

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

October 14, 2018

8:00 am

LWML SUNDAY/TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



LWML Sunday 2018



Hold Fast, for You Share in Christ!

AS WE GATHER

Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gracious God serves us through Word and Sacrament, so that we may hold fast to Him—even as He holds us in His care! Today’s service will help us to treasure all that we’ve been given in our Savior, who is fully present among us by His Word and Spirit. Hold fast, for you share in Christ!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" Lani Smith

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL *Congregation, please stand.*

HYMN "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" LSB 793

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:14*

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

Pastor: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

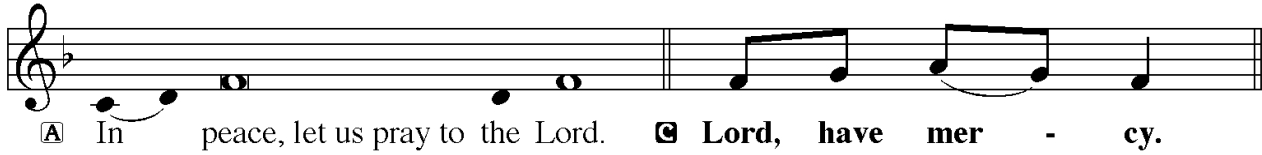
People: **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

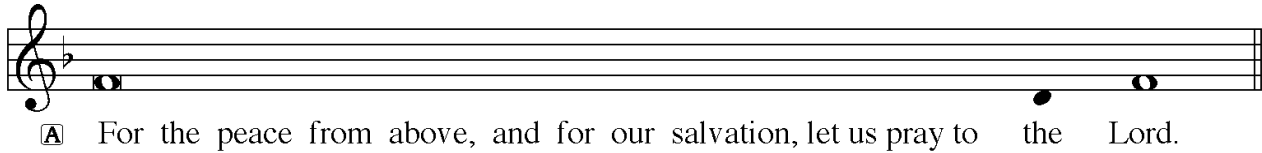
People: Amen.

✂ WORD ✂

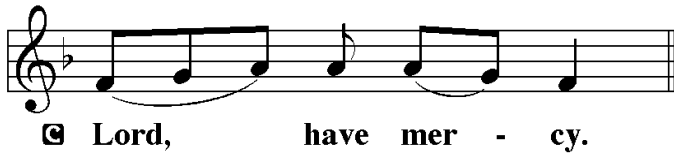
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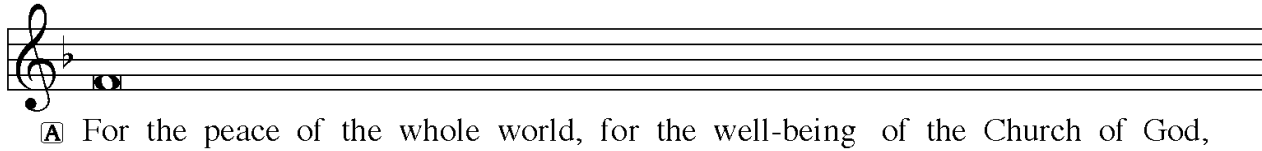
[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



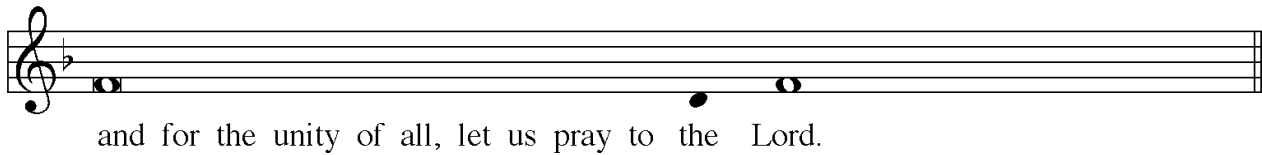
[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



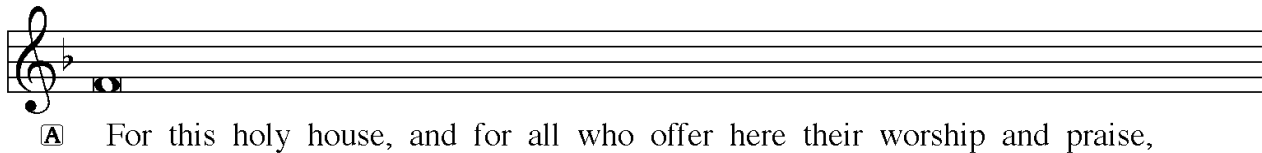
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



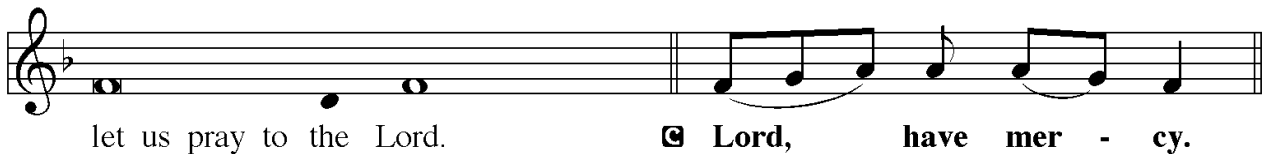
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. [C] A - men

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *to refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *to refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - - - tion: **to verse 4**
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - - men. *to refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - - - ia! **to Final Refrain**

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Your grace goes before us and behind us. Your love is over us and beneath us. Your faithfulness will ever lead and guide us. By Your Word, draw us into Your presence and help us to treasure all that we share in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15
 (Seek the Lord that you may live.)

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.
You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth.
You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you

have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 3:12–19

(We have come to share in Christ.)

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

VERSE *Galatians 6:2*

Pastor: Alleluia. Bear one another's burdens,

People: **and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17–22

(Jesus responds to a man seeking to inherit eternal life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that we sinners come to You in faith so that we may share in Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at Ascension and Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.

Pastor: Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. [*Especially we pray for . . .*]. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.

Pastor: . . . *other intercessions may be added here.* . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Father, according to the testament of Your only-begotten Son, we come today to receive the fruits of Jesus' cross as we share in His body and blood. Prepare our hearts as we unite with our Savior and join with one another at Your Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, who gave His life for us.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

J.S. Bach

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

Communing TOGETHER



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. By grace we hold fast to Him as He shares with us His body and blood. 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 (Divine Service, Setting Three)

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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

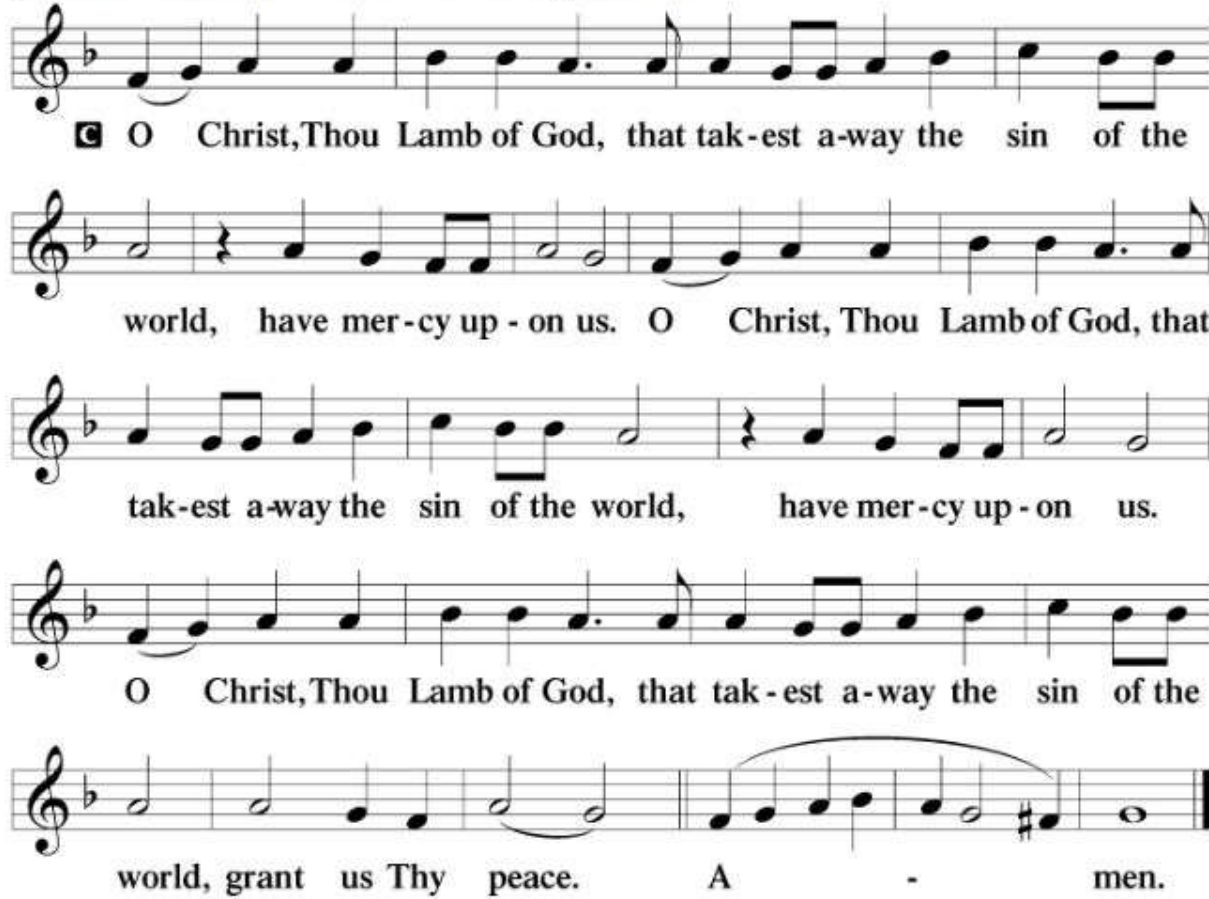
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.”

LORD’S PRAYER *Text found in the back of the Hymnal. (Matthew 6:9–13)*

Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting Three)



□ 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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| “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” | LSB 618 |
| “Just as I Am, without One Plea” | LSB 570 |
| “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” | LSB 712 |

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Psalm 90:14*

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
People: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: Amen.

HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father"

LSB 809

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"

J.S. Bach

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
AGAPE PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Rose Berger, Bri Fort, Lisa O'Neal, Ken
Price, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Michael Lawrenz
Roger Gaide

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Joyce Dowdy
Jude Donovan

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Chrissy Coon
Holly Schmitt

USHERS 8:00
10:30

Ladies of the Congregation, Ann
Ranisate

SERVER 10:30
ALTAR GUILD

Ladies of the Congregation, Espen
Erling, Hannah Schmitt

FLOWERS

Jude Donovan
Shelia Beu, Joyce Dowdy, Charmaine
Rohde
Pat & Kathie Harvey, in celebration of
their 36th anniversary (10/16); and
Brandon & Justine Jankowski in
celebration of John Rolling's birthday
(10/18).

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