

*September 15, 2024*  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*



Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD!  
*Psalm 31:24*

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## Opening Hymn

### 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be  
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee  
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the  
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-80 Text and tune: Public domain

## Stand

## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Exhortation

LSB 203

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.

## Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

LSB 204



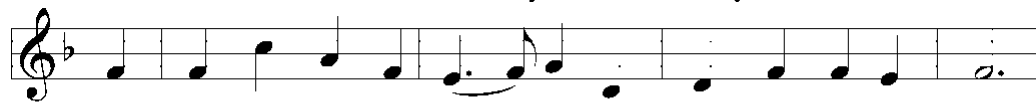
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



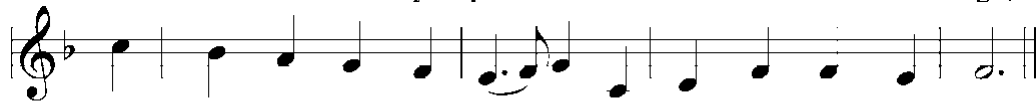
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together.

**Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*James 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird,

of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,<sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

<sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## *Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

#### Alleluia

*LSB 205*



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

#### Verse

*LSB 205*



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



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

#### Alleluia

*LSB 205*



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

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:14–29*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you?

Bring him to me.”<sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.”<sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”<sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.<sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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*

## Hymn of the Day

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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## Sermon

*Mark 9:14-29*

*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.

Lord God, we believe; help our unbelief! Sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world. When unclean spirits afflict us and those that we love, revive our trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given Your beloved Son the tongue of one who is taught, that He may know how to sustain with a word those who are weary. Prosper in every place the preaching of Your Gospel. By Your Spirit, enable Your pastors to proclaim the Word with clarity and joy, and by the same Spirit open the ears of Your children to believe it with gladness and action. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, guard the tongues of our governing authorities, that they may not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have promised that “all things are possible for one who believes.” In such faith, we bring before You *Carol, Teresa, Tom, Ron, Vivian, Nita* and all others in need, asking You to grant them health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we know that Your Son is near in His Holy Supper, giving in His body and blood His saving righteousness for the forgiveness of sins. Grant repentance and faith to all who come to His table, that they may welcome Him with joy, praying, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

*(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

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

LSB 208

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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

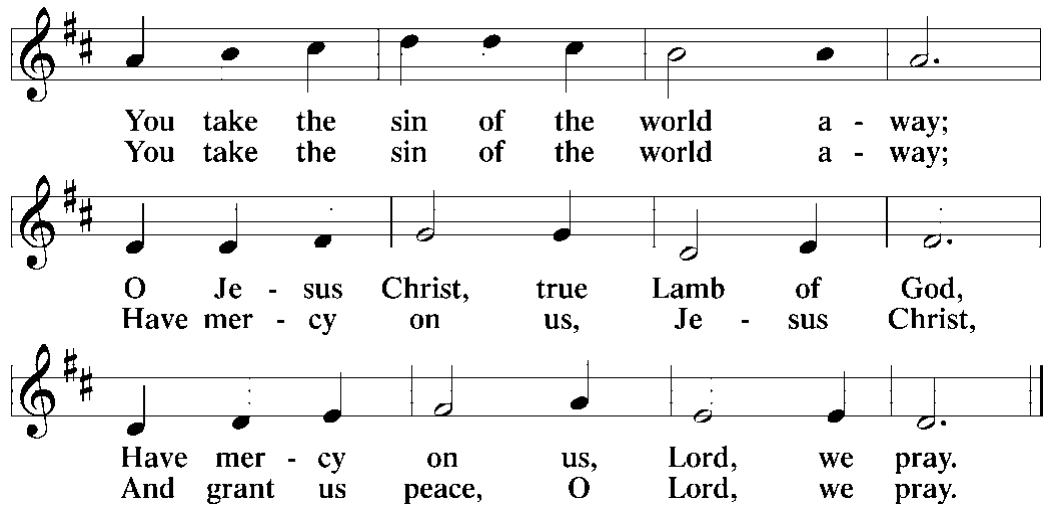
### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Sit

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

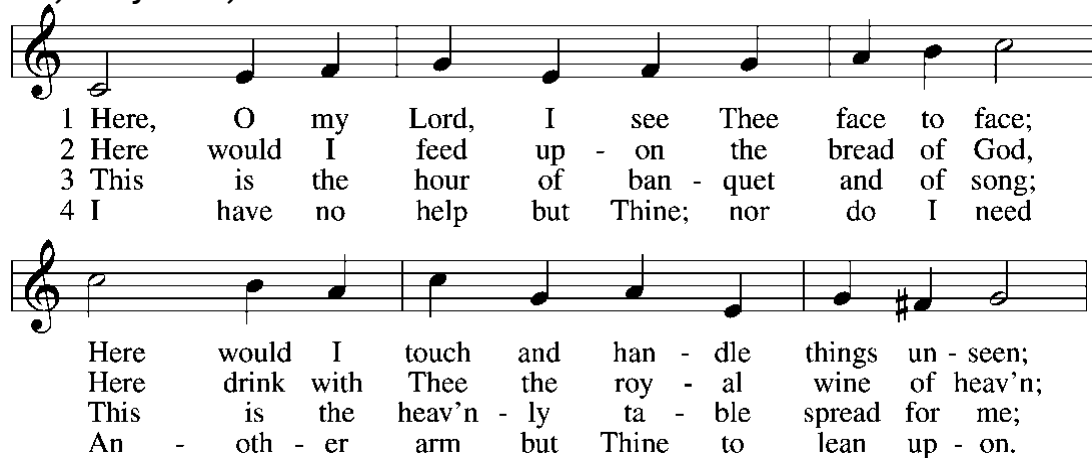
### The Dismissal

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.**

### Distribution Hymns

#### 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
 Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662 Text and tune: Public domain

## 804 O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust  
 and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust,  
 nor find Thee to fail.  
 Thy mercies, how tender,  
 how firm to the end,  
 Our maker, defender,  
 redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
 ineffable Love,  
 While angels delight  
 to hymn Thee above,  
 Thy humbler creation,  
 though feeble their lays,  
 With true adoration  
 shall sing to Thy praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727 Text and tune: Public domain

### 613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I  
 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in  
 3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,  
 wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
 But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly  
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802-80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt. Tune: attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546 Text and tune: Public domain

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**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

A 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 **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

### 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

✠ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues** Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Teresa Groth, Tom Groth (Earl's brother), Ron Moyer, Vivian Oestmann, Nita Whitney and all those in need.

- ✧ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon's grandson), Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), and David Stelling

**THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Birthdays:** 9/15: Loli Bohling

**Baptisms:** 9/16: Julie Fritz, Haizley Pierpoint; 9/20: Kyra Becker, Hayes Wilke

**Anniversaries:** 9/15: Doug and Becky Lueders

9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22
<b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult & Children's Sunday School	<b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study & Prayer  <b>7:00 PM</b> Voters Meeting	<i>Pastor out of town at Symposium</i>	<i>Pastor out of town at Symposium</i>		<i>Pastor out of town at District today</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>SS</b> <b>Camping Trip:</b> Sunday School students and families head to Indian Cave for overnight camping.	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Trustees tentative as needed</i>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult & Children's Sunday School

**Scripture reading for next week:**

Jer. 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

**Weekday Bible Study:**

Lessons for discussion 9/16: 2Ch 13:1-2Ch 24:27

Lessons for discussion 9/23 or 9/24: 2Ch 25:1-2Ch 33:25

Organist .....Sandy Wilson

Pianist.....Vicki Ackerman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Circuit Visitor Nomination needed by Circuit Forum November 10:**

Congregational voters are to nominate a pastor from the Circuit to serve as Circuit Visitor. Pastors and delegates at the Forum will place votes for the Visitor.



## **Congregational Assessment of Development/Decline Status (CADDs) Survey:**

It is being planned for our church family to participate in the CADDs survey Oct. 13 – Nov. 3. This tool will help provide a snapshot of our strengths and any weaknesses as we grow and move forward. More details will be coming in the near future.

## **Exciting events for our youth Sunday School!**

**Friday, September 20**, is our Sunday School youth and family camping trip. Any questions, please contact Tina Berg (402) 883-0087.

Our high school youth will attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in **July 2025**. Please see Tina Berg for more information if your child will be 14 or entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in July 2025.

**FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT–Sunday, September 22, at 6 p.m. at St Peter’s Elk Creek** Please join us for an Evening of Worship with Daniel Christian and Creation Praise Band with special guests Kevin McClure and Flight Metaphor (acoustic duo). Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy the show! Food available for purchase. Proceeds benefit St. Peter's Youth Group.

**National Life Chain Sunday, October 6, 1:30-2:30PM:** See flyer on Fellowship Hall doors for details about this annual prayer event in support of life.

**Spotlight on Church Family Positions:** Our last Board will be spotlighted during Announcements and will share information about their members and how they serve their church family. If your interest has been sparked by any of these presentations, you are encouraged to talk to the current members about ways you can contribute to our church family.

Board of Stewardship Sep 15th

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