

Guests and Visitors – Brief Statement Regarding Communion

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

We welcome you to worship today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, we confess that communion was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and that when consecrated, the bread and wine are truly his body and blood!¹

We also believe that every Christian is called to examine themselves before coming to the table, trusting in God’s forgiveness as an answer to our sin, while truly recognizing the body and blood of Jesus, given for us. We further believe that Jesus has made the altar a place of *unity* – a place we are called to be in full agreement and reconciliation with one another.²

From scripture,³ the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), and Zion Lutheran Church, as a part of that Synod, understands unity not only as a matter of relational peace with each other, but public confessional unity as well. Your faith is a public witness, in addition to a personal conviction.⁴

To come to the altar for Holy Communion is to make a public witness that you agree with all this church body believes, teaches, and confesses. If you desire to receive communion today as a visitor, please speak with Pastor David.

Our call from Jesus is to steward God’s gifts faithfully, and to uphold the church’s confessional integrity, as well as yours.⁵ If you are not receiving communion today, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, or to remain seated as we sing God’s praises.

May you be blessed as we gather around the Word of God in faith, hope, and love. It is good to be together in the Lord!

¹ Matthew 26:26-28

² Matthew 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

³ 1 Corinthians 1:10

⁴ Matthew 5:14-16

⁵ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 5, 2025

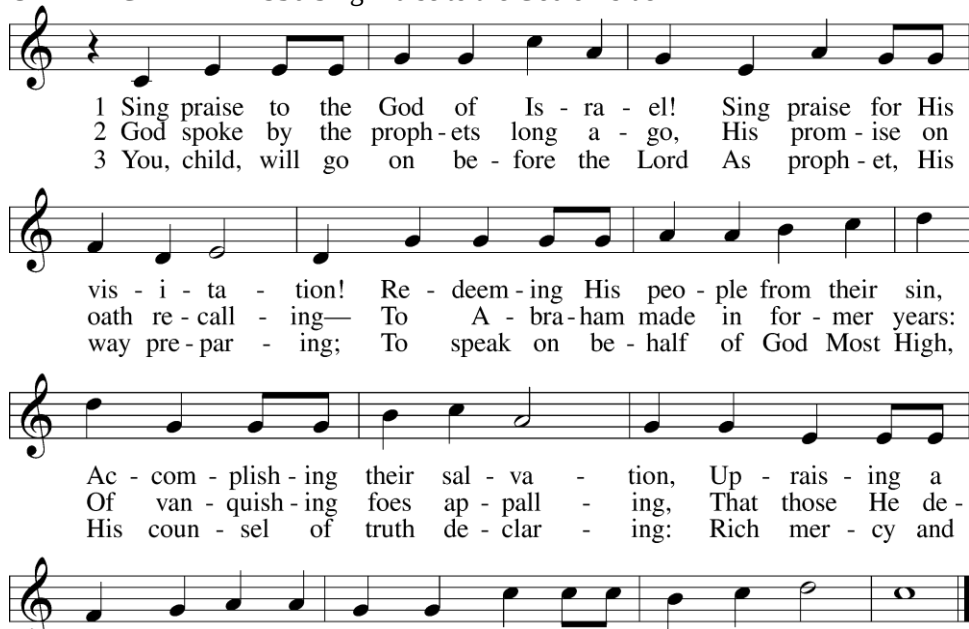
PRELUDE El Shaddai by M. Card and J. Thompson

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,

Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.

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INVOCATION

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.

Sit

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and He made us in His own image to live in fellowship with Him. Yet, like Adam and Eve, we have listened to the serpent's voice, doubted God's Word, and chosen our own way.

C We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have hidden from Your presence, O Lord, and have blamed others rather than taking responsibility for our sin.

P Like the people in Noah's day, our thoughts and intentions are often bent toward evil. We build towers to our own glory instead of walking humbly with You.

C Forgive us, Lord. Wash us, and make us clean.

P Like Abraham, we have not always trusted in Your promises but have taken matters into our own hands.

C Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen our faith.

P Like Jacob, we have deceived and grasped for blessings in selfish ways. Like Joseph's brothers, we have let jealousy and bitterness harden our hearts.

C Forgive us, Lord. Reconcile us by Your mercy.

P O Lord, Your Word is written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name. Yet we confess that we have not always lived as those who believe.

C Forgive us, Lord. Give us life in Jesus' name.

P The same Lord who spoke light into darkness has shined His mercy upon you; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has now worked salvation through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son for you. These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



KYRIE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

P Almighty and everlasting God, You made a covenant with Abraham, promising that through his offspring all nations would be blessed. Though Abraham faltered, You remained faithful. In the fullness of time You revealed the true offspring, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is before Abraham and through whom Your promises are fulfilled. Grant us steadfast faith, that we may not boast in ancestry or works, but trust wholly in Christ, the eternal Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 12:1–5; 15:1–21*

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–40*

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 Son 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

SERMON HYMN 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly
 gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing
 He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -
 have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Stand

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

between each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

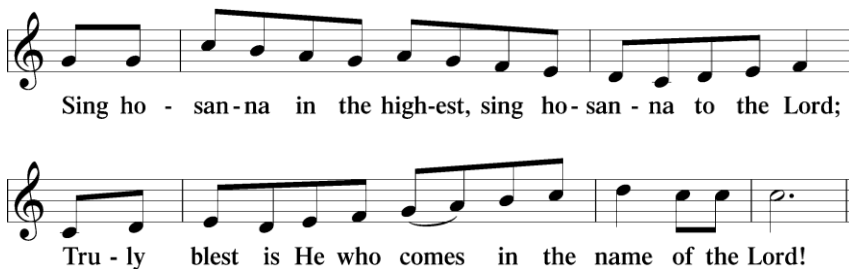
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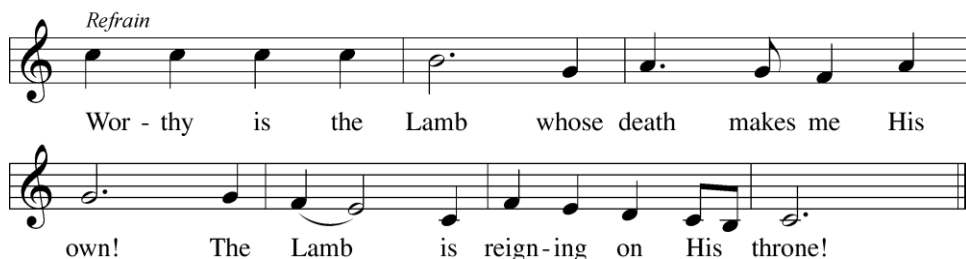
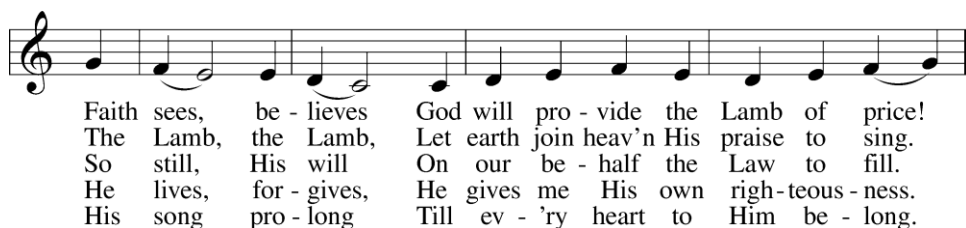
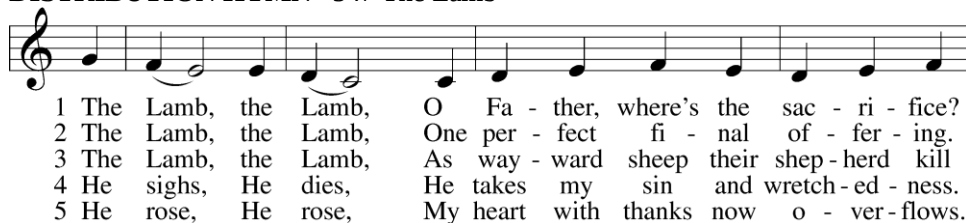
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

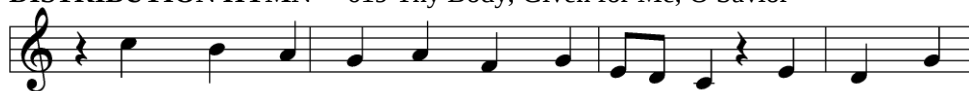


DISTRIBUTION HYMN 547 The Lamb



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struction,
Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
songs of of prais-es I will ev-er give to
more;
Thee; Feed me till I want no more.
I will ev-er give to Thee.

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POSTLUDE

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