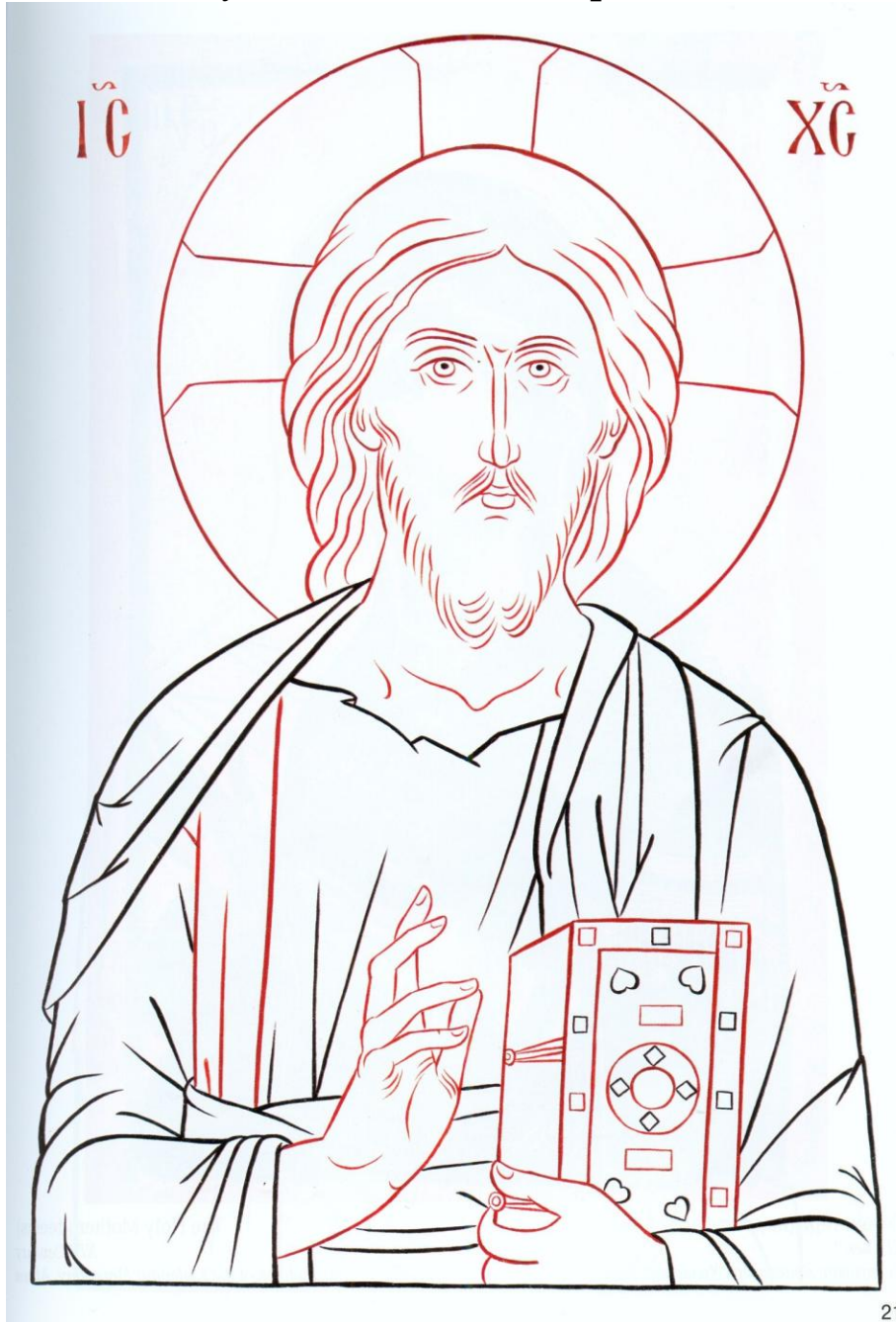


+The Divine Service+

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 7, 2025 | 10:15AM



The Cost of Discipleship

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



The Divine Service

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

Hymn of Invocation | 907 God Himself Is Present

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

*Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.*

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

**Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!**

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.

**I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!**

I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.*

Kyrie



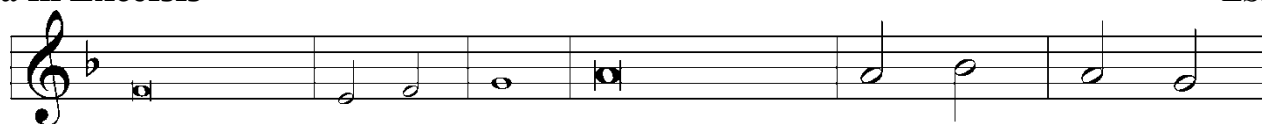
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

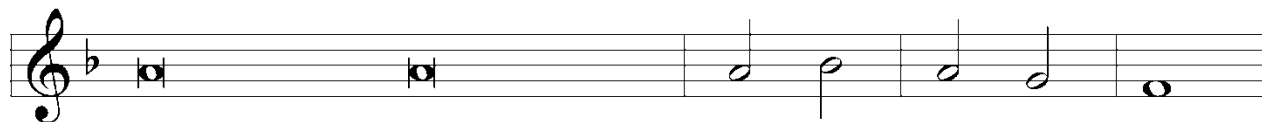
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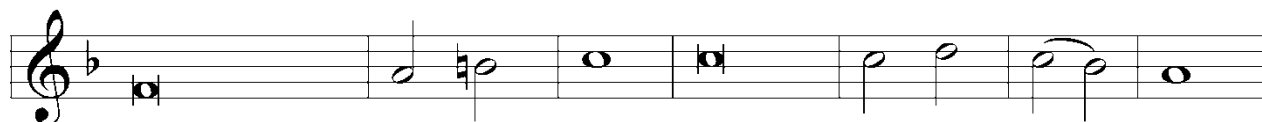
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



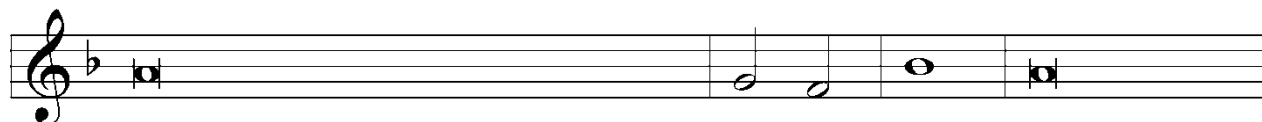
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



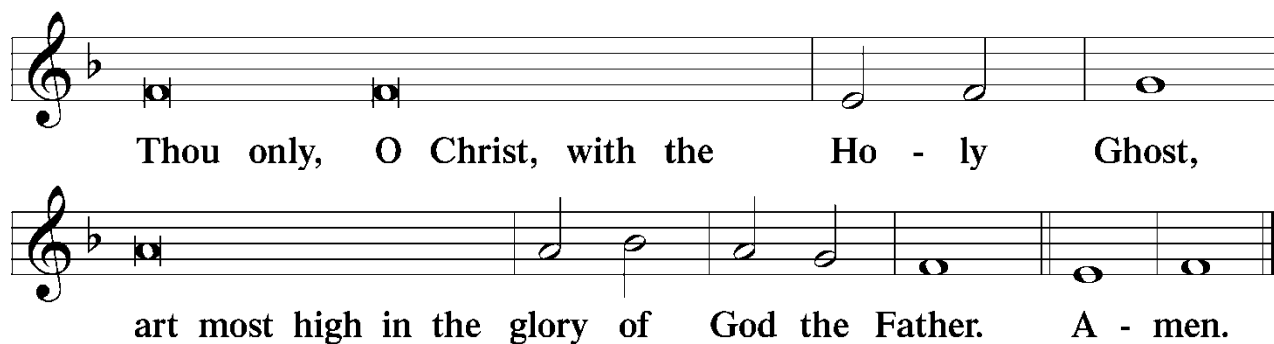
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



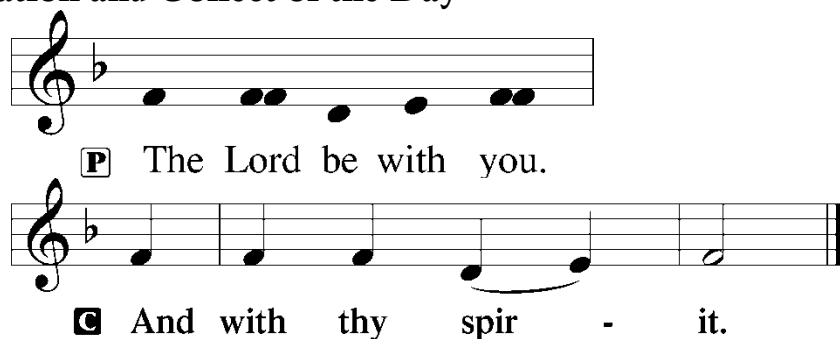
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

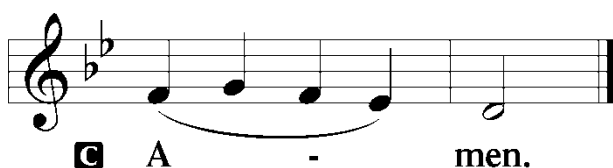


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our
fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your
love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray
that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good
thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from
your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is
required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a
prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I
would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your
behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without
your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own
free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might
have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved
brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has
wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this
with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.
²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than
I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

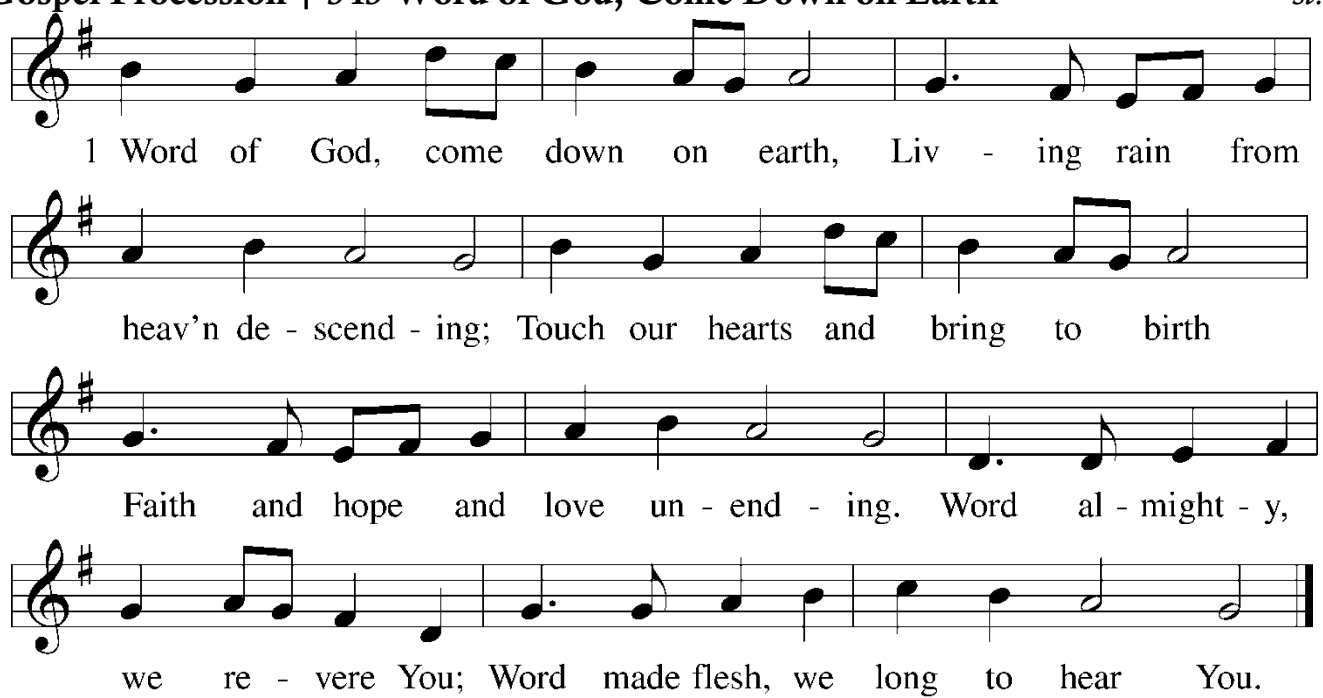
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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Procession | 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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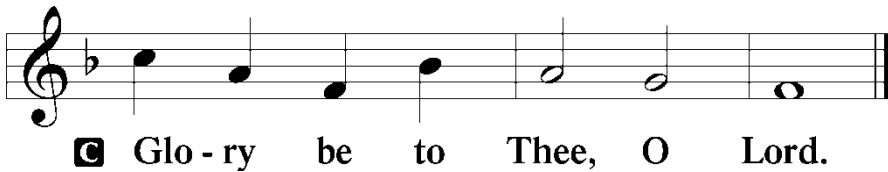


1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

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

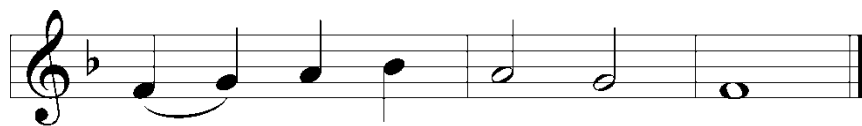


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day | 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

The Sermon

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Offertory

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☐ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



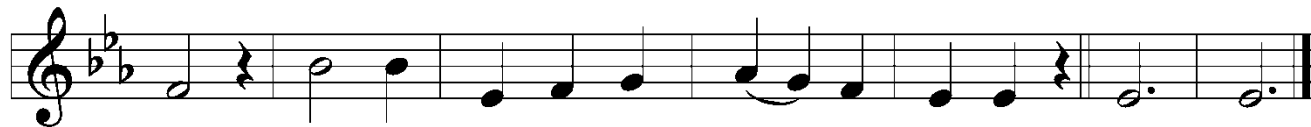
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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.

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The Offering

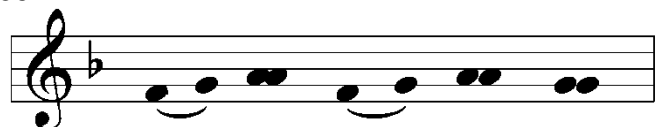
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Prayer of the Church

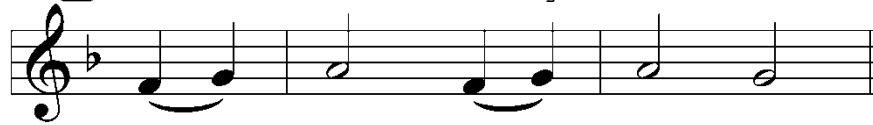
The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



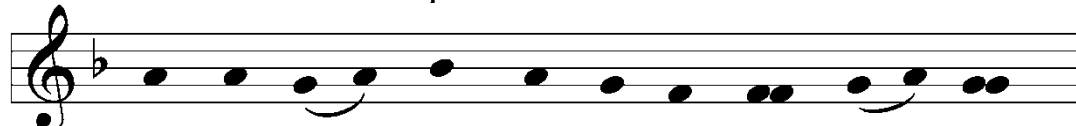
C And with thy spir - it.



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

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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.

Lord's Prayer

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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

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



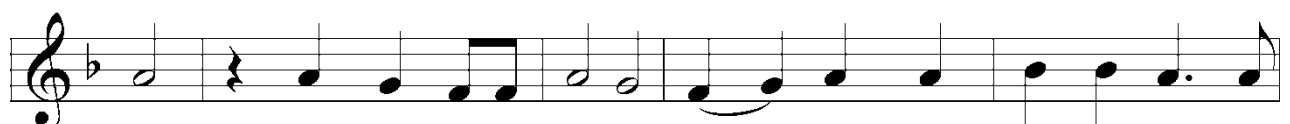
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

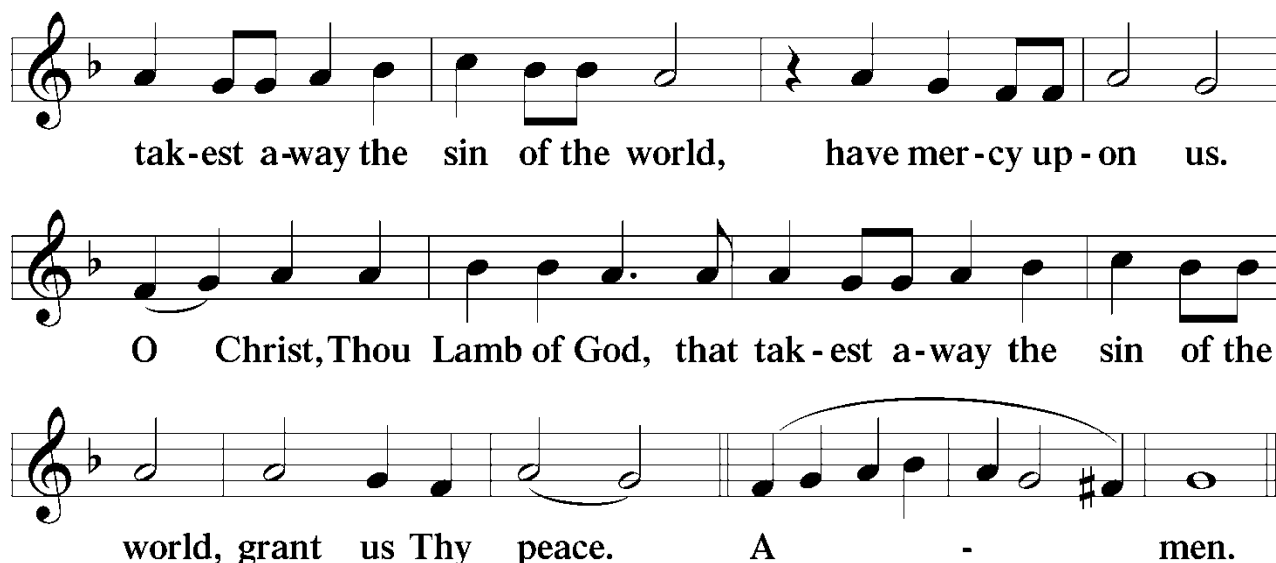
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G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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 | 333 Once He Came in Blessing

Distribution Hymn | 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Distribution Hymn | 745 In God, My Faithful God

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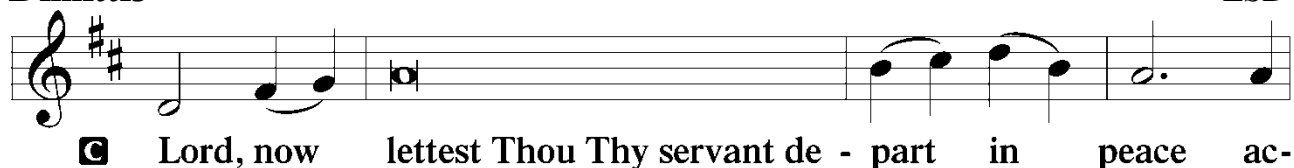
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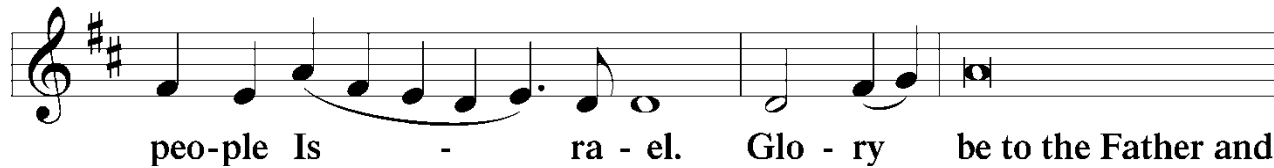
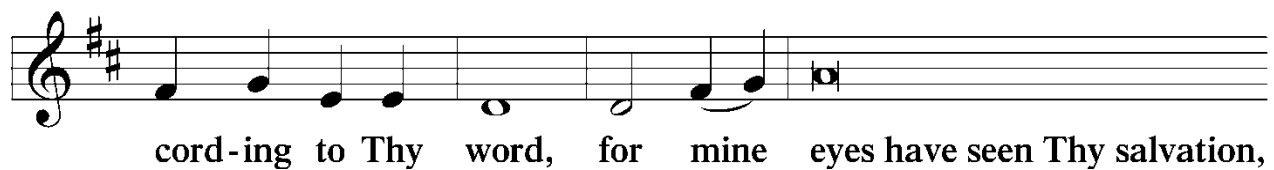
[P] The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

[C] Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

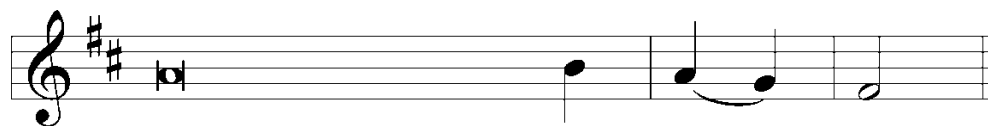
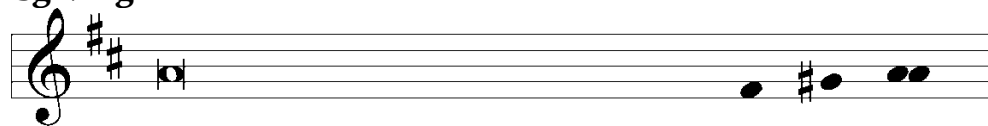
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Thanksgiving

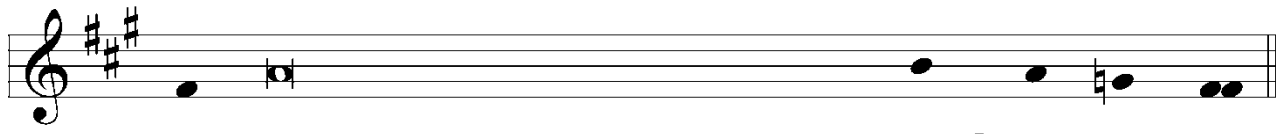
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Post-Communion Collect

- 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.





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



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

Counting the Cost of Discipleship

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 14:25-35

When Jesus calls us to hate family members in today's Gospel, he is calling us to the death of self. What could be more central and essential to a person than one's family? Yet this is what discipleship requires: that we let go of everything dear to us in order to gain Christ.

Sometimes, the greatest gifts of God can become idols when we are tempted to love and serve those things the place of Christ. Family members can become hindrances to discipleship. Say, the family of a believing Christian does not share the believing Christian's faith. Say, the family rejects the believing Christian because of his faith. What should the Christian do? At this point he is presented with a choice: follow his earthly family, or continue to follow Jesus.

Jesus wants us to renounce even family for his sake. In a list of commitments and priorities, Jesus wants his Word to come first. He wants our primary loyalty and allegiance. He wants his Word to be the guiding principle of our lives. He doesn't want anything to separate us from him. He wants us to give up everything for the sake of following him.

The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus counted the cost of discipleship and renounced everything for the sake of our salvation. For our sakes, Jesus let go of his earthly family. He submitted himself perfectly to his Father's will to save us from sin and death. On the cross, Jesus even suffered abandonment from his heavenly Father. Jesus lost his life to gain us.

Now, baptized in Christ, we get a new heavenly family. God is our Father, and Christ is our elder-Brother. In Christ, we get a whole new family of brothers and sisters called the Holy Christian Church. And, when we die with Christ and rise to new life with him, we get our earthly families given back to us in a new and better way than we ever had them before. Now in Christ, we are free to love our family members as Christ loved them: not with an idolatrous and self-serving love, but with a selfless, self-giving love that is borne of the Gospel. In Christ we can be 'salt' to our families. We can encourage them in Christ, preserve them from error, and lead them spiritually with his Word. The only way we can love our families rightly is in Christ. When we idolize our families, we are sure to misuse them. But if Christ is first in our lives, then our loves will be properly ordered and we will be able to serve our families rightly.

Announcements

St. Paul

Back to our regular schedule. Today, we return to two services at 8AM and 10:15AM. Sunday School and Bible Class resumes today. Confirmation for our 6-8th non-Wyneken students begins today and continues weekly. We ask all Wyneken students AND ALL confirmation students to start **marking their attendance** in the narthex on the chart provided.

Confirmation for our non-Wyneken students (6th-8th grade) will be conducted a bit differently this year. **This class will meet during Sunday School hour in Pastor's Study and will be taught by our 2nd year field worker, Ryan Skove.** In years past, this class was taught by Pastor after the second service. This year, the Lutheran Lads Greek Study will meet after second service. Talk to Pastor Yeager if you are interested in studying Greek.

Bible Class and Tuesday Early-Bird Bible Class. For Sunday morning Bible Class at St. Paul, starting September 7, Pastor Yeager will begin a study of the **Book of Judges**. This is not a book many Lutherans are familiar with. So come to expand your knowledge of the Bible. Don't know who Barak is? Ehud? Want to know what the story of Samson is really all about? It's not what you think. Come to Bible Class. Especially those of you who are not in the habit of coming to Bible Class. This study will be well worth your time and in fact it will be more worthwhile than any activity you could otherwise be doing at 9:15AM on a Sunday morning.

Tuesday morning Bible Class is for all association members (Bingen, Preble, and Friedheim) and meets at 9:30AM Tuesday in the St. John, Bingen parish hall. Class have begun. We are studying the Formula of Concord. If you haven't been before, don't be shy. We'd love to have you. A material (the Formula of Concord) will be provided to each attendee.

Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble. When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm. The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble. Learn to speak intelligently and evangelically about the topic of abortion and the sanctity of human life. 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.

Church Directory. After this week's sign-ups, all appointments for Fri-Sat October 10-11 have been taken. **The photo company has graciously agreed to add a third date for pictures, Thursday, October 9th from 2-8:36PM.** Hopefully this will benefit many of you, since many in the congregation could not make a Fri-Sat appointment. You may sign up online at ucdir.com with the login "in2030" and the password "photos " or simply email Pr. Yeager with your preference. Even if you don't like to have your picture taken, we ask that you participate so that we can have a 'full' directory with all our members and families listed. This will help newer members get to know our congregation. There is no cost to you unless you choose to purchase additional photos from the company. Thanks in advance for your help in this endeavor.

Cancelled Stamps - Mites for Missions. Please consider saving stamps for "Mites for Missions." What to do? Trim stamps from the envelope, leaving ¼ inch margin. Place trimmed stamps into a zip lock bag. Place your stamps in the designated basket located at the back of church. *Aluminum Cans.* Pastor and Lynn Brege are collecting aluminum cans for Missions. Please bring your cans (preferably crushed) to 8369 N 300 W and leave them by the barn door. All proceeds will go to local missions. Thanks!

Cat found. Last Sunday a kitten was found on the Church grounds. She was seeking refuge under a bush and was rescued by some helpful members who took her to the vet. The vet determined her leg to be broken and had to amputate. Since three-legged cats' chances of survival in the wild are not high, it is the hope of these helpful members that she be adopted into a good home. Any inquiries may contact Pastor Yeager, who has now written more words about a cat than he ever cared to, but will gladly name it upon request (Quasimodo, Trinity, etc.).

Wyneken

Staff Positions at Wyneken. We are searching for an athletic director for the 2025-6 school year. Any interested parties are welcome to talk to a member of the school board.

Golf Outing—Fundraiser. The Wyneken class of 2027 is hosting a golf outing fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to our nation's capital! We're looking for sponsors to help make this incredible learning experience possible. Whether you're a business owner, golf enthusiast, or just want to support young people's education, your sponsorship would mean the world to these students. <https://bit.ly/2025GolfSponsor> Of course, they are also looking for golfers too! Come and enjoy a day of golfing at Cross Creek on Sunday, September 21. Check in is at 11 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 for a foursome. A pulled pork meal will follow at 5 p.m. If you don't golf but would like to enjoy the meal, you can purchase a meal ticket from any Wyneken 7th grader for \$12. All proceeds goes to Wyneken's Class of 2027's Washington DC trip. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Clemons at 260-706-3213. Thank you for helping the class with their fundraising activities!

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!!! 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.

Hope Clinic. Join us for one of our fundraising banquets **Monday, Sept. 22** at the Mirage or **Tuesday, Sept. 23rd** at First Mennonite, Berne. RSVP by Sept 8 at hopeclinicfundraiser.net or call or text 260-223-6132 or email becky@hopeandanswers.com.

The Friends of Wyneken will host a Germanfest at the historic Wyneken House on **Saturday, September 27, from 5:30-9:00 PM.** There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, music by the duo String Theory, and plenty of *gemutlichkeit*. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call or text (260) 437-0420 for information or to reserve tickets. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

Martini Hog Roast is BACK!! September 27th, 2025!! Doors open at 4:30pm with dinners being served from 5:00-6:30pm. Silent auction and other activities will end at 7:00pm with the event ending at 7:30pm. Online ticket sales are now LIVE on the Martini Lutheran Church website. Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under are free. Scan QR code on poster in narthex to purchase tickets or call Sara Martini 260-749-0014.

Fall Banquet: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana will be October 14, 2025 at the Memorial Coliseum!!! We are excited to share our keynote speaker with our eight counties! **Kirk Cameron**, well known actor and author. He is known by millions as "Mike Seaver" from the 1980's hit sit-com, "Growing Pains." Kirk is also known for his family-focused films, "Fireproof" and recent film, "Life Mark." Last year we were blessed to have 3000 attendees for our banquet, which made the banquet a record-breaking event for the United States!!! This year we are hoping to break the record with having 3200 attendees. We are hoping you are able to join us to share in this amazing event! Here is the link with more information: <https://ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/fallbanquet>. We are thankful for your continued support for our mission to protect LIFE from conception to natural death through education, advocacy and public policy.

40 Days for Life takes place September 24-November 2. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of his plan for the end of abortion. Sign up to spend time in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood by calling 260-471-1849 or visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/fortwayne.

Singing With The Saints Hymn Festival: Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m. You are invited to join us at Zion Friedheim for an afternoon of singing and fellowship. We are currently planning to include a Festival Adult Choir (high school and older), a Festival Children's Choir (2nd grade-8th grade, unchanged voices), and instrumentalists. **You do not need to be members of Zion Friedheim in order to participate!** Text Allison Ulmer at 361-236-5507 or fill out this short google form <https://forms.gle/925uVAhhsPHhuZDF8> **no later than August 20** if you or your children are potentially interested in participating. Rehearsals will start after Labor Day and will be scheduled based upon the information from the form.

Sing in the Seminary Choir. CTS invites signers from area congregations to participate in the Good Shepherd Institute hymn festival this November. This year's hymn festival is **Monday, November 10, at 7:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St.** There are several practices in October at St. Paul's. If interested in further details, Pastor Yeager has details a full letter for anyone interested. Talk to him today.

Prayer of the Church

+**Sick and Recovering:** Pendency Selking.

+**Our teachers:** Mrs. Nicole Puteet, staff, students, and childcare.

+**Expectant mothers:** Halei Faurote; Taylor Selking; Maddie McCullough.

+**The Homebound:** Lorna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Gene Bulmahn (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Golden Years, Fort Wayne); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton, Indiana).

+**Birthdays 9/8-9/14.** Greg Gallmeyer, Scott Marbach, Ted Buuck, Sue Buuck, Kris Nussbaum, Gavin Pearson, Sydney Keane, Hilton Blum.

Acolytes

8AM Jordan Miller

10:15AM Chase Baker

Attendance

Wednesday, August 27

25

Sunday, August 31

155

Stewardship for 8/24/25

Offering: \$5,467.51

Online Offering: \$976.21

Total for the week: \$6,443.72

vs. weekly goal: -\$4,207.49

vs. Year to Date: -\$85,394.68

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 7

8AM Matins, 13th Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

9:15AM Bible Class, Sunday School, Confirmation

10:15AM Divine Service, 13th Sun. Pentecost—D.S.

11:30AM Brief Confirmation pre-meeting

11:30AM Lutheran Lads Greek Study

Wednesday, September 10

7PM Vespers

Sunday, September 14

8AM The Festival of the Holy Cross—D.S.

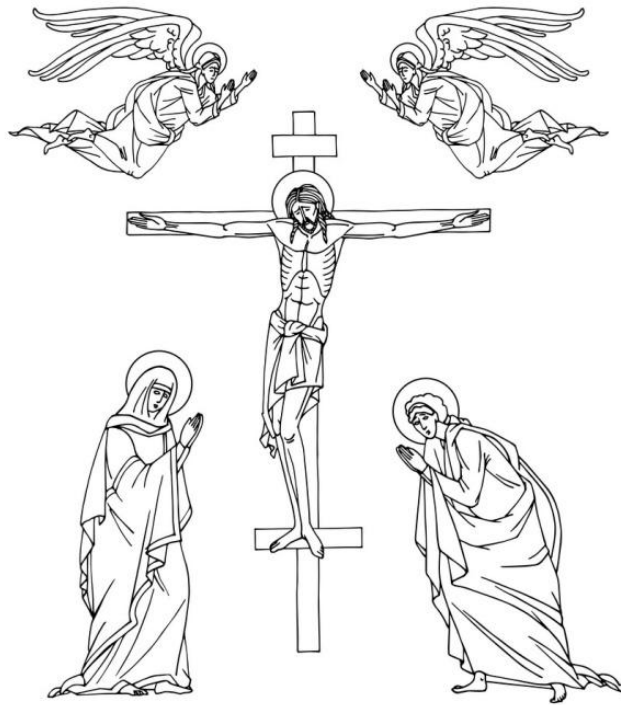
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ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee
forever and ever. Amen.



*The Anima Christi is a Communion prayer dated to the 14th Century.
It is commonly prayed before or after receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Blessed
Sacrament.*