



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Saturday, August 9, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 8:30 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**(Series C)**

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## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Sometimes one simple word can have two meanings that are complete opposites. The word *anxious* is one of them. In English, it comes from the old Latin verb “angere,” which means to “take hold of” or “to give pain.” When Jesus says, “Do not be anxious,” He is inviting us to let go of that which causes us pain and to trust in God’s complete and loving care. And yet the flip side of “angere” describes a positive sense of eagerness. In the Advent hymn “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (*LSB* 350), we pray to our Savior: “Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee” (st. 1). May our faithful worship reflect that hopeful kind of anxiety as we celebrate the presence of the Lord among us.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. *Luke 12:32*

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.

Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 184

**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.**

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

## CONFESSION

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**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.**

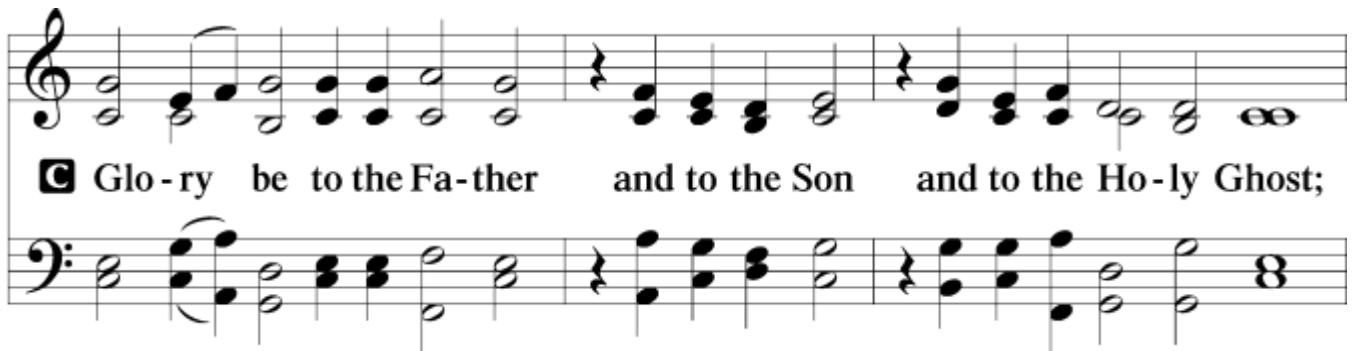
**✠ Word ✠**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7*




- L** Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!
- C** He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.
- L** He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.
- C** His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
- L** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
- C** Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

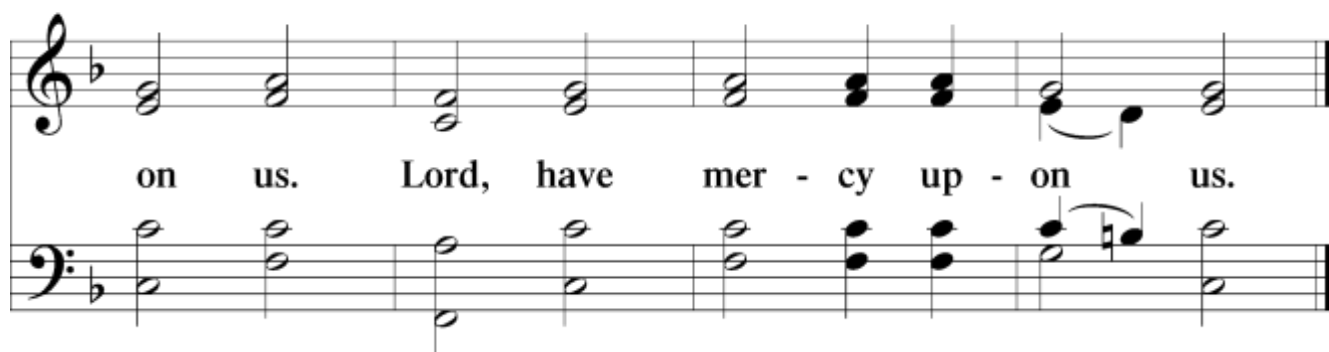


# KYRIE

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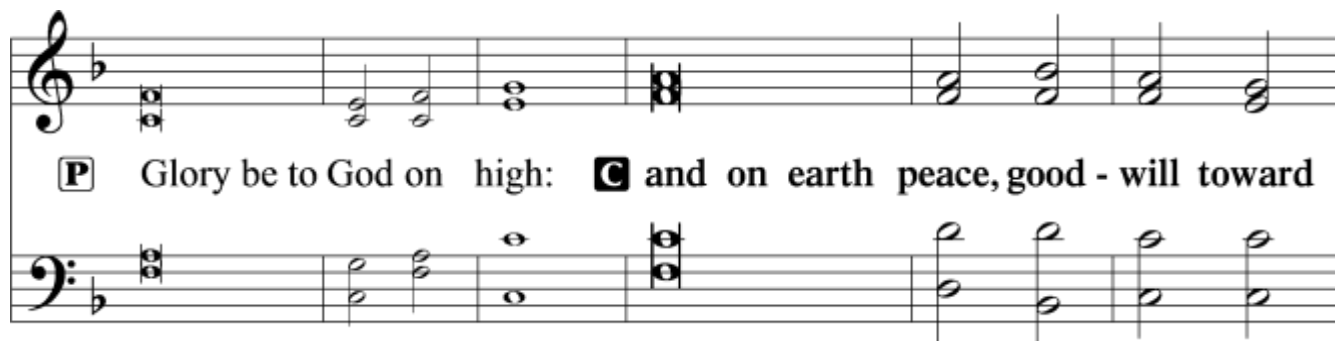
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



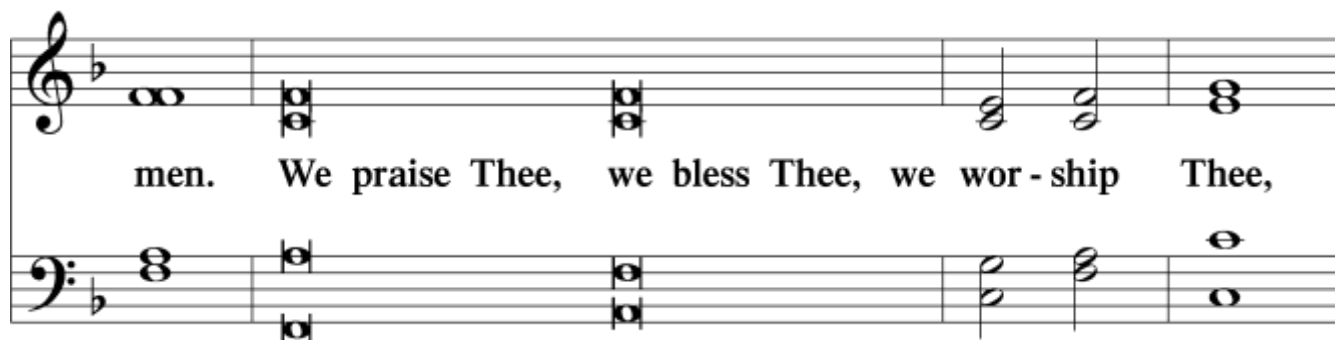
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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**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,

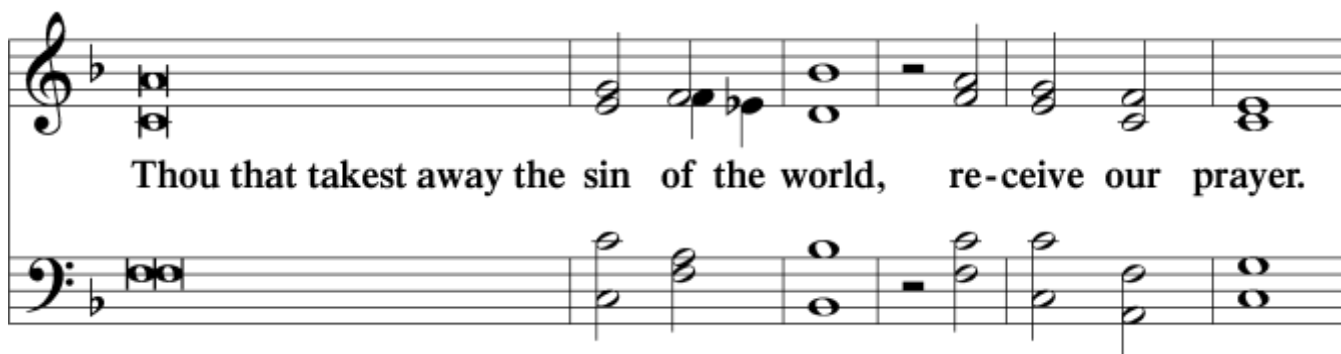
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

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

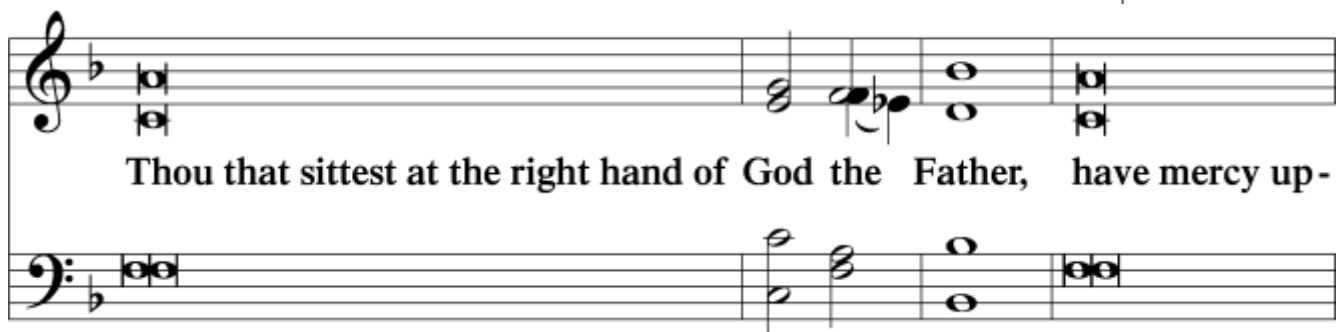
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

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

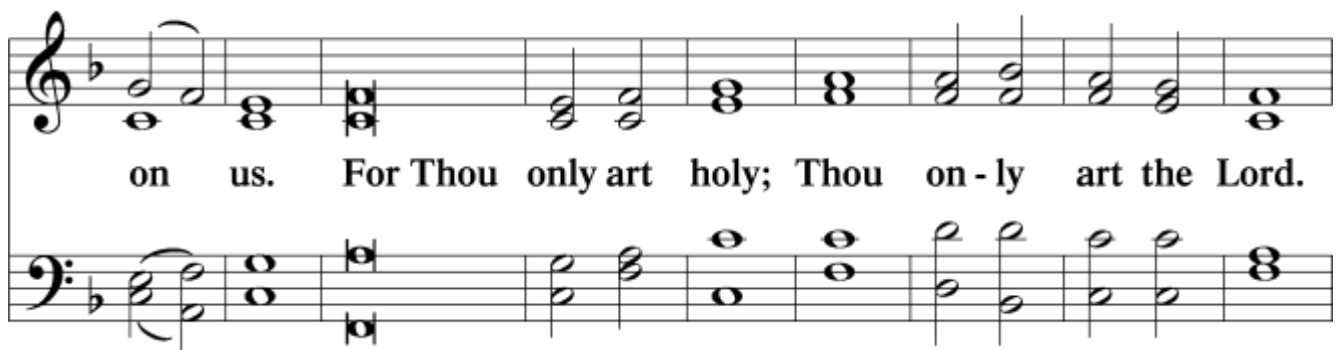
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



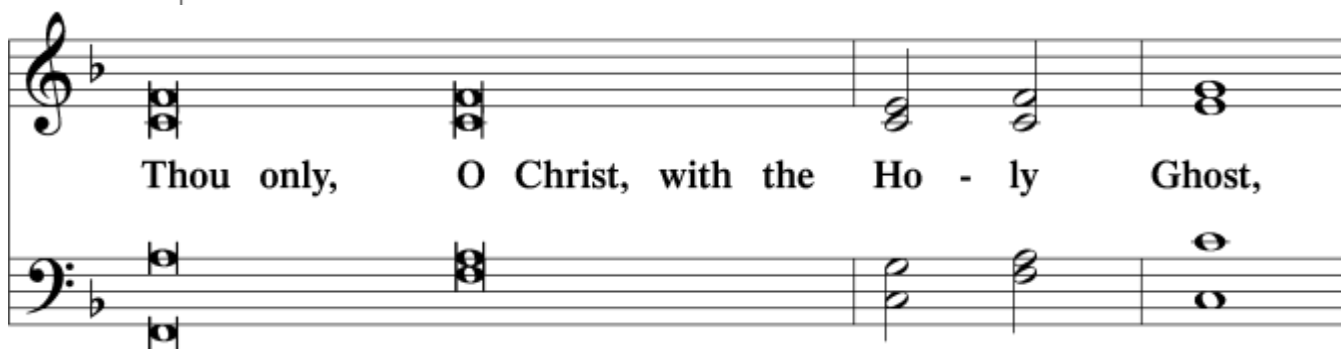
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



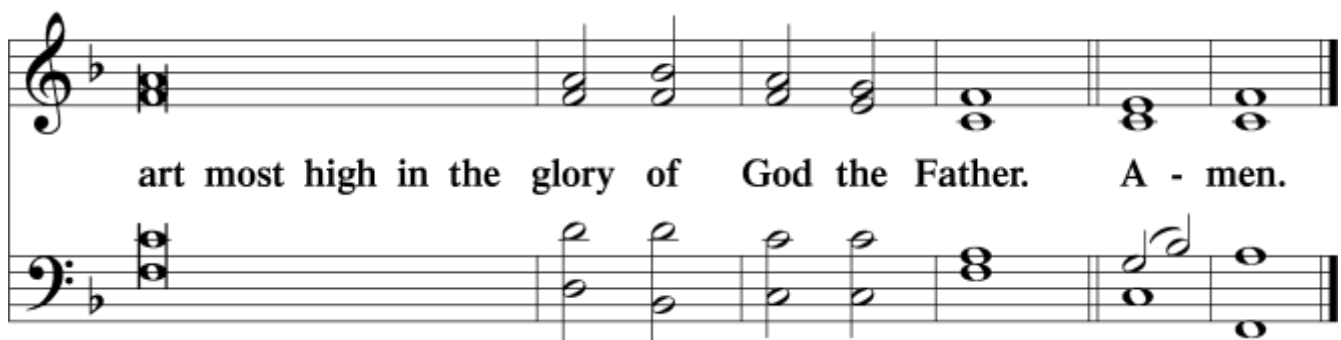
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains six measures of music: four measures of a half-note chord (F2 and B-flat2) and two measures of a half-note chord (F2 and B-flat2) with a fermata over the final measure. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains six measures of music: four measures of a half-note chord (F2 and B-flat2) and two measures of a half-note chord (F2 and B-flat2) with a fermata over the final measure. The lyrics 'And with thy spir - it.' are written below the top staff, with hyphens under 'spir' and 'it'.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed us to trust in You for all that is needful in our lives. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy and lead us to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in our lives and days, lead us to whatever is profitable for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

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*Sit*

## SUMMER SAINT CELEBRATION SEQUENCE

### *Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

- L** The list of Christians who are remembered by the church and commemorated by name includes faithful men and women from centuries past who witnessed to Jesus Christ in special ways in their lives. On August 10, the church commemorates Lawrence, who is known as a deacon and martyr. Born in Spain around AD 220, Lawrence found his way to Rome, where he served as a deacon, caring for the social and physical needs of people. His responsibilities included sending out financial contributions from God's people at Rome to congregations in need around the Empire. He used all the resources he was given to meet local needs in Rome as well. When the Roman prefect demanded that Lawrence bring him all the wealth of the church within three days, he knew that he had no silver or gold to turn over. After the three days, he brought before the prefect some of the people who had been helped by the church: destitute, sick, and blind people, as well as widows and many poor people. He said to the prefect: "The church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor." The prefect was outraged by Lawrence's response and decreed that he be put to death immediately, which he was. The willing sacrifice of his own life in the service of God's people as a martyr was a compelling testament to the faith of Lawrence, who was about thirty-eight years old at the time of his execution. Martin Luther observed that Lawrence overcame death and all tortures and serves as a blessed example of Christian faithfulness.
- A** One of the sections of hymns in *Lutheran Service Book* has the heading "The Church Militant" above each hymn in that section. Included in this group of hymns are Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," the well-known "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "Fight the Good Fight." The term "The Church Militant" refers to the church on earth, where Christian people live out their faith day by day. Sometimes that calling to follow Christ leads to conflict and self-sacrifice, and sometimes even to death.

In the hymn, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War,” English clergyman Reginald Heber calls to mind some of those faithful followers who make up the army of Christ, including martyrs and valiant saints. The hymn ends with a simple prayer we all can share: “O God, to us may grace be giv’n to follow in their train!”

## 661 THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.  
 2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,  
 3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,  
 4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?  
 Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.  
 Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joice, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phiant o - ver pain,  
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,  
 They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
 They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.  
 He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who fol - lows in his train?  
 They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?  
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 15:1-6*

*(God makes a special promise to Abraham.)*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 34:9, 19 alt.*

**L** Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C** for those who fear him lack nothing!

**L** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

*(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

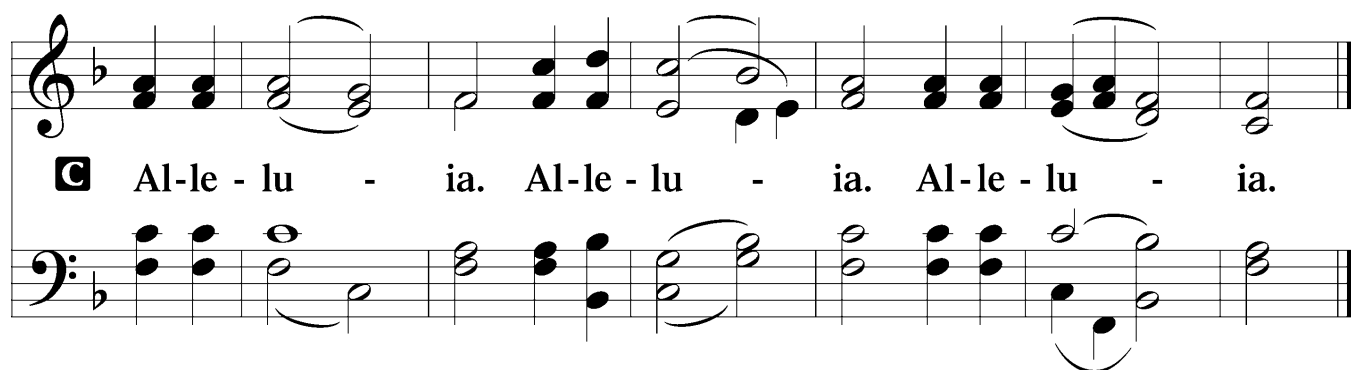
<sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation for the Alleluia consists of two staves, treble and bass, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics "Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia." are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 12:22-34*

*(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)*

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



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

The musical notation for the Holy Gospel consists of two staves, treble and bass, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord." are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

<sup>32</sup>*"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

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



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## **LAMB'S MESSAGE**



## LOOK TO THE HEAVENS

1 Look to the heav - ens; num - ber the stars.  
 2 Where is our trea - sure? Where is our heart?  
 3 This sure con - vic - tion noth - ing will shake:

Count all the Fa - ther grants to be ours.  
 Rest in the rich - es God will im - part:  
 We are for - giv - en for Je - sus' sake.

God sees His chil - dren from His great throne,  
 Ours is the king - dom, thanks to the King  
 Filled with the Spir - it, we now be - lieve:

For He has cho - sen  
 Who left His glo - ry,  
 What the Lord prom - ised,

us \_\_\_\_\_ as His own.  
 good \_\_\_\_\_ ness to bring.  
 we \_\_\_\_\_ will re - ceive.

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## SERMON

### VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

### OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

*Stand*

# OFFERTORY

LSB 192

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 -



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [*especially*\_\_\_\_\_]. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

## CLOSING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

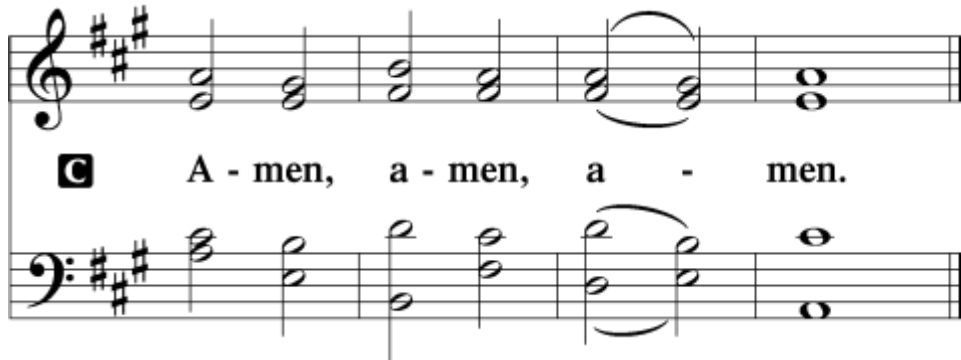
Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## 578 THY STRONG WORD

sts. 1, 3, 5

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy  
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the  
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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