

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 14, 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: "The Lake at Evening"**

Charles T. Griffes

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

*(Stand)*

**Opening Hymn: #761 "Rock of Ages"**

**Invocation, Confession, and Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Introit: Psalm 30:2-5

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**C: and you have healed me.**

P: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**C: and give thanks to his holy name.**

P: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

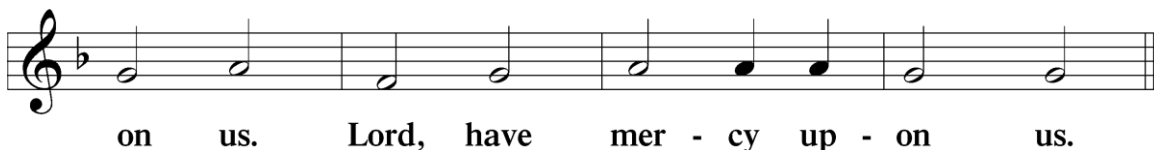
### Gloria Patri



P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

### Kyrie



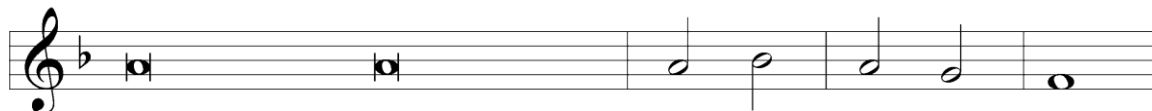
## Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



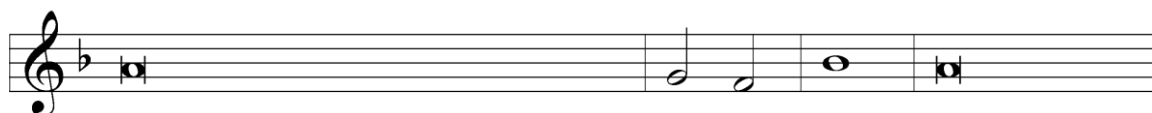
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



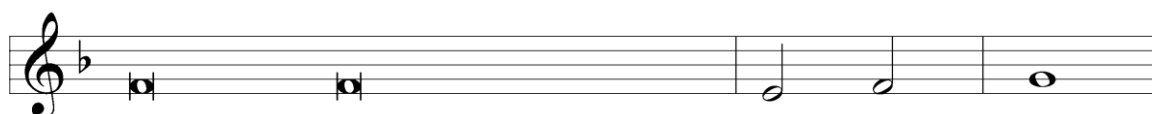
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



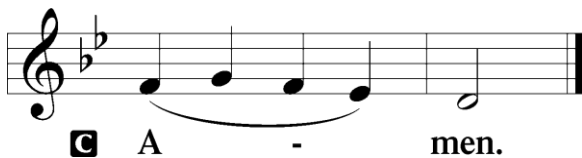
### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*(Be Seated)*

### Old Testament Reading: Psalm 18:1-3, 31-36, 46

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>31</sup> For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a rock, except our God?—

<sup>32</sup> the God who equipped me with strength  
and made my way blameless.

<sup>33</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.

<sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for war,  
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

<sup>35</sup> You have given me the shield of your salvation,  
and your right hand supported me,

and your gentleness made me great.  
<sup>36</sup> You gave a wide place for my steps under me,  
and my feet did not slip.

<sup>46</sup> The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation—

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

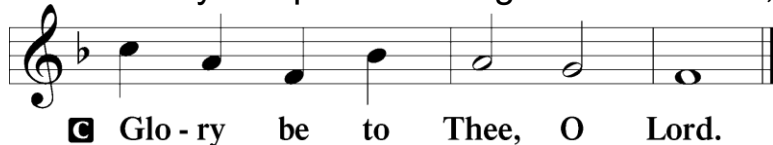
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**Alleluia**



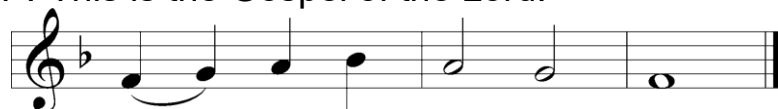
**Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:24-27**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Children's Message

*(Pew Pad Distribution)*

**Hymn of the Day: #644 "The Church's One Foundation"**

*(Pew Pad Collection)*

**Sermon: "Jesus is Our Rock"**

*(Stand)*

## Offertory



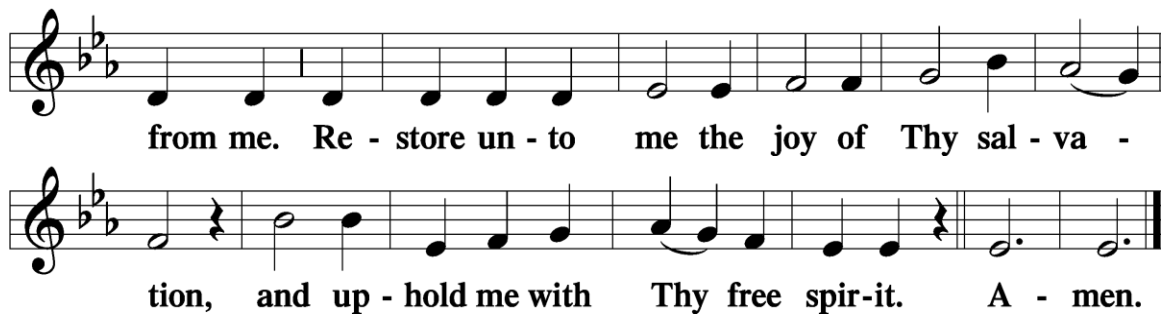
**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



*(Be Seated)*

## Offering

**Offertory Anthem: "Lord of All Hopefulness"**

set by Walter L. Pelz

*(Stand)*

## Prayer of the Church

P: .... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*(Be Seated)*

## 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.





**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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 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.

## 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  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

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.

*(Be Seated)*

## Distribution of Holy Communion by Continuous Line

(Gluten Free wafers available upon request)

Distribution Hymns: #727 "On Eagles' Wings"

#719 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

*(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.

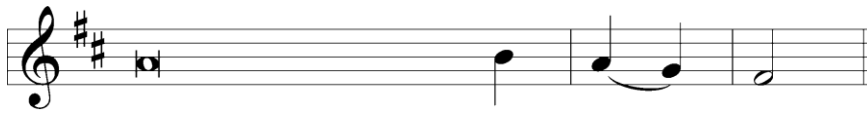
C: Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.



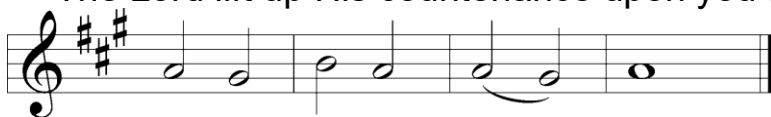
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: #576 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

**P:** Go in Peace and serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Postlude: “Fugue C”**

J.S. Bach

**Thank you to Pastor Tom Clocker for leading our worship today!**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Wes & Kerstin Walker.

**Worship Assistants:** **8:30am** – Andy Witner; **10:30am** – *Liturgical Asst.*- Pr. Vangen; *Host 1*- Pr. Clocker; *Host 2*: Pr. Vangen; *Tray 1* – Fred Black, *Tray 2* – Nathan Kottlowski; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Don Henderson; *Crucifer/Runner* – Brandon Plyler

**Lector:** **8:30am** – Madelyn Orsborn; **10:30am** – Avery Burch

**Ushers:** **10:30am** – Holly Wilson, Avery Burch, Gregg Vogelsmeier, Dennis Tarnowski

**Altar Guild for September:** Sarah Strahm, Karin Lennon, Shawn Tibbits

**Crisis Control Item for September:** **Instant Grits & Oatmeal** – **62bs.** was collected for the month of August. Thank you for your donations!

## Common Cup Procedure

***If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor, and would like an individual cup (as we have been doing):***

After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue the same side that you came up, and take from the tray closest to you. Then you can continue around to your pew.

***If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor and would like the Common Cup:***

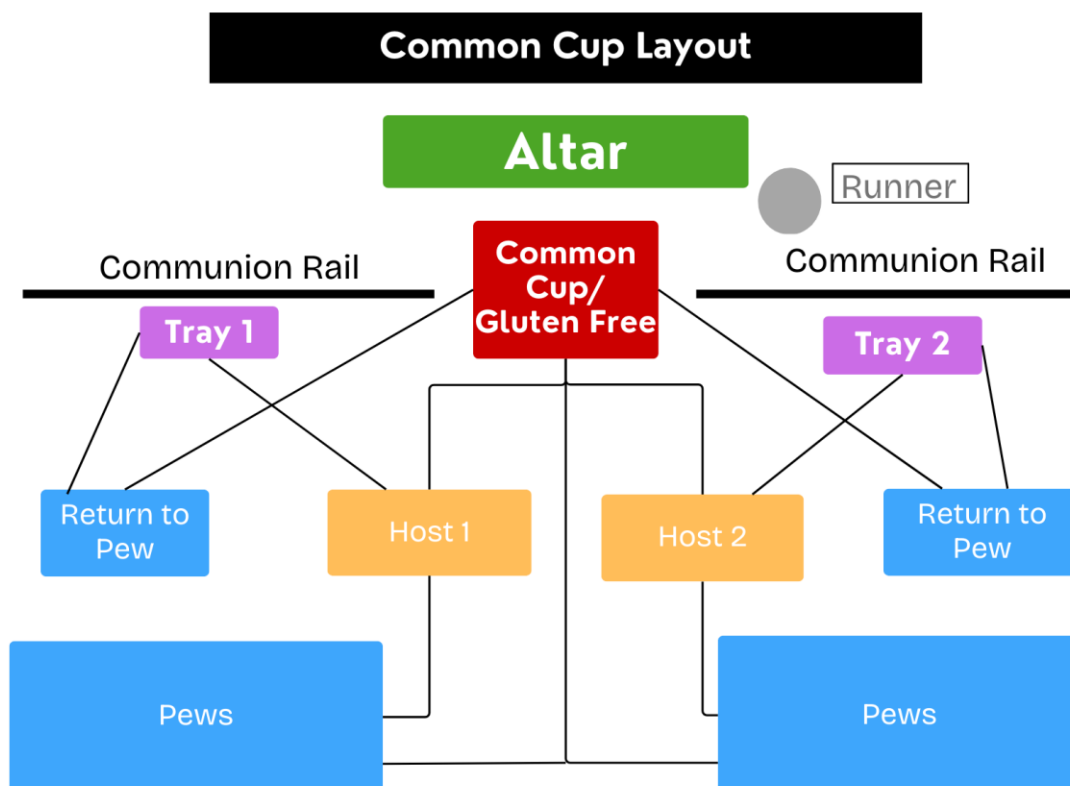
After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue forward up the center aisle. And the center Elder will be there to offer the Common cup. Once you have received from the common cup, please exit to the side you came up on, back to your pew.

***If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor and would like an individual cup (as you have been doing):***

After receiving the gluten free host from the Center Elder, turn to the side which you came up and receive the individual cup before continuing around to your pew.

***If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor, and would like the Common Cup:***

Come up the middle of the center aisle, letting the elder know that you would like both the gluten free host and the common cup, then partake first the gluten free host and then the common cup. Before returning to the side aisle of the side of the church you originally came from.







***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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*  
*All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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