Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2020

Pastor's Greeting

Invocation: (*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. *Matthew 28:19*

C: Amen.

Exhortation *1 John 6-10*

P: If we say we have fellowship with Jesus while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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.

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

The Confession of Sins

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

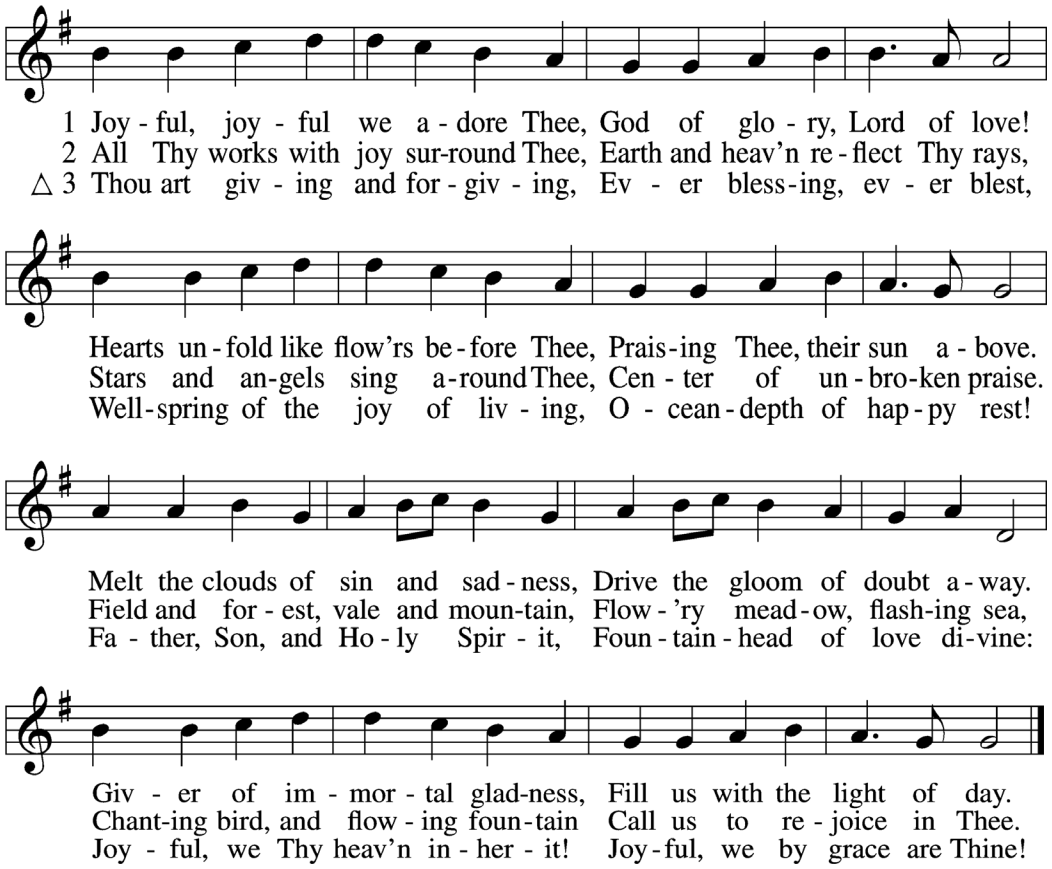
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION *John 20:21*

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.

OPENING HYMN JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE *LSB 803 STS.1-3*



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THE KYRIE *LSB 186*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

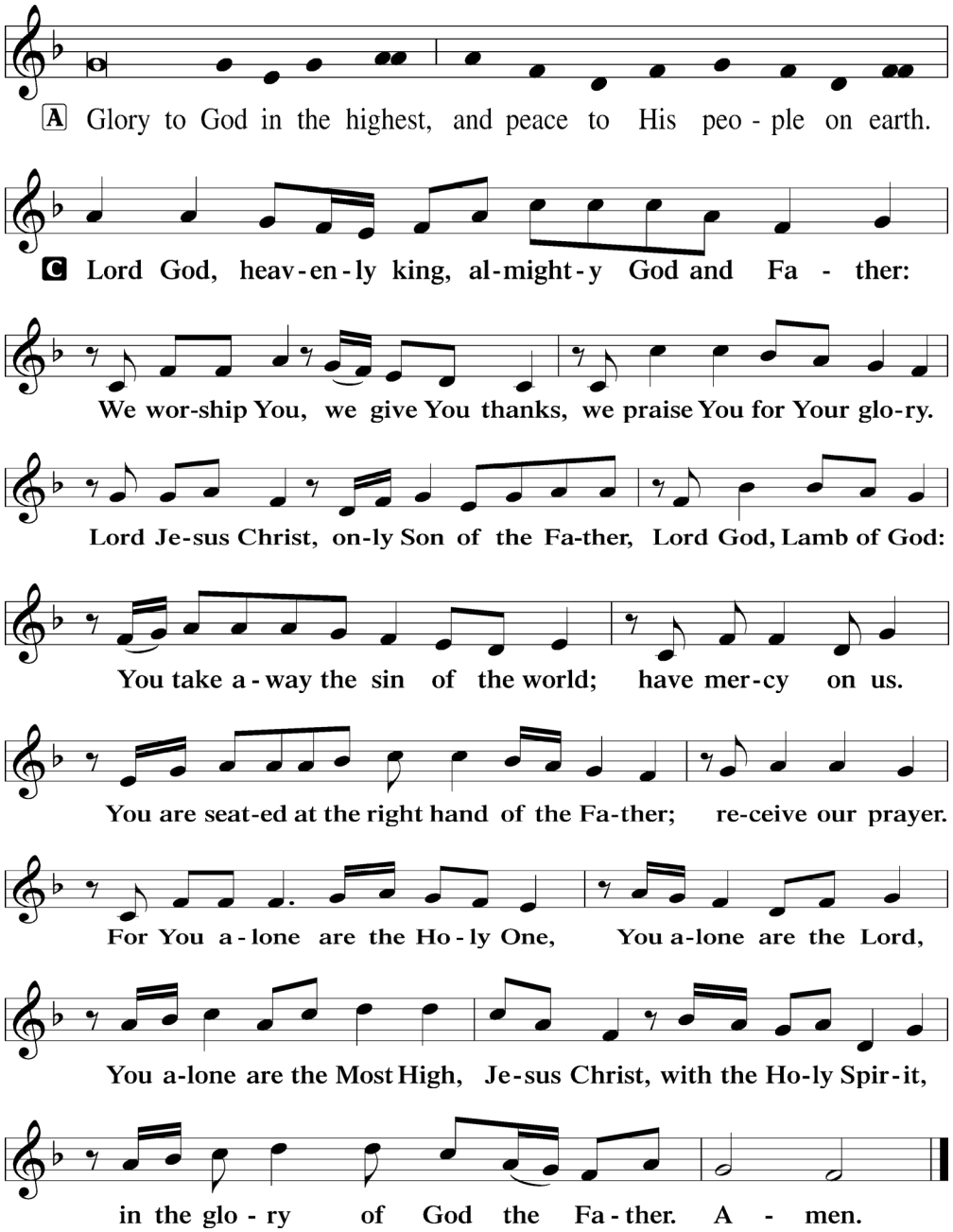
C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 154* *Luke 2, John 1:29*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray*: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 25:6–9

Reader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

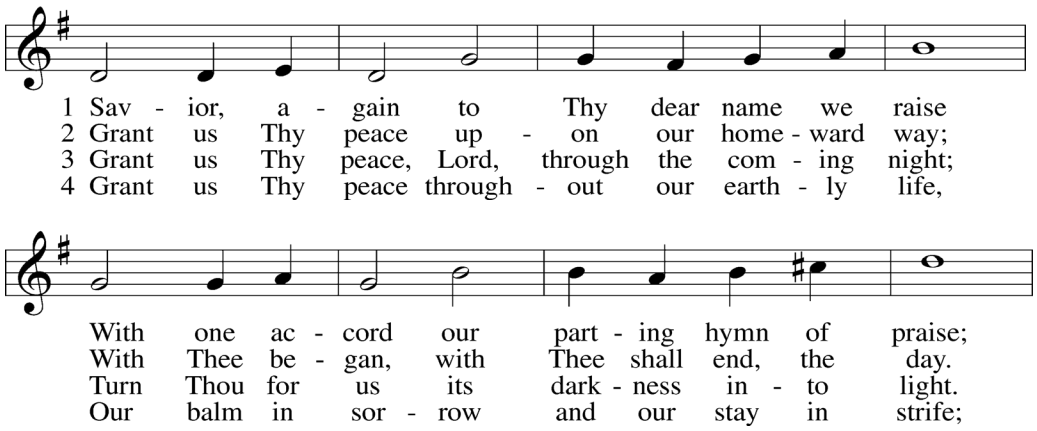
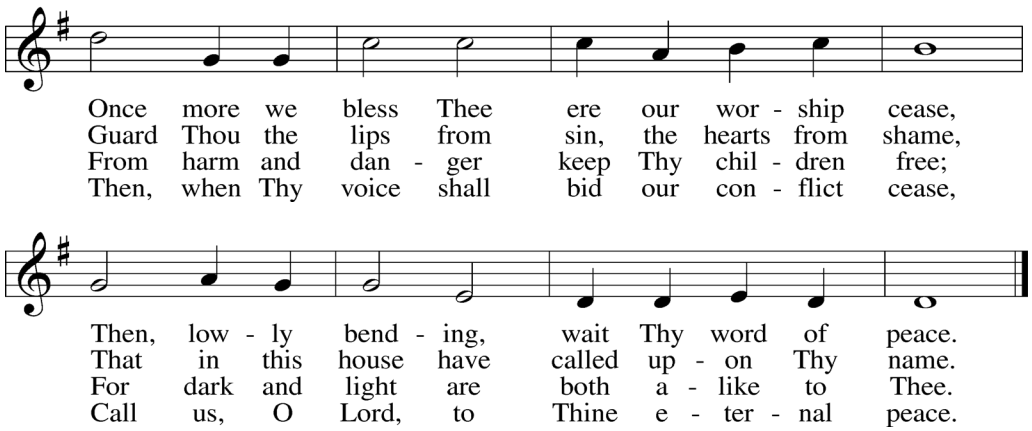
R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GRADUAL *Psalm 118:22-24*

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE LSB 917 STS. 1-4



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THE EPISTLE READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:4–13

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

THE ALLELUIA VERSE *LSB 156* *John 6:68*

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1–14

C: Glory to You O Lord!

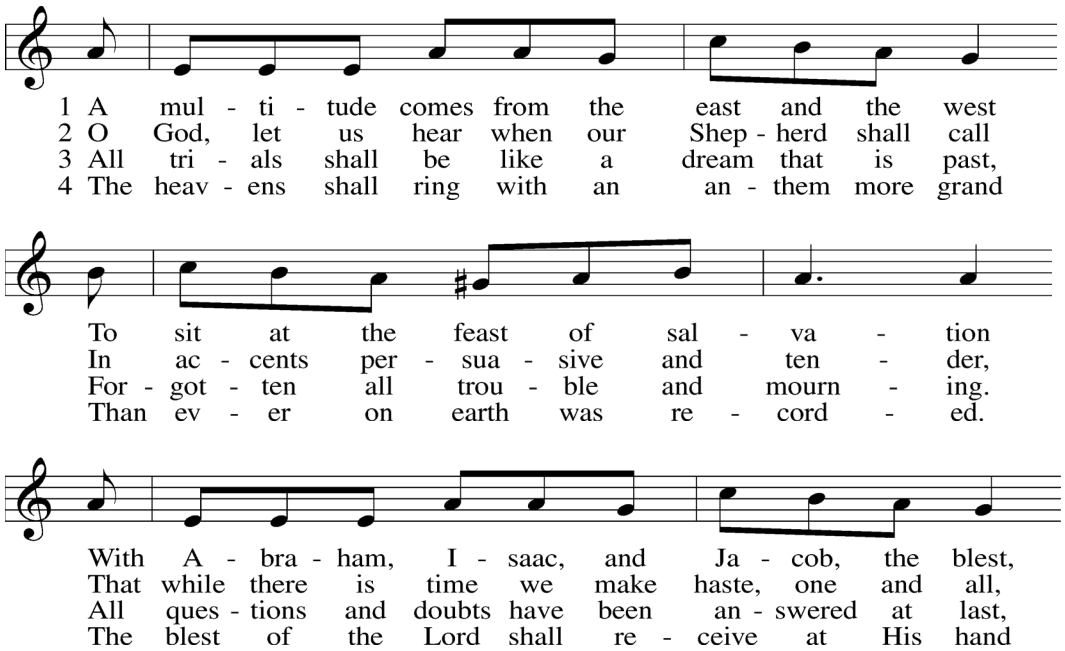
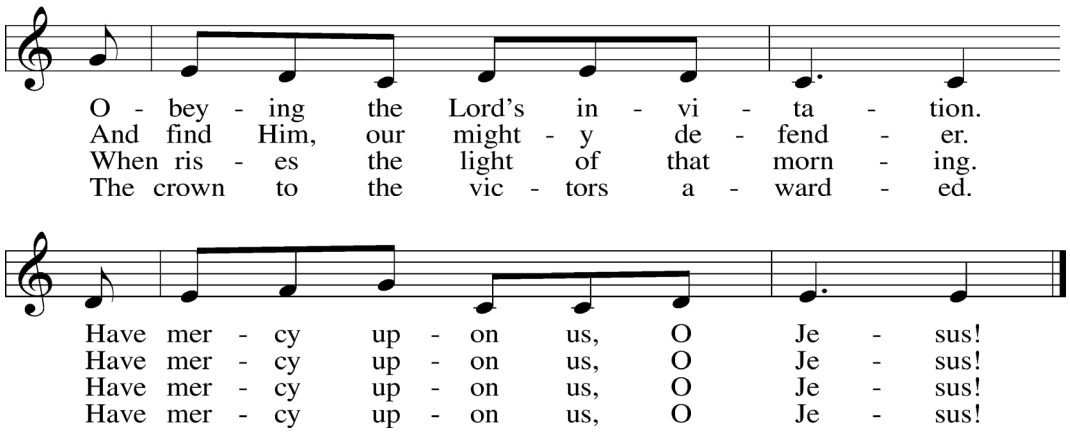
P: Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, see! - I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

SERMON HYMN A MULTITUDE COMES FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST *LSB 510 STS.1-4*



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SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED

All: 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.

OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(please email either Pastor or Betty with prayer requests)*

P: Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church, for the leaders of the Church, for all pastors and missionaries, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, may they be servants that invite all those eager the celebrate marriage feast of the king to His bride the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for Inge and Gerri, Karl, Victoria and Lori, Pastor Wirtz,_____-and those we name in our hearts, that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the dawn of God's eternal day, for an end to death and sorrow, for the comfort of those who grieve, *especially* John and His family, and for the strength of those facing death, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom in this place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ and to fill us with contentment, that trusting in Your gracious will for all things, our hearts may enjoy perfect rest and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

CLOSING COLLECT -

P: *Let us pray*: Gracious and merciful God, You have revealed Your Will to us through the preaching of the Gospel and the teaching of Your commandments. We implore You to lead us by Your Holy Spirit, granting that the Word sown into us would bear fruit; being ever mindful of Your mercies may we always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to

follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

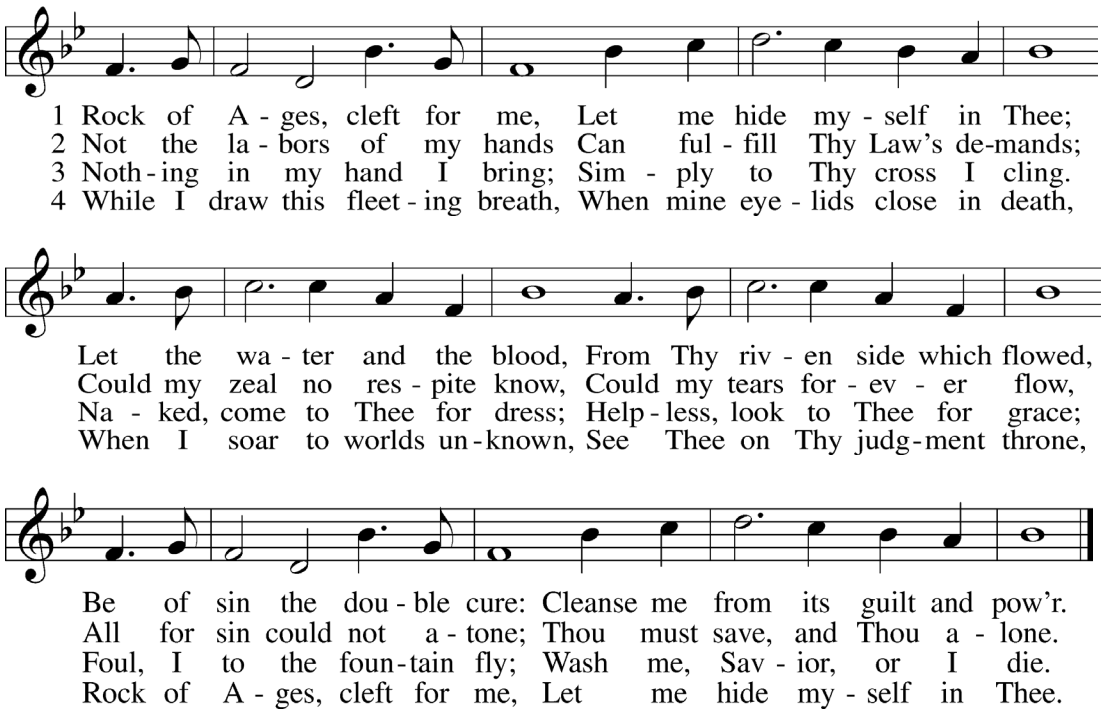
C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME** ***LSB 761 STS.1-4***



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You may also contact the Church at 480-759-4898

Pastor is available upon request for:

- Individual Confession and Absolution.
- A home visit with the Pastor (if someone is ill or in the hospital, call to arrange a visit).
- For communion or a prayer.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study on the book of Leviticus, finishing chapters 1 and 2, on Friday morning at 6:30 AM

Offerings can be mailed to the church or sent via Zelle® directly from your bank to:
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