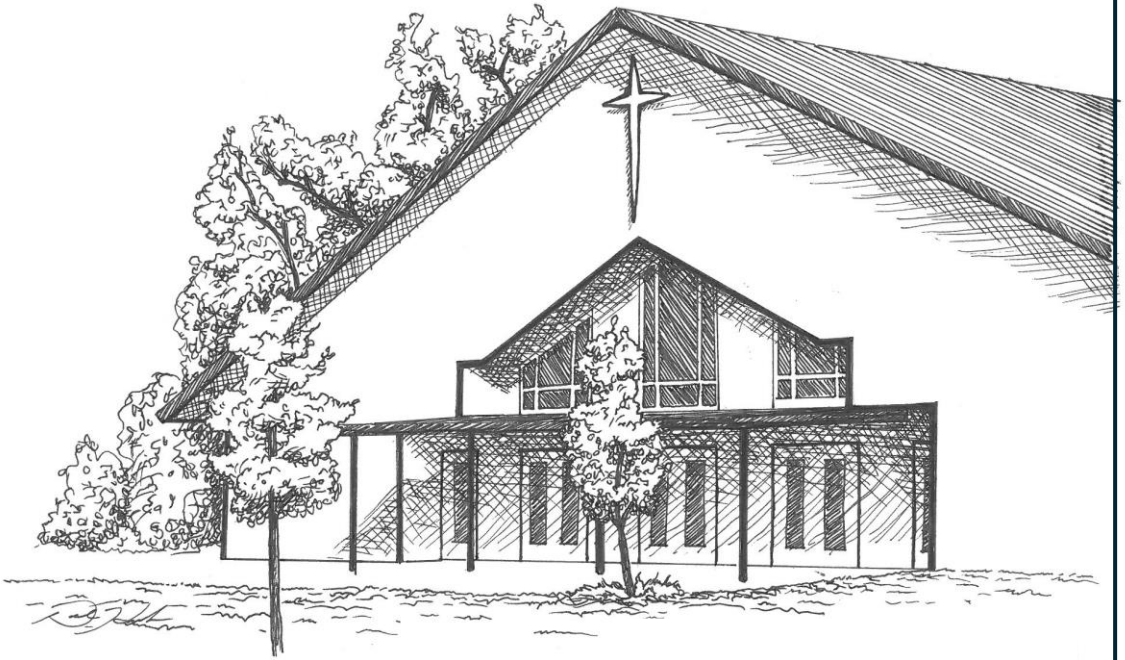


# Celebration Lutheran Church

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

### **Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You**

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14)

## Processional Hymn

### Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB905

1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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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**

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!

**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.

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

## Kyrie

LSB152

**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



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If 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. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I 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. I 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, loving 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.

## Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

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

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and 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. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I 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, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no 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.

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

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

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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 14:25–35

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “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. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or 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? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It 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.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

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

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**☩ For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey God's command cheerfully; and as we are kept from an easy faith that costs us nothing, that we would be preserved as the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know God, let us pray to the Lord:**

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**☩ For this congregation and all the congregations of our Synod; for Matthew, our Synod president; for Jeffrey, our district president; and for all the servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord:**

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For God's institutions of marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children would be preserved from despising or idolizing one another; and that every relationship in the home would exemplify God's unconditional love for us in Christ, so all might follow Him in their service to one another, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That peace would be given to those who suffer among us, especially Pastor Tom, and all those we now silently name in our hearts, and that they would bear their crosses and follow Christ through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Christ's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend their sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Merciful God, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, 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).*

*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.

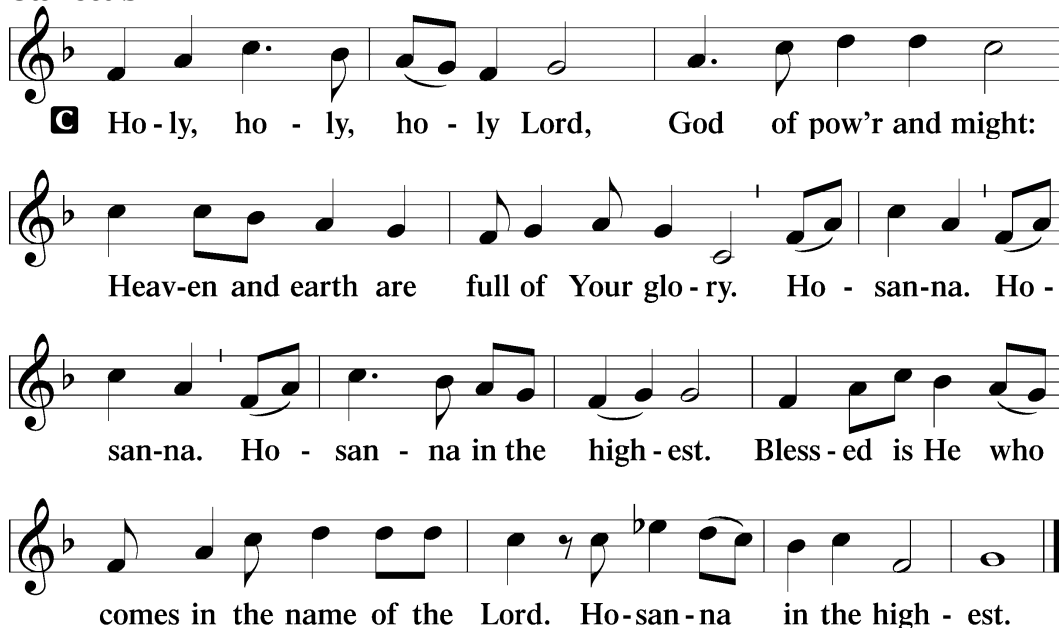


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- 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. 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 -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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

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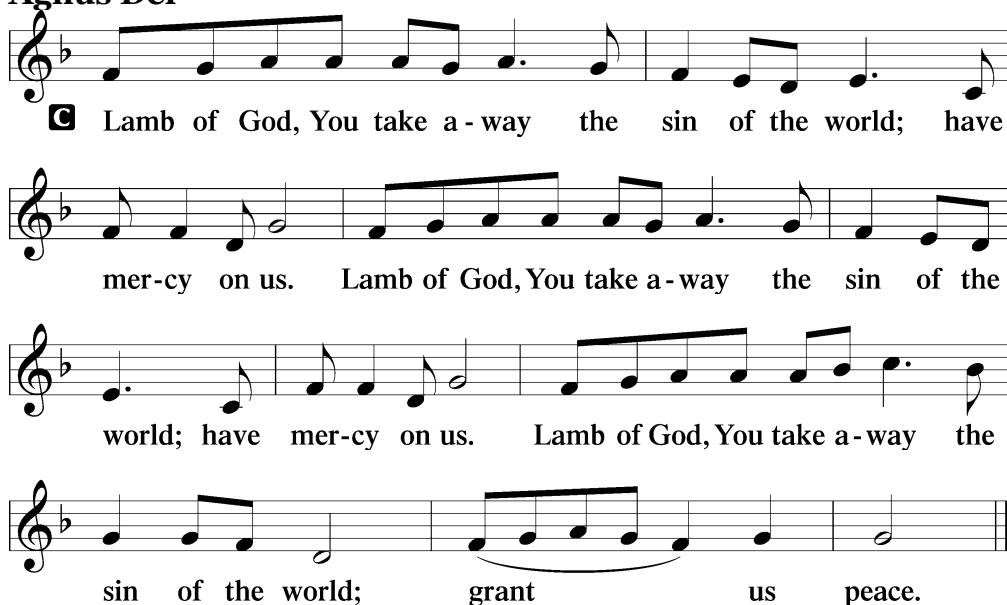
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

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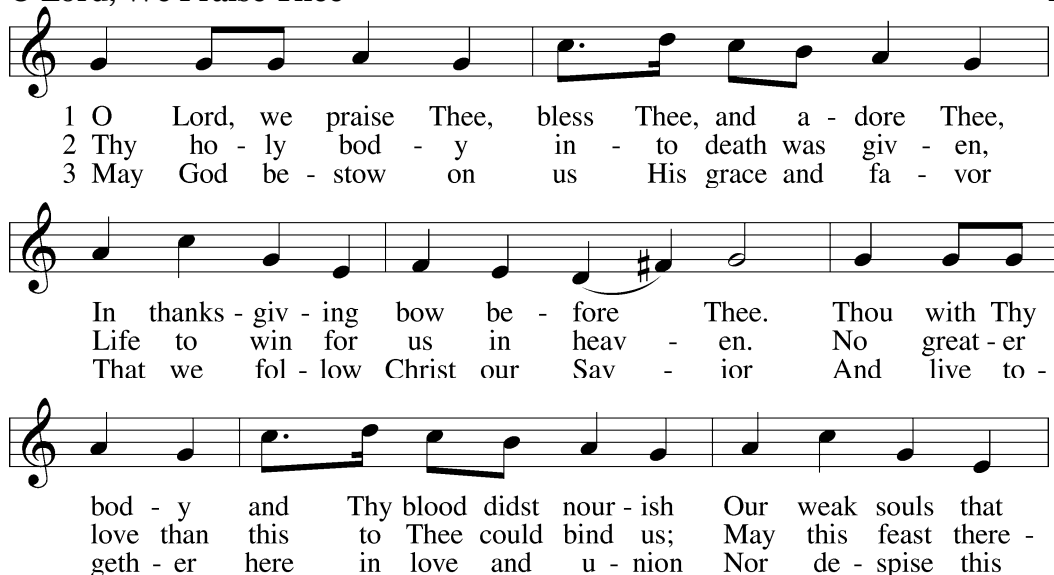
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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# Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

LSB 630



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious  
 2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His  
 △ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,  
 us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,  
 and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -  
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with  
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious  
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the  
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.  
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

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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** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text (sts. 1–2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
Text and tune: Public domain

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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 – August  
Goal Progress: 94%



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



**THERE IS ROOM IN THE CHOIR FOR YOU!** Prior Choir experience is NOT necessary See Deborah DeGrado at the organ, or text (909) 217-1379. Rehearsals are on Wednesday night, 7-8 pm.

**BOOK CLUB!** The next meeting of our book Club will be Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. We are reading *Held* by Anne Michaels.

**USHERS NEEDED** If you are interested in serving as an usher, please see Ray Janney for more information, or write your name on the sheet found on the end of the chair row and indicate your interest. We will reach out to you.



**HAVE YOU ADDED THE APP?** Stay connected through our mobile app, website, and TV app. *See Jeff Hughes if you need help finding the app.* Once you download the app, it is important to log in and create an account. This will ensure that you stay up to date with the latest announcements and events.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL needs you!** This ministry is growing and we need more workers. See Ellie Brand, even if you can only serve occasionally.

**NEW APOLOGETICS STUDY** Launching after service **TODAY** for Upper Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers! We're going to be working through a brand-new *Apologetics Study* from the *Enduring Faith Confirmation Curriculum*. We're using a study that explores topics like creation, science, trust in God, Christian living - helping our Youth grow in their identity as children of God. Kenny Lovelady will be leading the class.

**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!

**NEW MEMBERS:** The next New Members Class will start on Wednesday, Oct.1 at 6:30 pm. As we gather in faith, we will explore God's Word, deepen our understanding of His calling, and strengthen our walk with Christ. Whether you're new to our congregation or seeking a renewed commitment, we welcome you with open hearts.

**CHRIST'S CUPBOARD PANTRY:** PLEASE save your brown paper bags for the Pantry drive-through food bank. See the website for a list of items needed.

There is a food donation bin to the left of the office door for donations. **If you have perishable food or a large donation, or if the bin is full**, please call Lynn at 904-514-5621 to meet at the church and unload your donations.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Don't forget that grants or Choice Dollars may be available to you! These grants can be used to supplement the ministries of your choice. If you need any help writing a grant application or releasing your Choice dollars, please see Lynn Ramsey.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

|    |                 |  |
|----|-----------------|--|
| 7  | 9:00 am         | Bible Study led by Pastor Keinbaum                   |
|    | 9:45 am         | Coffee & Service Preparation                         |
|    | <b>10:15 am</b> | <b>Divine Service</b>                                |
|    | 11:15 am        | Fellowship   |
|    | 11:30 am        | Lay Programs and Children's Sunday School            |
| 9  | 9:00 am         | Christ's Cupboard Preparation (Volunteers Welcome!)  |
| 10 | 8:00 am         | Christ's Cupboard Distribution (Volunteers Welcome!) |
| 10 | 3:30-5:30 pm    | Pastor Keinbaum's Office Hours                       |
| 10 | 7:00 PM         | CHOIR REHEARSAL                                      |
| 12 | 6:30 pm         | AA Meeting   |
| 13 | 7:30 am         | AA Meeting   |
| 25 | 7:00 pm         | Book Club  |



To see the full calendar scan the QR code.



## **DEVOTION**

### **Delightful!**

Psalm 1:1-2 – Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on His Law he meditates day and night.

The psalmist begins by telling us what a blessed man is *not*. The one who is blessed does not join in the behavior of sinners and scoffers or support their evil counsel. The blessed person does not join the wicked in their unrighteous ways. Instead, those who are blessed delight in the Law, or the teachings, of the LORD. They meditate day and night on the precious Word of God. We are among those blessed people. We delight in the Word and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, that living and active Word changes us. The one who is blessed “is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season” (Psalm 1:3b). What other changes does the Word of God bring?

Meditating on the Word causes faith to grow and sends that faith into action. Jesus said that to hear and do His words is to build on a rock, a solid foundation that will withstand the storms of life that will surely come (see Matthew 7:24-27). Jesus told His disciples to abide in His Word, to know it and to live within it. In doing so they would come to know the truth about the Son of God who came to set them free from sin (see John 8:31-36). The Scriptures unfailingly point to Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Savior who brings us life and salvation.

The apostles join the psalmist and our Lord in testifying to the life-changing impact of the Word of God. The apostle Paul explains that the young pastor Timothy has known the Scriptures from childhood, the sacred writings that make us wise for salvation through faith in Jesus (see 2 Timothy 3:15-17). The teachings of the Word equip us for every good work. James, the brother of our Lord, counsels us to receive the implanted Word with meekness, because that Word is able to save our souls (James 1:21). The apostle John describes the purpose of his Spirit-inspired Gospel: “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name” (John 20:31b).

The Word of God in which we delight is a living and active Word. In the power of the Holy Spirit, that Word is at work in our lives. Through the Word we are equipped to bear the fruit of good works that glorify God. Our lives are established on a rock-solid foundation that withstands the storms of life. We are made wise for salvation, knowing the truth and trusting in Jesus, who died and rose to set us free from sin. That is the Word in which we delight, the Word on which we meditate day and night. In doing so, we are blessed!

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler for the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**WE PRAY:** Lord, teach me to find delight in Your Word and to meditate on it day and night. Amen.

### Reflection Questions:

1. What are some everyday examples of hanging around “the counsel of the wicked”? How can doing this be harmful to our faith?
2. Name some benefits that come from studying (and memorizing) Scripture?
3. Are there any times during your regular day that you could spend 5-10 minutes meditating on God’s Word?

## NOTES

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Please take your bulletin home and use it for prayer, Scripture reading, and encouragement. Keep the calendar and announcements in mind for your planning.



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