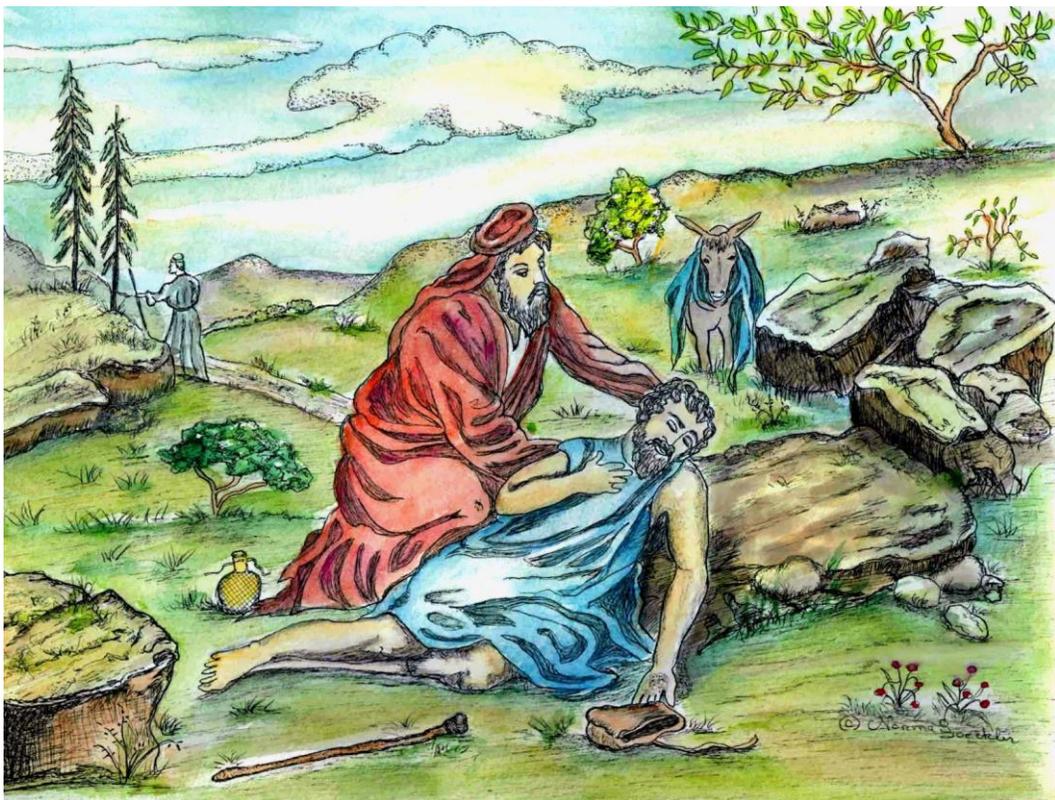


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The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service, Setting IV

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, our service centers around the Biblical theme of mercy. We begin by meditating upon the amazing mercy of God, who comes to us in our helplessness, loves us in spite of our sin, and saves us by the precious blood of Jesus, His Son. We then rejoice to find that, having been rescued in this way, our God then sends us out to have mercy on those around us, as He had mercy on us.

If you are a VISITOR here, offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Stand

Sharing of the Peace

Those who wish may stand and share Christ's Peace with one another by offering a handshake and the words, "Christ's peace be with you."

Hymn of Invocation: 798 The God of Abraham Praise (Stanzas 1-5)



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with - stand,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com - mand.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 74:1–2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a

- P** Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
- C** **Arise, O God, defend your cause;**
do not forget the clamor of your foes.
- P** O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
- C** **Remember your congregation,**
which you have purchased of old,
- P** which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
- C** **Do not forget the life of your poor forever.**
Let the poor and needy praise your name.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
- C** **Arise, O God, defend your cause;**
do not forget the clamor of your foes.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 77:14–15

P You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

C You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle

Galatians 3:15–22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And 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.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus 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. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He 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. ³⁵And 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.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He 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.

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.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the Church throughout the world, and especially this congregation, that we would not bypass those in need, but rather be filled with God's grace and love to care for all our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers into His vineyard, that through their service, the world would know the compassion and care of Jesus Christ, the true Good Samaritan, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all pastors, especially Matthew, our Synod president; David, our district president; and Terry, our circuit visitor, that they would be faithful in their preaching of the Gospel and in their administration of the Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For those who suffer violence and evil in this world, that God would provide safety, comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For those who are enemies of God and His people, that by the working of the Word and Spirit their hearts would be softened and they would be given the gifts of repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For a good harvest, protection from drought and famine, and abundant provisions for all, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all governments and those in authority, that they would justly and wisely use their position and authority to promote the general welfare all, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all the sick and the suffering, [*including _____,*] that God would provide care and rest for them and, according to His will, a restoration to earthly health, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

P For those who receive the Holy Supper this day, that by faith they would receive the eternal benefits of Christ's true body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, that all who have received the inheritance of eternal life in Christ would be united forever in a holy communion and dwell in the Promised Land of the new heavens and new earth to come on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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."

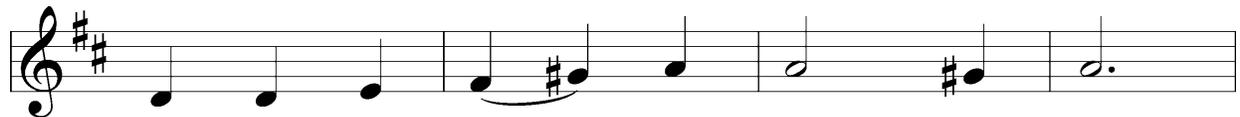
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Visitors – Please see note on the front inside page of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

Distribution Hymn: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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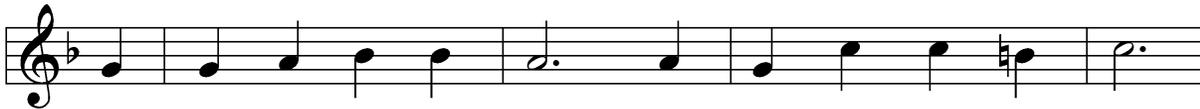
Distribution Hymn: 696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



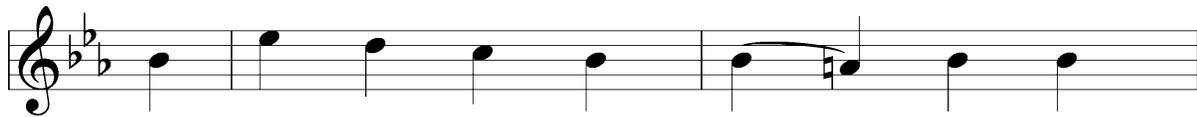
C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



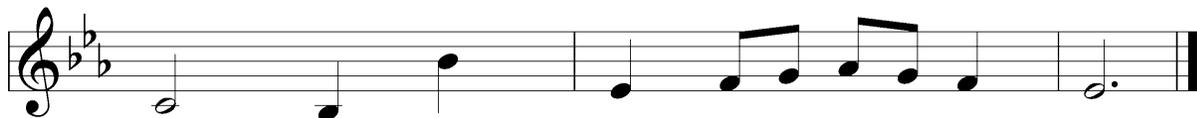
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Rite of Farewell and Godspeed to Scott & Lori Steward

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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 798 The God of Abraham Praise (Stanzas 6-9)



6 The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blest:
7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righ - teous - ness,
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty And end - less rest.
Tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - mighty - y King!
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,
On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A - br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.
And glo - rious with His saints in light For - ev - er reigns.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 9/15** **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 - **Sunday School** 10:45 a.m., Library
- Mon. 9/16** **Pastor's Day Off**
- Tue. 9/17** **Pastor's ½ day off in p.m.**
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m., Library
- Wed. 9/18** **Blood Drive @ Peace Lutheran, Waterford** 2-8 p.m.
Serve Dinner @ St. Paul, Pontiac 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Fri. 9/20** **Deadline to submit October's newsletter articles**
- Sat. 9/21** **Annual Mission Planning Meeting** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. or so, Fellowship Hall
(includes lunch)
- Sun. 9/22** **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 - **Sunday School** 10:45 a.m., Library

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING were placed to the glory of God by Glenn & Barbara Jewell in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary on September 15, and by Nick & Kelly Lekas in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary on July 25. We thank the Jewells and Lekases for these floral tributes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY! All kids ages Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome and encouraged to attend our weekly Sunday School class held after the Divine Service each Sunday beginning **today**. We are using a brand new curriculum published by Concordia Publishing House called "Enduring Faith." Written for several different age levels, this curriculum supports kids at whatever stage of life they are currently in so that it can help sustain faith that endures for a lifetime. As students progress through the program, they learn all about their Savior Jesus Christ, what their Savior means for them, how to defend their faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Age-appropriate activities build skills to strengthen Bible learning. We look forward to seeing your child(ren) at Sunday School each week!

SERVING DINNER AT ST. PAUL, PONTIAC – Several volunteers have signed up to serve dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac this Wednesday, **September 18** starting at 5:30 p.m. Thank you for volunteering! The only food donation we still need is 4 large bags of salad. A sign-up sheet is located on the easel in our lobby where you can list your name if you can donate the salad. Volunteers should arrive by 5:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30, and volunteers will be on their way home again before 8. This is a great way to serve those in need!

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS INVITED TO ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING – All officers and board members of St. Mark's are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Mission Planning Workshop on **Saturday, September 21** from 10 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served to participants around midday. This annual meeting is where we will discuss goals and action plans as we plan the church's activities for 2020. If you are currently an officer or board member, it's essential that you attend this workshop, if at all possible! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS - During the Divine Service on **Sunday, September 29**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. On this day, we will give thanks for God's holy angels (especially the archangel, Michael) and consider the blessed service that they render to us, according to God's design. Please join us for this unique and holy festival! Angels truly are a gift of God and we ought to rejoice that God has created them to magnify His glory and to serve our needs!

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS – Mark your calendars now for these events coming up in October! More information will be forthcoming down the road!

- 6 LWML Sunday & Fall Clean-Up
- 19 Trunk-or-Treat
- 27 Reformation Sunday followed by the Fall Harvest Potluck

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We will continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

ST. MARK'S "WELCOME BASKET" OUTREACH PROGRAM – Our Board of Gospel Outreach has expanded their Welcome Basket program to include not only the neighborhood behind church, but also the Golf Manor Subdivision as well. Anyone who would like to help offset the cost of these baskets can place their donation in a pink envelope (found in the pew racks), write "Welcome Baskets" on the front, and place the envelope into our offering plates. An example of a filled basket is now located on the shelf at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs.

EYEGLOSS AND POSTAGE STAMP DONATIONS – The small, plastic bins used to collect eyeglasses for M.O.S.T. Ministries, and postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translators, are located on the bookshelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. M.O.S.T. Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. Wycliffe Bible Translators provide Bibles that are written in peoples' native languages so that they can fully understand God's Word and, hopefully, come to faith in Christ. Used postage stamps should be cut out with ¼" of space around them and placed into the donation bin so they can be mailed to Wycliffe once a year and sold on auction websites. The proceeds are used to help with Bible translation projects.

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BLOOD DRIVE AT PEACE LUTHERAN, WATERFORD – Peace Lutheran Church on Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 18 from 2-8 p.m. All members of St. Marks' are invited to stop by and give blood, if you can!



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister

Rev. Aaron Vergin

Altar Guild

Karen Kaufman

Elder Assistant

Christian Lockwood

Elder on Duty

Darryl Swainson

Greeter(s)

Jennie & Karen Kaufman

Offering Counters

Mary Lockwood & Sharon Williams

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Trumpeter

Chris Gerard

Ushers

Tom Kaufman & Scott Steward

Video Technician

Jim O'Brien