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Pentecost 13 Worship with Holy Communion

SHEPHERD of the LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH.NET

WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES! We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, in the back corner of the sanctuary there is a room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place. The restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

LORD JESUS, create in me a clean heart that loves to worship you with all that I am. Grant me a repentant heart that humbly trusts in your forgiveness. Lead me in your truth, and grant that I act and speak in love; AMEN.

THE BLESSINGS FROM USING GOD'S WORD:

...the Word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, it is bound never to be without fruit [Isaiah 55:11; Mark 4:20]. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts [Philippians 4:8]. For these words are not lazy or dead, but are creative, living words [Hebrews 4:12]. 102 And even though no other interest or necessity moves us, this truth ought to urge everyone to the Word, because thereby the devil is put to flight and driven away [James 4:7]. Besides, this [Third] commandment is fulfilled and this exercise in the Word is more pleasing to God than any work of hypocrisy, however brilliant.

Large Catechism, Third Commandment (Concordia p. 370)

GRAFTED:

God's Church has always been intended for all people. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given to Israel, God also intended to give through Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

But what happens when grace is taken for granted?

OPENING HYMN: *224 – God Himself is Present*

OPENING RESPONSES

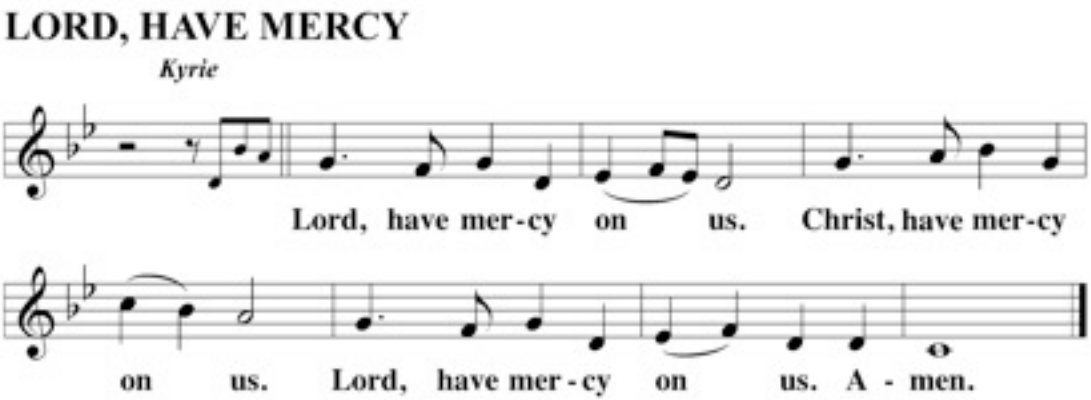
Please rise.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

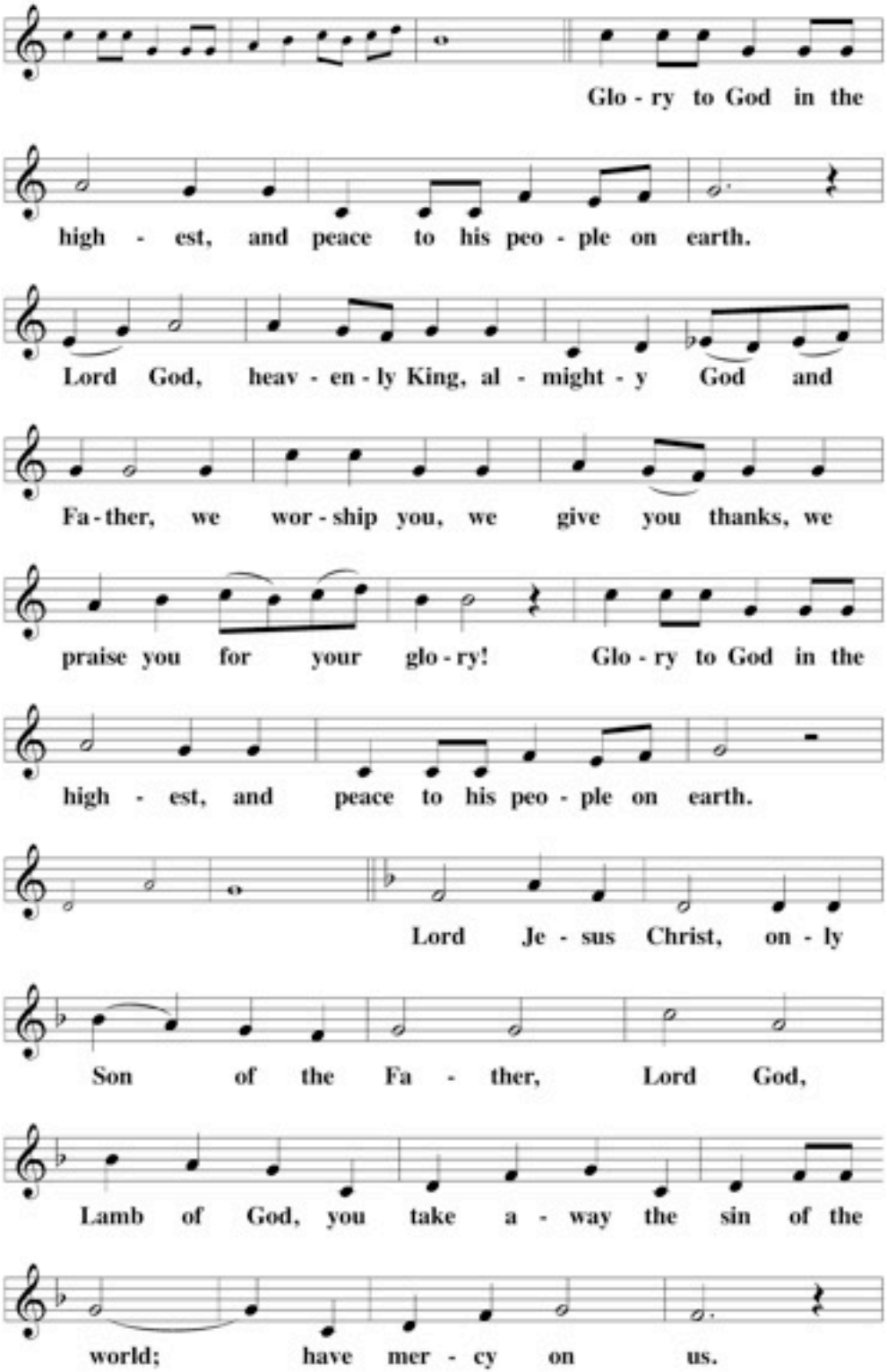
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment, both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins; and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

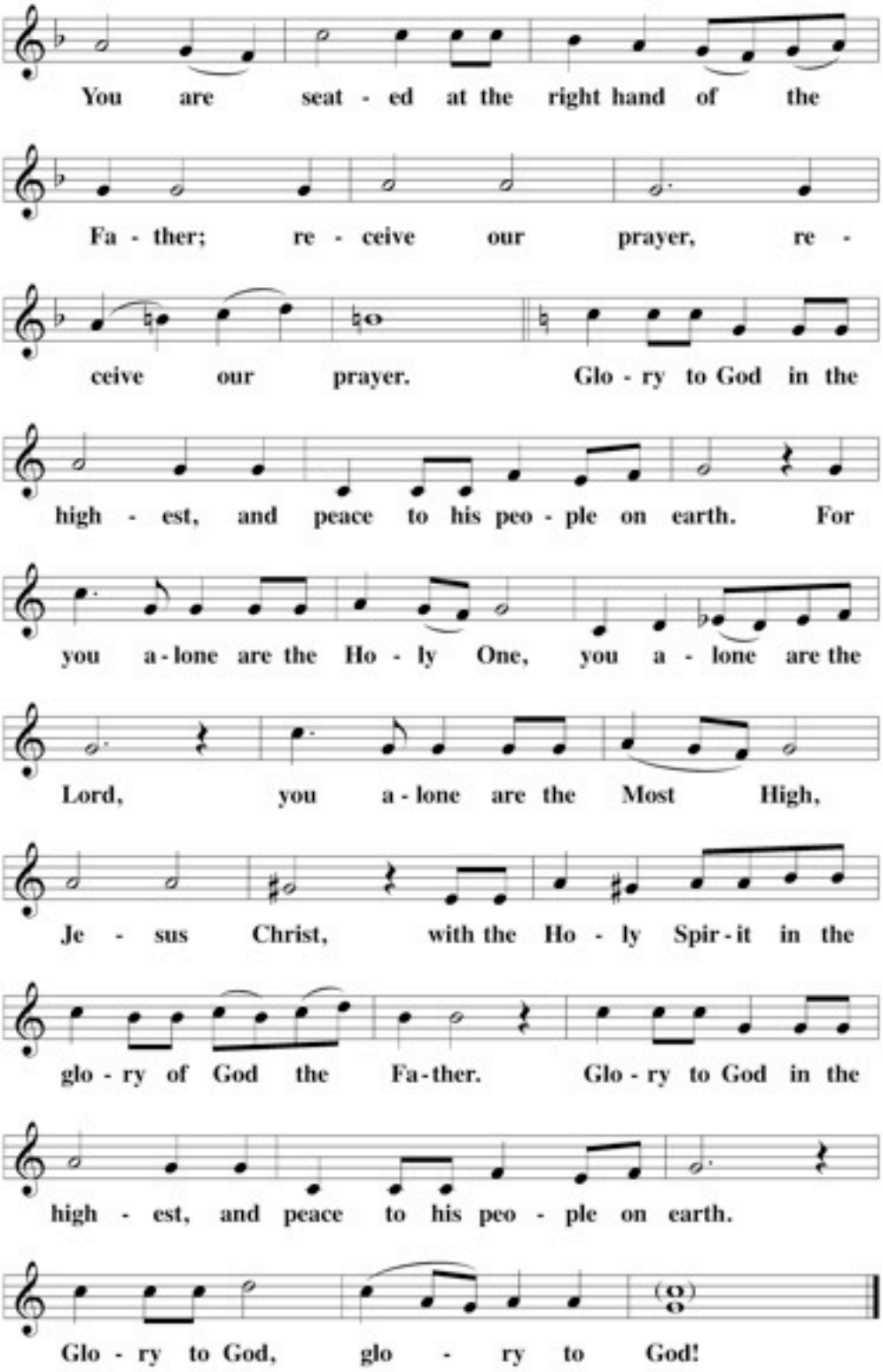


God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:


Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.


You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

M: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

In his grace, God promises to call the Gentiles to membership in his Church:

1This is what the LORD says: Protect justice, and do righteousness, for my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

6Then the foreigners, who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD and to become his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant — 7I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable upon my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

8 This is the declaration of God the LORD, who gathers Israel's dispersed ones: "I will still gather others to it besides the ones already gathered."

PSALM OF THE DAY: *CW 133-134, p. 115*

SECOND READING: *Romans 11:13-15, 28-32*

God's grace makes the unloveable into his dear possession:

13I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. 14Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. 15For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

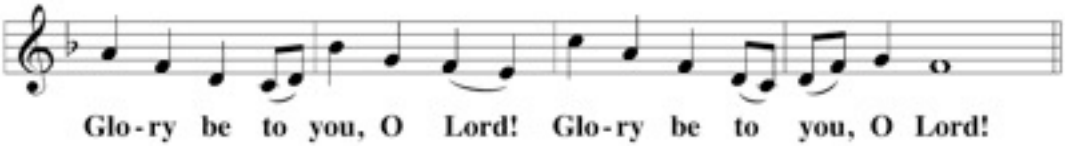
28In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to
election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, 29because
God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. 30For just as you were once
disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their
disobedience, 31so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the
mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. 32For God imprisoned all
in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

THEME VERSE: *Hebrews 4:12*

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 15:21-28*

Although rejected by the Jews, God's grace reaches the outcast Gentiles:



21Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22There
a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy
on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"
23But he did not answer her a word.

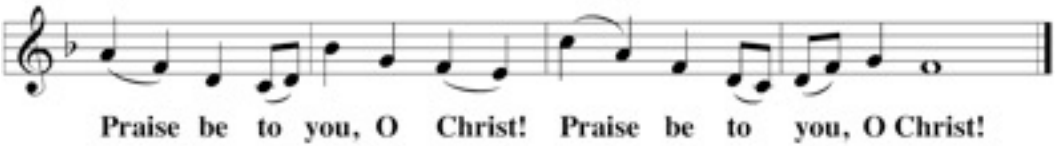
His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out
after us." 24He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel."

25But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

26He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to
the dogs."

27"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their
masters' table."

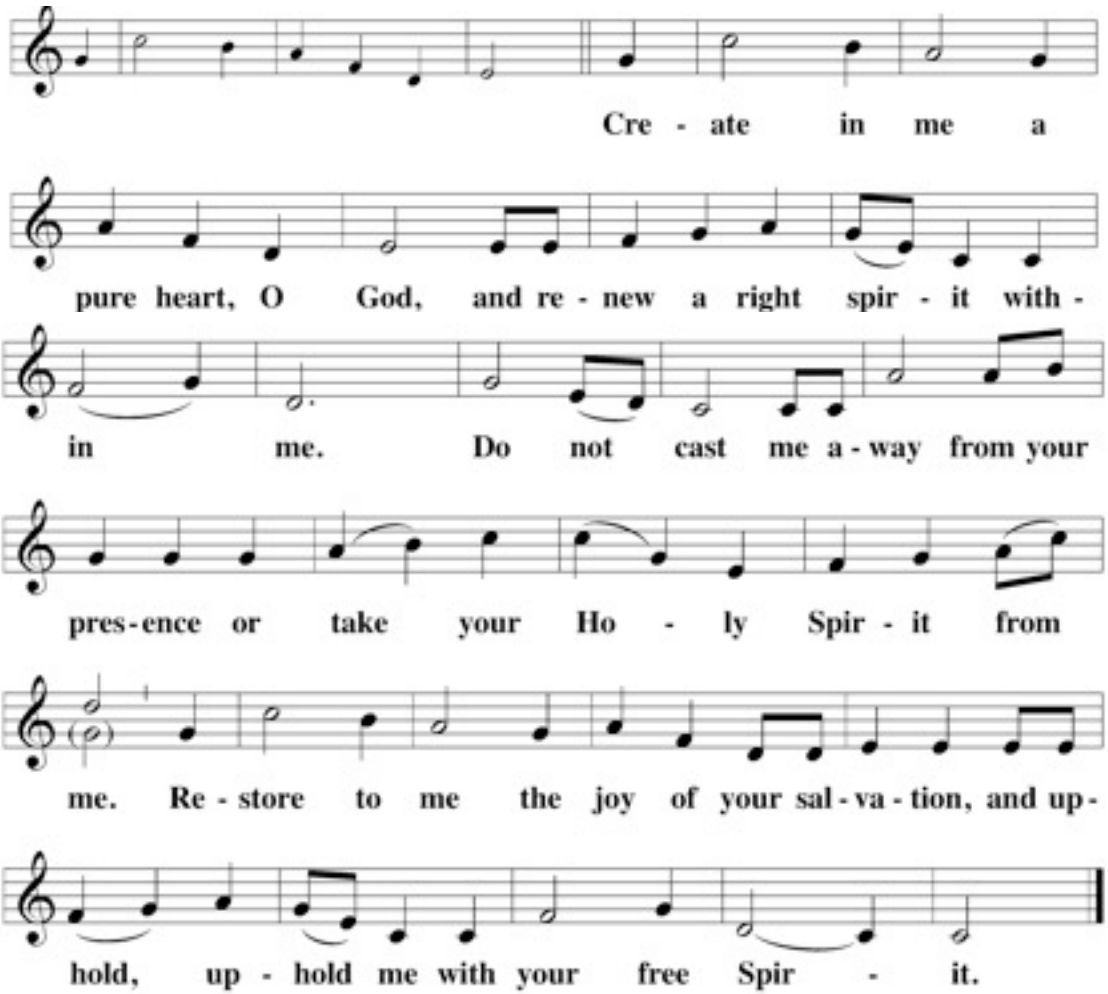
28Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for
you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.



CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed, p. 18*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *413 – When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

SERMON based on Romans 11: *What Happens when God's Grace is taken for Granted?*



OFFERING, PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

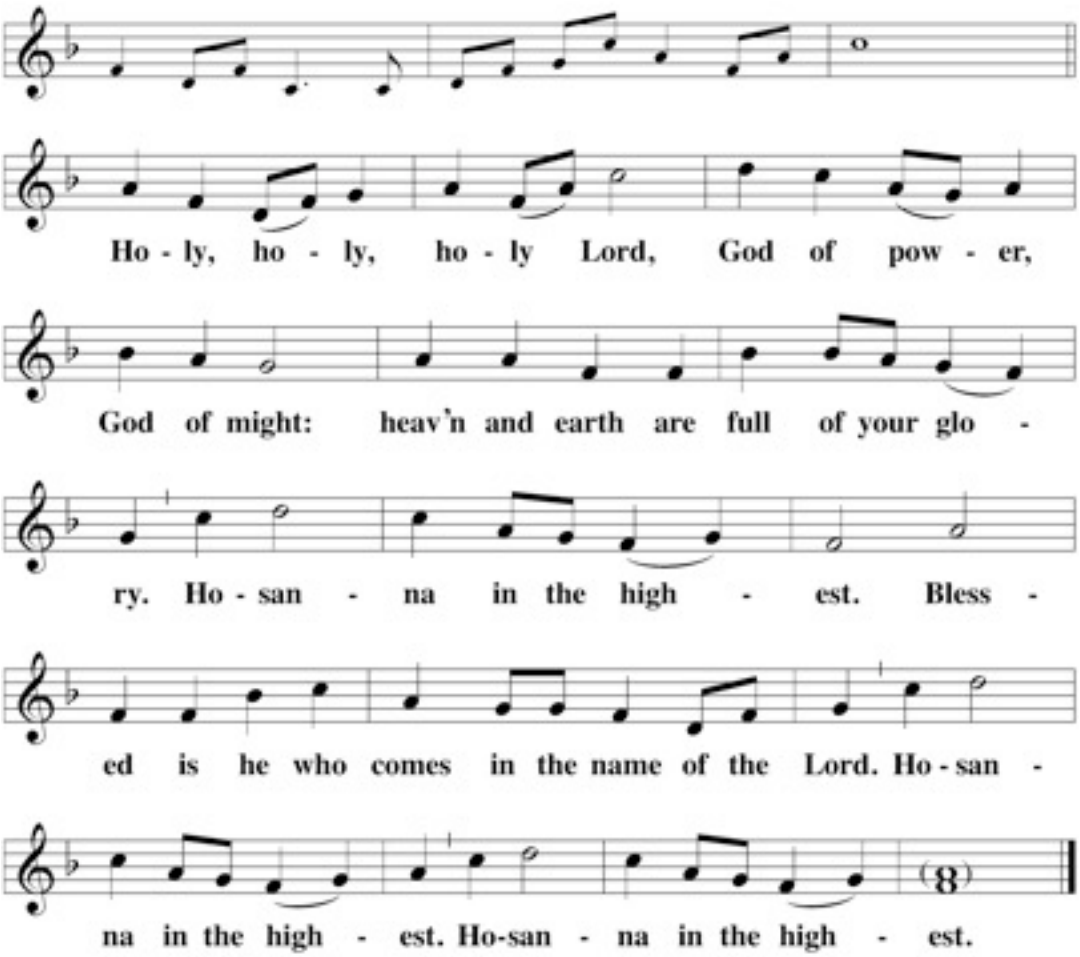
For our Holy Communion practice, please see the purple sheet in the pew racks.

M: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is good and right so to do.**

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:



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."

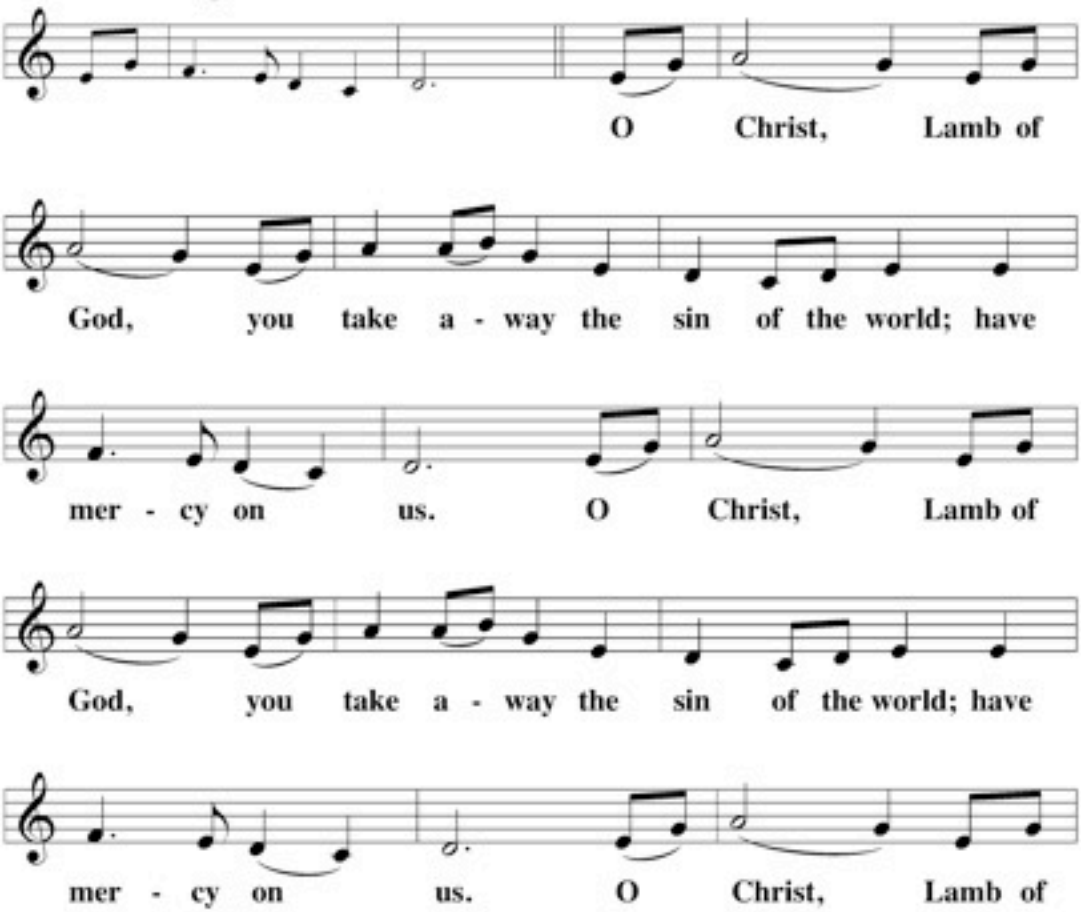
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

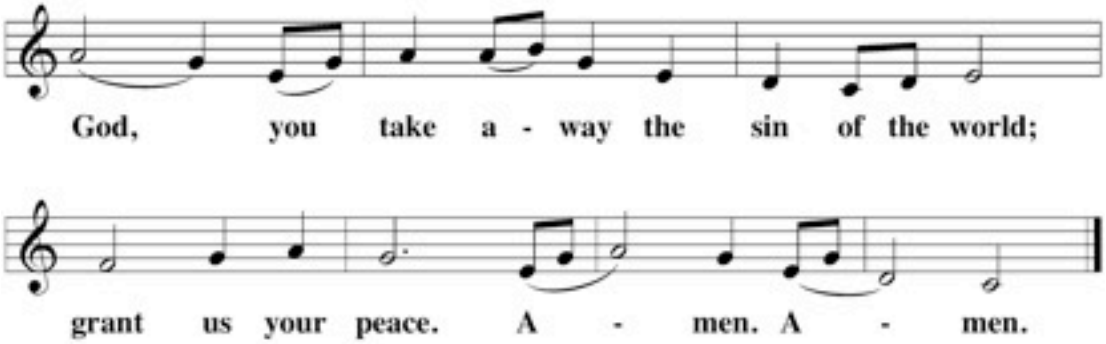
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

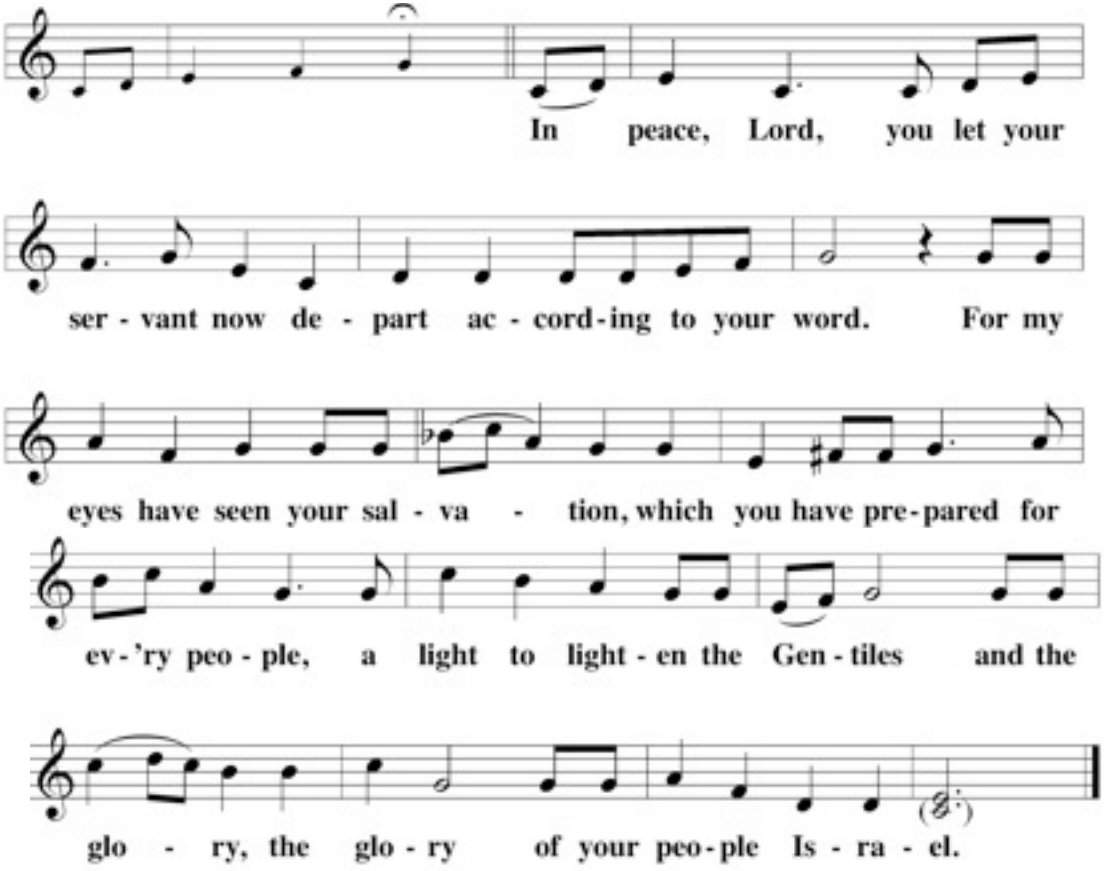
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei





DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *311 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



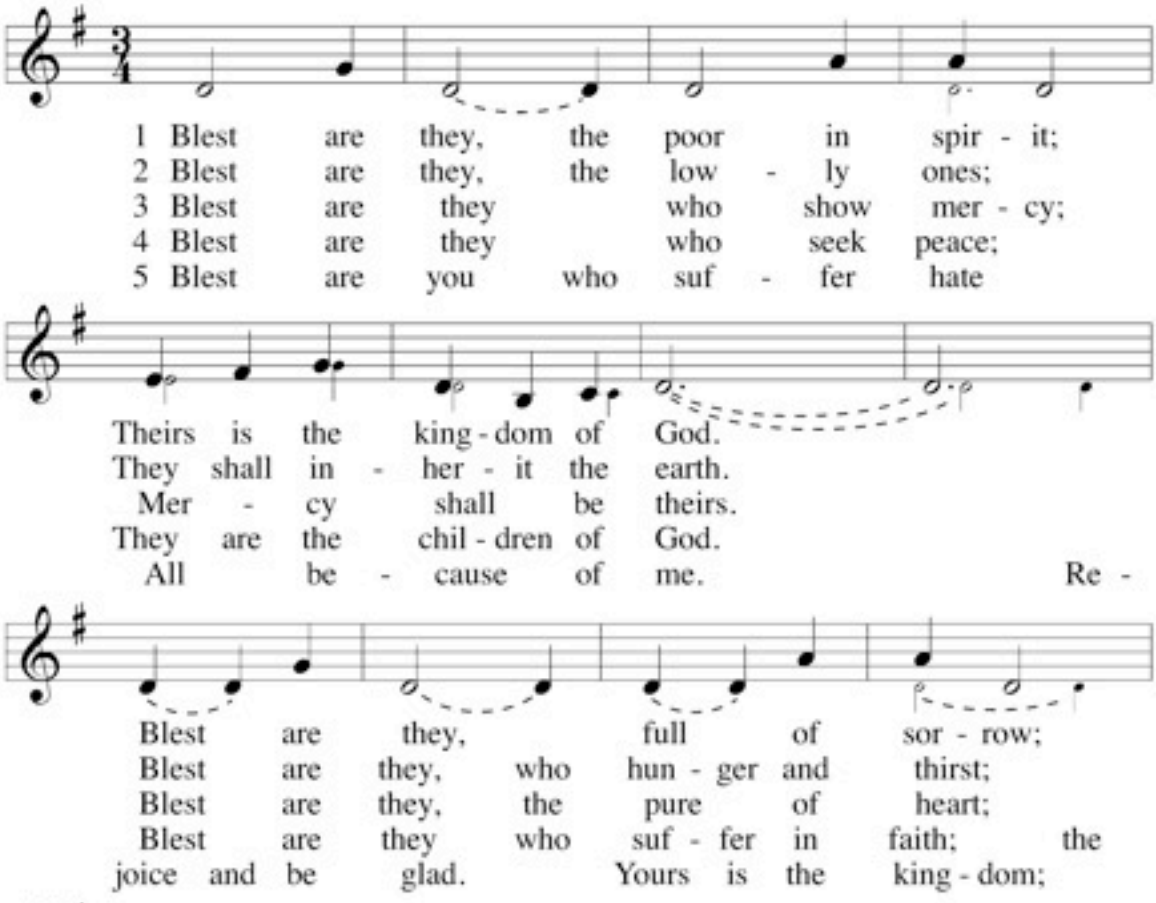
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever;

C: Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

758 Blest Are They



They shall be con - soled.
They shall have their fill.
They shall see God!
glo - ry of God is theirs.
Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re -

joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God.

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NOTES

Catechism class starts this week Wednesday at 5 PM for the 5-8 grade students, and 5:30 for regular class. Everyone is welcome to come & study with the children.

Saturday, 9:15 AM begins our next Bible Basics Membership class. The class is open to everyone. This class covers the basics of our beliefs, and serves as the introduction to membership at our church.

Worship in Sylvania Park next Sunday, with potluck & games afterward. Sunday School begins Sept 17. Catechism-age students are encouraged to sit with their parents in the sanctuary for Bible class. QVM, Oct 1.

THIS WEEK

Today	Matthew 16
	9:30 AM – Pentecost 13 Worship with Holy Communion
	10:56 AM – Bible Class: Doctrine of the Call
Monday	Matthew 17
	Labor Day
Tuesday	Matthew 18
Wednesday	Matthew 19
	5-6:45 PM – Catechism Class (All are welcome.)
Thursday	Matthew 20
	6 PM – Lutheran Women Project Hour
	7 PM – Lutheran Women Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Lutheran Women Business Mtg
Friday	Matthew 21
Saturday	Matthew 22
	9:15 AM – Bible Basics Membership Class
Sunday	**9:30 AM - Worship in Sylvania Park**
	11 AM – Potluck, Fun & Games

This We Believe: Jesus' Return

Occasionally, we'll feature select portions from our Wisconsin Synod Statement of Belief, which is entitled "This We Believe." Today's selection looks at the end of time:

1. We believe that Jesus, true God and true man, who rose from death and ascended to the right hand of the Father, will come again. He will return visibly, in the same way as his disciples saw him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).
2. We believe that no one can know the exact time of Jesus' return. This knowledge is hidden even from the angels in heaven (Matthew 24:36). Nevertheless, our Lord has given signs to his believers to keep them in constant expectation of his return (Matthew 24:4-14). He has told them to be alert and to watch so that day will not come upon them unexpectedly (Luke 21:34).
3. We believe that at Jesus' return this present world will come to an end. "In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13).

4. We believe that when Jesus returns and his voice is heard throughout the earth, all the dead will rise, that is, their souls will be reunited with their bodies (John 5:28,29). Together with those still living, the resurrected will appear before his throne of judgment. The unbelievers will be condemned to an eternity in hell. Those who by faith have been cleansed in the blood of Christ will be glorified and will live with Jesus forever in the blessed presence of God in heaven (Philippians 3:21).
5. We reject the teaching that Christ will reign on earth for a thousand years in a physical, earthly kingdom. This teaching (millennialism) has no valid scriptural basis and falsely leads Christians to set their hopes upon an earthly kingdom of Christ (John 18:36). We reject as unscriptural any claim that Christians will be physically removed, or "raptured," from the earth prior to judgment day. We likewise reject as unscriptural any claim that all the Jews will be converted in the final days.
6. We reject the teaching that Christians should look for one individual to arise in the end times as the great Antichrist. The characteristics of the Antichrist as presented in Scripture have been and are being fulfilled in the institution of the papacy (2 Thessalonians 2:4-10). We reject the opinion that the identification of the papacy with the Antichrist was merely a historical judgment valid only at the time of the Reformation.
7. We reject any denial of a bodily resurrection and of the reality and eternity of hell. We reject the teaching that the souls of people who have died return to earth in other bodies (reincarnation) (Hebrews 9:27).
8. We reject all attempts to interpret the New Testament descriptions of Jesus' second coming, of the end of the world, and of the judgment as mere figures of speech for events that take place not at the end of time but within the ongoing history of the world.

My Worship Notes

For children to use during worship.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

This is in the: ☐ **Old Testament** ☐ **New Testament**

What was the sermon about? _____

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My favorite song today was:

_____

Did we have a Sacrament today?

Baptism?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Communion?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

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