

The Lord's Week

Sunday, October 26th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

Monday, October 27th

1:30pm– Activities room
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, October 28th

10:00am– Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, October 29th

9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities room

Saturday, November 1st

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, November 2nd

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Voter's meeting
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction



October 25th and 26th, 2025

Reformation Observed

St John's Lutheran Church

Communion Notice Today we celebrate Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s own body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we believe that participation in this sacrament is also a public confession of unity in the faith we invite communicant members of congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive the sacrament. We welcome our fellow Christians who wish to come forward but do not share all our beliefs to fold their arms in front of them and receive a blessing. We pray that our common baptism and the continued work of the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to one another and dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that as we are led into all truth from God’s Word such divisions will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Let us all express in our hearts a prayerful desire for such unity of faith to be achieved.

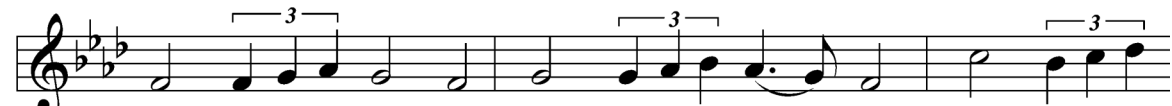
Divine Service – Setting Five

Prelude “*Solemn Processional*” by: Albert Zabel

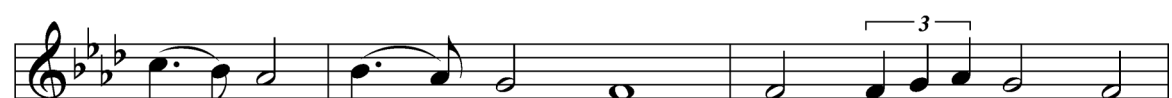
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Processional/Entrance Hymn

578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speaking it was done. For created
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in conquering might; From the cross for -

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings, following worship:

Join Pastor Anderson in the gym following worship- we are studying the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?

Wednesdays, 10am

Great Women of the Bible

In this Bible study series, we will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.

Saturdays, 8am

Men’s Bible study We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw
(Sun.)

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon & Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Esther Cashion, Tim Stone, Rex Newman, & Ron Wilson

Communion Assistants: Glen McMillin & Jonathan Schmidt

Altar Guild: The Schmidt ladies

Acolyte: Henry Schmidt

The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Memory Verse Challenge:

Genesis 15:6

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Revelation 14:6 – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.”* During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

YOU ARE INVITED Please join Rev. Bradley Ferch and members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Davenport as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary! See posters on bulletin boards for more information.

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOOD BOXES The Human Care Board will be giving out food baskets for those in need of help this Thanksgiving. Sunday, November 16th is the deadline for Thanksgiving basket requests. If you know of a family who would be blessed to receive a basket, please fill out the slip below and return it to the church office. The Human Care Board is asking for monetary donations, not food donations. Human Care Board members will take care of the shopping for the meal boxes. Members of the Human Care Board will be at church on Monday, November 24th, 10:00am-noon for distribution. Questions may be directed to Rod Hopkins at 309-933-1071.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES CLASS A seminar explaining a "Living Will" document and a "Medical Power of Attorney" document will be held on Saturday November 8th from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Jansen Room. These documents purpose and necessity will be explained by our Parish Nurse and time should be available to complete the forms if you desire. This is the time to learn about these documents and complete them because you will never know when they might be necessary. Don't procrastinate, attend the seminar to learn. There is no requirement to complete the forms but an opportunity should be available if desired.

CALLING A FRIEND The Board of Outreach is looking for volunteers in calling members who stopped attending worship during the span of COVID. Is there someone on our list you used to sit near? Anyone you used to chat with before or after worship? Please check out our list and consider reaching out. A verbal announcement with more information will be given prior to service for the next couple of weeks.

BIBLE BOWL This year’s Bible bowl topic is “Matthew”. Any youths in grades 8-12 are welcome to participate. We will practice during the Sunday school hour. Please see Christine if your child would like to compete!



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!
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God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Confession and Absolution

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

- P

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C

Amen.
- P

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C

who made heaven and earth.
- P

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

- 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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Larry and Sharon Ripka.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Lucille Perley.

PASTOR APPRECIATION October is pastor appreciation month. If you would like to leave a card or token of appreciation for Rev. Anderson, Rev. Astrowski, Rev. Mueller, Rev. Nerud, and/or Rev. Hagen, there is a basket in the office. Annie will make sure they get them.

FOOD PANTRY The temps are dropping and a bowl of hot soup is just the thing to warm you up...for the month of October we are collecting cans of soup. Please prayerfully consider donating this comfort food item.

VENDOR FAIR AND CHILI COOKOFF Save the date and start planning for our annual vendor fair and chili cookoff brought to you by the Board of Human Care. Join the fun on Saturday, November 15th from 11am-4pm in the gym and Janssen rooms. We are looking for vendors to sell crafts or products; cost is \$20 if you provide your own table, and \$25 if you need to rent one. For the chili cookoff, we are looking for chefs and judges both. Please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646 if interested!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Despite living with physical, emotional and financial challenges and through social and political upheaval which often separated them by many miles and at times threatened life itself, Martin & Katie Luther created and sustained a marriage and family life characterized by faithfulness, mutual respect, teamwork and a good degree of humor. As we remember and give thanks for the great reformer and the blessing that his life and work have been to the church, we also give thanks for God's work in their lives which provides us with an example of Christian family life today. May the lives and marriage of Martin and Katie and their love for their children (and other people's children!) remind us of Christ's love for his church and of the Father's great love for us, His redeemed children. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LMCS FOUNDATION We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God's gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God's things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

Gloria in Excelsis- 946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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Special Thank You to our musicians:

Collin Antolik

Steve Braddy

Ben McKay

Demetrius Williams

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Postlude “*Reformation Suite*” by S. Drummond Wolff

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

- Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel *John 8:31-36*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

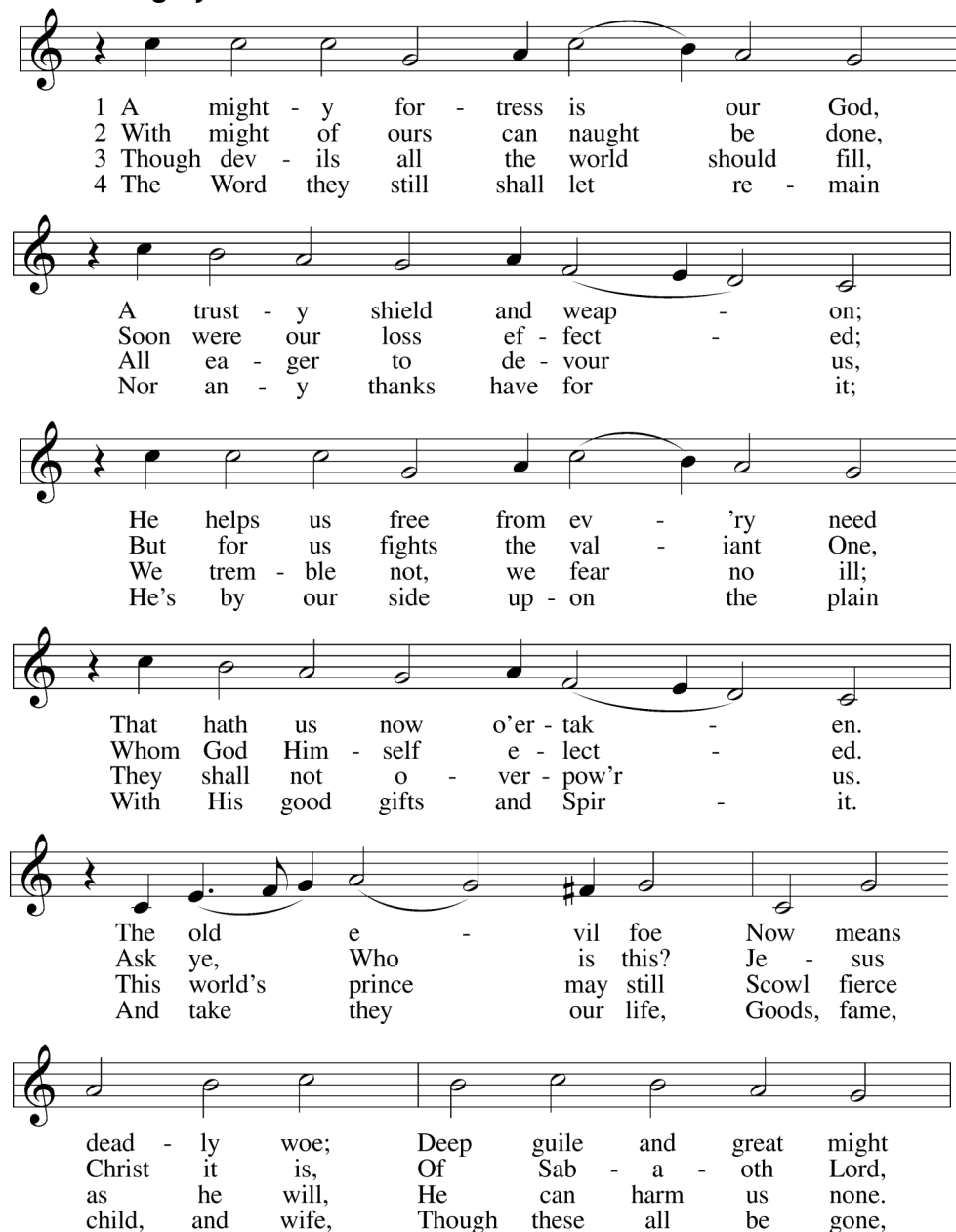
C Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is; Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Stand

Post-Communion Hymn - 617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee” st. 1



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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 Hymns

638 “Eat This Bread” Choir will sing verses, congregation sings refrain
555 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

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Sermon

Creed Hymn- 953 “We All Believe in One True God”

1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,
Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.
All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people accord-
ing to their needs...
[Each petition will conclude with Lord, in your mercy.
The congregation may respond **hear our prayer.**]

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also 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...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

- 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.**
- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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.”

Sanctus- 960 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

Choir will introduce the hymn

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it

did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that

filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;

Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their

fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,

And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er

called and praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a-oth!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of

Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!” The beams and lin-tels

trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.