

**May 26, 2024**

*The Holy Trinity*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

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9:30 am

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# THE HOLY TRINITY

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord 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, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. The purple cup is grape juice. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

"All Nature Sings"

A. Fedak

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

**LSB 949**



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
  
- P** Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
- C** **Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,**
  
- P** for You created all things,
- C** **and by Your will they existed and were created.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God, we are called to confess You as the God who has no equal;
- C** **You are three distinct persons, yet one God.**
  
- P** You are holy, we are not; You are righteous, we are not.
- C** **Yet in Your foreknowledge, You knew this would be our state, and You made a distinct and definite plan for a way to redeem us from our sins: the sins of thought, which creep into our minds daily; our words, which deserve death because of the evil that comes from our tongues; and our deeds, which we know go against Your holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all sins, not because we are deserving, but for Your definite plan of mercy and grace shown to us at the cross.**
  
- P** I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession? If so, answer yes.
- C** **Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**P** Hear the good news on this day! God has forgiven you all your sins because of the blood of Jesus shed at the cross. In the stead and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen! Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace!**

**P** May God, who began this definite plan before He created the world, continue to work in you and bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Thank You, Lord, for loving us, forgiving us, and having a definite plan for us.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

*Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

**P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

**P** I have set the Lord always before me;

**C because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**C my flesh also dwells secure.**

**P** For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**C or let Your holy one see corruption.**

**P** You make known to me the path of life;

**C in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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

**P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**C Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

**LSB 940 sts. 1-5**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 bow are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You are three persons yet one God. This is a mystery that is beyond our understanding. You ask us not to understand but simply believe. Give us the faith of a child, that what You have said in Your Word about Yourself we may believe in our hearts and live out by faith in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

The Word is Read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 29*

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
  
- P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- C** **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
  
- P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
  
- P** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C** **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
  
- P** The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
- C** **and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"**
  
- P** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- C** **May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

The Word is Read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

- P** Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
- C** **the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:1–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is Read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**HYMN**

*"O Worship the King"*

**LSB 804**



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust,  
nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

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## SERMON

*Stand*

### ATHANASIAN CREED

- A** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- A** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- A** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- A** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- A** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;



**C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

**A** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

**A** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**C and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

**A** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

**A** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**A** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**A** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**A** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

**A** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

**A** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

**A** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

**C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

**A** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

**A** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

**A** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**C** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

**A** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

**A** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for planning and creating this world for us to inhabit. You have given us the stewardship of it. Where we have failed, forgive us. Give us wisdom to manage what You planned for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You cared for us with no guarantee we would ever love You back. You lived the perfect life we could not and suffered the death we are not willing to suffer for our sins. We can never repay You—all we can do is thank You, and so we do now. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** O Holy Spirit, through Your inspiration we have the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Yet without the faith freely given by You, we would not be able to believe. You keep us in that faith our entire journey on this side of eternity. We ask that You would rule our hearts and minds, and bring to our remembrance what the Scriptures say at just the right time. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We lift up those facing health challenges at this moment, [especially . . .]. Hear our petitions on their behalf. We ask that You use doctors and nurses, medicines and researchers, and, according to Your will, miracles, so those who have any dreaded disease might be returned to health to serve You. Heavenly Physician, we entrust them to Your care and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We remember also the homebound members of our congregation, [especially . . .]. Give them a special measure of Your presence and peace this hour. Remind them You are with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You have commanded us to pray for all in authority. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they seek justice and peace. We lift up leaders everywhere. Help them by Your Spirit to lead with diligence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

Sit

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY, 8 & 9:30 AM**  
11:00 Service, Emily Brenn

"Jesu, Joy"  
"Concerto for the Double Bass"

R. Lau  
Antonio Capuzzi

Stand

**OFFERTORY**

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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**✠ 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.**

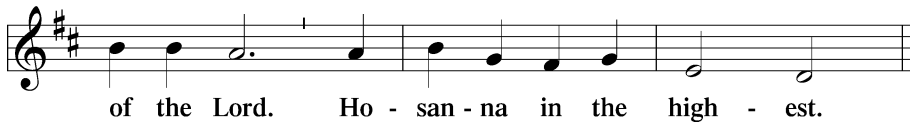
## PROPER PREFACE

- 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

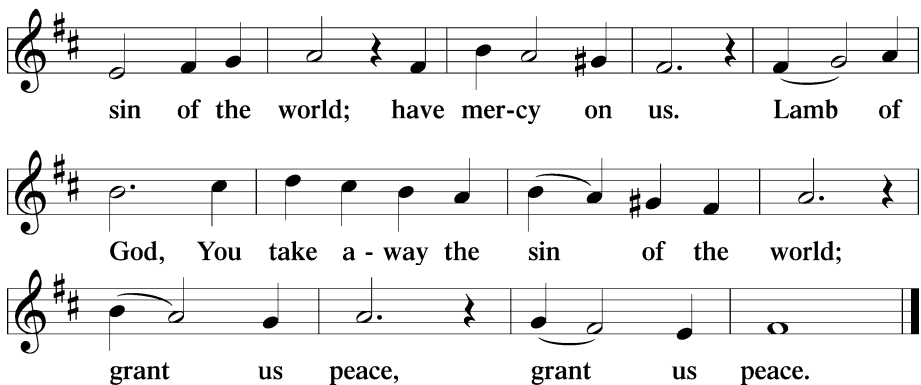
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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



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



sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**LSB 621**



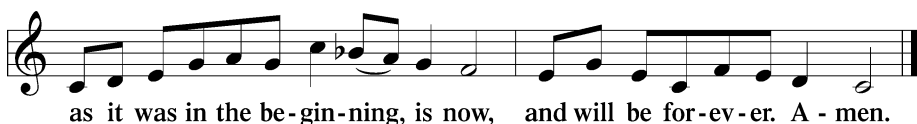
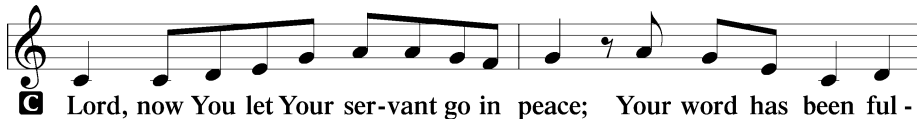
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with  
 trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence  
 For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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*Stand***NUNC DIMITTIS**

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P** 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

- 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.

## HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

"Festive Voluntary"

R. Lau

## Acknowledgements

Thank you to our guest organist, Susan Cadwell

Thank you to Emily Brenn for the communion voluntary at the 11:00 service, played in celebration of her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3.*

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