# Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

*Welcome to the Family!*

## *The Day of Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday*
## *May 23, 2021*

**Prelude** ***"Love Has Come"***

**Pastor's Greeting**

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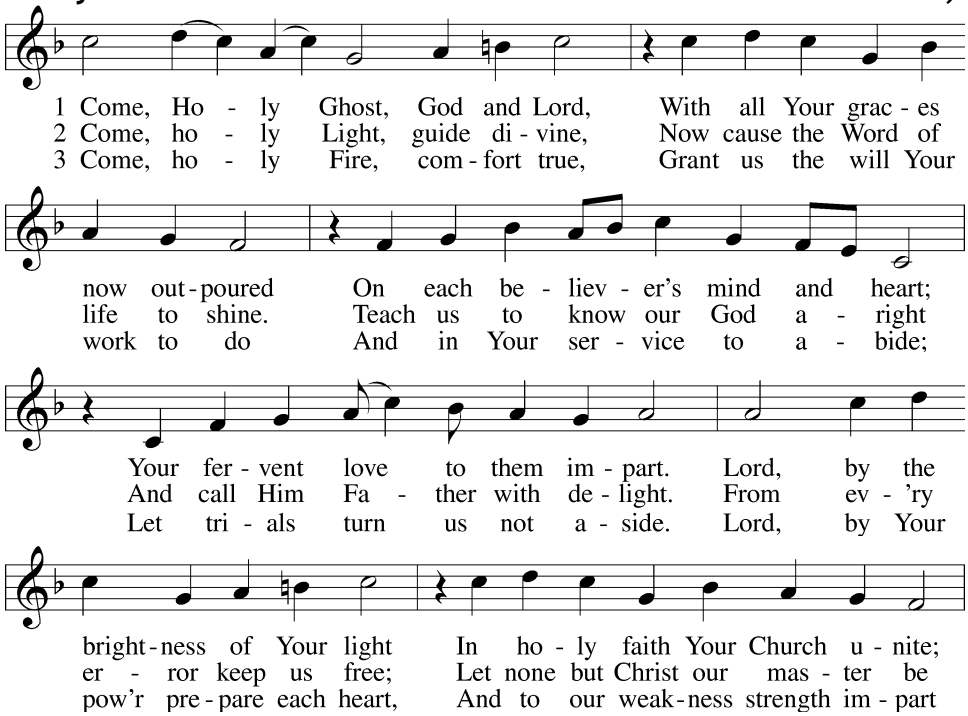
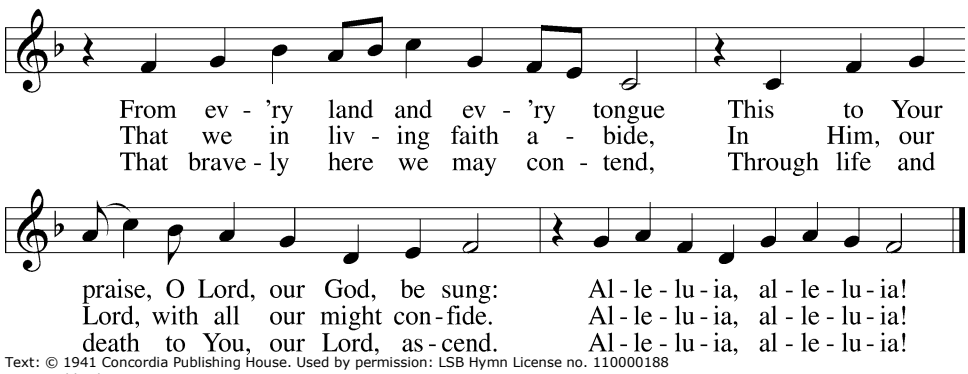
**Entrance Hymn** **497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**



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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** 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.*

**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.**

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 85*

**P** LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
**C** **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.**
**P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
**C** **Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**
**P** Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
**C** **Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**
**P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
**C** **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

℗ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

℃ **Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

℃ **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**

## This Is the Feast

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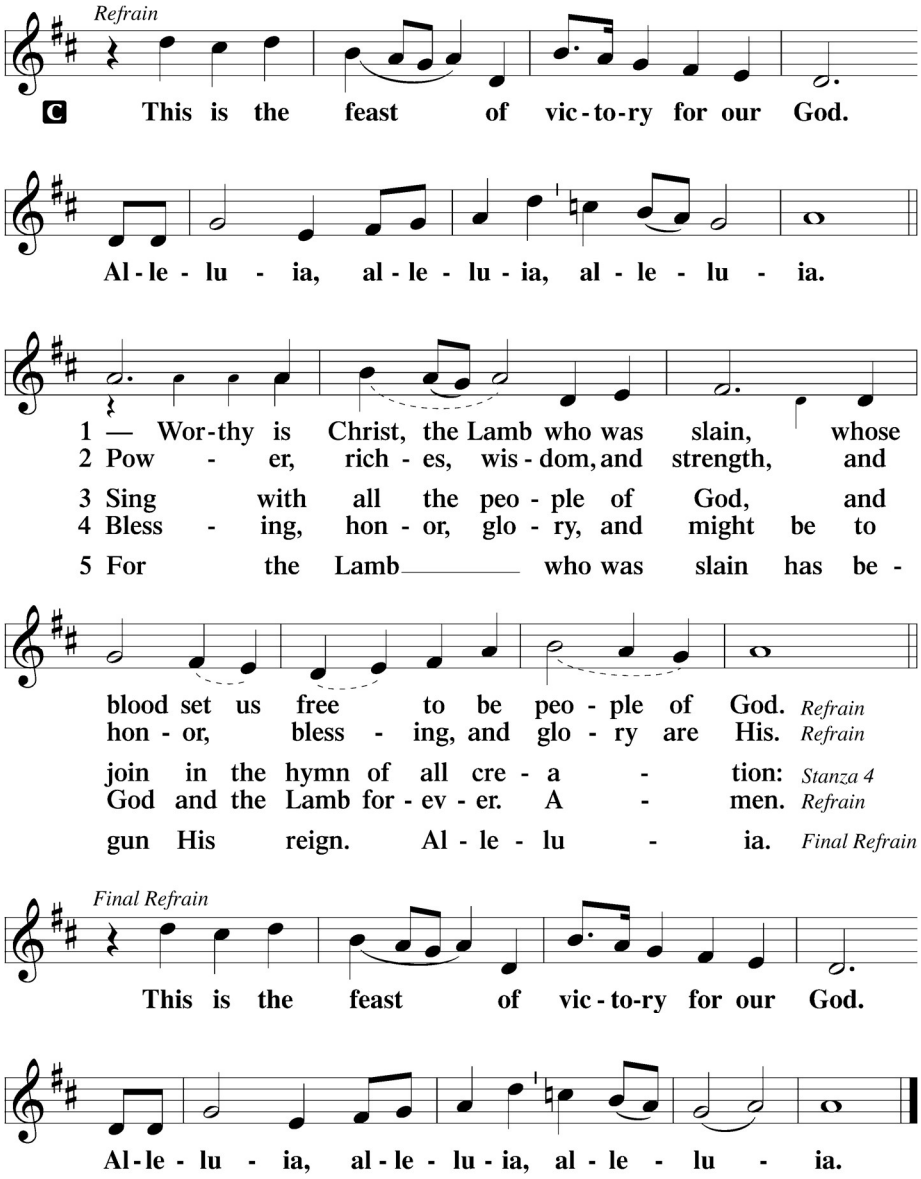

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

[1]When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. [2]And suddenly there came from heaven
a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3]And divided tongues as
of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4]And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began
to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

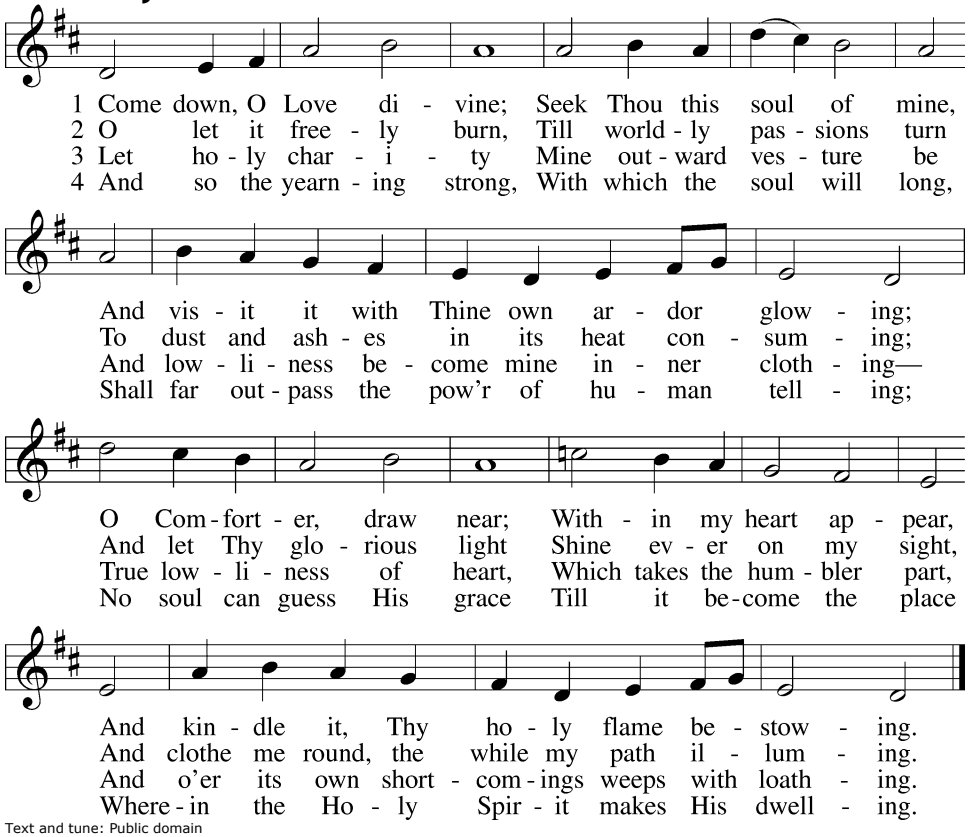
[5]Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6]And at this sound
the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own
language. [7]And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8]And how
is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? [9]Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya
belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, [11]both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them
telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." [12]And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
"What does this mean?" [13]But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

[14]But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell
in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. [15]For these men are not drunk, as you suppose,
since it is only the third hour of the day. [16]But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

> [17]"'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and
> your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old
> men shall dream dreams; [18]even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will
> pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. [19]And I will show wonders in the heavens above
> and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; [20]the sun shall be turned to
> darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
> [21]And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day — 501 Come Down, O Love Divine

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## Alleluia and Verse

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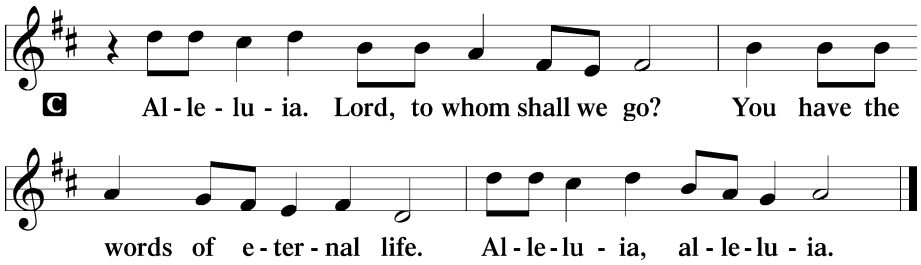
## Holy Gospel

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

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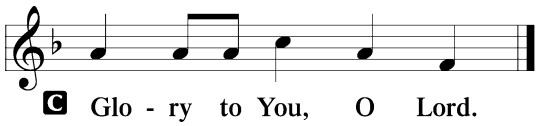
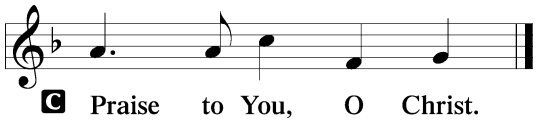

[26][Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. [27]And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. [5]But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6]But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. [7]Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8]And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9]concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; [10]concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; [11]concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

[12]"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13]When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14]He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15]All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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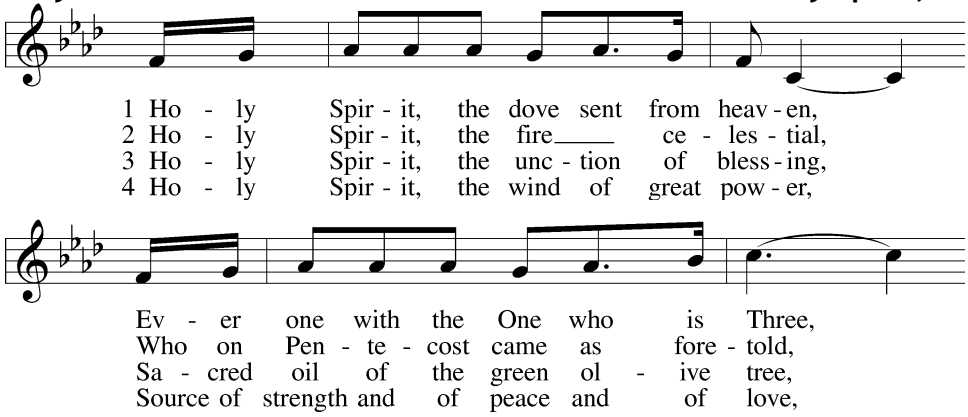
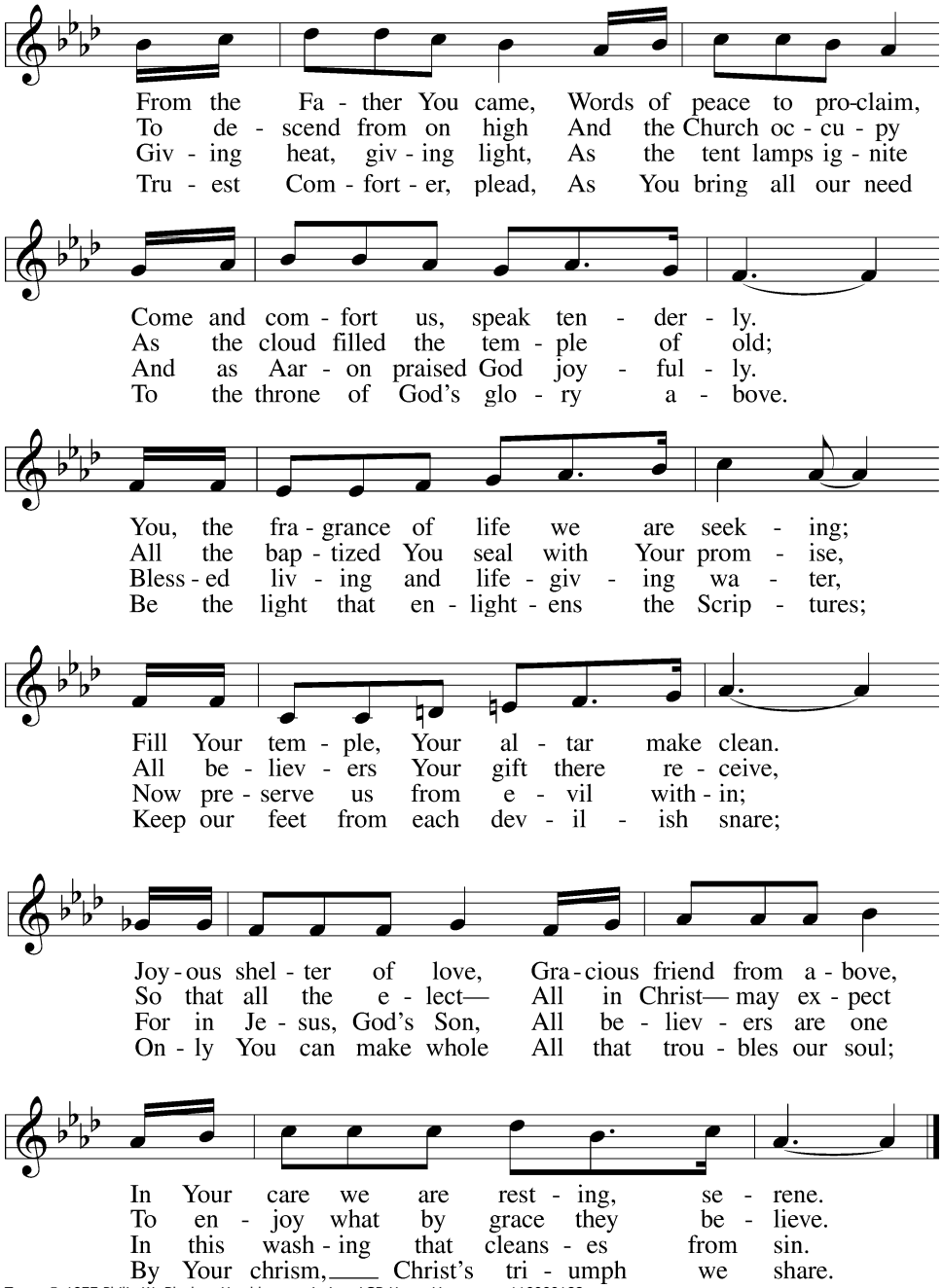
## Sermon Hymn — 502 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven





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## Sermon

# The Rite of Confirmation

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe 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.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, 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.*

**P** Do you hold all the Old and New Testament Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you believe that the Last Will and Testament of our Lord Jesus, that He gave to His church in the bread and wine, is His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of your faith and unity will all saints past and present?

**R** *Yes, I believe Jesus gives me His body and blood in the Sacrament that I may have eternal life in His name.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✢ everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

**P** Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

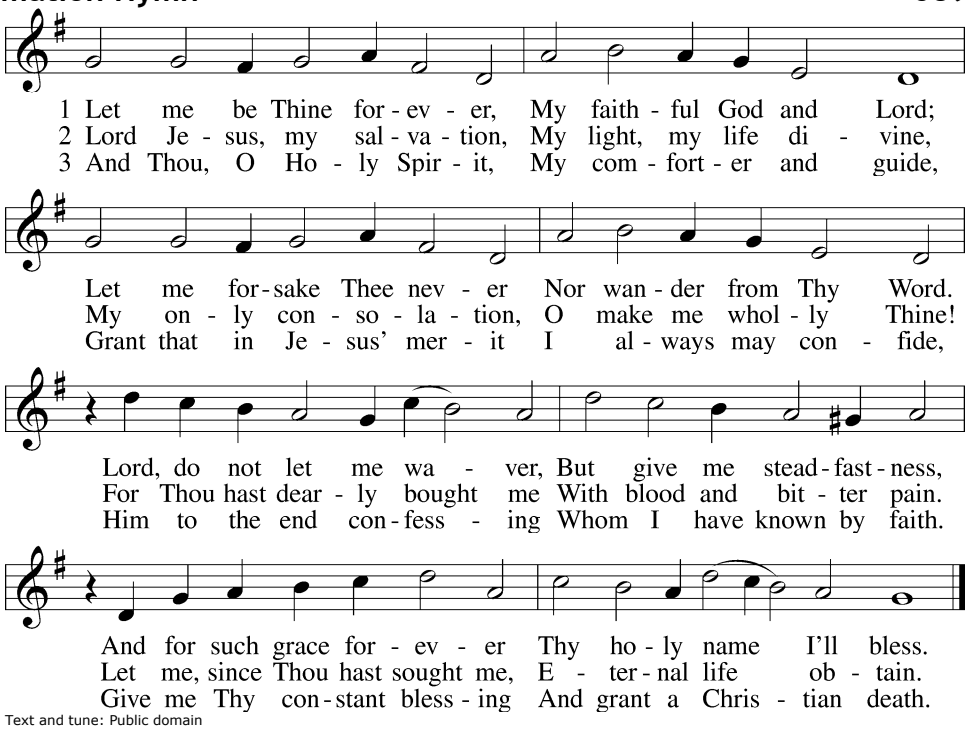
**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ✢ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Confirmation Hymn — 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever



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## Prayer of the Church

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For gladness in the Holy Spirit, who fills the world with the remembrance of everything Christ Jesus has spoken, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the name of Jesus would be glorified among us in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Holy Church established on the proclamation of Christ, that His Spirit would sustain the apostolic preaching to the ends of the earth, and that in every tongue the mighty works of God would be heard, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For hope in the midst of this world of death and despair; that God would put His Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to His promises and commands; and that He would lead our homes to confess confidence in His power to raise the dead — now and at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To beat back Satan's lies and deadly work, that we would know and believe that this world's ruler is judged; for good government and leaders who are both honest and faithful; and for faith that looks eagerly for Christ's quick return, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the help and salvation of all *[especially _____]*; that the Spirit would renew the face of the earth, look with favor on His creatures and fill the hearts of the faithful, kindling in them the fire of His love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune, that God would send His Holy Spirit upon His faithful people to convict us of our sin and convince us also that Christ's righteousness is ours, that in such repentance and faith we would receive the things of Christ declared to us in His Supper: the holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins; and that He would unite us by the Spirit of truth in faith and confession, comforting us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts so that we confess our sins, obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ and, through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things, and that He will graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

## Offertory

***"Spirit Song" by John Wimber***

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

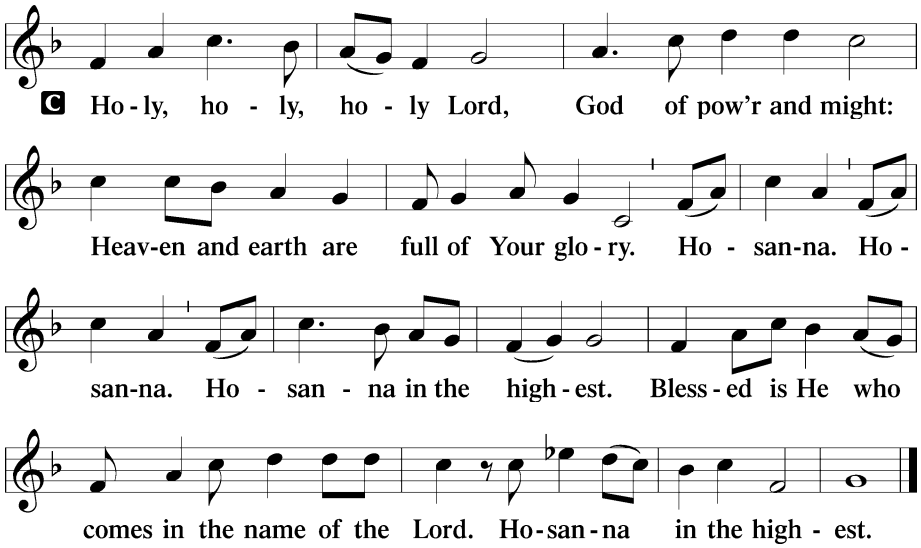
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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*




## 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.**

## 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."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini

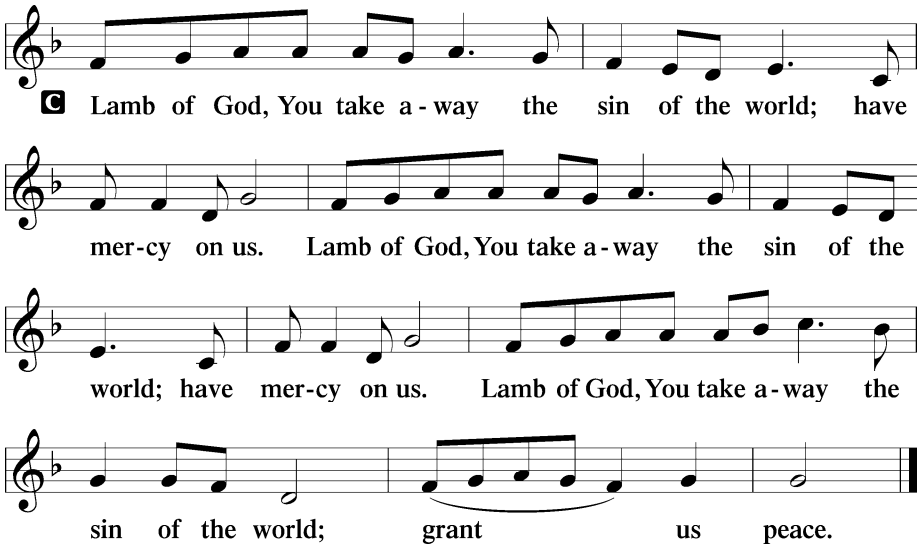
*LSB 163*

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

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## Distribution Hymn

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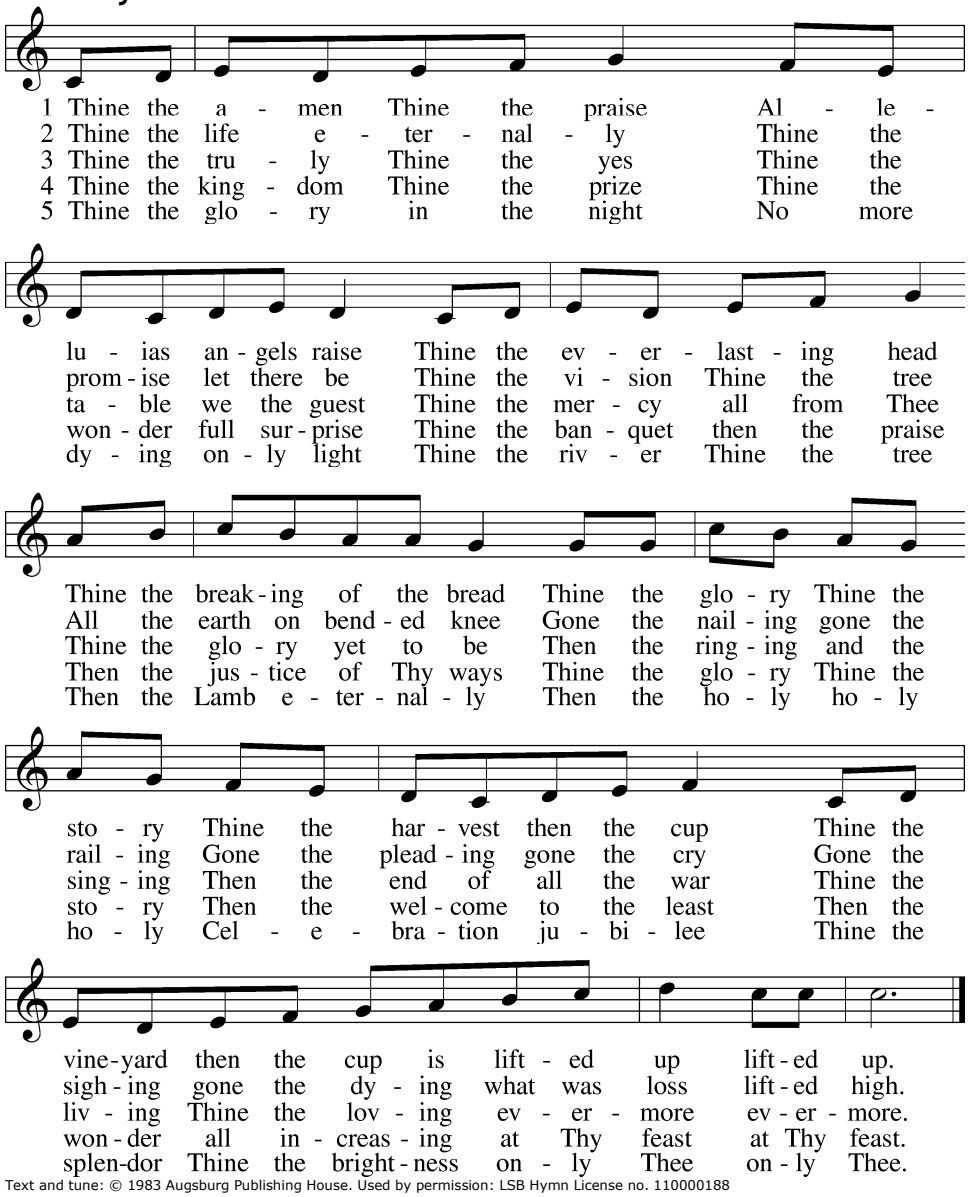


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## Thank the Lord

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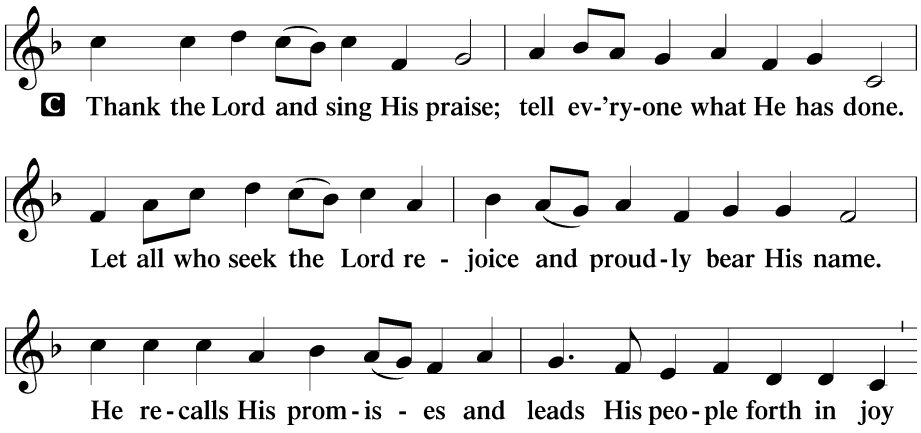
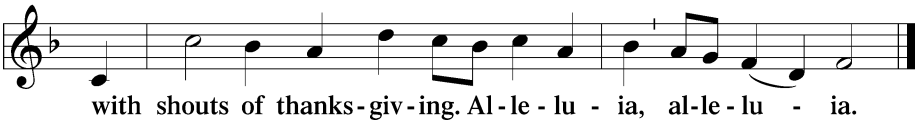


## Post-Communion Collect

**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.**

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

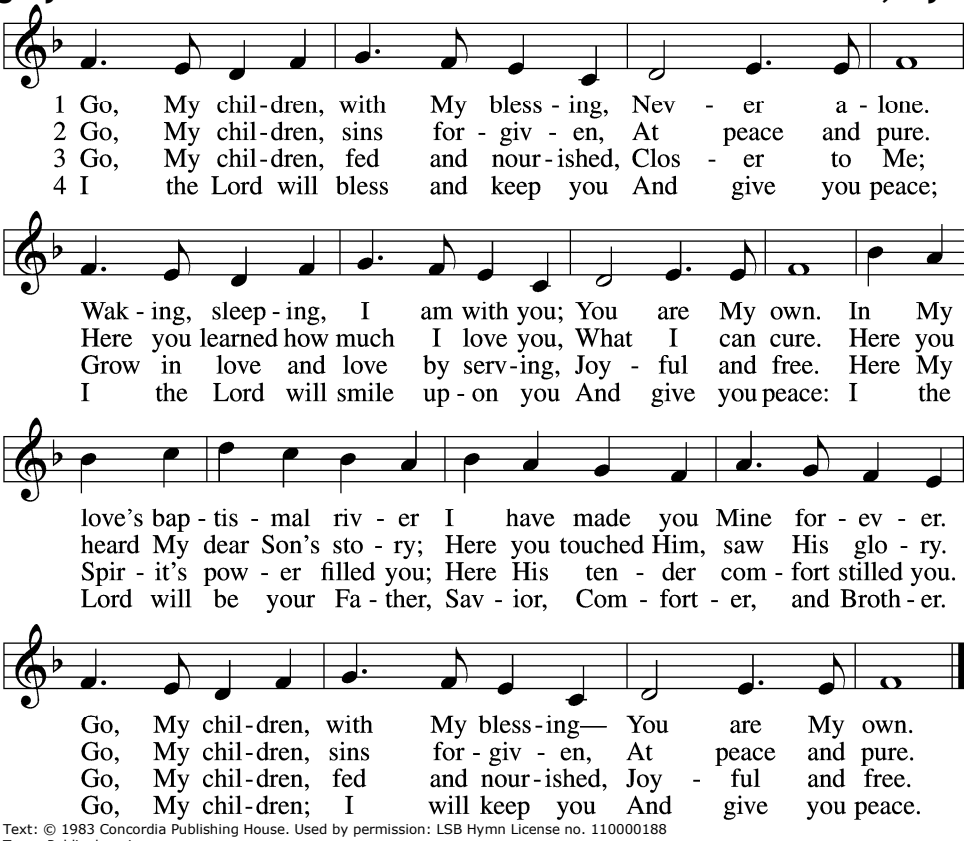
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.**

## Closing Hymn — 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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## Postlude — *"All of Creation"*

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

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## *This Week at Family of Christ*

***5/23 – 5/31***

***Sunday***

9:30AM Pentecost Sunday Divine Worship with Confirmation
Fellowship with Confirmands after service
NO BIBLE STUDY

***Friday***

6:30AM Men's Bible Study in 1 Corinthians

***Next Sunday***

9:30AM Sunday Divine Worship
11:00AM NO BIBLE STUDY

***Next Monday***

Memorial Day

***PLEASE NOTE***: *Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols and procedures.*

Pastor is available upon request for:

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer

*(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

**Our Communion Policy**

As a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Family of Christ celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and approach the altar with repentant hearts. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. For those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we request that you refrain from receiving the sacrament. If you desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak first with the Pastor.

*For further study, please see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.*