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Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. As needed, there is a staffed nursery available in the basement during the service.

Service Guidelines

- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed to the virus.
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors, neither giving nor taking offense.
- Masks are optional, remembering that there are many opinions among us, and that everyone has different health and life situations.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Dave Farabaugh
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolyte	Landon Vega
	John Terhune

Prayers for Worship

Prayer before receiving communion:

Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican,
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran—
Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.
Jesus whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee, send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight. Amen.

— *Adoro Te Devoto*, trans. G. Manley Hopkins

After communion: 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. Amen.

Cover Image

A pelican feeding its young. Source unknown.

The image of the pelican feeding its young with drops of blood from its chest symbolizes the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, for He sustains His own by His blood shed for us.

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will be received in the offering box as you enter the nave for the service.
They will be presented before the Lord's altar prior to the Prayer of the Church. <

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 320 & TEXT: LSB 610

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may th'eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

Psalm 145:16; 34:8–10

You open Your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,

for those who fear Him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger;

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:1–8

After the reading:

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

THE PSALM

Psalm 34:1–8; antiphon v. 3

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

*I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.*

*Those who look to Him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

*This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.*

*The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,
and delivers them.*

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

from the Letters: Ephesians 4:17–5:2

After the reading:

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: John 6:35–51

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

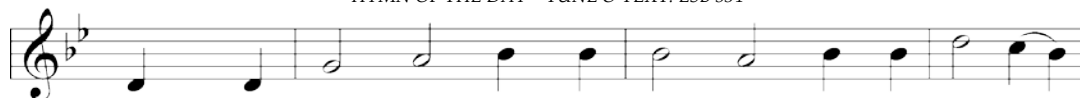
Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, 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 – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 534



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na

(Follow each stanza as it continues on the next page.)



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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The Sermon

John 6:35–51

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Do not cast me out of Your presence, nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.**

The Presentation of the Offering

I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

O LORD, my strength, I love You.

The Prayer of the Church

each petition closes with the words:

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion

> *Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.* <

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 726

- 1 Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace, and gladness, comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!
Times without number, awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us, from danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.**
- 2 Father, O hear me, pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings, direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee, retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.**
- 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower, and winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing and peace never ceasing:
These shall I treasure and share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.**
- 4 To God in heaven all praise be given!
Come, let us offer and gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth a heart that believeth;
Hymns that adore Him are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 659 – TEXT: LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy; comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

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1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, All-Powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray:
Father of mercy, by this Holy Food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that
through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 680

- 1 **Thine the Amen, Thine the praise, alleluias angels raise,**
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread,
Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the harvest, then the cup;
Thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.
- 2 **Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise—let there be.**
Thine the vision, Thine the tree; all the earth on bended knee,
Gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry,
Gone the sighing, gone the dying, what was loss lifted high.
- 3 **Thine the truly, Thine the yes; Thine the table, we the guest.**
Thine the mercy all from Thee; Thine the glory yet to be.
Then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war;
Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore, evermore.
- 4 **Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine the wonderful surprise;**
Thine the banquet, then the praise, then the justice of Thy ways.
Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the welcome to the least,
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast, at Thy feast.
- 5 **Thine the glory in the night, no more dying, only light.**
Thine the river, Thine the tree, then the Lamb eternally,
Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee,
Thine the splendor, Thine the brightness, only Thee, only Thee.

God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	1 Samuel 24:1–22	1 Cor. 1:26–2:16
M	1 Samuel 25:1–22	1 Cor. 3:1–23
Tu	1 Samuel 25:23–44	1 Cor. 4:1–21
W	1 Samuel 26:1–25	1 Cor. 5:1–13
Th	1 Samuel 28:3–25	1 Cor. 6:1–20
F	1 Samuel 31:1–13	1 Cor. 7:1–24
Sa	2 Samuel 1:1–27	1 Cor. 7:25–40

The Apostles' Creed

*As the head of the family should teach it
in a simple way to his household*

What is the Third Article? 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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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Verse for Meditation

Jesus said, "The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."
John 6:51

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

Father, O hear me, pardon and spare me;

Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors

That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.

Order my goings, direct all my doings;

As it may please Thee, retain or release me;

All I commit to Thy fatherly hand. LSB 726:2

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

Su For the joy of the resurrection among us

M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,
and the unemployed

Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;
for all who suffer and are afflicted

W For immediate, extended, and church family;
for our schools, communities, and
neighborhoods

Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve
in the congregation, and missionaries

F For the preaching of the holy cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying

Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive
hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for next Sunday, August 15

St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7–11; Psalm 45:10–17;

Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 1:46–55