

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2025



**FAN INTO FLAME  
THE GIFT OF GOD,  
WHICH IS IN YOU  
THROUGH THE  
LAYING ON OF  
MY HANDS.**

**2 TIMOTHY 1:6**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together  
toward abundant life in Christ.*

## **THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD**

<sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

### **A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:**

Welcome! As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we're excited to share what Holy Communion means to us. We believe that when we receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present "in, with, and under" them—not because the bread and wine change into something else or merely symbolize His body and blood, but because Jesus Himself said, "Take, eat, this is My body" and "Take, drink, this is My blood." Through His divine Word, we trust that we're truly receiving Christ's body and blood along with the bread and wine.

For us, this Sacrament is more than a memorial—it's Jesus coming to us in a real, tangible way. We believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is what we believe and confess about Holy Communion, rooted in Scripture and our faith in Christ.

If you're not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and have questions about our Communion practices—or if you'd like to join us at the Lord's Table—we'd love for you to talk with our pastor beforehand. After reading this and reflecting on your own beliefs, please fill out the Pew Card in the pew rack. When the offering plate comes by, place your tithes and gifts in it, then pass your Pew Card to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. May God bless our time together in this Communion service!

### **COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:**

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & WELCOME**

#### **The TOLLING OF THE BELLS**



*(Please stand)*

**OPENING HYMN** Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment *LSB 511 sts. 1, ref, 2–3*

1. Herald, sound the note of judgment,  
Warning us of right and wrong,  
Turning us from sin and sadness  
Till once more we sing the song. Refrain

**REFRAIN** Sound the trumpet!  
Tell the message:  
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2. Herald, sound the note of gladness;  
Tell the news that Christ is here;  
Make a pathway through the desert  
For the one who brings God near.

**Refrain**

3. Herald, sound the note of pardon  
Those repenting are forgiv'n;  
God receives His wayward children,  
And to them new life is giv'n.

**Refrain**

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## THE 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. *LSB 151*

**C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

## ✙ Confession and Absolution ✙

*(Please be seated)*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

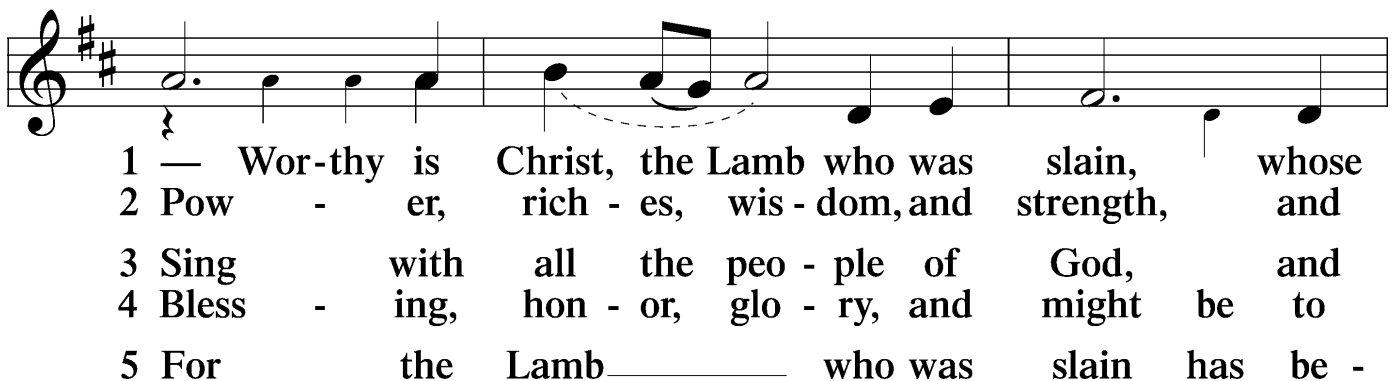
**HYMN OF PRAISE This Is The Feast** *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9* *LSB pg. 155*

*Refrain*

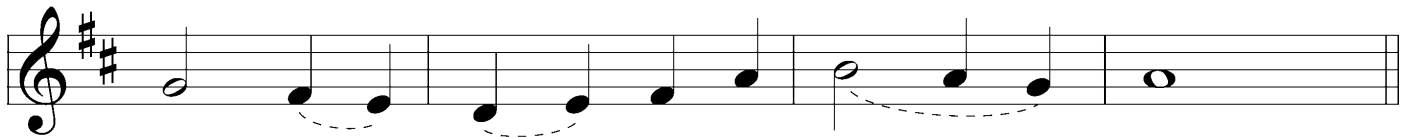


**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



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. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Habakkuk 1:1–4*

*(Habakkuk experiences firsthand the oppressive policies of Jehoiakim, king of Judah (609–598 BC; 2Ki 23:36–37), and he feels surrounded by unchecked evil because of failure to enforce God’s Law. Habakkuk grumbles against God. We need to remember that God hears our prayers and that, though we struggle when facing life’s perplexing questions, nothing can separate us from His love (Rm 8:38–39).)*

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. <sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. <sup>1</sup> I will take my stand at

my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. <sup>3</sup> For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1–14

*(Alone in prison and abandoned by many of his friends, Paul fondly remembers the encouragement he received from Timothy’s sincere faith. Exhorting Timothy never to be ashamed of the faith he has been given, Paul exults in the promise of Christ, for whose sake he is imprisoned. Instead of feeling self-conscious about being Christian, we must share in Paul’s forthright confession: “I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed” (v 12). Our Lord Jesus Christ shall never let us go.)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are



in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68*

*LSB 156*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

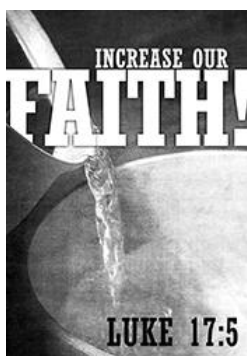
*Luke 17:1–10*

*(Disciples need to guard the faith of others with forgiveness and a helping hand. Exercise special care for the young and the young in faith. How ready God is to forgive, as He demonstrates in the love of Christ.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



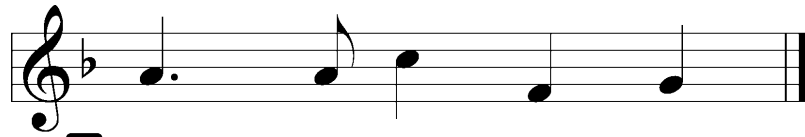
<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to

him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me *LSB 756 sts. 1–3*



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight  
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.  
May be great, They will not de - feat me.  
Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son  
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows  
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,



For me won When His life was giv - en?  
All my woes Knows how best to end them.  
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk



*(Please stand)*

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praise to You and thanksgiving for Your great glory demonstrated by Your righteous rule over Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth, and for Your provision of everything good. Praise is due to You especially for Your care and deliverance of the world by the salvation of all people through the redemption of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection, He has destroyed death and brought life and new hope to light through forgiveness for the sins of the world.

We thank You for our families, friends, opportunities, vocations, and possessions. We thank you for all who rejoice this month, [*those celebrating birthdays 80+ years especially . . . Carol Burgess, Carolyn Canada, Helen Christensen, James Jones, Joyce Metz, Rev. Dr. Jack Miller, and Carolyn Strelau and those celebrating anniversaries especially . . . Jim and Betty Jones-Cordes, Richard and Judy Davis, Stan and Betty Golembieski, Jerry and Meredith Kecken, Jeff and Linda Reed, Chris and Rebecca Remberg, Gene and Pat Siegmann, Augusto and Isabel Vazquez*],

**C** May we all learn to generously share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless all pastors and all Your people in every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of Your grace and deliverance. Be with our circuit churches who currently are without pastors [*especially...Concordia Lutheran, Sarasota and Redeemer Lutheran, Englewood*] and those who are in the call process due to upcoming retirements [*especially...Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Sarasota and Trinity Southwest Lutheran Church, Englewood*]. Defend all who serve in Your church, giving them the help of Your Spirit to be faithful in their calling. Bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Holy Sacraments to enable us and all people to repent and believe in Your deliverance and help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Cause the proclamation of Your will to sanctify and bless the ministration of all those in the authority of the government that peace may prevail in our country and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Be the consolation, healer, and help of all who are in any need, in sickness or injury, or in fear or loneliness, [*especially...*]

that many may turn their hearts to trust in Your never-failing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For all Your saints of old, especially those You called and sent to deliver Your Word through the ages, for prophets and apostles, and all messengers of Your grace, we give You thanks. Grant peace and eternal rest to all who have gone before us, especially those we name in our hearts before you. Be pleased to count us in their fellowship both now and when You call us to Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*For those worshipping online, please visit [www.lccross.org](http://www.lccross.org) to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>*



*For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card. They can be placed in the offering plate during the collection.*

## OFFERING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496 sts. 1, 3–5

1. Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
4. Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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## PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



## PROPER PREFACE

**P** 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with all Your unworthy servants serving You as their divine duty, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



## 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. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

*(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)*

**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 My ✠ blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

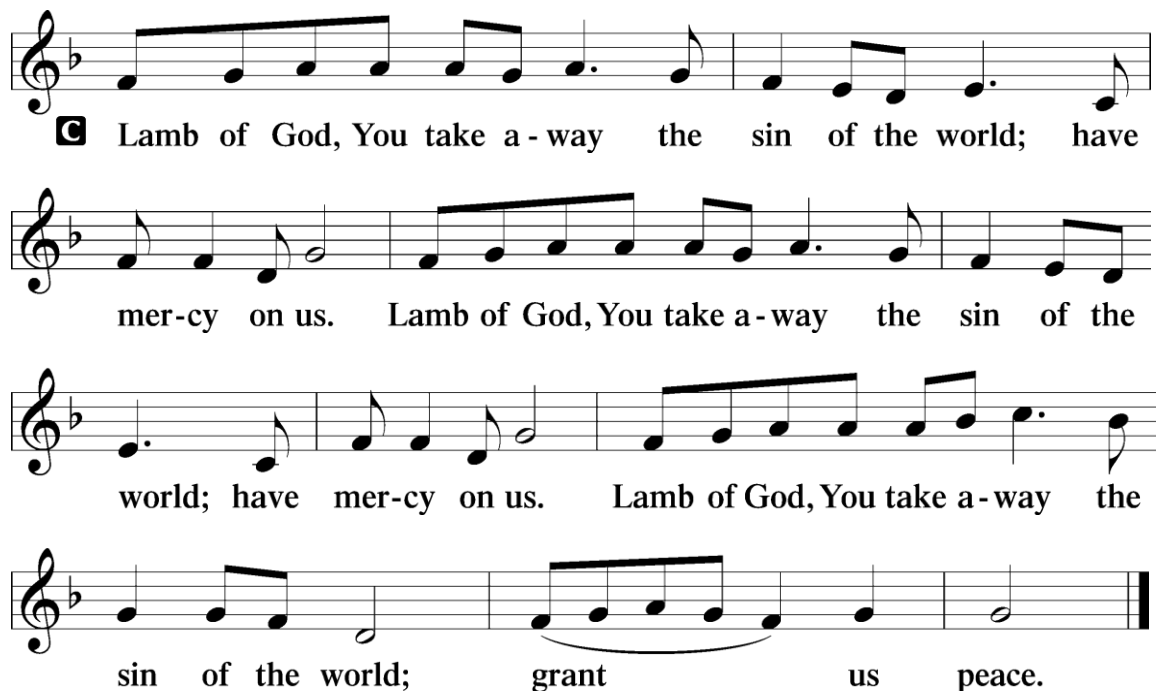
*LSB 163*

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



## AGNUS DEI

*LSB 163*



## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain**

**REFRAIN** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.
3. His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

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# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
 Wherever love may lead  
 And, bending low, forgetting self,  
 Each serve the other's need.



2. You came to earth, O Christ, as  
Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in  
servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.
3. No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

4. You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.
5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine,  
And let Your truth within us shine.
2. Unseal our lips to sing Your praise  
In endless hymns through all our  
days.  
Increase our faith and light our  
minds;  
And set us free from doubt that  
blinds.
3. Then shall we join the hosts that cry,  
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place  
We then shall see You face to face.
4. All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

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*(Please stand)*

**THANK THE LORD** *(Sung)*

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- [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

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794 sts. 1–2, 4

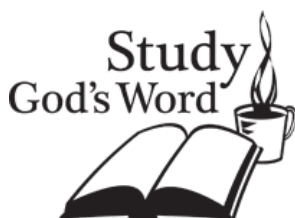
1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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## SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.

***We are a STEPHEN MINISTER church!***



### Acknowledgments

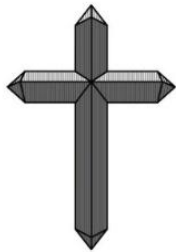
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 Organist: Stephen Kopp III  
 Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk ~ Trumpet: Luke Stolarczyk  
 Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering  
 Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman  
 Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

October 5, 2025

*Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ*

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by David Aiken in memory of Corinda Aiken & Marilyn Gordon.  
 The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by Nikki Chouinard in honor of Ron & Carol's children's birthdays.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:**

7:30AM & 10:30AM

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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Pastor Stolarczyk: Cell: 941-979-7490

**LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT &  
WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 09/28/2025		
On-Site Attendance  41/85	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$4,965
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### **Homebound Care:**

Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

### **Strength, Healing, Guidance: \***

Bob Bartelson	Recovery & healing
Bea Butler	Recovery & healing
Betty Lou Cordes	Recovery & healing
Dylan Clark	Strength & courage
Cheryl Domingo	Recovery & healing
Donna Gendreau	Sister Sue Heim; Recovery & healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Linda Kelly	Healing & recovery
Chris Sabin	Continued recovery & healing

*\*Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

### **Battling Cancer:**

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Kevin	Friend of Rene & Sue Richard; cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Scott	Friend of Chuck Anderson & Barb Powell; cancer
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; battling cancer
Rev. Ron & Carolyn Fletcher	Cousins of Mark Polzin; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Dennis Simplot	Brother in law Pam Specht; battling cancer
Tyra Strelesky	Neice of Bert & Marcia Strefling; battling cancer
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
Arthy Turtotte	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Jim & Ellen Vance	Cousins of Mark Polzin; battling cancer

Connie Warner  
Michael Woodruff

Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma  
Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

**Military:**

US Army SFC Paul Behling  
USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.  
US Army CSM Matt Hopkins  
USAF Sr. Airman  
Shawn Golembieski  
US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski  
US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski  
USCG SCPO Robert Kecken  
USAF SrA Riley Latarski  
Marines Sgt. Jonathan Metz  
US Army LT Anastasia Osborne-Black  
Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker  
USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell  
US Army PFC Parker Woodruff  
Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; in MN  
Son of David and Shelly Cope; in NM  
Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound  
Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; in CA  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND  
Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD  
Granddaughter Pat Gilreath; in HI  
Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA  
Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

**Family Prayer:** We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:**

<b>Mon-Oct 6</b>	Men's Bible Study @ 11:30am (FMC)
<b>Tues-Oct 7</b>	Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)
<b>Wed-Oct 8</b>	Board of Elder's Meeting @ 3:00am (OFC)
<b>Thur-Oct 9</b>	Shepherding Leader Meeting @ 9:00am (FMC)
	Bible Class: The Chosen Season 5 @ 10:00am (FMC)
	Handbell Rehearsal @ 4:30pm (Sanctuary)