



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

"Be Still and know that I am God." We greatly enjoy our Sunday morning times to catch-up with each other in fellowship and conversation, both before and after worship. The worship service begins with the playing of the Prelude. Once the prelude begins, please be seated, stop conversing, and prepare your heart for worship. Thank you. Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.

Prelude: "Andante" from Sonata in E Minor for Flute
Daniel Peña Cruz, flute

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Announcements

(Stand)

Opening Hymn: #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

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.

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.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



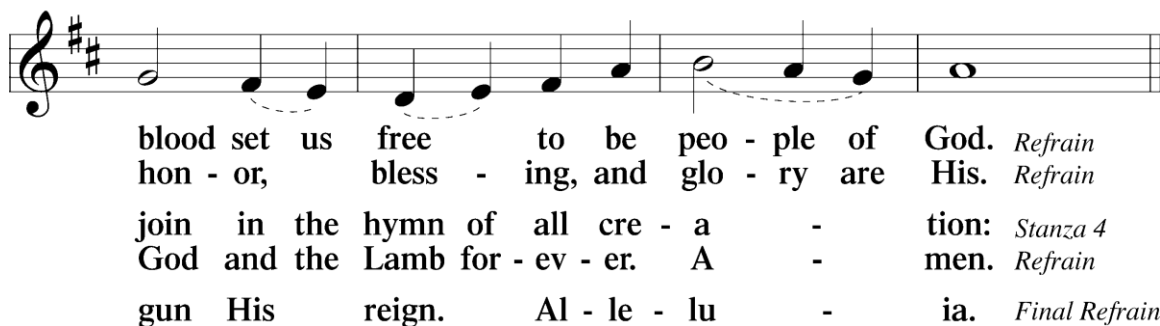
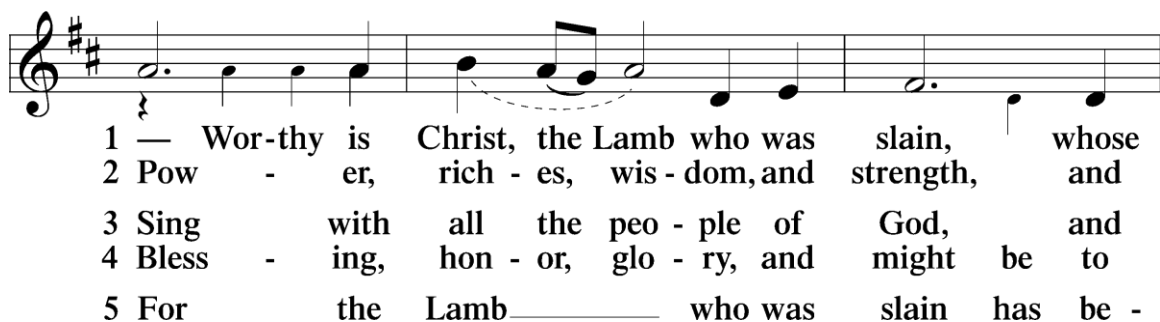
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

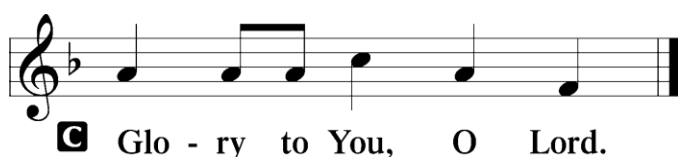
Alleluia and Verse



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 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

(Pew Pad Distribution)

Hymn of the Day: #848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

(Pew Pad Collection)

Sermon

(Stand)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I 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. Amen.

Participant Commissioning Service for National Youth Gathering

P: Friends in Christ, you are about to begin a journey—one that will gather you with 20,000 fellow believers in New Orleans, Louisiana, to explore what it means to ENDURE in faith as Jesus did for us. You go as followers of Jesus, gathered in worship, learning, and service. These coming days will stretch and grow you as you celebrate your identity in Christ and explore what it means to run with endurance the race set before you.

P: At the National Youth Gathering, our youth will learn that the race of faith isn't always easy. Life can be exhausting, complicated, and confusing. But you do not run alone—God has given you a great cloud of witnesses and the presence of His Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you.

ALL: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.

P: You will hear again and again: your worth is not in what you do or how strong you feel, but in the One who endured the cross for you. Jesus is the author and perfecter of your faith.

P: We are all sinful, and that sin clings closely to us. Jesus endured the cross, died, and rose again so that in repentance, we can throw sin off in His forgiveness.

You'll be reminded that endurance doesn't come from your own strength. It comes from fixing your eyes on Jesus, who never gives up on you—even when it cost Him everything.

At the Gathering, our Youth will experience the beauty of Christ's Church gathered to worship, study, and serve as one body.

And when you return home, may you be equipped to ENDURE in your daily life—joyful in hope, faithful in trials, and confident in the victory Christ has already won.

ALL: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.

WORDS TO THE YOUTH

P: As representatives of this congregation's youth, we've watched many of you grow as Children of God and prepare your hearts for this journey. You've fundraised, studied God's Word, prayed together, and now it's time to go. You're going as representatives of this congregation and of Christ, sharing the Good News of the Gospel wherever you are. You'll be asked to approach the Gathering as an opportunity to put aside what weighs you down and learn, worship, and be still in the presence of God alongside thousands of others. As you go—will you encourage and challenge one another, represent Christ and our congregation with grace, and with open hearts listen to all God will teach you?

Youth: Yes, with the help of God.

WORDS TO THE ADULT LEADERS

P: To our Adult Leaders: your guidance is a blessing. You've supported, taught, and cared for these young people. In Christian love, you are asked to listen, give wise guidance, and remind young people of their identity in Christ. We pray you will also grow in your understanding of your faith and of your joy in sharing it with young people. As you walk with them at the Gathering, will you continue to nurture their faith, celebrate with them, and point them to Jesus in every moment?

Adults: Yes, with the help of God.

WORDS TO THE CONGREGATION

P: Parents, family, and members of St. John's — your support has brought this group to this point. Will you continue to lift them in prayer, asking God to fill them with endurance, wisdom, and joy?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

P: Gracious Father, let us pray. You have called these youth and adults by name and made them Your own in Baptism. As they travel to New Orleans, bless their journey, guard their hearts, and strengthen them in their identity in You. When they grow weary, lift their eyes to Jesus. When they are overwhelmed, surround them with Your peace. When they sin and make mistakes, offer them your forgiveness. When they celebrate, let their joy overflow from hearts grounded in You.

C: Lord, help them ENDURE.

P: Let them return with stories of Your faithfulness and with hearts renewed for service. May the Gathering be a moment of transformation, connection, and grace that encourages them to be disciples of Jesus for life.

C: Lord, help them ENDURE.

P: We entrust them to You, confident that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion in Christ Jesus. In His strong and saving name we pray,

C: Amen.

(Adult Leaders and Youth face congregation)

Youth: Isaac Anderson, Brandon Plyler, Anna Lidbom, Taryn Strahm, Daisy Lee Rutherford, Lily Shannon, Addisyn Thomas, Madelyn Orsborn, Samantha Plyler, Hannah Lorenz

Adults: Sarah Strahm, Meg Lorenz, Jessica Thomas, Nicole Shannon

(Turn back to Pastor)

SENDING

P: May the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering be a life-shaping journey. When you feel weak, may you remember the strength of your Savior. When you feel alone, may you recall the great cloud of witnesses surrounding you. When you grow tired, may you rest in the promise that Christ endured for you. May God bless you with open eyes, listening hearts, and enduring faith.

BENEDICTION

P: Go in the name of the God who calls us to ENDURE! The Father who created us, the Son who endured the cross for us, and the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to run the race.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

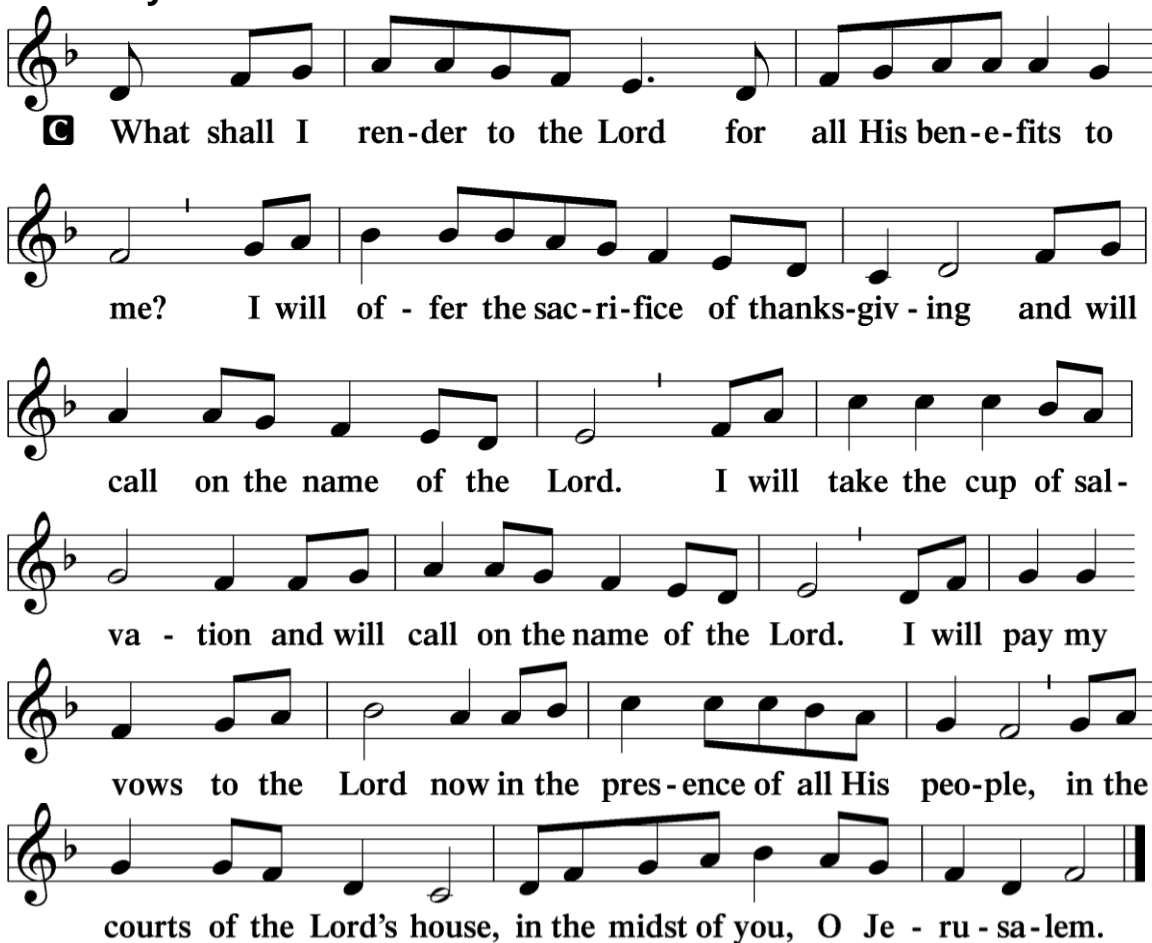
ALL: Hear our prayer.

(Be Seated)

Offering and Offertory

(Stand)

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Passing of the Peace

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

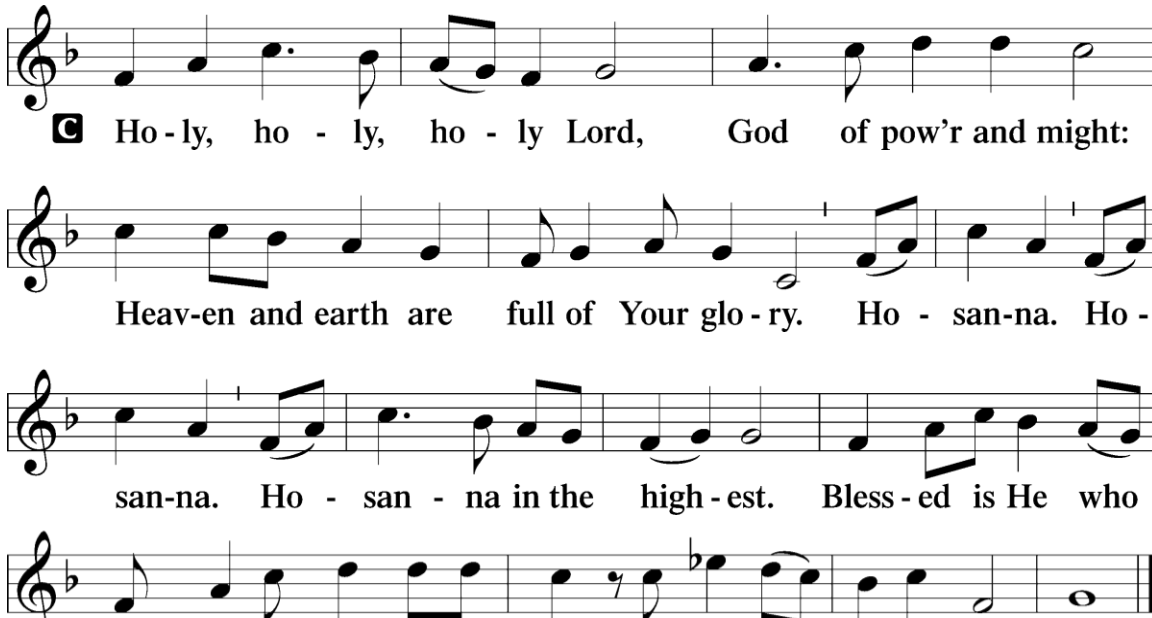
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, 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. 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



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

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."

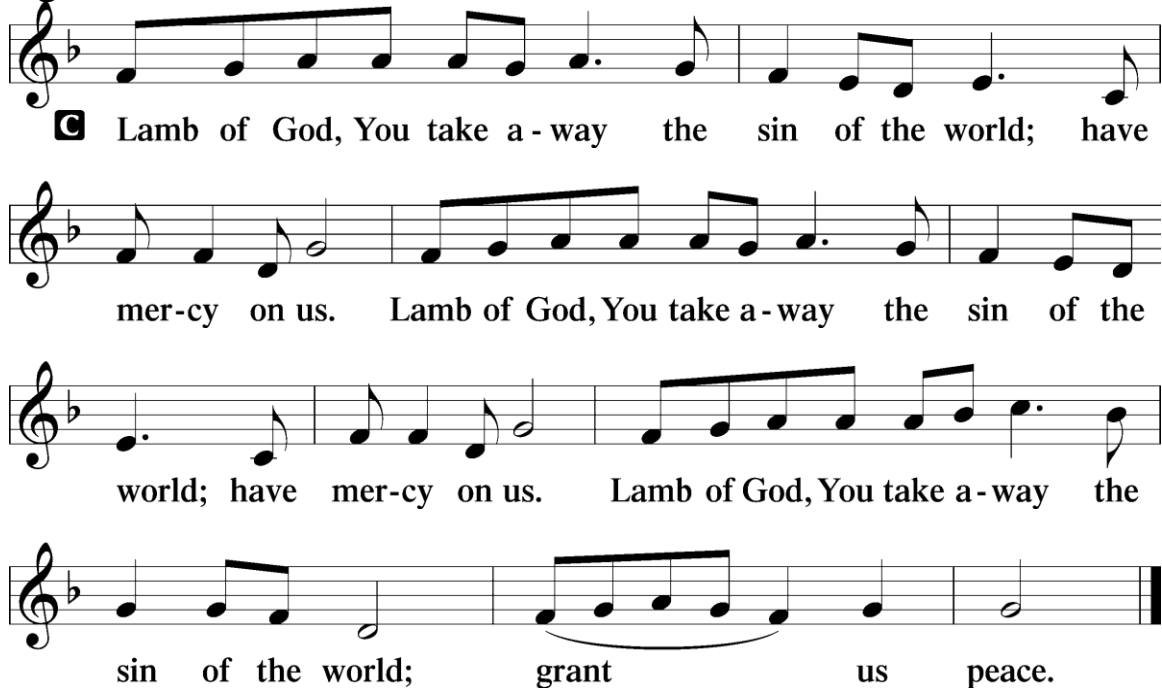
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of Our Lord

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion by Continuous Line

(Gluten Free wafers available upon request)

Distribution Hymns: **#618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

#636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

(Please Stand)

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.

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve 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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

Closing Hymn: #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Postlude: “The Trophy”

Francois Couperin

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Fran Johnson.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Karl Hastings Jr.; 10:30am – Bruce Sawicki, Dale Mierisch

Lector: 8:30am – Judy Meisinger; 10:30am – Susan Bowers

Ushers: 10:30am – Fred & Stephanie Black, Phil Vangen

Altar Guild for July: Karin Lennon, Phil & Debra Vangen, Kathleen Sawicki

Crisis Control Item for July: **Canned Pastas** (ravioli, Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs, etc.) – **100bs.** was collected for the month of June. Thank you for your donations!



***Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class and Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.***

Pastor Tyson Labuhn

Tiffany Banks, Principal

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 5th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.