

**August 9, 2026**

*Eleventh Sunday  
after  
Pentecost*



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

*Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

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# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

"Trumpet Call"  
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

L. Smith  
arr. L. Shackley

## WELCOME

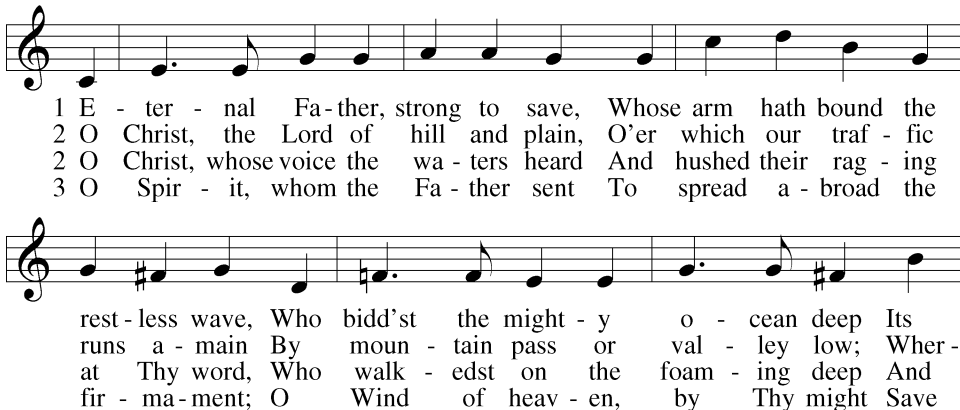
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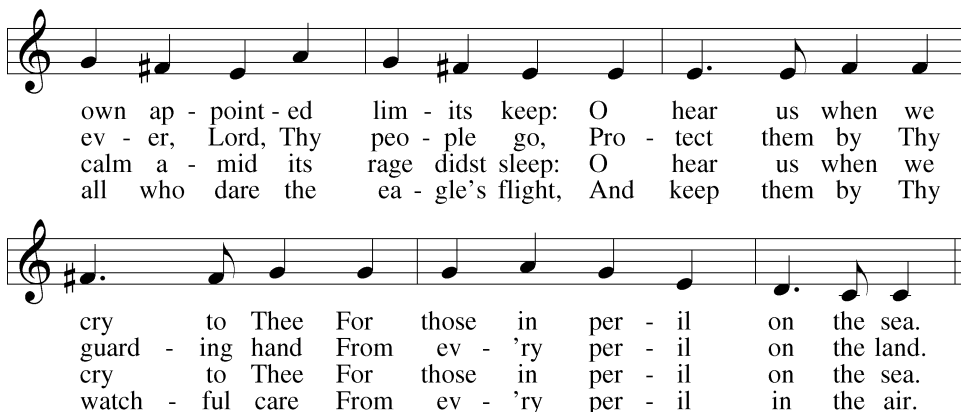
## HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**LSB 717**



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.

3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
 And bid its angry tumult cease,  
 And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
 O hear us when we cry to Thee  
 For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
 Our people shield in danger's hour;  
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
 Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 43:4; Matthew 14:30–31*

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**G** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** "Lord, save me."

**G** "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Matthew 14:33*

**P** No doubt our needs are known by the God of mercy, chief of which is deliverance from sin and fear. Aware of our great need for forgiveness and faith, we cry out to our Creator and Redeemer.

**C** Lord, save me from my little faith, my doubt, my fears, my sin. I come to You now because You have promised to come to me here with Your saving grasp of power and mercy. Forgive me of my sin and give me help and deliverance from all my fears, that I may worship You with a pure heart and say, "Truly You are the Son of God" and my Savior. Amen.

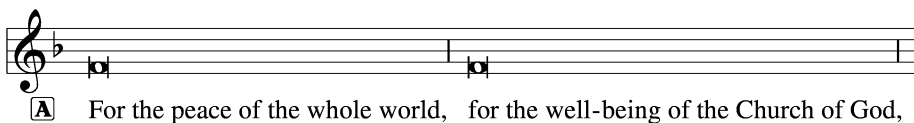
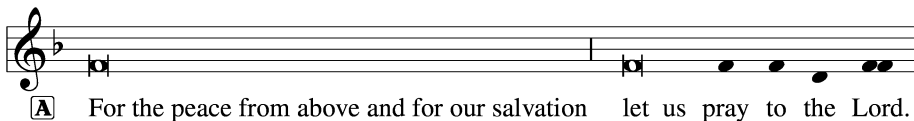
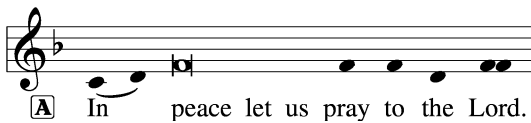
**P** The Lord your God has brought you out from the slavery of sin with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm of mercy by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His own command I announce to you as a called and ordained servant of the Word: I forgive you all your sins. Peace be with you, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

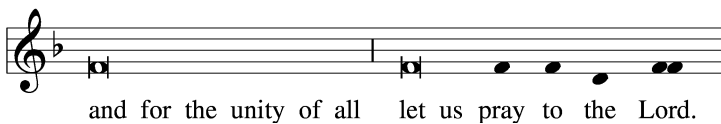
**C** Amen.

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

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**KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

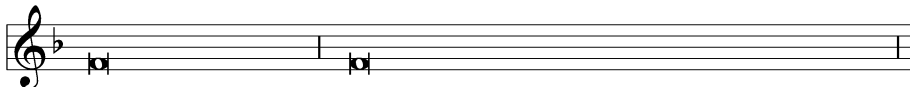




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



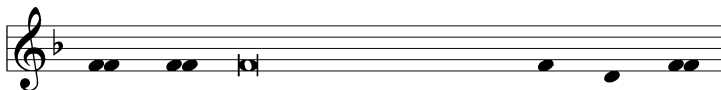
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



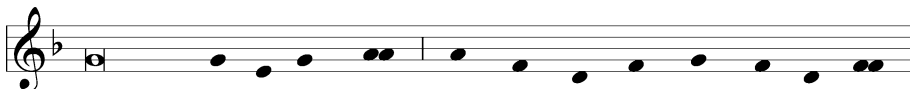
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

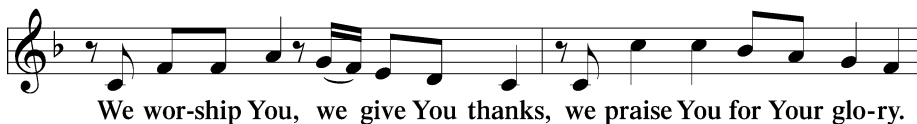
LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Job 38:4–18*

The Word is read...

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 18:1–6; antiphon: v. 46*



**G** <sup>1</sup>I love you,

O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup>The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

## THE EPISTLE READING

*Romans 10:5–17*

The Word is read...

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## VERSE

Matthew 14:27

- P** Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
**C** "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Alleluia.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, 11:00 AM service

Pastor Doug Jones

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

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

The Gospel is read...

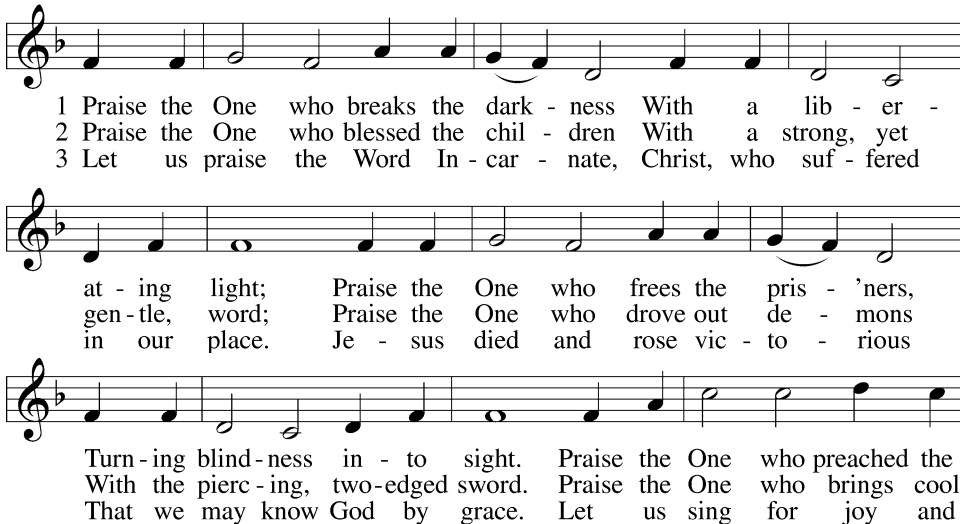
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

**LSB 849**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## SERMON

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs.
- A** For the holy church throughout the world: that she always have confidence of divine help from the Lord and that her pastors and ministers be faithful in their proclamation of God's mercy and grace for all people, serving her members with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who cry out to God for deliverance and help: that their petitions be heard by the One who reaches out to all to rescue from danger and destruction, who can save by the grasp of His mighty hand of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For our country and all the nations of the world: that leaders seek the ways of peace and freedom for the welfare and prosperity of the people they are called to serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who are sick or suffering illness or injury, all who are in any trouble, those who are lonely or afraid, and especially those who are in need whom we name in our hearts (names of those requesting our prayers...): that the Lord give strength, heal, and comfort all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- G Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks to the Lord. That we may be included in the fellowship of the saints in heaven now by

faith in the Son of God and at last by God's mercy and grace when He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

arr. M. Thomas

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

LSB 177

**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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

**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.

- 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.

**G 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.

**G 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:

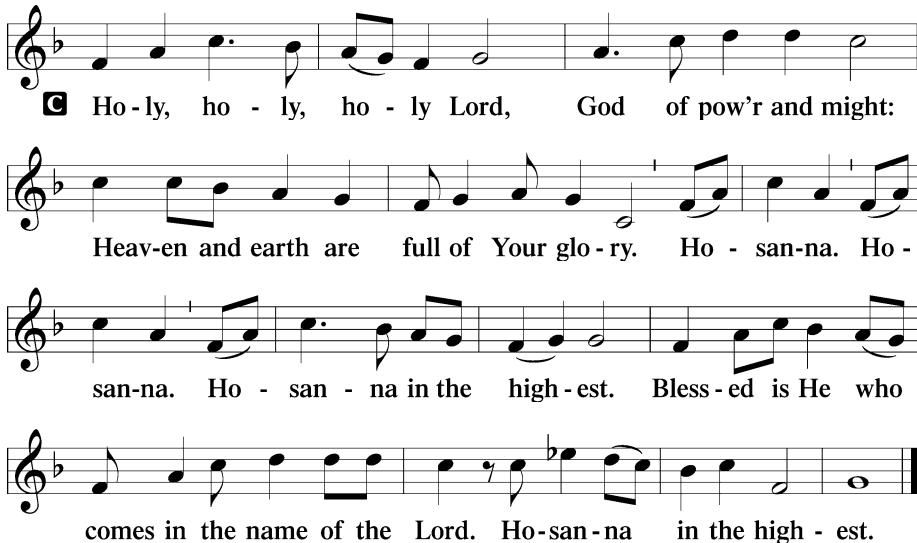
## LORD'S PRAYER

**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



**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.

## DISTRIBUTION

## HYMN

## "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

LSB 750



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -  
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer-ful  
 4 God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
 need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and  
 plea-sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
 sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
 in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
 thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial To make the rich man poor and low.  
 That God hath cast thee off unheard, True wonders still by Him are wrought  
 That he whose hopes meet no denial Who setteth up and brings to naught.  
 Must surely be of God preferred.  
 Time passes and much change doth bring  
 And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
 Perform thy duties faithfully,  
 And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
 Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
 God never yet forsook in need  
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest;  
 'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
 To raise thee up, though low thou liest,

# VOLUNTARY

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

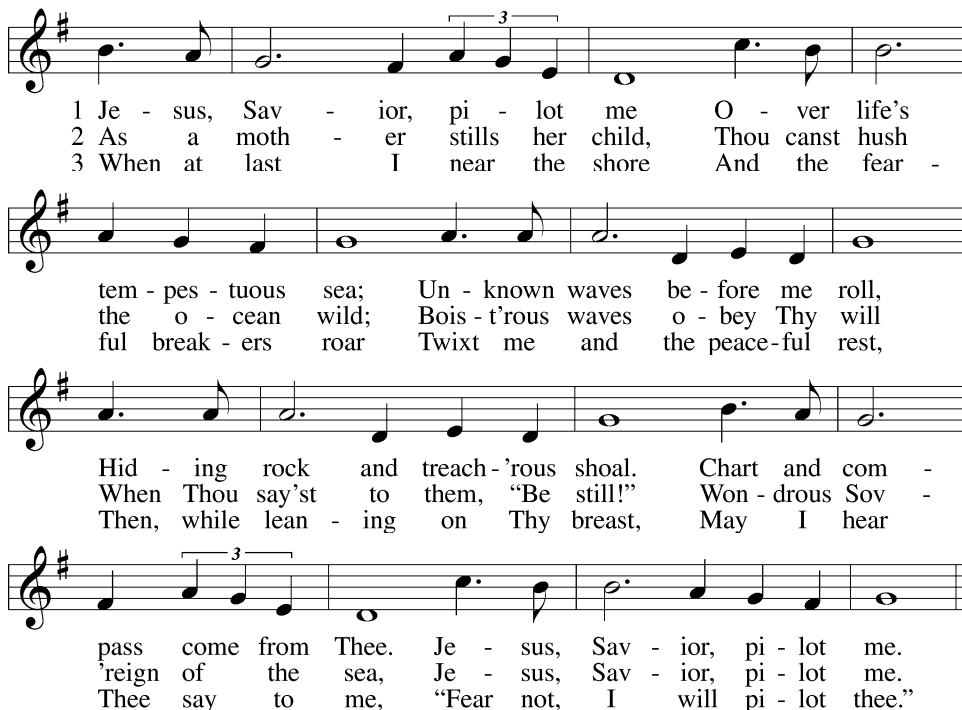
arr. G. Peterson

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## HYMN

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

LSB 715



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush  
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will  
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

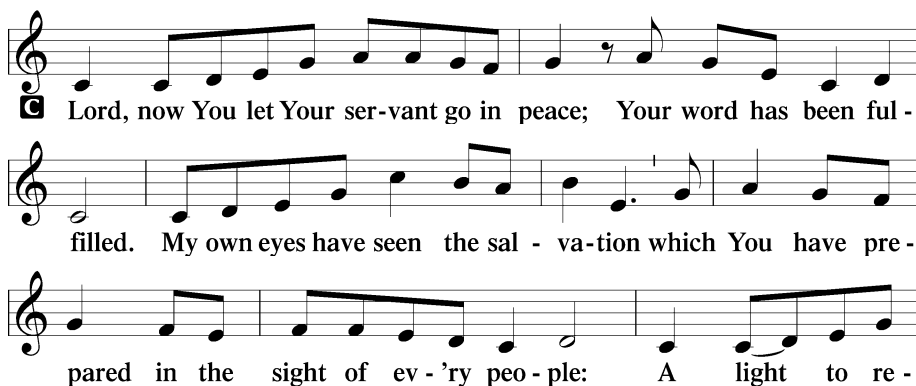
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -  
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

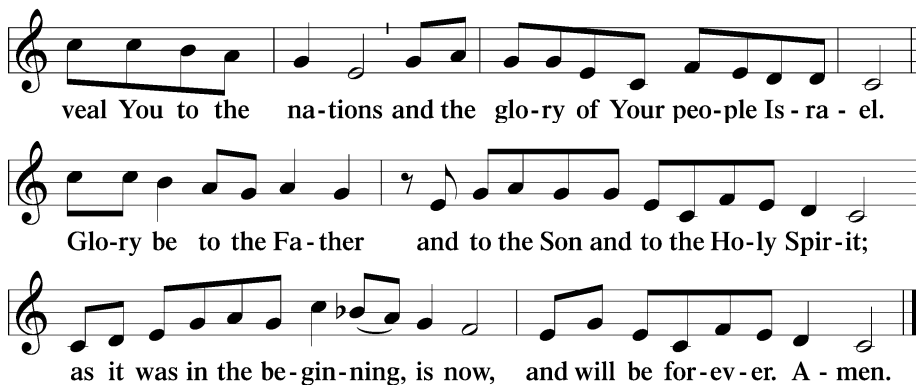
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## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165



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

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

**LSB 555 sts. 1-4, 10**



- 1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

arr. H. Turner

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