

May 31, 2026

The Holy Trinity



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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. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"In the Presence of the Living God"

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

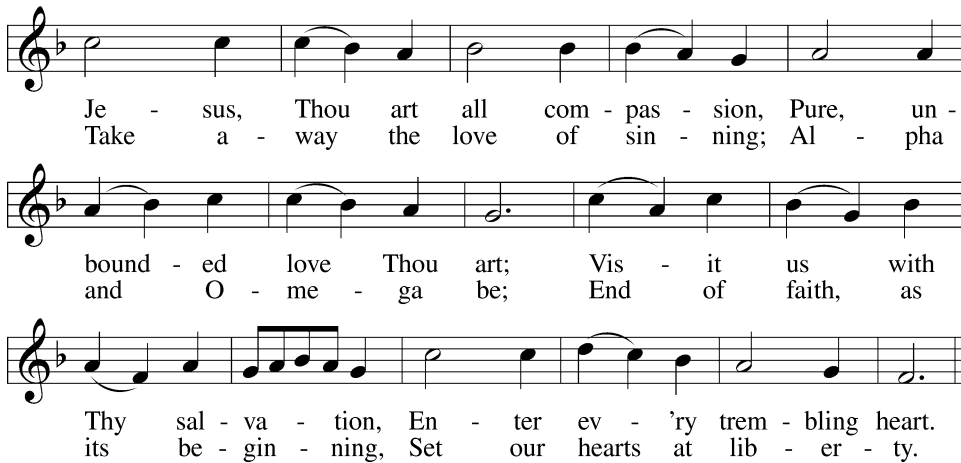
Stand

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700 sts. 1-2

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8:1; Genesis 1:3, 31

- P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
G You have set Your glory above the heavens.
- P** And God said, "Let there be light,"
G and there was light.
- P** And God saw everything that He had made,
G and behold, it was very good.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.
G Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early

disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.

P Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). God’s majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, “I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken” (Acts 2:25).

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 ✠

HYMN

“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

LSB 579 sts. 1–2, 6

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 6 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at His

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 throne, Saved by His grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Father, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

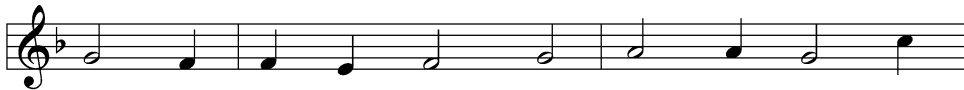
HYMN

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580 sts. 1-2,6



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
6 May we in faith its mes - sage learn Nor thank - less -



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
ly its bless - ings spurn; May we in faith its



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
truth con - fess And praise the Lord, our righ - teous - ness.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Tune: Canticale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim
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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 and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.

C **Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;**

P for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C You have set Your glory above the heavens.

P Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

C Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

P You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

C O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

SECOND 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, 8:00 & 9:30 Services only

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

JR. CHOIR, 11:00 Service only "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World"
Led by Merna Ahlemeyer

Natalie Sleeth

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

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

Sit

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507 sts. 1-4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–76
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SERMON

Stand

ATHANASIAN CREED

- P** 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.**

- P** 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.**

- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- L** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

- P** 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;**

- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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;**

P 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.**

P 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.**

- P** 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;**
- P** 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:**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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,**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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 world around us, all people, and ourselves.
 "Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength."
 Grant wisdom and love for families in and beyond this congregation, O Lord. We give thanks for growing families and that they grow stronger in love as You guide and protect them.
- C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

A “When I look at Your heavens, . . . what is man that You are mindful of him.”
Grant humility to all of us. Grant that we grow in faith toward You and love toward one another.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P “Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.”
Grant us grace to acknowledge the true place of governments and nations, care workers and medical professionals, and those who tend crops and herds, as they seek to meet the needs of the people under their care.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

A You have “crowned him with glory and honor.”
Open the eyes of the proud, who seek ever greater power and prestige, that they may find true greatness in serving as You have, in love and mercy.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P You have given us “dominion over the works of Your hands.”
Give wisdom and guidance to everyone who manages Your good creation that all people may be fed, peace may break out, and many people around us will join to say,

C **“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”**

A These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Stand

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

LSB 956



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

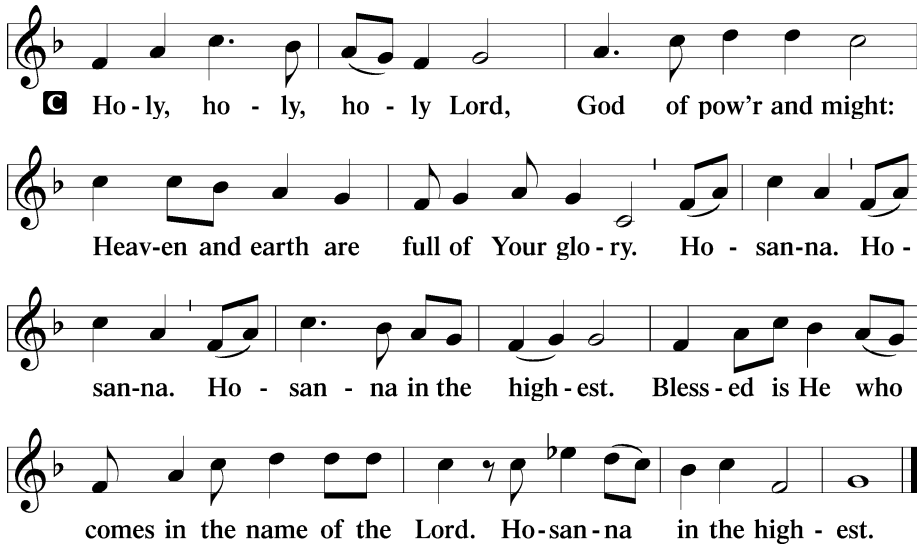
PREFACE

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- 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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your only-begotten Son into the creation You had established.

C **Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus we pray that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen our faith until, gathered together with all the saints, we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.**

P 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."

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.**

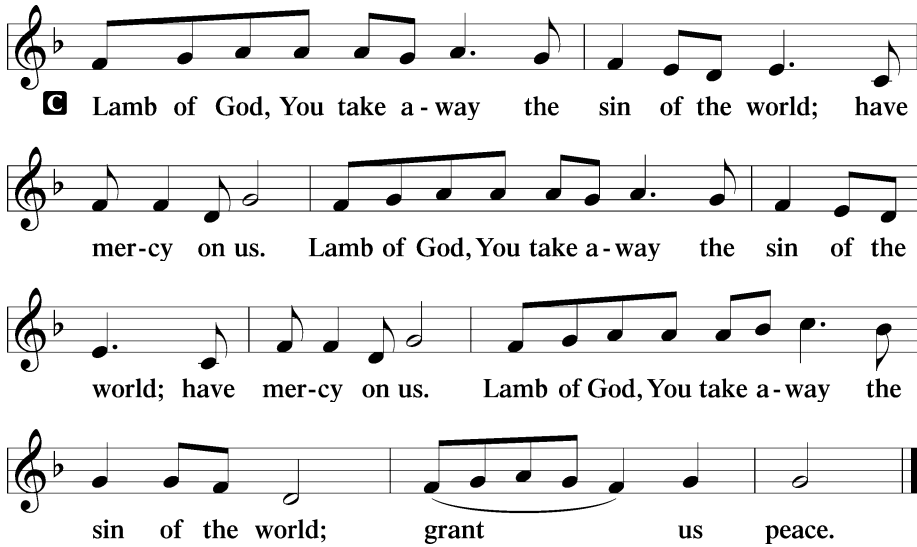
PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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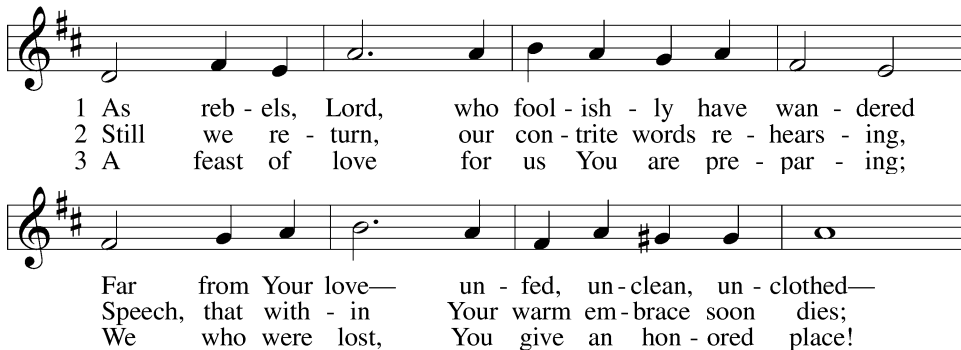
C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

HYMN

"As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered"

LSB 612



1 As reb - els, Lord, who fool - ish - ly have wan - dered
2 Still we re - turn, our con - trite words re - hears - ing,
3 A feast of love for us You are pre - par - ing;
Far from Your love— un - fed, un - clean, un - clothed—
Speech, that with - in Your warm em - brace soon dies;
We who were lost, You give an hon - ored place!



Dare we re - call Your wealth so rash - ly squan - dered,
 All of our guilt, our shame, our pain re - vers - ing
 "Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more de - spair - ing—



Dare hope to glean that boun - ty which we loathed?
 As tears of joy and wel - come fill Your eyes.
 Here taste a - gain the trea - sures of My grace."

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HYMN

"Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865-1919

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.

G Amen.

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700 sts. 3-4

3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us and
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JR CHOIR, 11:00 Service only “As You Go on Your Way” by John Ylvisaker
Led by Merna Ahlemeyer

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” Gordon Young

Once again, we welcome our visiting organist, Eszter Hollo. Eszter is a multi-skilled musician, using her talents in singing, playing the organ and piano, but most importantly, teaching piano and voice, for the glory of God. She was born and raised in Hungary and came to the US 28 years ago. Since then, she raised four children, taught hundreds of students, played for many churches and sang in many choirs. She’s a member at First Scots Presbyterian Church and considers it an honor and joy to play for the very kind people of Grace Lutheran Church today.

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