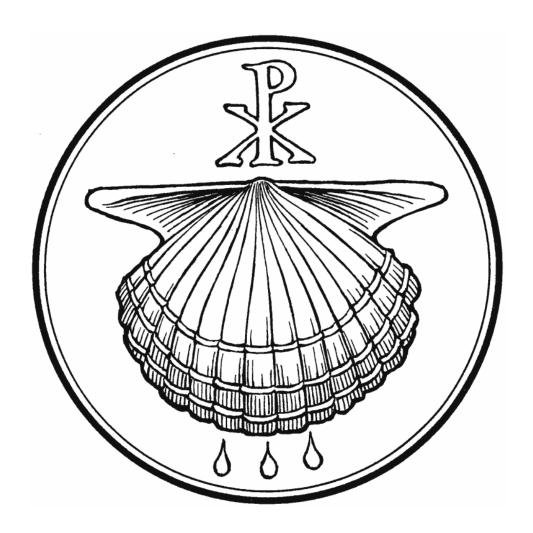
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service, Setting Four July 11, 2021

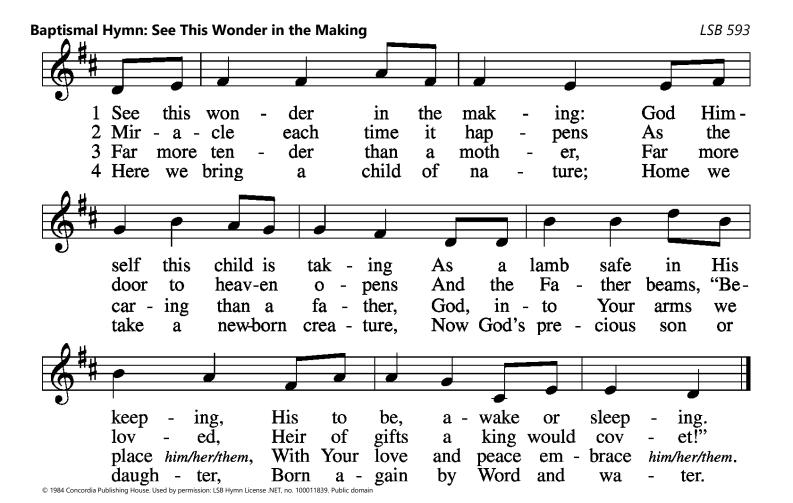


Regarding the Lord's Supper – Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand



Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Sit

Baptismal Address

Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

Dearly beloved, 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. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

Naming of the Candidate

- **P** How are you named?
- R [Name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

Sign of the Cross

P [Name], 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.

The Flood Prayer

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 Hagen and Thomas 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.

C Amen.

Address to Sponsors

- Prom ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- Is it your intention to serve name of candidate(s) as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- **R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- **G** Amen.

Holy Gospel for Baptism

Mark 10:13-16 NKJV

- 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.
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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.

Blessing

- \blacksquare The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + evermore.
- Amen.

Renunciation

- P [Name(s)], 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.

Profession of Faith

- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- 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 [Name,] do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

The Baptism

- [Name,] 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:

Blessing of the Newly Baptized

- 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 places a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

Presentation of the White Garment

Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the newly baptized while saying:

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

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.

The Welcome

- A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs 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 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.
- **A**men. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Collect for the newly baptized

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 Hagen and Thomas 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.

The Peace

- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Stand

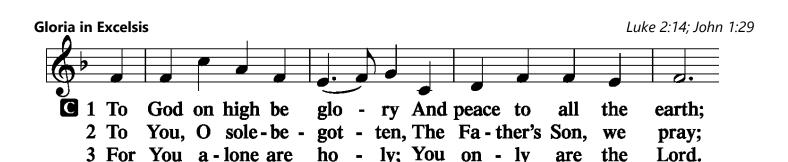
Introit

Ps. 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11

- For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.
- Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
- All 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.
- P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand



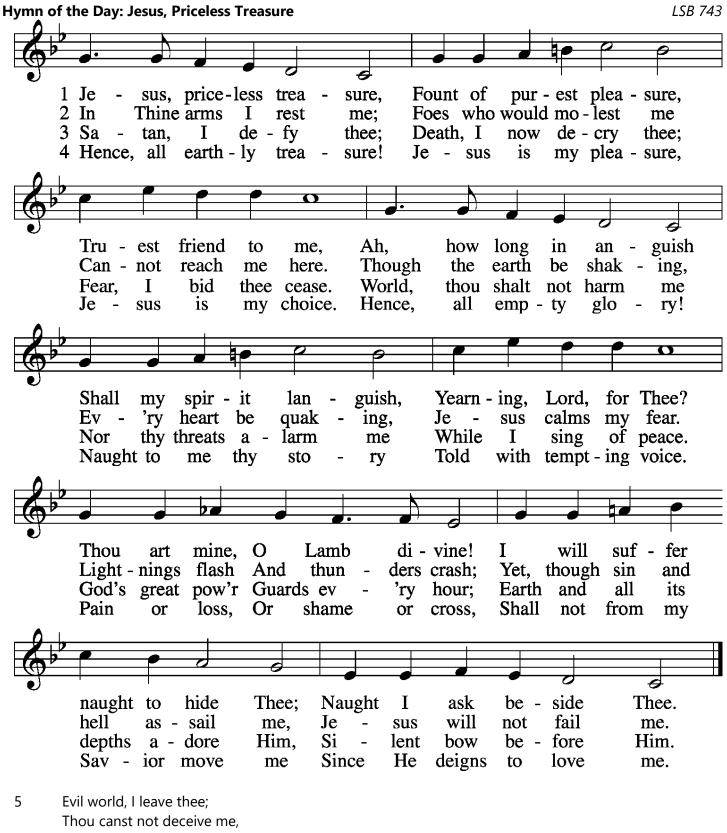
Holy Gospel Mark 6:14–29

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.

Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Preserve Your Church, O Lord, for Your name's sake, in Your righteousness and answering in Your faithfulness. Since You have sent us forth in this world to testify to Your Word, let us find conviction and confidence in our confession, that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain the preachers You send, O Lord. Make them bold to proclaim Your Law against sin, and grant that Your Spirit would work powerfully in that Word to humble the proud and bring them to repentance, that they would hear the Gospel and receive the forgiveness of sins won for them by Christ. Vindicate all who suffer for continuing steadfast in their callings, and keep us from despising Your Word of correction. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve Your blessed estate of marriage, O Lord. Let chastity be prized among Your Christians and honored also in the world. Bind husband and wife together in love and forgiveness. Equip them by Your Spirit with every good gift to care for and teach the children You give. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

You, O Lord, are King over all the earth. Let the conduct of our civil servants and of our people be wise, just, honorable and in accord with Your revealed will. For the sake of Christ, be merciful to those who oppose You, and remember that You desire all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Emboldened by our adoption through Jesus Christ, O Father, we bring before You every need of body and soul. Lavish the riches of Your grace on ______. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

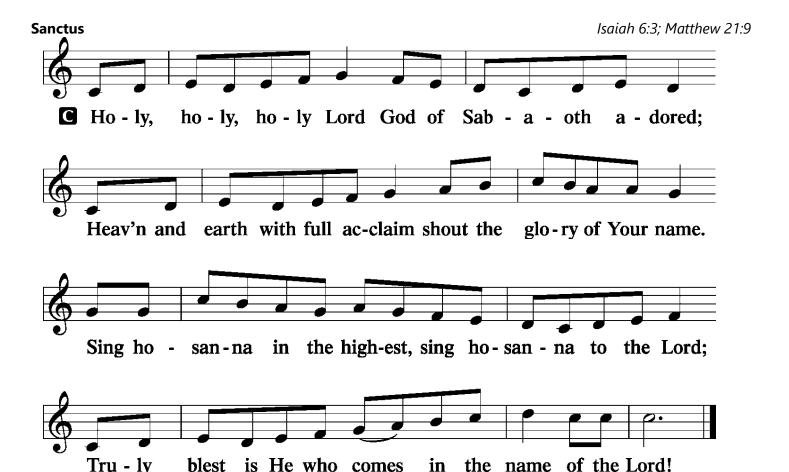
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Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

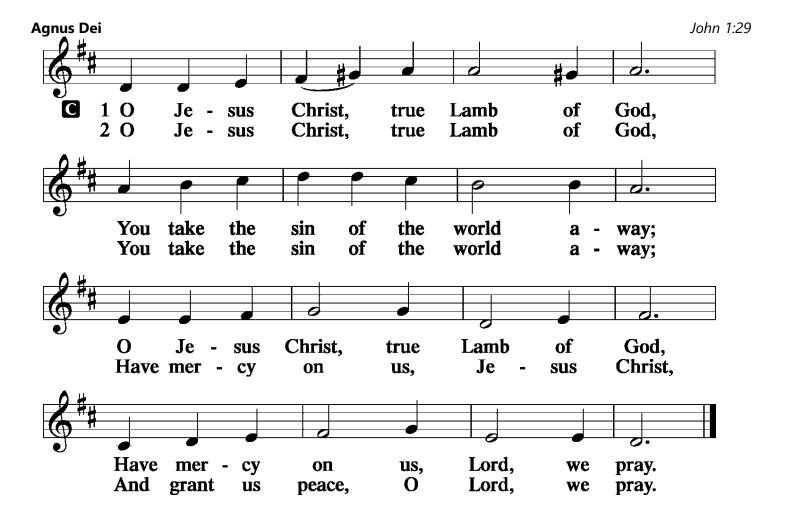
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- 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 John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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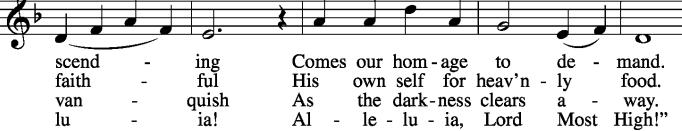
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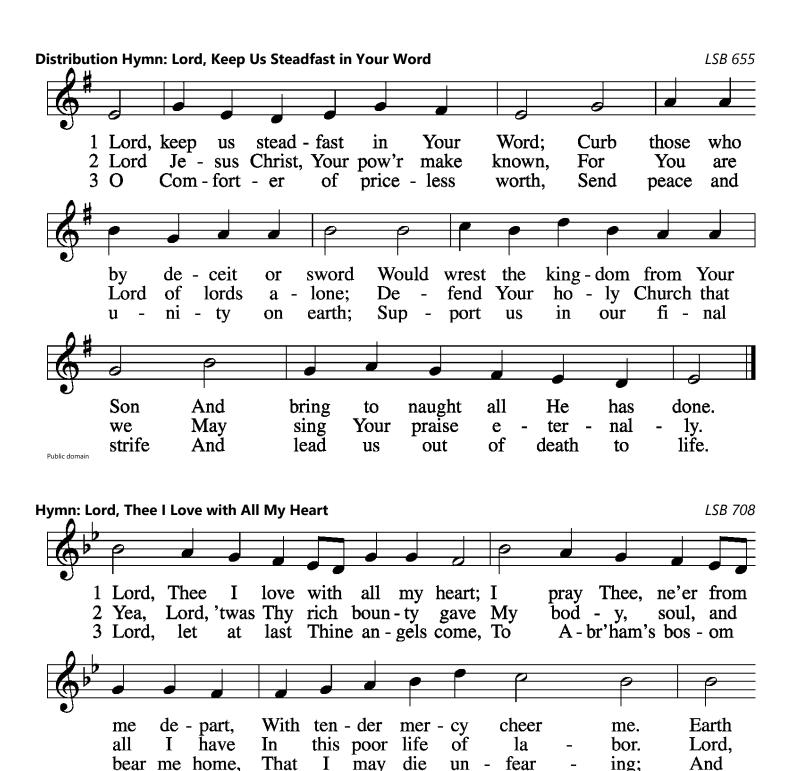


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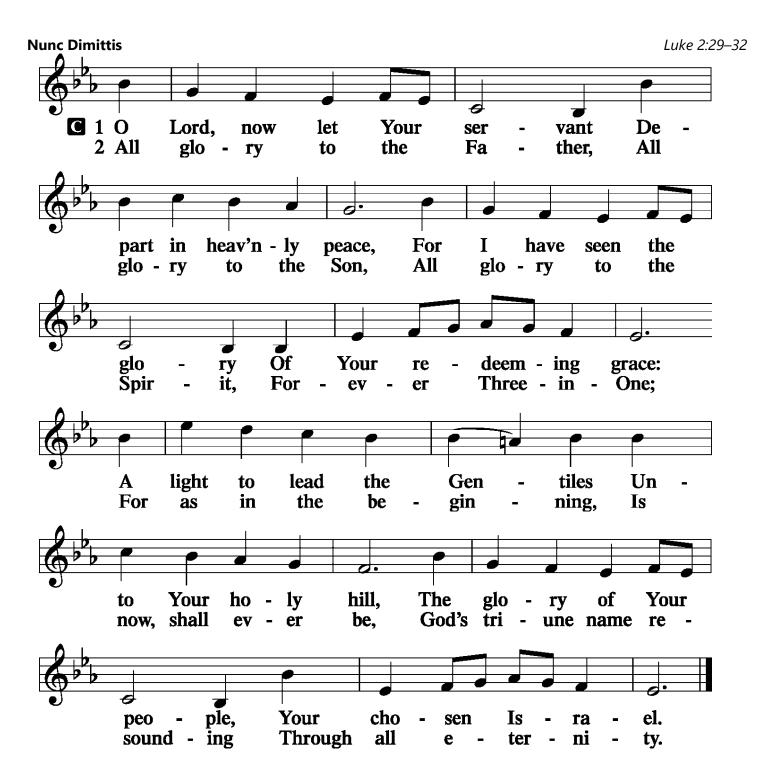
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Post-Communion Collect

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 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 Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

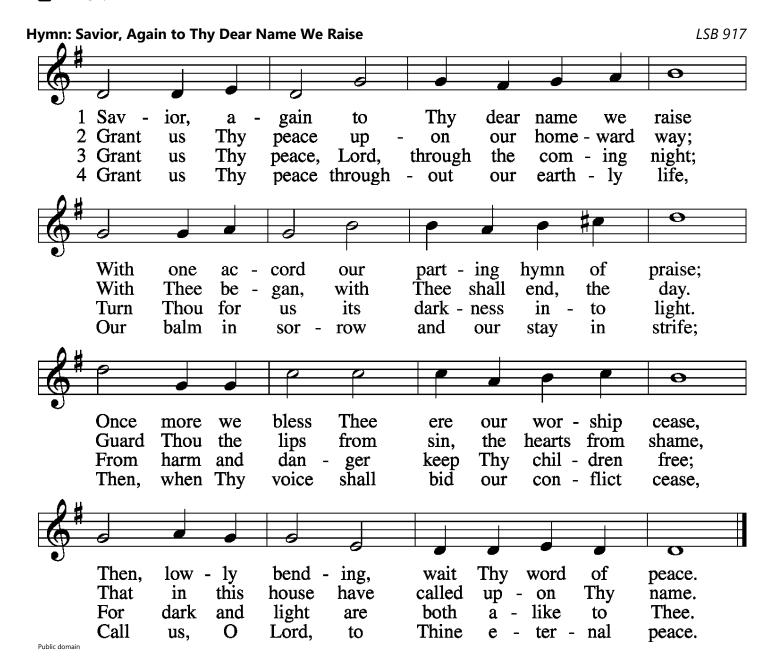
Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.



Postlude

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Announcements

<u>Special Book Order</u> – <u>Deadline July 18! I'll order the books on July 19.</u> I want to let you all know about several new books that may interest you. There are two sheets in the back of the church: one to describe these books, one to sign up to order a copy of a book if you are interested.

The new books are:

Lutheranism 101 (Third Edition) My First Catechism (designed for ages 3-7) Luther's Small Catechism for Kids (designed for ages 8-11) The Spirituality of the Cross (Third Edition) Engaging the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection and Prayer

Special Celebrations? If anyone has a special celebration or event and they would like to observe it during the fellowship time after worship, please talk to Donna Barkley.

<u>"Why Should I Believe You?" Christian Apologetics for Today</u> – July 26, 2021-July 28, 2021. Messiah Lutheran Church in Carrollwood will be hosting a three day course taught by Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University in Irvine, CA. This course, provided by Concordia Theological Seminary, is continuing education for clergy, but everyone is welcome to attend. "Christians are often asked to give an account or reason for their faith, and Scripture enjoins us to 'always be prepared to make a defense' for the hope that is ours in Christ. This course seeks to introduce Christians to and encourage them in today's apologetic challenges." If you have any questions about registration, please see Pastor Yoakum. (The cost for attending is \$150 for active clergy, \$100 for retired clergy and lay people.)

Memory Verse Challenge for this Week: Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44.

Prayer List – Roma; Buck; Carole; Matt; Ruth; Charlie; Matt; Kris; Mireya; Scott and Cathy; Kathy; Kelly; Angela; Susan; Blaine; Marjorie; Darlene; the wife of Jonathan; Barbara.

<u>CASTING CHRIST'S NET ON THE INTERNET</u> ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. This week's teachings include: The Calling of Christians in the 21st Century, The Social Justice Movement, The Scandinavian Reformation, Lutheran Hymnwriter Anna Hoppe and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on <u>KFUO.org</u>: Begin the book of Nehemiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Jeremiah 32-35 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters 7/17 at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at <u>kfuo.org</u> or wherever you get your podcasts!

Serving Today:

Elder – Charlie T.

Ushers – Carl M. and Dave B.

Organist – Lisa T. Acolyte – Kara Y. Altar Guild – Robin F.

Camera – Angela F.

Tellers – Angela F. and Mike P.

Serving Next Week:

Elder – Dave B.

Ushers - Bob B. and Collin B.

Organ – Beth B. Acolyte – Ethan F. Altar Guild – Kathy Y. Camera – Kathy Y.

Tellers – Jim L. and Mike P.

Upcoming Calendar

9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
10am	Worship
4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
7pm	Church Council
2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Hebrews 6
6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Class. Topic: To Be Determined
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COMING UP!

We are in the process of relaxing our Covid Precautions. <u>Everything is subject to change, discussion, consideration.</u> This announcement is presented here to give everyone full opportunity to understand or question these future changes to our present worship practices. As it stands, here is the <u>tentative</u> schedule for returning to Pre-Covid practices:

July 18 Passing of the Offering Plate returns.

August 1 The "Sharing of the Peace" returns.