ is eternal and our greatest treasure (Luther's Works, vol. 49, pp. 358-59). In this common Lutheran symbol, we have a reminder of the heart of the Reformation: Christ's cross brings us the eternal and priceless blessings of forgiveness, life, joy and peace.

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**Hymn of Invocation:**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

*LSB 656*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

*Stand*

*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.

*Stand*

## The Rite of Holy Baptism

*Aiden Jacob Cave ~ Asher Xavier Cave ~ Charlotte Kaya  
Lynn Cave*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidates while saying:*

- P** Aiden Jacob, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P** Asher Xavier, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P** Charlotte Kaya Lynn, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P** *Let us pray...* Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.

You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Aiden Jacob, Asher Xavier, and Charlotte Kaya Lynn, according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

*The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates.*

**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.

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

**C** Amen.



*Sit*

**P** Aiden Jacob, Asher Xavier, and Charlotte Kaya Lynn, do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Aiden Jacob, Asher Xavier, and Charlotte Kaya Lynn, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the heads of the candidates while saying:*

**P** Aiden Jacob, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Asher Xavier, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Charlotte Kaya Lynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor lights baptismal candles from the paschal candle and gives them to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

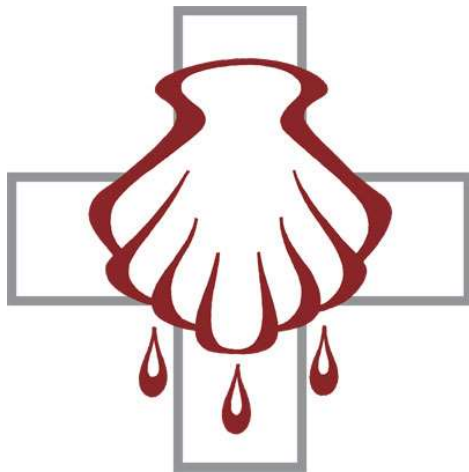
*A representative of the congregation welcomes the newly baptized and the members assent.*



**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers and sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

*Stand*



**P** *Let us pray...* Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Aiden Jacob, Asher Xavier, and Charlotte Kaya Lynn the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gifts You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Reception of New Members

*Jerry Dillingham ~ Jennifer Cave ~  
Lynda Nelson*

**P** Dear friends in Christ, the members of our congregation are happy that you are to become part of our Christian fellowship. Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us to confess him before men, with the promise that he will then confess us before his Father in heaven. That we may rejoice in your confession, I now ask you in the presence of God and of this congregation: Do you accept and confess that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from the Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R** I do.

**P** As a member of this Church, do you intend to continue in the confession of this congregation, attend corporate worship, make diligent use of the means of grace, and lead a righteous and godly life? If so, answer: I do so intend with the help of God.

**R** I do so intend with the help of God.

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers, time, treasure, and talent? If so, answer: I will with the help of God.

**R** I will with the help of God.

**P** Upon this your promise, I, in the name of this congregation, extend to you the right hand of fellowship and love, acknowledging you as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and inviting you to receive the Lord's Supper and to participate in all the other blessings of salvation which God has given to his Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Peace ✝ be with you.

**R** Amen.

*Stand*

**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, lis- | ten 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 be- | ginning,\***  
**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

LSB 186



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.

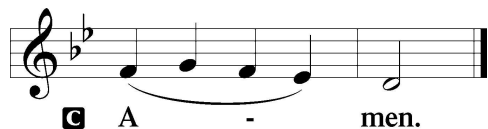
## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** *Let us pray...* Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

*(The Gospel is eternal and must be proclaimed everywhere)*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

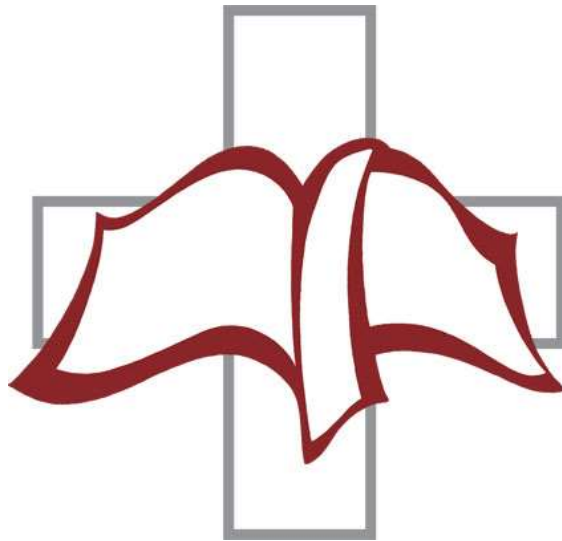
**C** Thanks be to God.

# 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  
gener- | ation\* that this is God, our God forever and |  
ever.



*(The righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ)*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**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**

*John 8:31–36*

*(Listen to Jesus and be set free)*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,  
<sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”  
<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day:** *“Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll”*

1 Though all our life is like a scroll  
Unrolled with blemished pages;  
Though sin has shredded what was whole  
And death is now our wages;  
Yet here we stand in confidence,  
With Jesus as our sole defense,  
For He alone still saves us.

- 2 Though pompously we try to dress  
In costumes of our making;  
Though fig leaves of self-righteousness  
Are futile and heartbreaking;  
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore  
So we would perish nevermore.  
His grace alone still clothes us.
- 3 Though earth's deep waters foam and roar  
As surging waves are rolling;  
Though all the nations rage with war  
While bells of doom are tolling;  
Yet God gives peaceful fortitude,  
He nurtures us with Heaven's food.  
True faith alone still anchors.
- 4 Though critics cut out Scripture's claims  
And treat them with derision;  
Though they conduct their hostile aims  
With scalpels of suspicion;  
Yet how the living, two-edged sword  
Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!  
God's Word alone: still truthful.



5 Now sing a high doxology  
To God who gives salvation.  
Both here and in eternity  
Let this be our vocation.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit raise  
A symphony of grateful praise,  
For He alone is worthy.

**Sermon:** *“No Longer Slaves: The Transforming Power of  
the Gospel”* *Text: John 8:31-36*

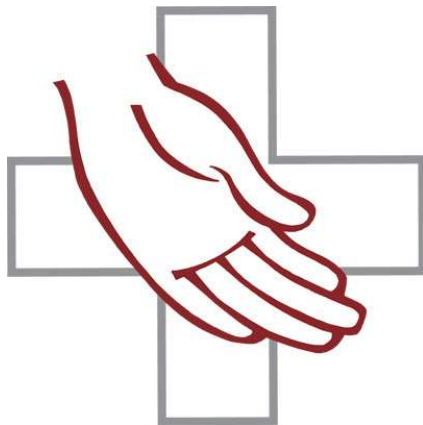
**Votum**

*LSB 192*

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

**C** Amen.

*Stand*



# Offertory

*LSB 192*

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

*LSB 193*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "And with thy spir - it." The word "spir" is under the F4 note and "it." is under the D4 note.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

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## Proper Preface

*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, for the eternal Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be set free from our sin and know You by grace through faith in Christ alone. 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*



**C** 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.

## 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.



**G** 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  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns:**

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
  
- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
  
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
    Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
    Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
    So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
    Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
    Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
    Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
    And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
    And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
    For You have paid my ransom.



7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow.

*“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”*

*LSB 565*

1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done,  
They bid my fear depart. *Refrain*

*Refrain: To whom save Thee,  
Who canst alone  
For sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?*

2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain*

3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God. *Refrain*

4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few. *Refrain*

5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails  
Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain*

*Stand*



*Nunc Dimittis*  
SONG OF SIMEON

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** 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.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 201*

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**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:

*“Thy Strong Word”*

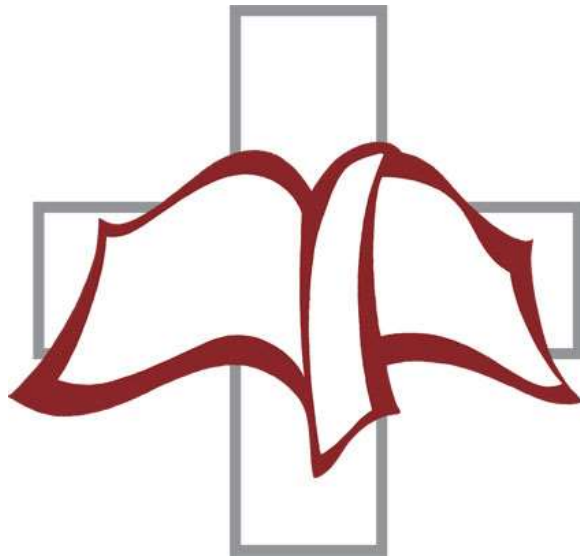
*LSB 578*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
  
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!



△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!



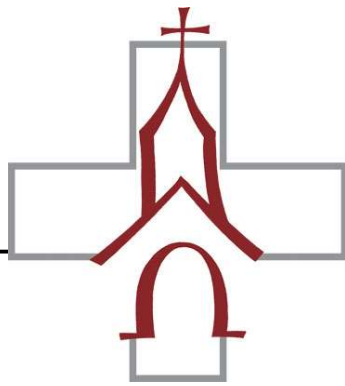
**THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH THE**  
**SERVICE**

**Preacher:** Rev. Gary A. Wright

**Organist:** Bruce Noah

**Elders: 10:45 a.m.:** Bill Serre – Scott Paller

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## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING**

<b>SUNDAY, OCT 27</b>	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class/SS
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service HC
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 A.M.	Pastor's BC
	10:15 A.M.	Fitness Class
	10:40 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
<b><i>No Bell Practice</i></b>		
<b>SUNDAY, NOV 3</b>	9:30 A.M.	Bible Class/SS
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service HC

*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:***

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for  
cancer

***Serious health conditions:*** Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe

***Upcoming knee surgery:*** Tami Winter

#### **Celebrating Birthdays This Week!!!**

Gabriel Thompson - Kris Bull – Christopher Best –  
Sandra Bopes

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

*The flowers on the altar are provided by Rick and Jan  
Serre in loving memory of Dick Serre.*

**A Special\* Voter's Assembly meeting to extend the  
call will be held on**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 pm.** The updated  
candidate booklets are available in the office for  
viewing during business hours or by appointment after  
hours.

**Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of  
November is Pregnancy Resources.**

Pam at Pregnancy Resources expressed to me that there is a  
lack of clothing, esp. pajamas in sizes 2-3T \*.

Other items in need... baby wash ~ shampoo ~ lotion ~  
baby bottles ~ 2 pk. pacifiers and  
newborn clothing.

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



**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League** is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). It has as its "mission heart"

thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world. "Lutheran Women in Mission" describes in spoken and written form who we are and what we do. It is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenges to share the Gospel message. It is composed of individual women and women's groups within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings. Individual membership is available to women in LCMS congregations with or without a society affiliated with the LWML. Women may have an interest in the mission and ministry of the LWML — and wish to be a part of the organization; but cannot for a variety of reasons belong to a local group. The LWML seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among women of the LCMS through education, inspiration, and service. A major emphasis is the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of Mite Box offerings.

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These Mite Box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942.

**The Mutual Encouragement Committee** serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need. Our next date of service is November 11, 2024. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is located in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.

## **Volunteering to Serve**

As we approach 2025, Holy Cross is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and leadership positions. If you are interested in serving the Lord through leadership/committee work or general assist, please call or text Marcia Green \*refer to church phone directory.

### **Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services!**

If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway.

If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

**Bell practices will be postponed** until further notice.  
Thanks!

### **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!

***Confirmation Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Pastor Wright.***

**The October – December 2024 Edition: Portals of Prayer have arrived!**

Please help yourself to this devotional resource and share with others!

**Exercise Class/Fellowship Hour**

Exercise class begins at 10:15 a.m. immediately following the 9 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!

**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*

*The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.*



**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.

**PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

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**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUDO.org:**

Join us as we continue our study of the book of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), taking a look at the account of Balak and Balaam in chapters 22-26. Then, tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT) for a special series on All Hallows Eve, covering topics such as Hallowe'en, ghosts, angels, demons, and more! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUDO Radio app!

## **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; **Hope Creek, East Moline-**Elizabeth Cobb; **Celebrate of Moline –** Sieg Paulsen.

**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 (son of Peggy Jones), 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), Corey Dombrowski  
(neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

**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:** Ladd Poell

(friend of Donna Knudtson) Levi Koopmas (relative of  
Patricia Erickson), 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.