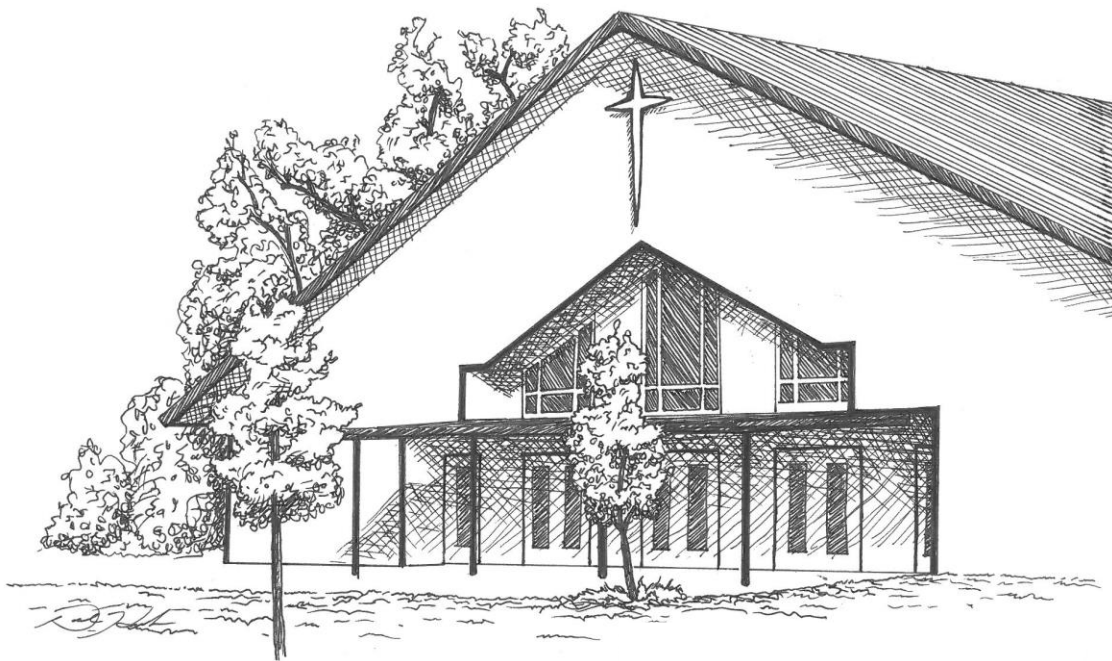


Celebration Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025

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

The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

“The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25–26).

Divine Service Setting One

Processional Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.
The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

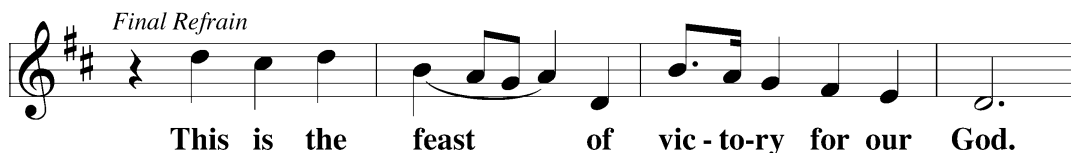
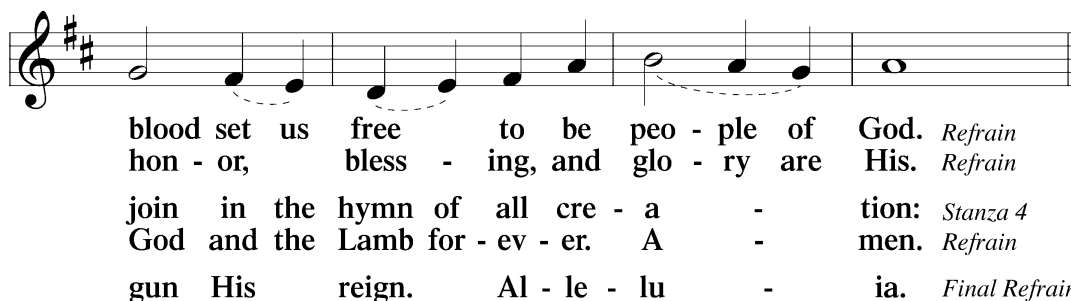
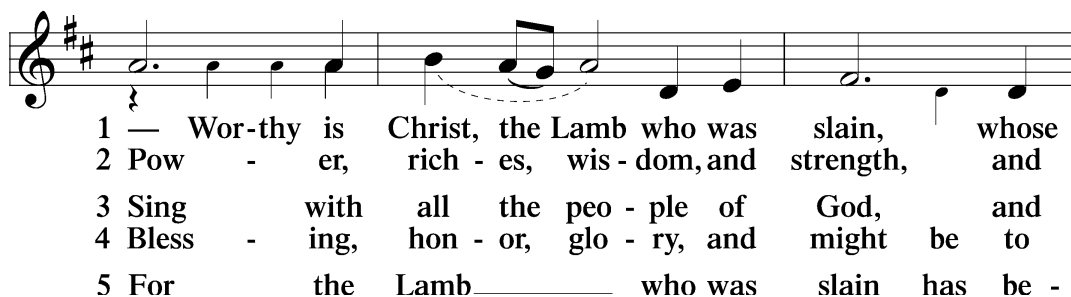
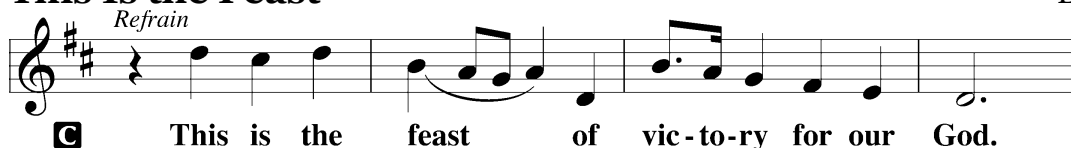
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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 18:1–14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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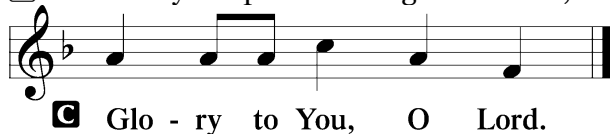


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42


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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

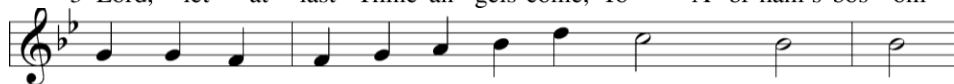
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1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and

3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth

all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,

bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were

grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy

in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my

lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false

peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.

doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.

death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious

Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my

O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and

cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and

and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.

tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the saints here in Christ, that they may be presented to the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and those studying to be pastors, all deaconesses, missionaries, translators, teachers and those who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the young people of the LCMS as they join the youth gathering in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who make, judge and administer our laws, that they may know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, and those we now silently name in our hearts, that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who join in the Supper of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may treasure this precious gift as the good portion that is above all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **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).

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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

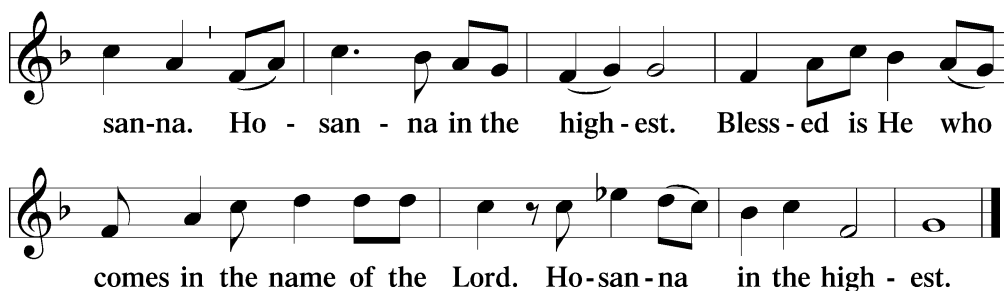
LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

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



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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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

sts. 1-4, 8

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
 △ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pier - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



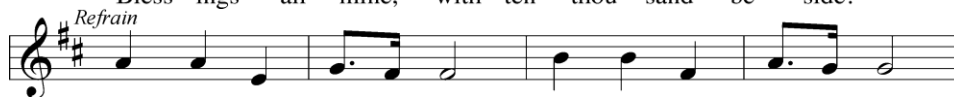
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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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 are in need of 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 – July
Goal Progress: 49%



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

We’ve Officially Launched!

Praise God—our new digital platforms are **live!** You can now stay connected through our mobile app, website, and TV app. Stream worship services, give your offerings, sign up for ministry events, and grow in faith—all in one place.



*Dive in by searching for **Celebration Lutheran Church** in your App Store or Google Play Store. We rejoice in this new chapter, trusting that these tools will help us walk together in Christ’s love and share His light with the world.*

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Keinbaum will be on vacation from July 21 through July 28. He will not be reachable by phone, text, or email during that time. If anyone needs assistance, please contact one of the elders.

Prayers for Pastor

Pastor Keinbaum has officially received the Call from the congregation. He is honored and thankful to be considered , and is prayerfully reflecting on it.

Children's Bible School

There will be a Bible School session today. We look forward to seeing everyone back!! Volunteers are needed to serve in this growing ministry. Please see Ellie Brand.

Altar Guild is seeking a few volunteers to assist in this special ministry. Members prepare the Communion elements each week for service, and prepare the Altar area banners and flowers on an on-going basis. Please see Leslie Shumacher.

Christ's Cupboard in is Need! Christ's Cupboard, our ministry to those in need of food staples, has a need for the following items:

- All canned vegetables and fruits
- Instant and canned potatoes
- RTE/large and small soups
- All types pasta and spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Mac 'n Cheese
- White rice, any beans
- Dinty Moore stew
- Cake mixes
- Canned frosting

A donation bin is set outside the office door, and is checked regularly. If donating food that needs refrigeration, please contact Lynn Ramsey at 904-514-5621.

VOLUNTEERS! As our congregation continues to grow, several of our ministries are being managed by one or two volunteers. We need to provide alternates for these faithful servants. If you are looking for a place to serve, please see an Elder or Kenny Lovelady to lend a hand. There are many different areas in which you can serve!

What if 45 minutes could deepen your faith?

Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

Service Bulletin

Please take the Service bulletin home. It is a great tool to reflect and be fed by the Word of God throughout the week. It is prepared with care and attention to help you remain rooted in the Word, even after Sunday.

Quarterly Financial Statements: Available upon request. Please email our treasurer, Emily Anderson, at treasurer@celebrationlutheran.org or call the church office if you would like a copy.

July Calendar

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| 20 | 9:00 am | Bible Study led by Pastor Kienbaum |
| | 9:45 am | Coffee & Preparation |
| | 10:15 am | Divine Service |
| | 11:15 am | Fellowship |
| | 11:30 am | Lay Programs and Sunday School |
| 22 | 9:00 am | Christ's Cupboard Preparation (Volunteers Welcome!) |
| 23 | 8:00 am | Christ's Cupboard Distribution Volunteers Welcome!) |
| 24 | 6:30 pm | AA Meeting |
| 25 | 8:00 am | Men's Bible Study at First Watch |
| 26 | 7:30 am | AA Meeting |



Want to see the full calendar? Scan the QR code:

Devotion

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

“May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

“Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase, Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.”

Our hymn speaks of “the law of Christian love.” In our culture today, love and law are words that are not often associated. Love may be understood as license, permission to live according to one’s desires, even if those desires are contrary to the Law of God. In contrast to that point of view, our hope and desire as Christians is to do the will of our Heavenly Father. We love Him and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we want to obey His commands.

In Holy Scripture, the commandments, or precepts, of God are summarized according to the word “love.” Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God with all of one’s heart and soul and mind. The next greatest commandment, Jesus said, is to love your neighbor as you love yourself (see Matthew 22:37-40). The apostle Paul summed it up this way: “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the Law” (Romans 13:10). On the night before He died, Jesus washed His disciples’ feet in an act of love and service. Then the Lord spoke of love and a new law, telling His disciples, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (John 13:34).

The law of Christian love is a law of self-sacrifice, the giving of self in service to others just as Jesus gave Himself for us. According to this law of Christian love we seek to serve others and, in doing so, carry out our Heavenly Father’s will “as angels do above.” It is a law of love expressed in the fellowship we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Such love in our lives is a reflection of the love and grace of our Heavenly Father, who loved the world and sent His Son to be our Savior. As we follow the law of Christian love, we seek to walk in the way of love that Jesus walked as, obedient to His Father’s will, He sacrificed His own life to save us.

The Holy Spirit unites our hearts in Christ Jesus and leads us to live within a fellowship of love. The Spirit gives us the courage to trust in our loving God, to live according to His law of love and finally, secure in His eternal love “in joyful hope to die.”

WE PRAY: Lord Jesus, help me to live according to Your law of love. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler. It is based on the hymn, “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill,” which is number 698 in the *Lutheran Service Book*

Reflection Questions:

1. Who in your life is a great example of a person who loves?
2. How is Jesus’ commandment to love one another a *new* one?
3. When loving others is difficult for you, how does Jesus’ example inspire you to do better?

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

