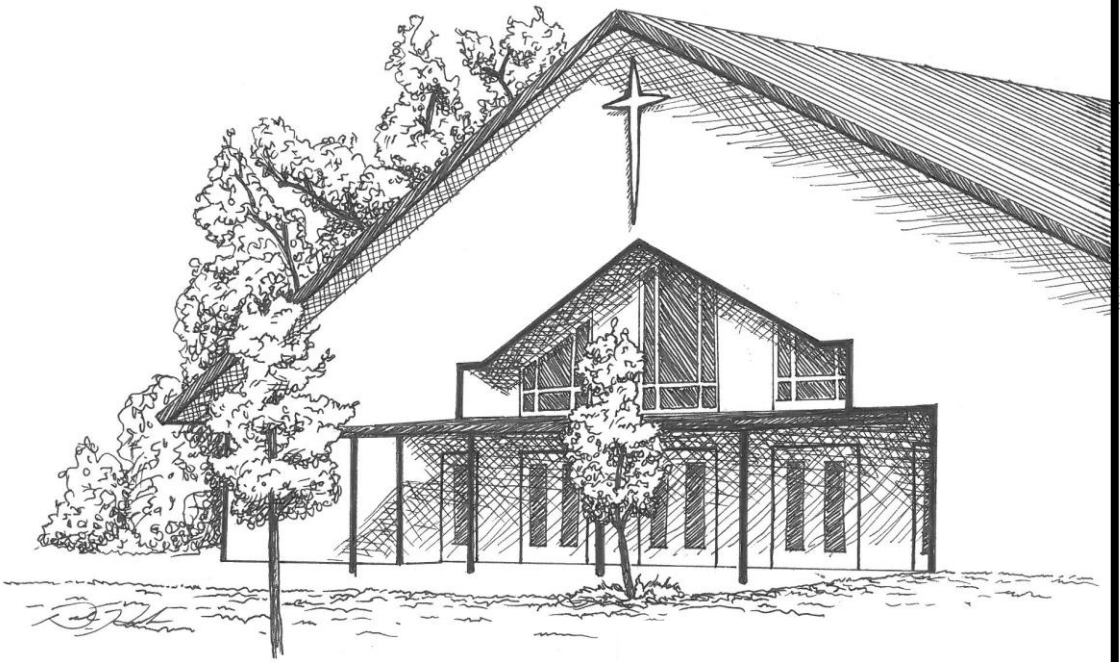


# Celebration Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



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Take this bulletin home and use it for prayer,  
Scripture reading, and encouragement throughout the week.

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# Welcome to Celebration Lutheran Church

You have entered a holy place where Christ serves His people. In the Divine Service, He forgives sins, feeds the faithful, and strengthens His Church through Word and Sacrament. He does this to prepare us to live by faith, love our neighbor, and bear witness in the world.

Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, a visitor, or new to the faith, **we are glad you are here.** May you receive His mercy, His promises, and His peace.

## What to Know Before Receiving the Lord's Supper

### Our Communion Statement

We believe, teach, and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. His body and blood are given in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, just as He says: "This is My body... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–28).

In faithfulness to God's Word and in care for all who commune, we practice closed communion. All who are baptized, instructed, and confirmed members of this congregation or of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are welcome to receive the Sacrament. In receiving the Lord's Supper, we not only receive Christ's gifts but also confess a shared faith.

Communion is not a general Christian right. It is an invitation to the holy banquet, and our Lord calls us to be prepared, clothed in faith and understanding. Scripture warns, "Whoever eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:29).

Those not communing today may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms. Before communing, Luther's Small Catechism encourages each Christian to ask:

Do I believe I am a sinner?

Do I believe in Christ and His words in the Sacrament?

Do I intend, with God's help, to turn from sin?

If you have questions, Pastor Keinbaum or one of the Elders would be glad to speak with you.

# Preparing for the Divine Service

Before the Service – Speak to God.

During the Service – Let God speak to you.

After the Service – Speak to one another.

Please enter the sanctuary quietly and prayerfully, allowing others time for reflection. We ask that all electronic devices be silenced before the Service begins.

“Let all the earth keep silence before Him.” (Habakkuk 2:20)

## Prayer before the Service

Almighty and eternal God, I, a poor, unworthy sinner, come before You in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that You would graciously prepare my heart by Your Holy Spirit, that I may rightly hear Your Word, receive Your grace, and offer You praise and thanksgiving. strengthen my faith and lead me in holiness of life, that I may serve You in joy, now and forever. Amen.

## Reading Summary

What the Word Is About This Week

### ***Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer***

*“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5).*

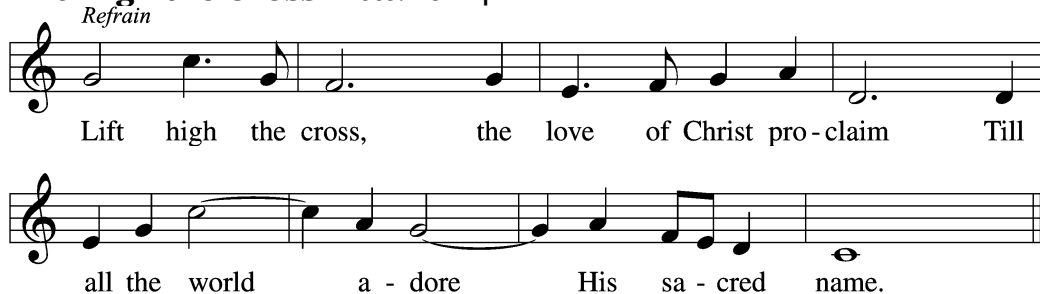
Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving *“justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night”* (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they *“have learned and have firmly believed”* (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of *“the sacred writings”* (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to *“preach the word”* at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

## Processional Hymn

### Lift High the Cross sts. ref-4

LSB 837

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*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**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!  
Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,  
and a foolish people reviles your name.  
Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;  
do not forget the life of your poor forever.  
Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;  
let the poor and needy praise your name.  
Have regard for the covenant;  
arise, O God, defend your cause.  
Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



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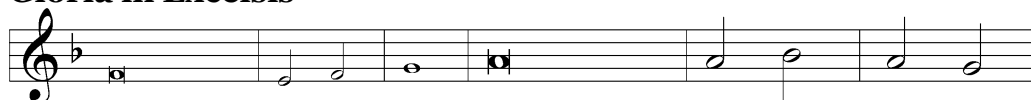
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



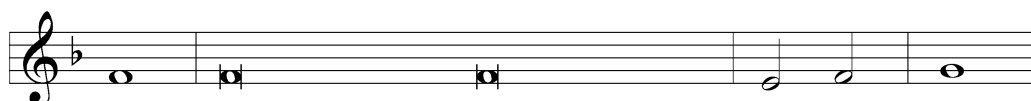
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

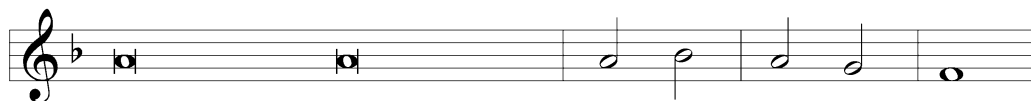
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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



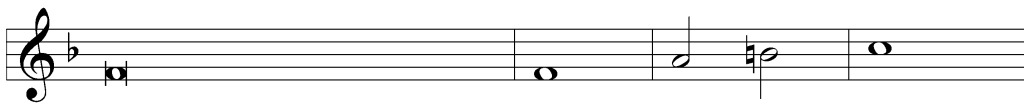
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



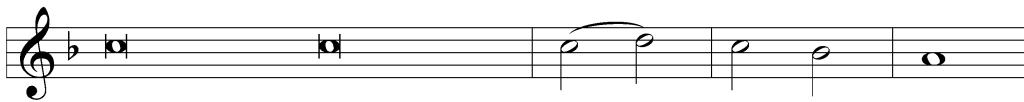
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



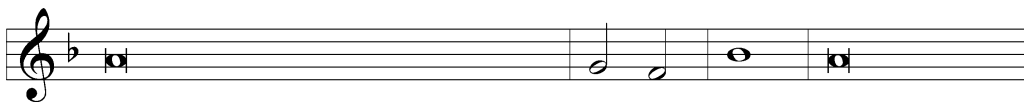
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



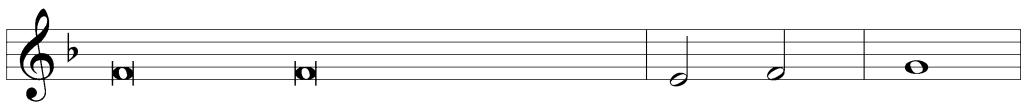
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

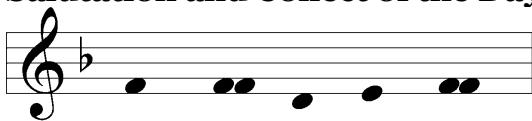


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

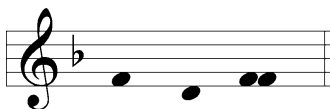
## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

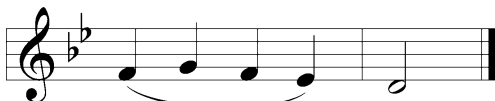


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

LSB 190



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

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



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

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

O God of Light

LSB 836



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

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## Sermon

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.

**Offering**

*Exultate, Jubilate  
 Celebration Choir*

*Brian Lewis*

*Exultate, jubilate Deo!  
 Rejoice, Sing joyfully to God!  
 Omnes Terra, Alleluia!  
 All the Earth, sing Alleluia!  
 Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
 We praise You, we bless You,  
 Adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
 We worship You, we glorify You.*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of God's Word, just as Jacob wrestled with the Lord and would not depart without a blessing; and for patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For a fervent desire for the truth of God's Word among His people, that pastors may preach and teach the Word with patience, sober-mindedness and faithfulness; and that listeners may be made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For husbands and wives, that they might live in faithfulness to each other; for all mothers with child; for all children; and for those who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we would be delivered from evil; and for the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith and repentance, that we may receive the blessed food of Christ's body and blood and be brought into the Holy Communion to bear fruit in lives of holiness, righteousness and service, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



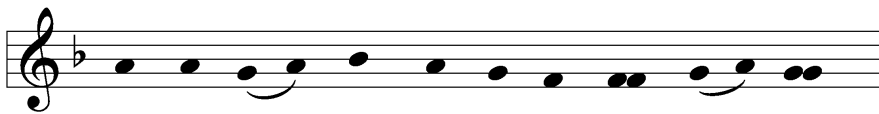
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

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

## The Words of Our Lord

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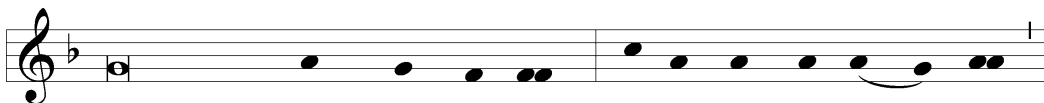
**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



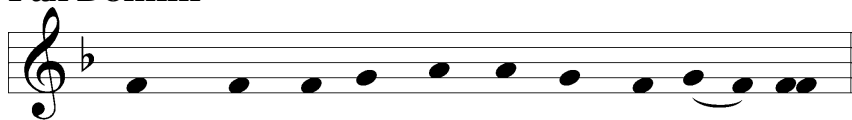
My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

LSB 197



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



**G** A - men.

## **Agnus Dei**

LSB 198



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  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## Distribution

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619

1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,

Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy

strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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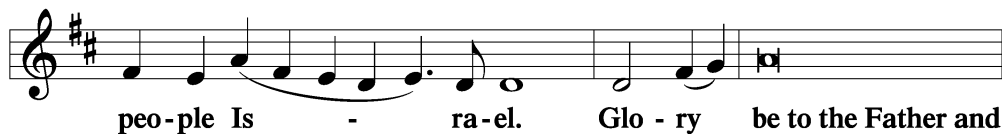
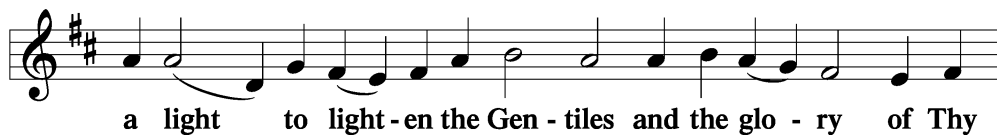
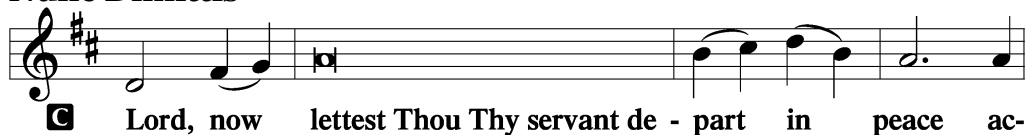
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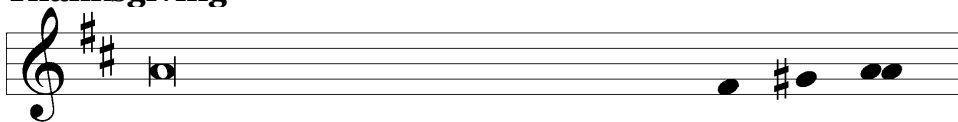
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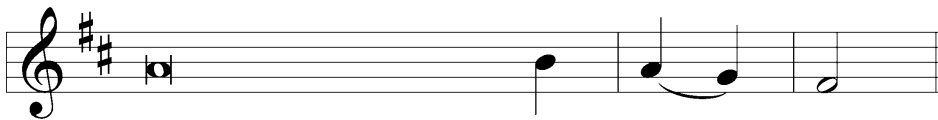


## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**P** A - men.



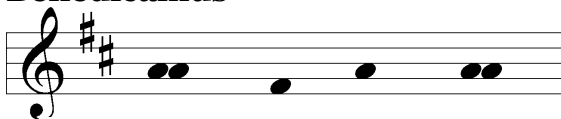
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

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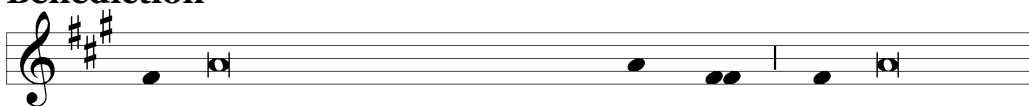
**P** Bless we the Lord.



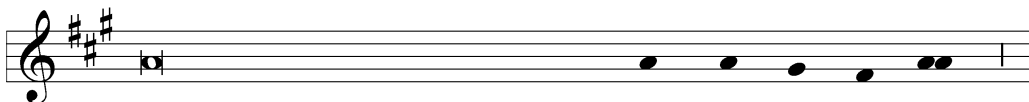
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

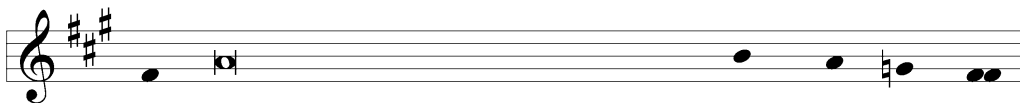
LSB 202



**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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## PRAYING FOR THOSE IN NEED

In the Divine Service today, we lift up those in need of healing, comfort, strength, and peace. If you would like someone to be named in the Prayer of the Church during the Service, or if you need private prayer, please speak with Pastor Keinbaum or one of the Elders.

“Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

## FROM THE TREASURER

Monthly Offering Goal – October 5, 2025  
Goal Progress: 32%



Thank you for your faithful and generous giving. Your offerings support the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments, the care of souls, and the ongoing work of the Church here at Celebration Lutheran.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

## LIFE TOGETHER AT CELEBRATION



**OKTOBERFEST TODAY!** Join us for a joyful and faith-filled Oktoberfest Celebration in true Lutheran tradition! This family-friendly event brings our congregation together to enjoy community and connection in a time to celebrate God's blessings. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we welcome you to raise a stein, savor tasty food, and celebrate the harvest season with joy and gratitude.

**CHRIST'S CUPBOARD PANTRY:** We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our loyal congregation members that have graciously been donating their time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and for the countless community members that continue to donate food items, and financial contributions. This ministry continues to bless families in our local community every week!

**APOLOGETICS STUDY** will not meet today, so the youth can enjoy the Oktoberfest luncheon.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

**CELEBRATION CHOIR:** The choir needs additional members in order to offer our contribution to Sunday Services. Please consider making a **ONE HOUR** commitment on Wednesday night from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** A new Women's Bible Study **will start on October 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The first study will be *Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph*, led by Debra Weier. All women in the congregation and community are invited. If anyone needs transportation, please call Debra, 561-339-1312.

**SEASON OF HARVEST CELEBRATION:** Celebrate the Season at Harvest of Grace! Join us on Sunday, October 26 from 3:00-6:00 for a joyful afternoon filled with fellowship and fall fun as we embrace the beauty of the season and the boundless grace of God. Harvest of Grace isn't just a festival—it's a heartwarming celebration of faith, friendship, and the vibrant spirit of community, open to all ages.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. We are reading *In Farleigh Field* by Rhys Bowen.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Middle Schoolers are invited to the Florida/Georgia Youth Gathering, November 7th-9th. See Hillary, or email: [youth@celebrationlutheran.org](mailto:youth@celebrationlutheran.org), if your child is interested in attending, or if you are interested in serving as a chaperone!



**HAVE YOU ADDED THE APP?** See Jeff Hughes if you need help finding the app. Once you download the app, you must log in and create an account to make sure you stay up to date with the latest announcements and events.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

|    |              |                                                      |
|----|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 | 9:00 am      | Bible Study led by Pastor Keinbaum                   |
|    | 9:45 am      | Coffee & Service Preparation                         |
|    | 10:15 am     | Divine Service                                       |
|    | 11:15 am     | Fellowship                                           |
|    | 11:30 am     | Lay Programs                                         |
| 19 | 11:30 am     | Oktoberfest Luncheon                                 |
| 21 | 9:00 am      | Christ's Cupboard Preparation (Volunteers Welcome!)  |
| 22 | 8:00 am      | Christ's Cupboard Distribution (Volunteers Welcome!) |
| 22 | 3:30-5:30 pm | Pastor Keinbaum's Office Hours                       |
| 22 | 6:30 pm      | New Members Class                                    |
| 22 | 7:00 pm      | Choir Rehearsal                                      |
| 23 | 6:30 pm      | AA Meeting                                           |
| 25 | 7:30 am      | AA Meeting                                           |

To see the full calendar scan the QR code.



## DEVOTION

### On What Has Now Been Sown

“On what has now been sown, Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow’r is Thine alone, To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise! “O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus, When Thou and Thine appear, [...]

“On what has now been sown, Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow’r is Thine alone, To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

“O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus, When Thou and Thine appear, And follow Thee to heav’n, our home. E’en so, Amen, Lord Jesus come!

Jesus often used stories of the soil—of seeds and fruit, planting and harvesting—to teach His lessons about the kingdom of God. In His parable of the sower, a farmer scatters seed over a path, on rocks, among thorns and in good soil, where the seed grows and bear fruit. As Jesus explains to His disciples, the seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents those who hear the Word.

Whenever we gather for worship, the seed of the Word is scattered among us as we hear the Scripture lessons and listen to the Word as it is taught in the sermon. The seed may be scattered out of hymns that celebrate the story of our salvation. We hear the words of our Lord in His holy Supper. We are the soil on which the seeds fall.

Our hymn is a prayer, asking God to bless the seed of the Word that was planted in worship, a prayer that He might graciously “make it sprout and grow” and raise a harvest to eternal life. As the apostle Paul explains, different individuals—for example, pastors and teachers—will plant and nurture the seed, but it is “only God who gives the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:7b). In the soil of hearts made receptive by the Holy Spirit, the seed of the Word thrives and bears fruit.

All of this seed-scattering, planting, and growth happens because one single Seed, a grain of wheat, fell to earth and died so that it might bear fruit. This is how Jesus spoke of His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead as the first-fruits of the harvest of life and resurrection to come (see John 12:23-24; 1 Corinthians 15:23).

As soil made receptive by the power of the Spirit, we have been born again, “not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God” (1 Peter 1:23b). Rooted deeply in Christ Jesus, we grow and thrive. Joined to our true Vine, we bear the fruit of love and service that brings glory to God.

In our hymn we pray that all who received the seed of the Word in our worship will meet together again at the final harvest, when Jesus returns to gather us to Himself. Until that day we pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to send His workers—such as pastors, teachers, and missionaries—into the ripening fields. Come, Lord Jesus!

**THE PRAYER:** Lord of the harvest, bless the teaching and hearing of Your Word. By the power of Your Spirit, cause the seed of the Word to bear in our lives the fruit of love and service. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler. It is based on the hymn, “On What Has Now Been Sown,” which is found on page 921 of the Lutheran Service Book.

**NOTES**

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Take this bulletin home and use it for prayer, Scripture reading, and encouragement.





# BIBLE TRIVIA

## MULTIPLE CHOICES QUIZ

1. **Who led the Israelites across the Red Sea?**  
a) Moses    b) Joshua    c) Aaron    d) Abraham
2. **What was the name of the city where Jesus was born?**  
a) Jerusalem    b) Nazareth    c) Bethlehem    d) Jericho
3. **Which of the following is not one of the four Gospels in the New Testament?**  
a) Matthew    b) Acts    c) Mark    d) Luke
4. **What is the last book of the New Testament?**  
a) Revelation    b) Romans    c) Genesis    d) Ephesians
5. **Who was sold into slavery by his brothers but later became a powerful leader in Egypt?**  
a) Joseph    b) Jacob    c) Isaac    d) Esau
6. **What did God create on the seventh day, making it a day of rest?**  
a) Light    b) Animals    c) Plants    d) Nothing
7. **Which prophet was known for his patience and endurance through various trials?**  
a) Jeremiah    b) Daniel    c) Job    d) Ezekiel
8. **Who was the mother of Samuel, the prophet and last judge of Israel?**  
a) Deborah    b) Sarah    c) Hannah    d) Ruth
9. **In the story of David and Goliath, how many smooth stones did David take to defeat Goliath?**  
a) 1    b) 3    c) 5    d) 7
10. **What is the first book of the Old Testament?**  
a) Exodus    b) Leviticus    c) Genesis    d) Deuteronomy

