

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity
October 5, 2025



Opening Prayer

712 Seek Ye First (Children's Hymn)

Invocation

Stand

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5

Gloria Patri



C 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.

Kyrie

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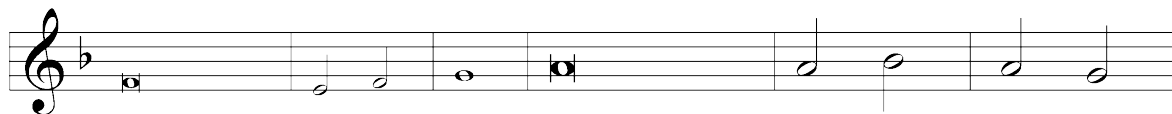
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

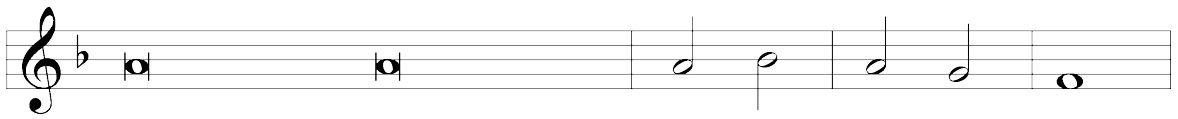
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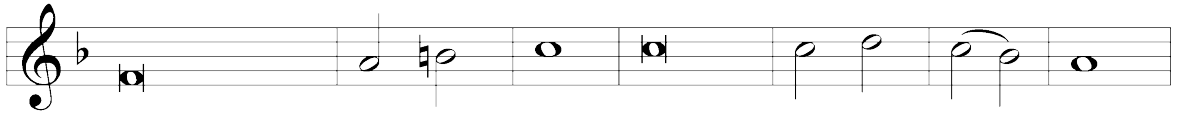
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



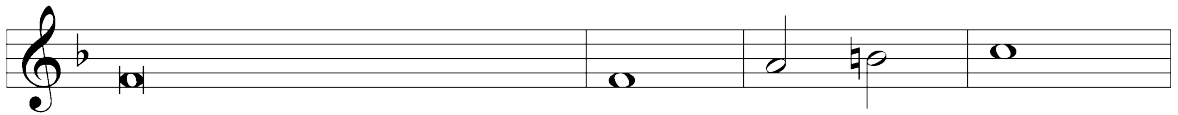
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



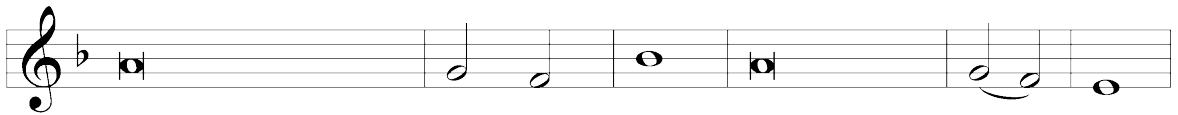
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



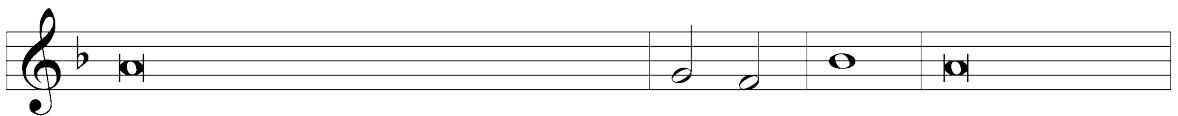
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C A - men.

Sit

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 30; antiphon: v. 5b

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

³O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol,*
**you restored me to life from among those who go down
| to the pit.**

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
**Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the | morning.**

⁶As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,*
“I shall nev- | er be moved.”

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain | stand strong,*
you hid your face; I | was dismayed.

⁸To you, O | LORD, I cry,*
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your | faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!*

O LORD, be my | helper!”

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*

you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with | gladness,

¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you,
which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom
every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the
riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in
love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is
the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love
of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all
the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

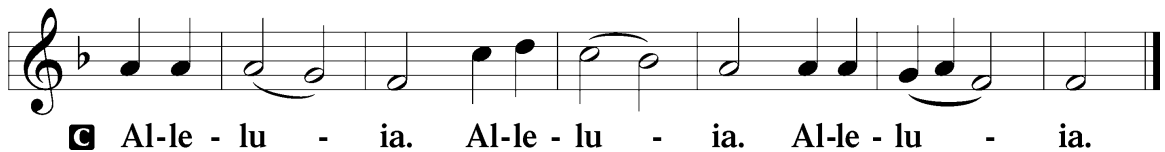
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C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

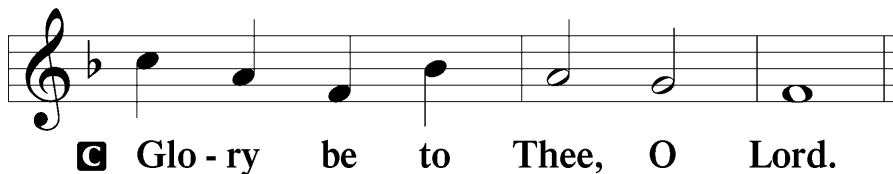
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Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

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



¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the

gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon - God Has Given You Back

1. His Son

2. Your Life

3. One Another

Sermon Review Questions/Notes

1. What did the Widow of Zarepheth think was the reason for her son's death?
2. What was God's reason?
3. How do these dead sons point to who Jesus is?
4. Why does God allow suffering to come to us?
5. Why are we still here in this world?
6. What should our attitude be toward the day of our own death?

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

C Amen.

Stand

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.

Sit

Offering (Collected By the Door)

Prayer of the Church

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

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 unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...

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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Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

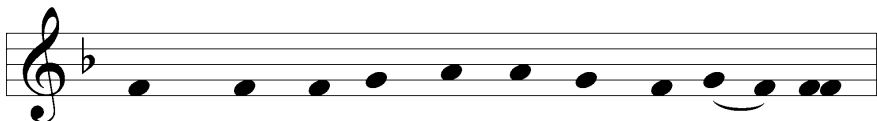
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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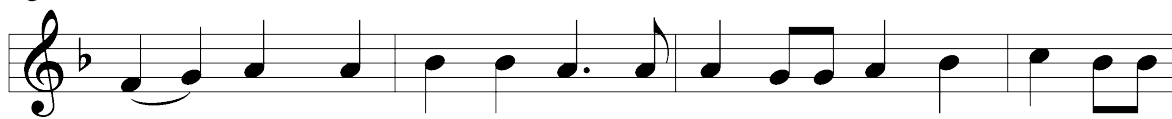
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

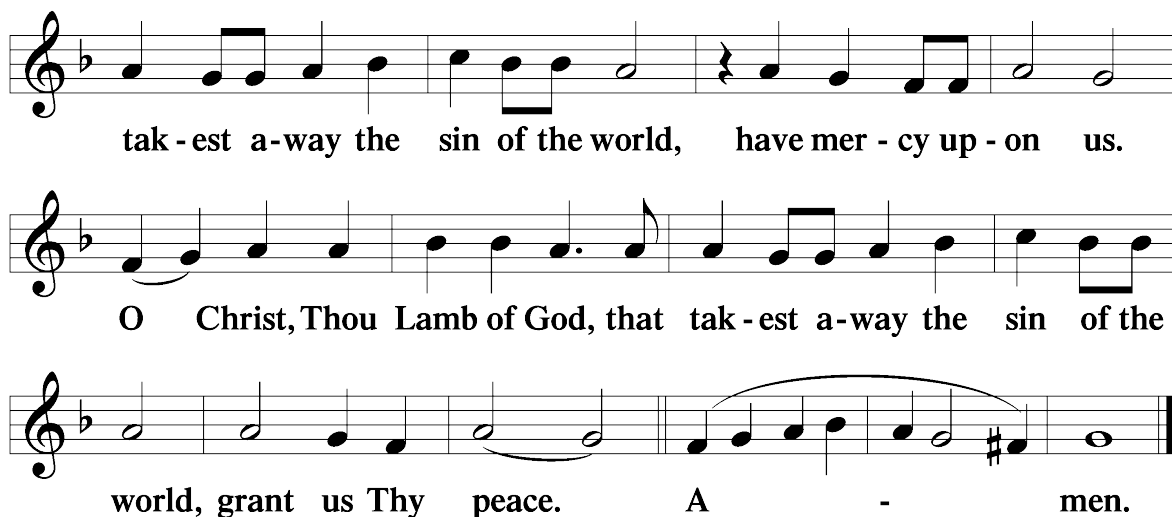
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



Sit

A note about our communion practice for our visitors. Because Jesus teaches us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an expression of fellowship and unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17) and that those who receive the Lord's Supper must first examine themselves lest they receive the sacrament to their harm instead of their blessing (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we continue the ancient Church's practice of close communion: that is, we invite all those in fellowship with us in our congregation or in one of the member congregations of the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) to commune with us. If you are not currently in our fellowship, we ask that you do not commune today. This is not a judgment on your faith but an expression of ours! We are glad to have you here and pastor will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Distribution Hymn - 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

sts. 1–2

Distribution Hymn (if needed) 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

sts. 5–8

Stand

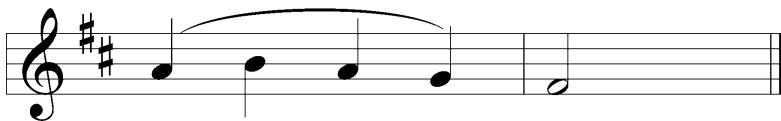
Post Communion Thanksgiving - 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

st. 3

3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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P 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.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benediction

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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.



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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today **9:00 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School**
9/28/25 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
 11:15 a.m. Council Meeting

Thursday 4:00 p.m. Catechism class.

10/7-10/9 Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in Spokane. Pastor Ude and Pastor and Barb Gullerud are planning to attend.

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis of ILC, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church,

Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Catechism Memory Work

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Bible Stories To Read (Or listen to) At Home:

1. Genesis 6-7 - The Story Bible Pages 36-39
2. Genesis 8-9— The Story Bible Pages 41-42
3. Genesis 11 - The Tower of Babel (Not in Story Bible)
4. Genesis 12 - The Story Bible Pages 43-46
5. Genesis 13-14 - The Story Bible Pages 47-50

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