

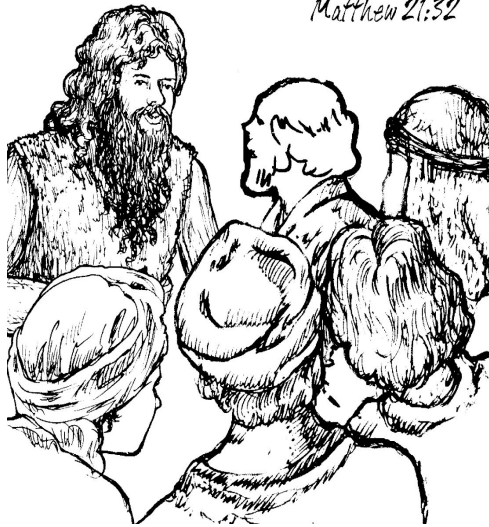
10/18/2020

Pentecost 19

October 18, 2020

*For John came
to you in the way of
righteousness...*

Matthew 21:32



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(Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.)

REDEEMER

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O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -
2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our



seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All
ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of
pow'r di - vine; The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O
song a - bove In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And



oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
love be - yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
Son of God, is thine. We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
ev - er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee



To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
Where per - fect prais - es ring And ev - er -



and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
Tune: ANGEL'S STORY (76 76 D) Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929.

STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

[M]: In the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

CONFESSION

[M]: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

[C]: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners” [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

[M]: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie

(Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.)

[M]: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

[C]: Lord, have mercy.

[M]: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

[C]: Christ, have mercy.

[M]: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

[C]: Lord, have mercy.

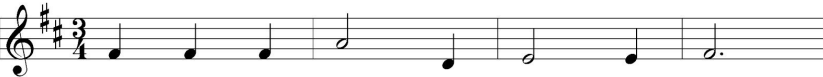
[M]: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

[C]: Amen.


GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

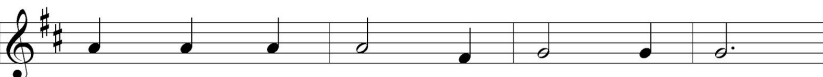
Tune: ST. CRISPIN



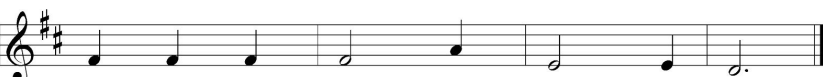
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
“All glo - ry be to God!” A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

(This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.)

[M]: The Lord be with you.
[C]: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.
Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
[C]: Amen.

The Word of God

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 A strong message for Christians who grow lax in their faith and dismissive in their sins!

The word of the Lord came to me.

² What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, “Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons’ teeth are set on edge”? ³ As surely as I live, declares the Lord God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. ⁴ Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵ But you say, “The Lord’s way is not fair.” Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? ²⁶ If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die.

²⁷ But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. ²⁸ Because he has seen and turned away from^[a] all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. ²⁹ But the house of Israel

says, “The Lord’s way is not fair.” Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair?

³⁰ Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. ³¹ Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God. So repent and live!

2 Corinthians 13:5-8 True obedience gives evidence of real repentance. Obedience is not the cause of repentance but a visible fruit that shows our faith is genuine.

⁵ Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not know this about yourselves: that Jesus Christ is in you—unless perhaps you fail the test? ⁶ But I hope that you will recognize that we are not failing the test.

⁷ We pray to God that you may not do anything evil, not so that we may appear to have passed the test, but so that you may do what is good, even if we may seem like those who are failing to pass the test. ⁸ To be sure, we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth.

The Verse of the Day Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)

403 I Know My Faith Is Founded

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -

Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
seeks by night and day To rob me of this
cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's
trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
whelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
A firm - er faith be - stow, Then I shall
Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by

in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. composite.
Tune: NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (78 78 76 76 76 76) *Concentus novi*, Augsburg, 1540, alt.

The Sermon: Matthew 21:28-32

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said to him, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.

STAND

NICENE CREED

(Public confession is faith’s response to God’s saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible’s teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(*The original text here reads “catholic,” a word meaning “universal.” The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.)

BE SEATED

OFFERING

(Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.)

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

If you are visiting our service, the way we practice the Lord’s Supper might be different from the way you have seen it offered in other churches. We believe that the Bible teaches us to distribute this sacrament to those who have been taught and confessed their faith in the “real presence” of this Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:27). This instruction is given by our pastor so that all our communicants might be of one heart and mind as they join together in this sacred meal. If you would like to learn and confess these truths with us so that you may commune at the altar of the Lord, speak with the Pastor after the service. When you come to the same conviction through a study of God’s Word, we will encourage you to participate with us in this blessed Sacrament.

PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers’ hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

[M]: The Lord be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

[M]: Lift up your hearts.

[C]: We lift them up to the Lord.

[M]: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C]: It is good and right so to do.

[M]: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

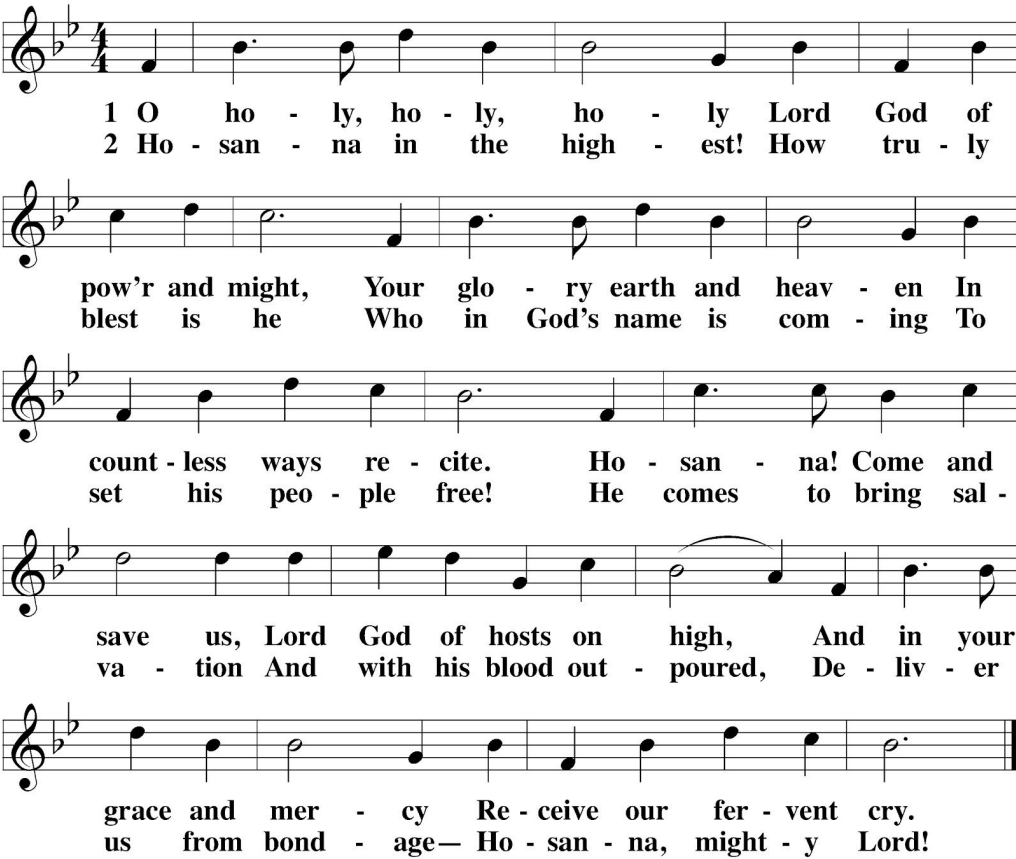
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
21:9

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew

Sanctus
(Sanctus means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Sanctus

Tune: WEBB



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and gave thanks [Matthew 26:26].)

[M]: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

[C]: *Amen.*

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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's substitutionary death.)

[M]: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (✠) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (✠) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

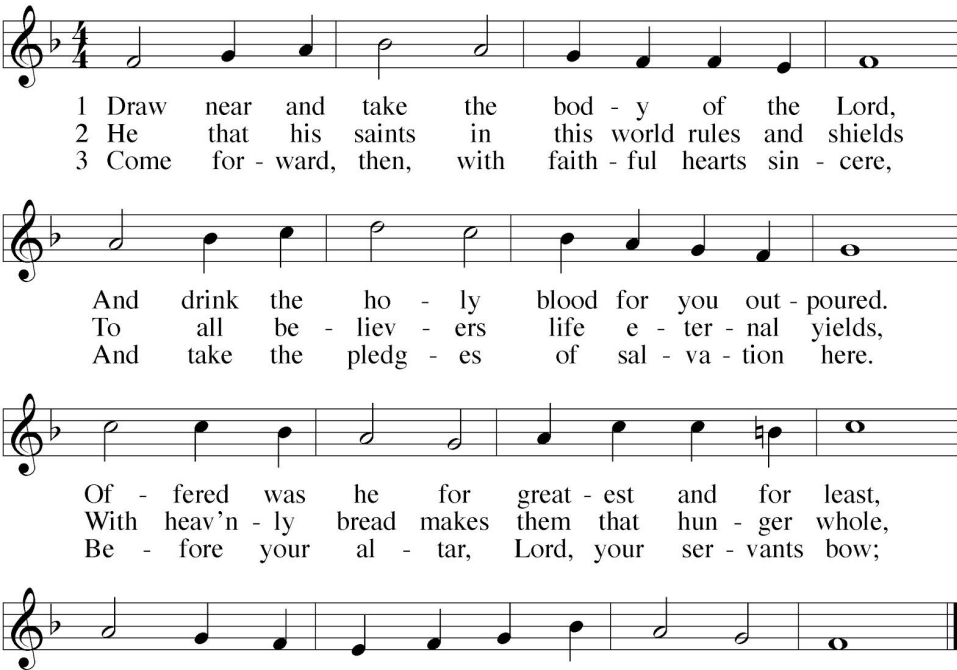
[C]: Amen.

DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

CW # 309

HOLY COMMUNION

309 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;

Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

(During the distribution the congregation sings the following song to help us focus on the significance of the Lord’s Supper for the Christian.)

HYMN: # 315

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

HOLY COMMUNION

315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.
Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

(The Nunc Dimittis [“Now dismiss”] is also known as the “Song of Simeon.” Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.)

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

[M]: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, “So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them” [Numbers 6:27].)

[M]: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (✚) give you peace.

[C]: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: # 494 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

CHRISTIAN LOVE

494 Blest Be the Tie that Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther’s throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and
shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.
Tune: BOYLSTON (SM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

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Announcements

This Week:

- Sunday: 10/18 Worship w/communion at both services
Bible Study - 9:15-9:40 - Ephesians 1 continues
Sunday School 9:10-9:40 at School
Luther High Fruit/Meat Sale (Church Basement)
Parsonage Open House after both services/during the Voter’s meeting
1:00 pm - Quarterly Voter’s/Pastoral Call Meeting
- Tuesday: 10/20 7 pm - Bible Class - Amos
- Wed: 10/21 9 am - Bible Class - Amos
3:30 pm - Public School Confirmation
- Sunday: 10/25 Bible Study - 9:15-9:40
Sunday School 9:10-9:40 at School
Luther High Fruit/Meat Sale (Church Basement)

Hospitalization: Arlan Schmidt is currently at Gundersen Health Care in La Crosse.

With the Lord - Marcella Kastenschmidt passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Funeral Services were held on Thursday here at the church. May the words of Jesus comfort those who mourn: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die” (Jn 11:25,26)

Luther High Music Dept. Fruit Sale: A Luther student will be taking orders in the church basement between services every Sunday through 11/15/20 to raise funds for the Music Department or you may contact Joshua Stratman at 608-486-4735 to place your order.

Luther High Trap Club - Michael Lazzaretti will be in the church basement between services to take orders from the Holmen Meat Market for anyone interested in supporting the Trap Club.

Parsonage Open House:
The church council would like to make some improvements to the parsonage while we await the arrival of our next pastor. We would appreciate you taking the time to walk through the parsonage today, jot down notes about things you feel are important upgrades for us to make, and share your thoughts with Mr. Brad Gollnik, Congregational President.

Live Nativity - Rotary Lights

If you’d like to participate, watch for a flier to come out on November 1st with more information.

PROP REPAIR HELP NEEDED for the Live Nativity! We only have **3 nights left** for repairs! (Monday, Oct. 19th, Wednesday, Oct. 21st, and Monday, Oct. 26th) at the Rotary Building (27 Market St.) 6:30pm-9pm. We have A LOT left to do and only a short time to do it. Any amount of time will be much appreciated! Minor painting, changing out lights, and rewiring are needed. Call George Italiano if you have any questions, 608-317-0271.

Visits ...

Pastor Olson is ready and willing to visit members of the congregation, but is dependent on invitations from you before coming. Because of the COVID19 situation, he will NOT “stop by” to see anyone unless invited. Call or text him at 706-339-5886 to set up a time for a visit.

November Worship Services:

The 4 Sundays in November are known as “End Times” Sundays. They are the last 4 Sundays of the Christian church year. Each Sunday has a different theme.

November 1 - Reformation Sunday urges us to reflect on the faith we confess.

November 8 - Last Judgment is a reminder that the end of the world is approaching.

November 15 - Saints Triumphant is a peek into heaven at the joy that awaits us there.

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday is a reminder that our Savior reigns forever!

November 25/26 - National Day of Thanksgiving.

November 29 - 1st Sunday in the New Christian Church year - Advent!

Offering Summary (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

Weekly Budget: \$9,948.43	Budget to Date: \$397,937.20
Received 10/11/20: \$7323.24	Rec’d to Date: \$351,062.62

Attendance - 10/11/2020

8:00 am: 71 10:00 am: 44 Total: 115