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## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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*Divine Service, Setting III*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we celebrate the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider the love of Christ toward unbelievers, and His desire that all would believe in Him and be saved. On account of sin, those who don't believe will face eternal punishment. However, Jesus doesn't desire this. Therefore, he took the world's punishment upon Himself, and now promises salvation to all through faith, willing that everyone would receive this gift, and weeping over those who reject it.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to 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 when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). 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 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** 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.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**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.

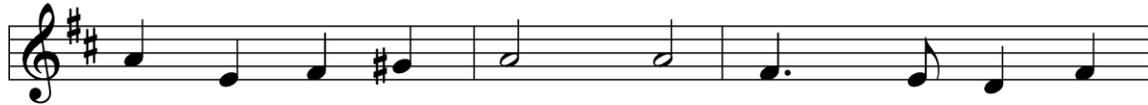
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Hymn of Invocation: 674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, O cit - y fair and high, Your  
2 O hap - py day, O yet far hap - pier hour, When  
3 The pa - tri - archs' and proph - ets' no - ble train, With  
4 Un - num - bered choirs be - fore the shin - ing throne Their



tow'rs I yearn to see; My long - ing heart to  
will you come at last, When by my gra - cious  
all Christ's fol - l'wers true, Who washed their robes and  
joy - ful an - thems raise Till heav - en's arch - es



you would glad - ly fly, It will not stay with me.  
Fa - ther's love and pow'r I see that por - tal vast?  
cleansed sin's guilt - y stain, Sing prais - es ev - er new!  
ech - o with the tone Of that great hymn of praise.



E - li - jah's char - iot take me A - bove the low - er skies, To  
From heav - en's shin - ing re - gions To greet me glad - ly come Your  
I see them shine for - ev - er, Re - splen - dent as the sun, In  
And all its host re - joic - es, And all its bless - ed throug U -



heav - en's bliss a - wake me, Re - leased from earth - ly ties.  
bless - ed an - gel le - gions To bid me wel - come home.  
light di - min - ished nev - er, Their glo - rious free - dom won.  
nite their myr - iad voic - es In one e - ter - nal song.

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## Service of the Word

### Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 55:1, 4–5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a*

**P** I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.

**C** Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

**P** Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

- C** My heart is in anguish within me;  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- P** Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.
- C** But I call to God,  
and the LORD will save me.

**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** I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.
- C** Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



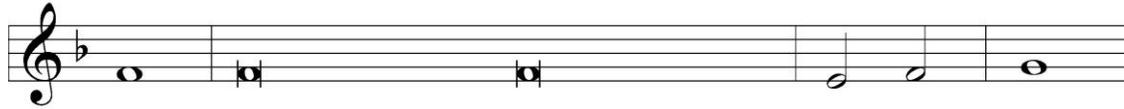
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

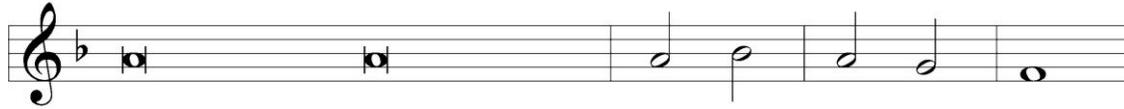
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**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,



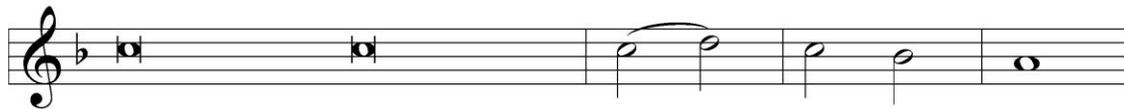
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



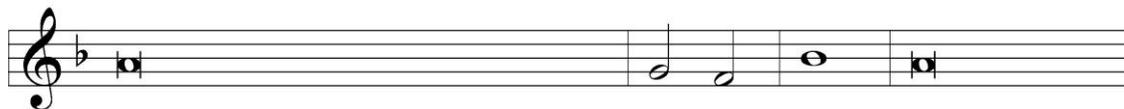
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



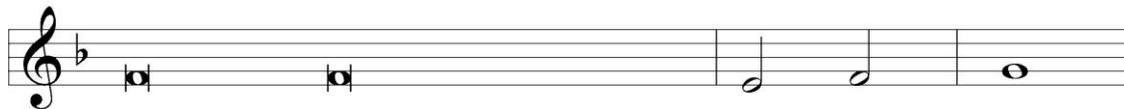
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 8:4–12*

<sup>4</sup>“You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD:

When men fall, do they not rise again?

If one turns away, does he not return?

<sup>5</sup>Why then has this people turned away  
in perpetual backsliding?

They hold fast to deceit;  
they refuse to return.

<sup>6</sup>I have paid attention and listened,

but they have not spoken rightly;

no man relents of his evil,  
saying, ‘What have I done?’

Everyone turns to his own course,  
like a horse plunging headlong into battle.

<sup>7</sup>Even the stork in the heavens  
knows her times,  
and the turtledove, swallow, and crane  
keep the time of their coming,

but my people know not  
the just decrees of the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>“How can you say, ‘We are wise,  
and the law of the LORD is with us’?  
But behold, the lying pen of the scribes  
has made it into a lie.

<sup>9</sup>The wise men shall be put to shame;  
they shall be dismayed and taken;  
behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD,  
so what wisdom is in them?

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I will give their wives to others  
and their fields to conquerors,  
because from the least to the greatest  
everyone is greedy for unjust gain;  
from prophet to priest,  
everyone deals falsely.

<sup>11</sup>They have healed the wound of my people lightly,  
saying, ‘Peace, peace,’  
when there is no peace.

<sup>12</sup>Were they ashamed when they committed abomination?  
No, they were not at all ashamed;  
they did not know how to blush.  
Therefore they shall fall among the fallen;  
when I punish them, they shall be overthrown,  
says the LORD”.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 17:8, 2*

**P** Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

**C** **From your presence let my vindication come!**  
**Let your eyes behold the right!**

### Epistle

*Romans 9:30—10:4*

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup>as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**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 19:41–48*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>41</sup>When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

<sup>45</sup>And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup>saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

<sup>47</sup>And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup>but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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



## Nicene Creed

**All: 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.**

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



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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### Sermon

*Sit*

### Offering

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located at the end of your pew.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*



**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  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## *Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son carried our burdens and redeemed us, body and soul. Hear all those who call to You from hearts in anguish with anxiety and depression, suffering from the terrors of death and overwhelmed by horror. Give them Your peace and healing now, as well as eternal salvation in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Heavenly Father, Your will is for the good of Your people. You gather Your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Preserve our families, especially the children of Christian parents, that they may grow in the knowledge of You and of Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Heavenly Father, You have arranged us as members of one Body in Christ Jesus. Free us from jealousy or contempt toward our fellow Christians. Lead us to bestow honor on our weaker brothers, to suffer and rejoice together, and to serve in harmony as those baptized in one Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, do not let Satan set us against one another. Fill us with Your love and forgiveness, that we would be quick to forgive others. Defend us from grudges, animosity and disdain that would blind us to Your love, which embraces even Your enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, bless [ \_\_\_\_\_ and ] those You have set in authority over us, that evil may be overthrown in our midst and we may be ruled justly and wisely in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We bless You, heavenly Father, for You forgive our iniquity and heal our diseases. Remember those in need of healing and restoration, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, because You love to show mercy, hear the prayers we offer for Your ancient people, that acknowledging Jesus Christ, the light of truth, they may be delivered from darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



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

**P** It is truly meet, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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;



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,



bles - 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 (spoken together)

*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 and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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.”

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

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

## Distribution Hymn: 797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Distribution Hymn: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives',  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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*Stand*

# Nunc Dimittis

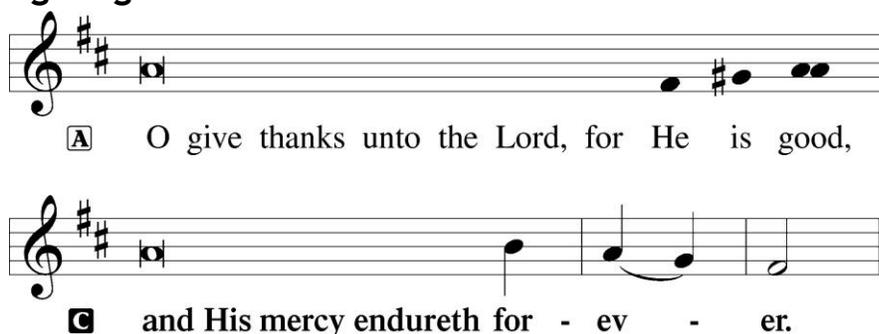
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.



## Closing Hymn: 427 In The Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872 Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67

Text and tune: Public domain

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## *Blessing of the Quilts*

### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sun. 08/24 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Quilt Sunday**

**Pastor Charles Ferry, presiding**

- **Divine Service without Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.**
- **Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Wed. 8/27 Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Sun. 08/31 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, presiding**

- **Divine Service with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.**
  - **2:00 Closing Service**
- Pastor Davis, presiding**
- **Small Reception following in the Fellowship Hall**

### TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY** – Everyone is welcome to join Pastor in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study right after this morning's Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.). He would love to have you join him!

## **St. Mark's Lutheran Church Closing Service Announcement**

Dear Beloved of the Lord, St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold its final worship service on **Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 2:00 PM**. This closing service will mark the end of this chapter of our congregation's journey as we gather one last time to give thanks for the countless blessings, memories, and ministries shared within these sacred walls. Our new chapter begins on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as part of Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, Michigan.

The Reverend President David Davis will preside over this special service as we reflect on our legacy and look forward to God's continued goodness and faithfulness. All are warmly invited to join us—members, former members, friends, and neighbors—to worship together and celebrate the impact St. Mark's has had on our lives and community.

Please come and share in this meaningful moment of closure and fellowship. In Christ's love,  
The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

**IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE**, and participate in their Community Rewards Program and currently contributing your dollars to St. Marks, please go into your Kroger account and make the change to either Christ Lutheran Church and School in Milford or another preferred Congregation. Please do this soon. It's simple to do, go into the Community Rewards page on at the Kroger website, enter into the search engine at the top of the page "Christ Lutheran Church" and it will provide you with ability to make the selection.

**QUILTING BEE** is currently meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 am if anyone is interested please just show up.

### **Upcoming Events at Christ Lutheran Church – Milford**

**On September 7th following the 11:00 am Service,**

**Rally Day Potluck for members of Christ Lutheran (including those formally of St. Mark's)**

**at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford  
620 General Motors Rd. Milford, MI 48381**

**Meat will be provided by the joint Parish fellowship and Christian Education committees. They are asking for others to provide 1 (or more if you like) of the following:**

**side dishes, salad or desserts for this event.**

**If you are so inclined, you can sign up by going to our website and on the front page click on the link that is posted. Or type it in your search bar as follows:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACAB2EA1FCC07-57813903-rally#/  
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**Calendar:**

**August:**

**Sunday's: 24, 31 Worship 9:30 am; Zoom Bible Study 7:30 pm**

**Monday's: Worship Services: 18 (with Holy Communion), 25 (non-Communion) 7: 00 pm**

**September:**

**Sunday's Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am; Zoom Bible Study 7:30 pm**

**Monday's: Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm (Except Labor Day); no Monday Services.**

**04: Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm**

**07: Rally Day After 11:00 am Service**

**08: Council Meeting 7:00 pm**

**09: LWML 12:00 pm**

**10: Congregational Staff Meeting 7:00 pm**

**13: Men's Picnic 12:00 pm**

**15: Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm**

**17: St. Paul's Dinner 5:00 pm; Congregational Staff Meeting 7:00 pm**

**18: Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 pm**

**20: Prayer Canvass 10:00 am**

**26: Friday Fry-up 5:30 pm**

**Also, please note that the week of 8-12 There is Meals on Wheels Week.**



## **SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister  
Altar Guild  
Elder on Duty  
Greeter(s)  
Offering Counters  
Organist  
Usher

Pastor Charles Ferry  
Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald  
Darryl Swainson  
Mary Ann Lockwood  
Nancy Salo  
Rob Wheeler  
John Reardon



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