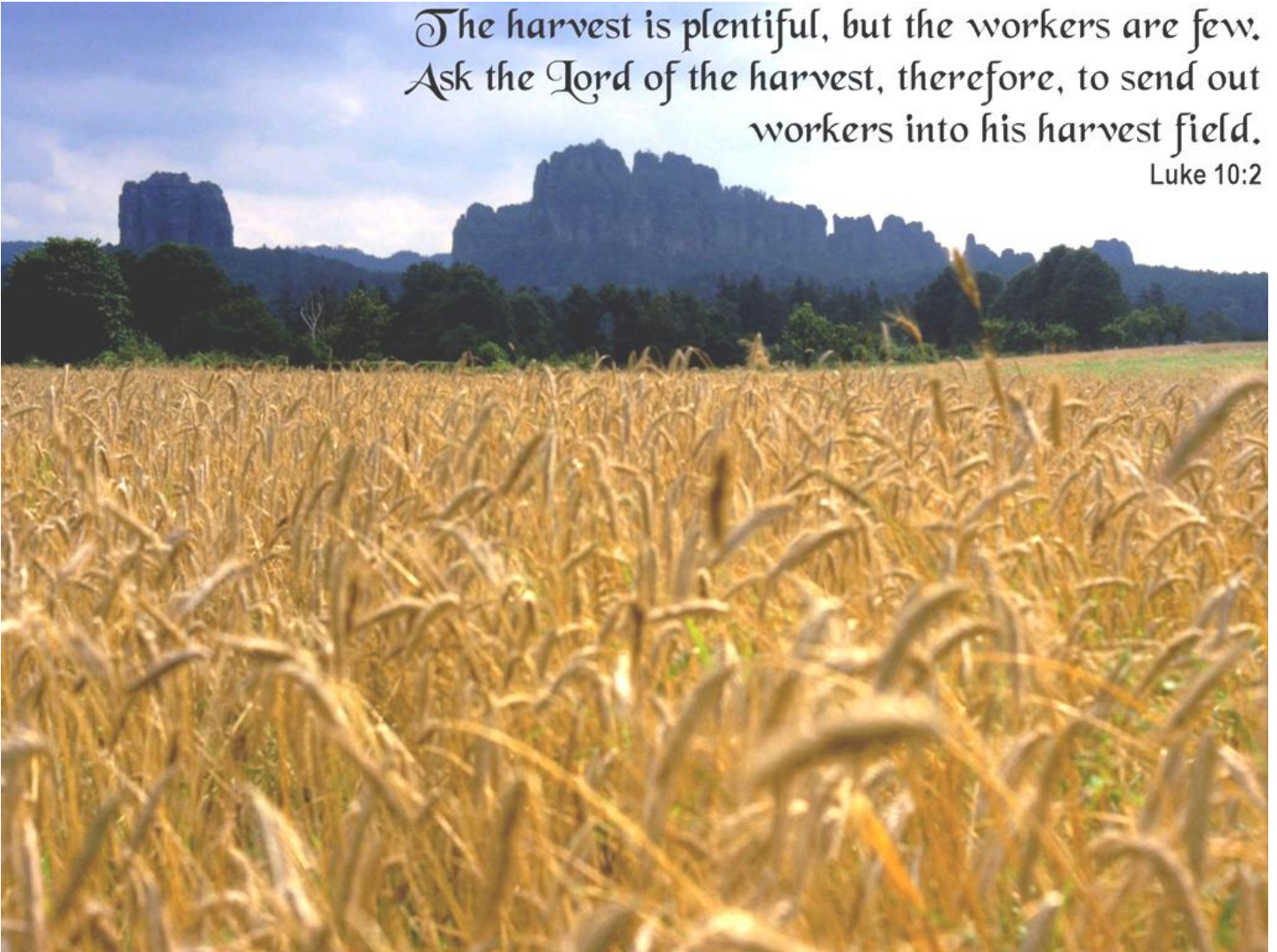


+The Divine Service+

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | July 6, 2025 | 9AM

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out
workers into his harvest field.

Luke 10:2



Christ Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

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The Divine Service

When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 832 Jesus Shall Reign

The Holy Baptism *of Ezra Paul Skove*

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

The Exorcism

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Ezra Paul according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in

Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Ezra Paul, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Ezra Paul, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Ezra Paul,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor anoints the newly baptized with oil while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

The Baptism party returns to its pew.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

**Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

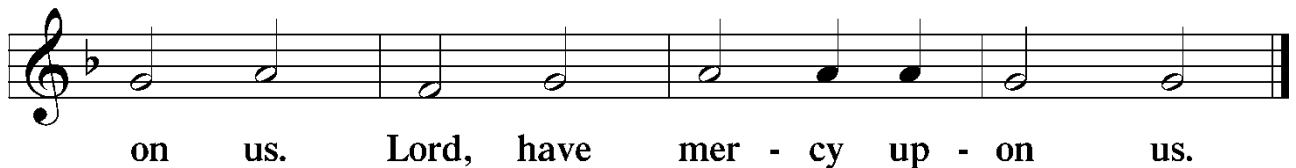
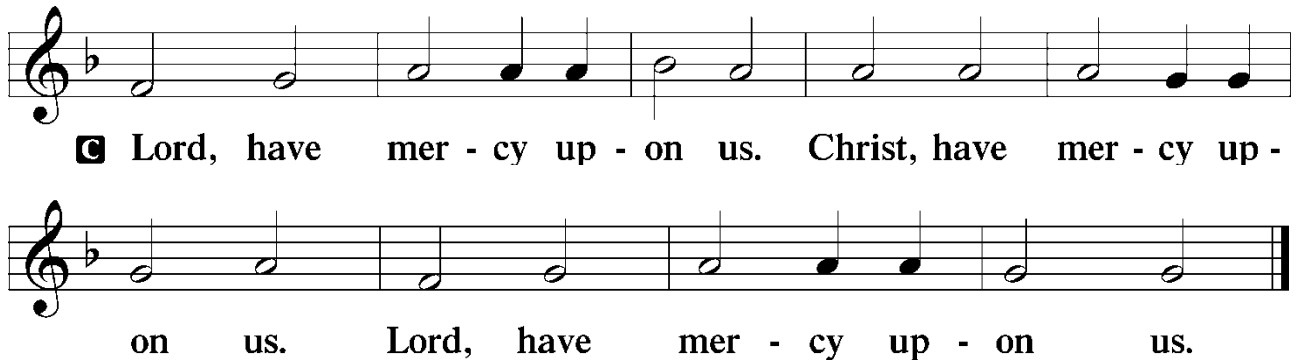
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**



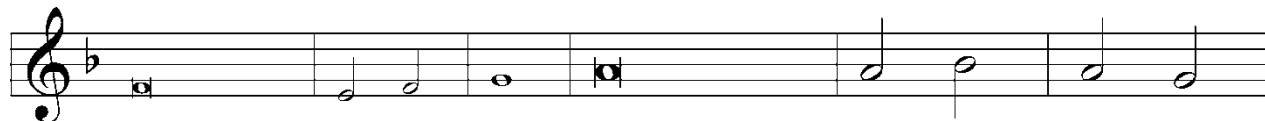
*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

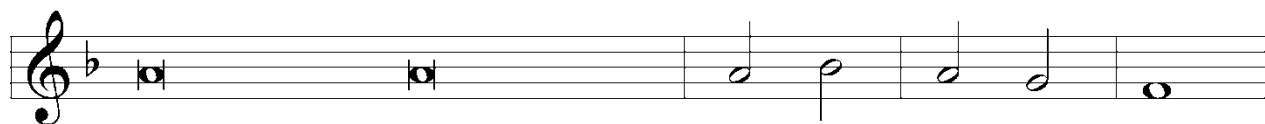
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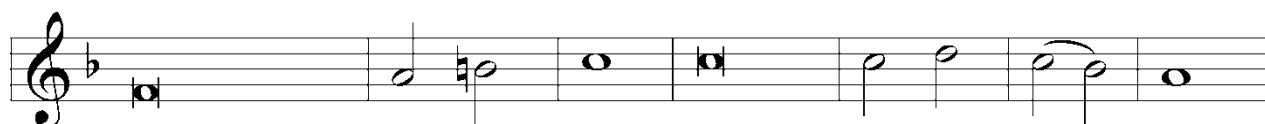
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



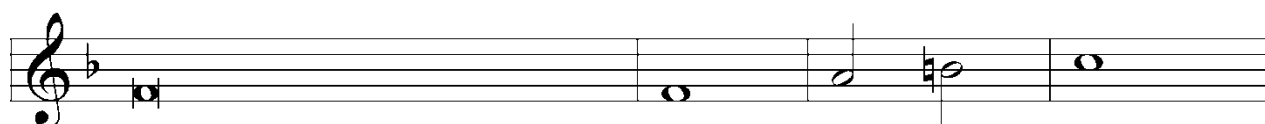
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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;



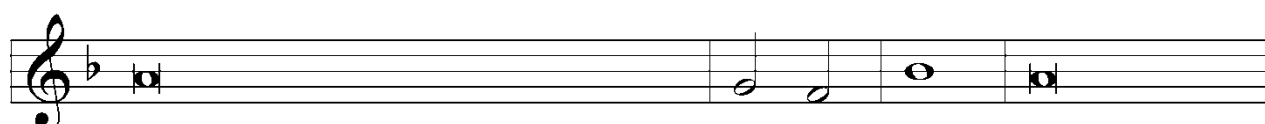
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



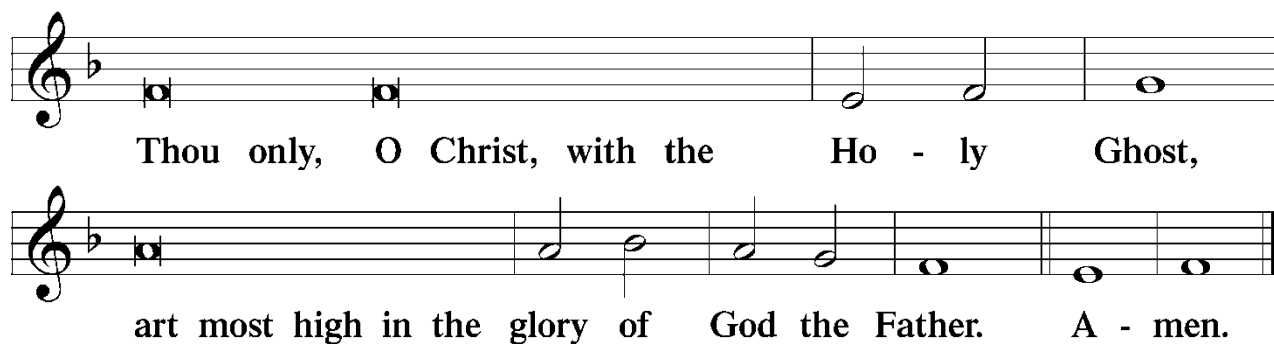
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



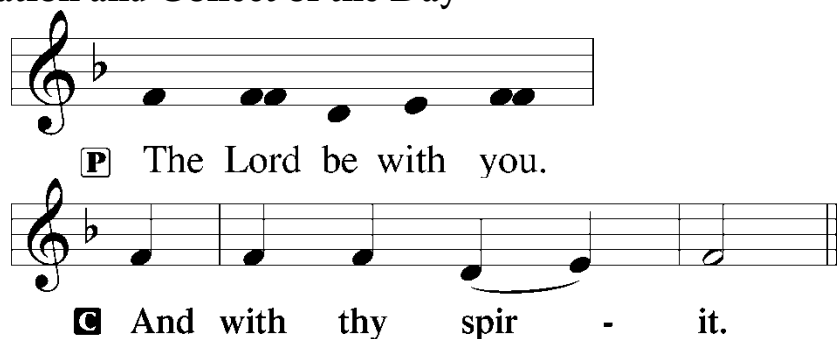
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

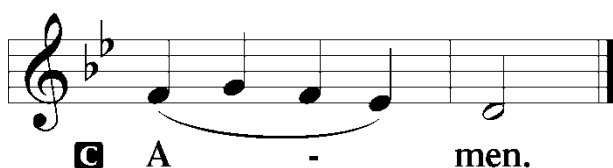


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10–14

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

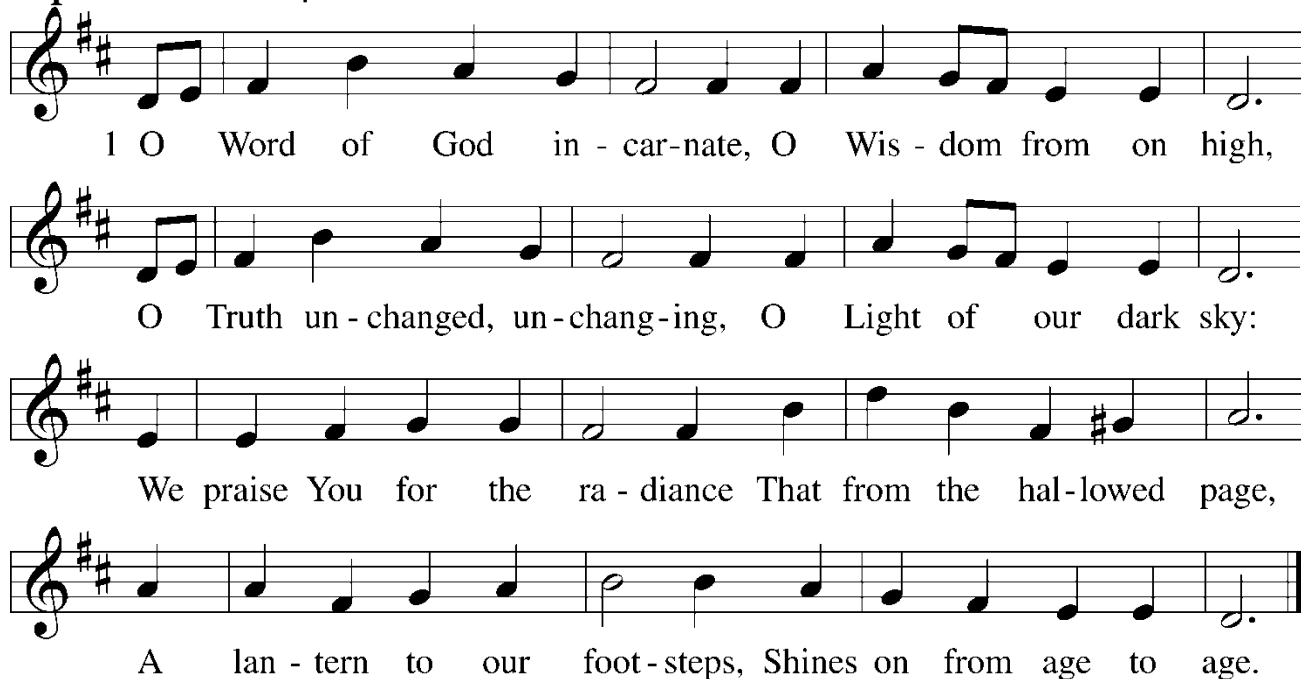
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The Gospel Procession | 523 O Word of God Incarnate

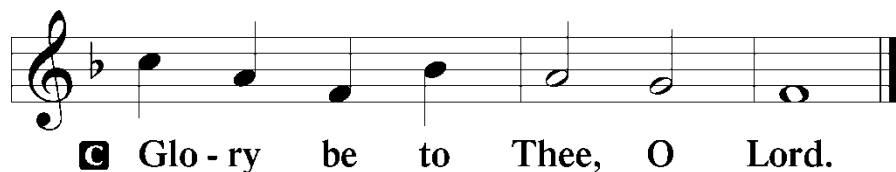
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Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1–20

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



¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of

God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

back cover of the hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

The Sermon

The congregation rises for the Apostolic greeting:

L Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

It is customary for the preacher to read a section of the text for meditation here:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

At the end of the Sermon, the pastor invites the congregation to rise for the blessing:

L The peace of God which passes understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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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.

Sit

The Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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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, 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195



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,



bless-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.

The Words of Our Lord

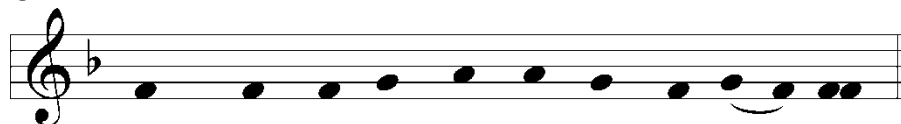
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

LSB 197



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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G 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



Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

Distribution Hymn | 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Distribution Hymn | 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Distribution Hymn | 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Stand

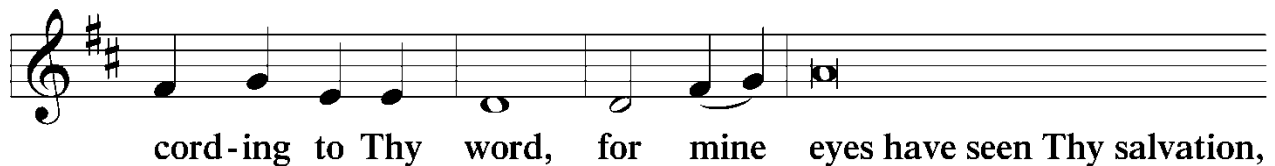
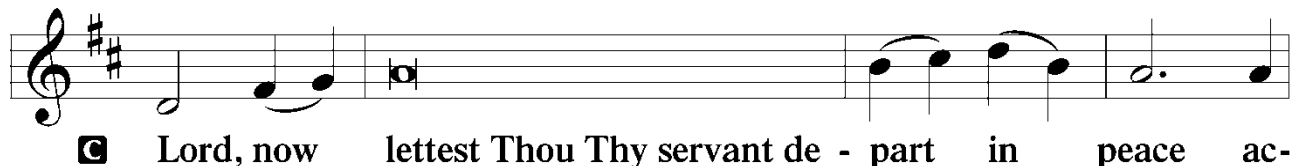
The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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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 without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

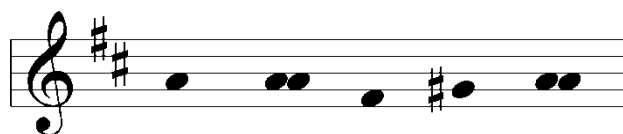
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



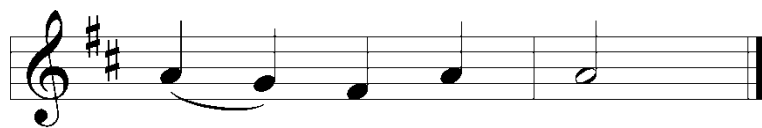
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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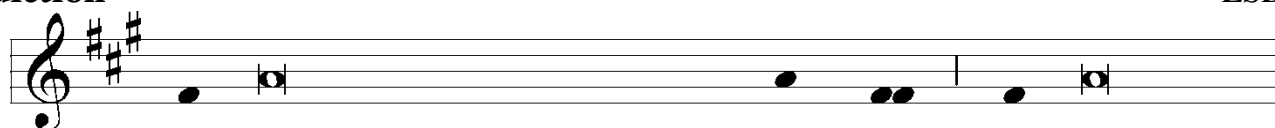
A Bless we the Lord.



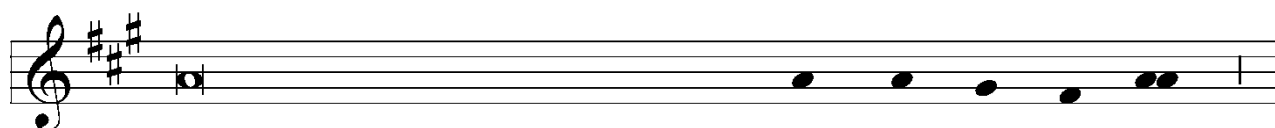
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

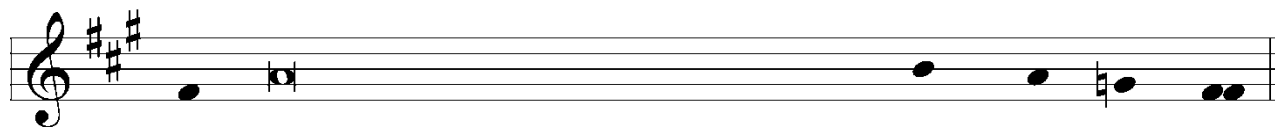
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 965 God Bless Our Native Land

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 10:1-20

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the seventy-two. They are sent ahead of him because he himself is coming, and people need to be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus through repentance and faith. The seventy-two are a picture of the Church's mission unto the end of the age. They represent pastors. There is urgency to their mission. They are to greet no one on the road because there is no time to waste. The fields are ripe for the harvest. The harvest is the great ingathering of the world into Christ's kingdom through the preaching of the Gospel. Pastors preach the word. People are converted from unbelief to saving faith. They are the laborers we, the Church, are commanded to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send.

They are being sent as lambs in the midst of wolves. Jesus is the Lamb of God. Theirs is a cruciform (cross-shaped) ministry that will look like Jesus' ministry. That is, they will receive the hostility of the world and their preaching result in violence just as it did for Christ. They will suffer as their Lord suffers, even as they carry the death of Jesus in their bodies. They are to carry nothing with them because they have forgone the things of this world and are dependent upon the care and protection of their fellow Christians. They have renounced home and family. Their new kin are those who receive the message of peace they proclaim. They are not to depend on themselves, but their trust is in the Lord of the mission and the promise that the devil will not hurt them. Why carry nothing? Jesus encourages them to understand that they live by the grace of God alone and not by any human strength. This is an exercise of faith.

As his ambassadors, the seventy-two represent Jesus. Where they preach, Jesus is preaching: **"He who hears you, hears Me."** The Lord's ministers are to say to those who receive them, **"Peace be to this house."** This word **"Peace"** is not "hello." Peace summarizes the whole Gospel. The peace they proclaim is the peace of God—the peace of sins forgiven—a new, peaceful relationship with God, effected by Jesus' death on the cross. As Christians believe, they live in the peace of Jesus. Meanwhile, the people of God who receive the Lord's ministers show hospitality. They provide food, shelter, and drink to the seventy-two. So do congregations receive and care for the Lord's pastors. The eating and drinking is a picture of the table-fellowship we share together in the Lord's Supper. In the first century, all Churches were House Churches. What goes on in this house—preaching, table-fellowship, hospitality, healing, works of mercy—this is the activity of the Church, even as she exists today in the world. This is Word and Sacrament ministry. This is the loving people of God bearing one another's burdens.

What is the effect of the mission of the seventy-two? Satan falls like lightning, verse 18. That is, with the activity of the Lord's pastors the kingdom of Christ advances and the kingdom of the evil one is rolled back. True spiritual warfare happens not with physical weapons but with the Gospel, preached and believed. Jesus sees Satan fall like lightning because he sees with divine sight. He sees more than we can see or recognize. He sees the goodness of the mission, and how the devil is driven away from God's people by the word and sacraments and prayer. The Church is never not in need of pastors to preach, absolve, baptize, feed the Lord's sheep in Jesus' name, and prepare the people of God for the visitation of Jesus Christ on the Last Day. At Christ's command, we pray that God would raise up men for the work of ministry.

Announcements

St. Paul

It is the Baptism Day of Ezra Paul Skove, son of Sem. Ryan and Kelly Skove, born June 25th. We rejoice with Ryan and Kelly on a safe and healthy delivery of their third child, and give thanks to God for the new birth by water and the Spirit given to Ezra this morning in Baptism. Ezra's sponsor is Joseph Mussolino, a fellow Seminarian of Ryan's at CTS—Ft. Wayne.

Pastor Yeager and the HS Youth depart for Higher Things in Seward, Nebraska tomorrow, July 7th and will be away until Saturday, July 12th. We have three youth attending from St. Paul, one from St. John, and one female chaperone, Chris Melcher from Bingen, attending. Please pray for safe travels. Direct any pastoral emergencies to Pr. Yeager and he will see to them. Pr. Brege has the service Wednesday night, July 9th—the congregation will pray Vespers.

Voters Assembly at St. Paul is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 15th at 7PM** in the fellowship hall. The elders and council will meet on **Monday, July 14th at 6 and 7PM.**

A Note from Pastor Yeager. Dear friends, I have received the Divine Call to serve Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, Connecticut, as pastor. Please pray for me, Heather, and my children, along with the Churches where I am divinely called: Immanuel-Bristol, and St. Paul-Preble, that the Lord would grant me wisdom of discernment for this call process. Thank you.

New crucifix for cafetorium/8th Grade Class picture on display. Take a look at the tables in the narthex today. The Wyneken 8th grade Class of 2025 purchased a crucifix that will be mounted on the west wall of the Cafetorium. The school students gather in the Cafetorium almost every day for the Office of Morning Prayer. Since there is not a cross on the wall, the class thought it was fitting to purchase a crucifix to beautify the room for the almost daily use it receives as a space for worship and prayer for our school family. Additionally, on display, you will see the annual 8th Grade Capitol Picture and annual DC poster created for the class by Jim Brune. Thanks be to God for His abundant blessings in what He provides to us through our Lutheran day school, Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School.

Lutheran Institute of Theology is a new organization created by LCMS pastors. Its aim is to provide solid Lutheran content through online courses for individual and congregational use. Each course (not for credit) includes 6-8 video lessons, averaging 30-40 minutes each. Their aim for these courses is to have biblically faithful, intellectually engaging, and beautifully produced made available to congregations and laypeople, and to reach out to skeptics and the non-Lutheran world. Think: do you ever listen to podcasts through your phone, watch documentaries on Netflix, or partake of any online content for the purposes of personal growth? Then you might benefit from LIT. This exciting project seeks to get theology out to God's people in a new way. They are asking Churches to subscribe annually to these courses—if St. Paul wanted to subscribe, our commitment would be around \$1000 for the first year. I am looking to see if there are any members interested in subscribing with me. If a few of us went in together, we could provide sound biblical theology to our congregation for a whole year and I imagine we are going to really enjoy and grow from what LIT is putting out there. There are pamphlets in the narthex that explain more. Talk to me if interested. —Pastor Yeager

Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble. Many people today reject or are indifferent to the pro-life view, often because they've never heard the pro-life position presented in a compelling manner. This workshop will prepare you to confidently communicate the pro-life position to others. Using science & philosophy, you will learn to simplify the debate. Come learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time: abortion. You'll leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of abortion-choice rhetoric without the need for vitriol and angry dialogue.

When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm. The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble (4510 W 750 N, Decatur, IN 46733). This workshop is open to adults and students 7th grade and older. *Please register here

<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/right-to-life-workshop--preble>.

Let us know in the "comments" block of the form who is coming! For questions, please call 260-471-1849 or email lucy@ichooselife.org. Registration by cash is available at the door.

Wyneken

Principal and Mrs. Gavrun have accepted their calls to be teachers at Trinity, Davenport, IA. We give thanks to God for the years the Gavruns have served our school. We pray for the Gavruns during their transition to Iowa, and we pray for our school, that he would send us a principal and teachers in his own good time who will serve our students faithfully.

Teacher calls, open positions. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking a school teacher (4th grade and/or 5th grade) for the 2025-2026 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. In addition, Wyneken has an opening for a part-time teacher's aide. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Youth

Sunday, July 13; 12-5:30 p.m. – YMCA Camp Clay. The YMCA Camp Clay Aqua Park and Splash pad consists of 7 water attractions and 3 floating splash mats. They also have a boating area with canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards (SUP's), and peddle boats. They have a floating raft transport over to their island in the pond. Their biggest attraction is a water zip line! US Coast Guard-approved life vests must be worn by all swimmers in the Aqua Park. Concessions are available at the guard shack. Cost per youth is \$5.

Community

Craft for a Cause. Attention Ladies! *Our first event was such a success we are doing it again this fall!!!* You're invited to join the Women of Bethlehem for Craft for a Cause on September 20th from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Lots of food, fellowship, prizes and 12 hours of crafting FUN!!! Registration form is attached. SPACE IS LIMITED and will fill up! Be sure to register EARLY! Questions? Text or Call Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144 or via email at deannrene@outlook.com

Prayer of the Church

- +**Independence Day:** for the United States of America—our President and Government.
- +**Those who rejoice:** Ezra Paul Skove—with Ryan, Kelly, Rory, Evie—on his Baptism Day; Nate and Danielle Meshberger on the birth of a daughter, Natalie Jane; and that Natalie might be brought safely unto Baptism for her new birth by water and the Spirit.
- +**Those who mourn:** the family of Caroline Martin (Connie Jeffrey's aunt), died last week.
- +**Pr. Yeager**—Divine Call to Immanuel, Bristol, CT.
- +**Wyneken**—Mr. and Mrs. Gavrun on their departure to IA, teachers, students.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Danielle Meshberger, Halei Faurote.
- +**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Golden Years, Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays 7/6—7/12.** Jacob Todd, Tyra Kolter, Mike Spiegel, Kelly Todd, Joe Melcher, Emery Huff.

Acolyte 7/6

9AM Clayton Minnich

Attendance

7PM 6/25 15 9AM 6/29 144

Stewardship for 6/16/25

Offering: \$5,736.50 Online Offering: \$879.50 Total for the week: \$6,616.00

vs. weekly goal: -\$3,938.50 vs. Year to Date: -\$63,462.08

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 6
M-Sat. July 7-12
Wednesday, July 9
Sunday, July 13
Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15
Wednesday, July 16
Thursday, July 17

9AM The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service
Pastor Yeager and HS Youth to Higher Things, Seward, NE
7PM Vespers—Pr. Brege, Officiant.
9AM The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins
6PM Elder Meeting—Pastor's Study
7PM Council Meeting—Fellowship Hall
7PM Voters Assembly—Fellowship Hall
7PM Divine Service
7PM Ladies Aid Business Meeting