August 27, 2023 **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hymn of Invocation: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940 sts. 1-5



Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9 LSB 151

LSB 151

- **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.

Confession of Sins

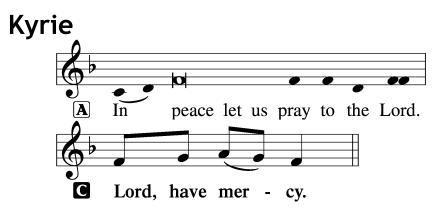
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 151

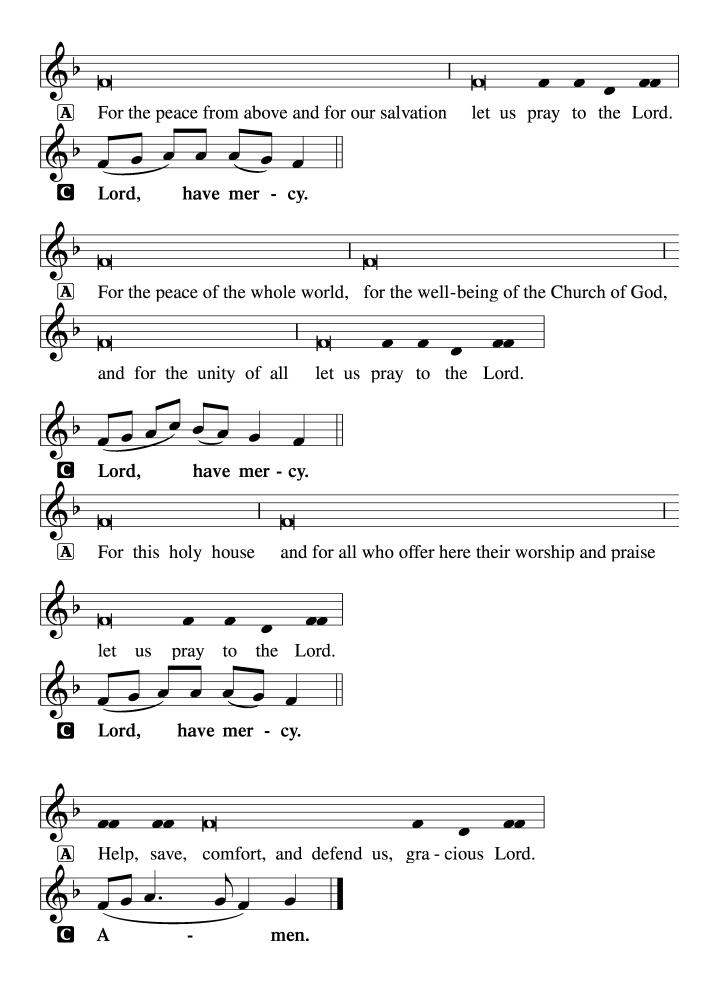
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Stand Service of the Word



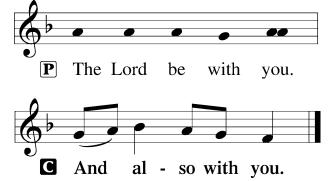
Mark 10:47 LSB 152

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;

for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Romans 11:33-12:8

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 11.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your

spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

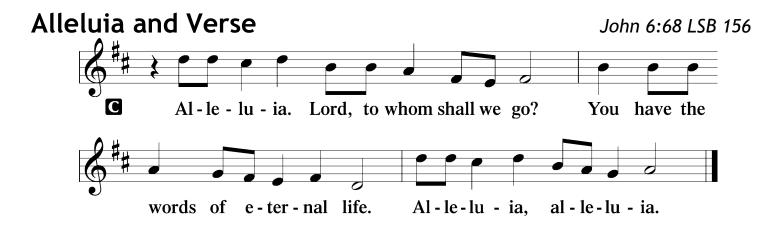
³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Matthew 16:13-20

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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.

Hymn of the Day: 645 Built on the Rock

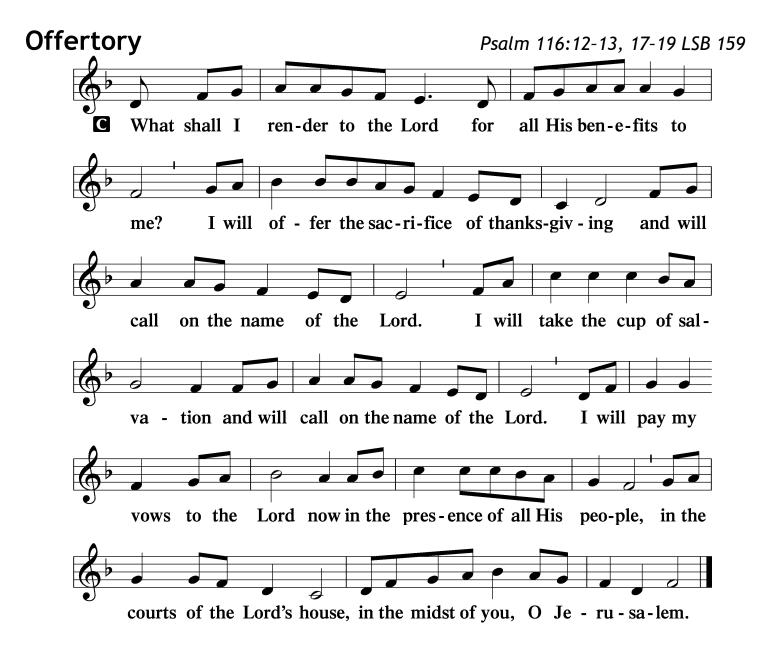
LSB 645



Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

Stand



Sit Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- ▶ Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. [Especially show Your steadfast love to _____.] Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

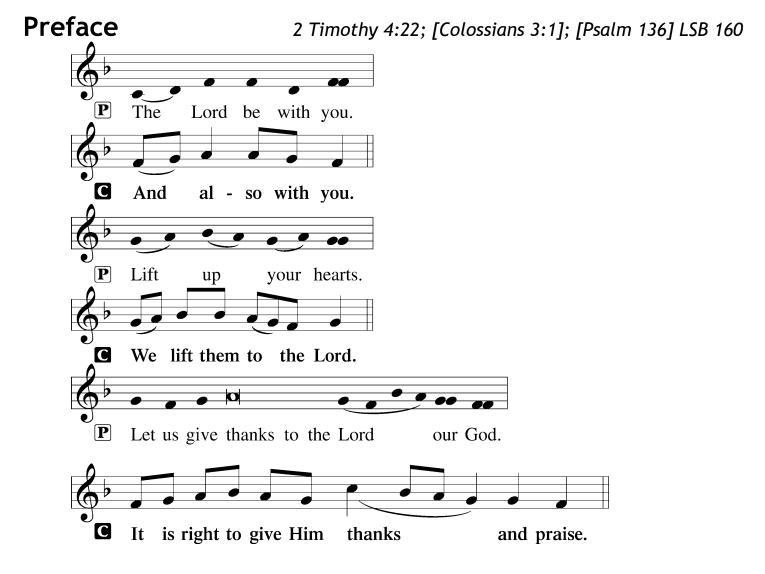
■ O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, that this food may keep us holy and blameless in Christ now and when He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

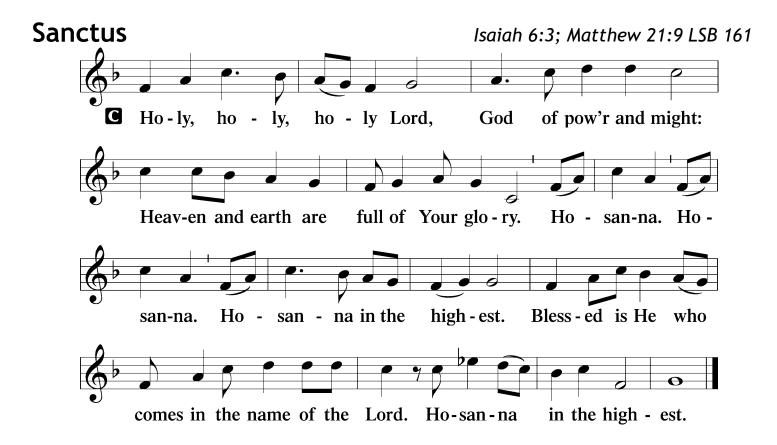
- **P** From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface

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:



Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 162

Lord's Prayer

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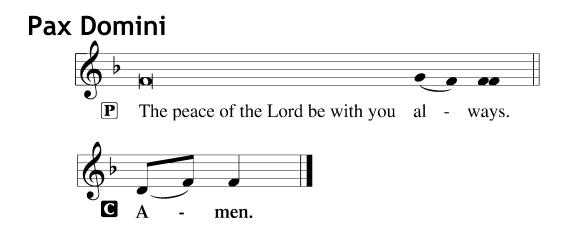
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

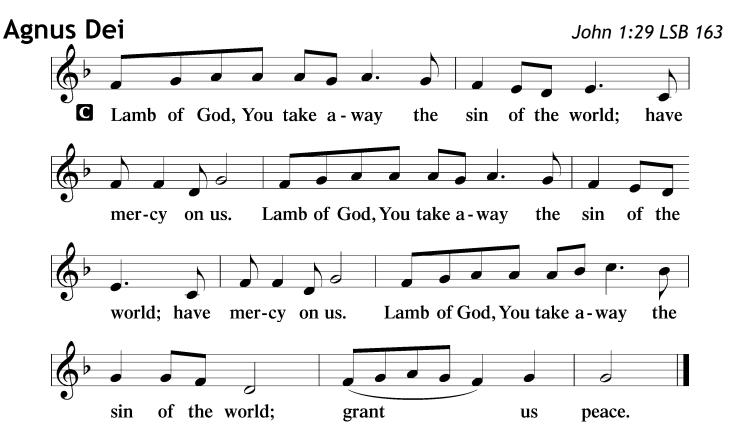
The Words of Our Lord

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."



John 20:19 LSB 163



Sit Distribution

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
 - o Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
 - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
 - Kneel or stand as you are able.
 - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
 - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
 - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several
 plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine
 uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an
 alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any
 questions.

Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach

LSB 628 Dear Sav - ior, 1 Your ta - ble Ι ap - proach; hear my prayer. 2 Lord. Ι con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands; 3 Your and Your blood, Once slain and shed for bod - y me. 4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys - ter - y; Let un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. not an find For - give-ness at Your hands. Α con-trite heart is sure to at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. Are tak - en God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be. O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind. Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night

For Your true body and true blood,

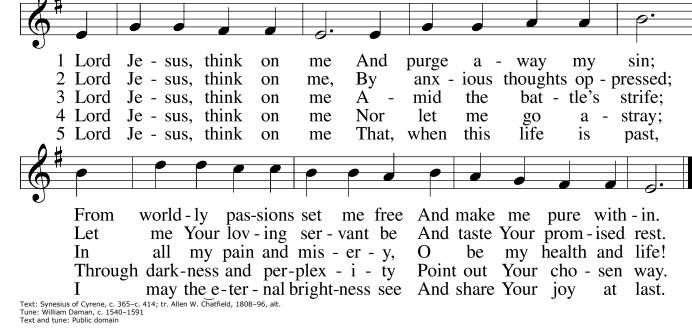
O God, my peace and light. Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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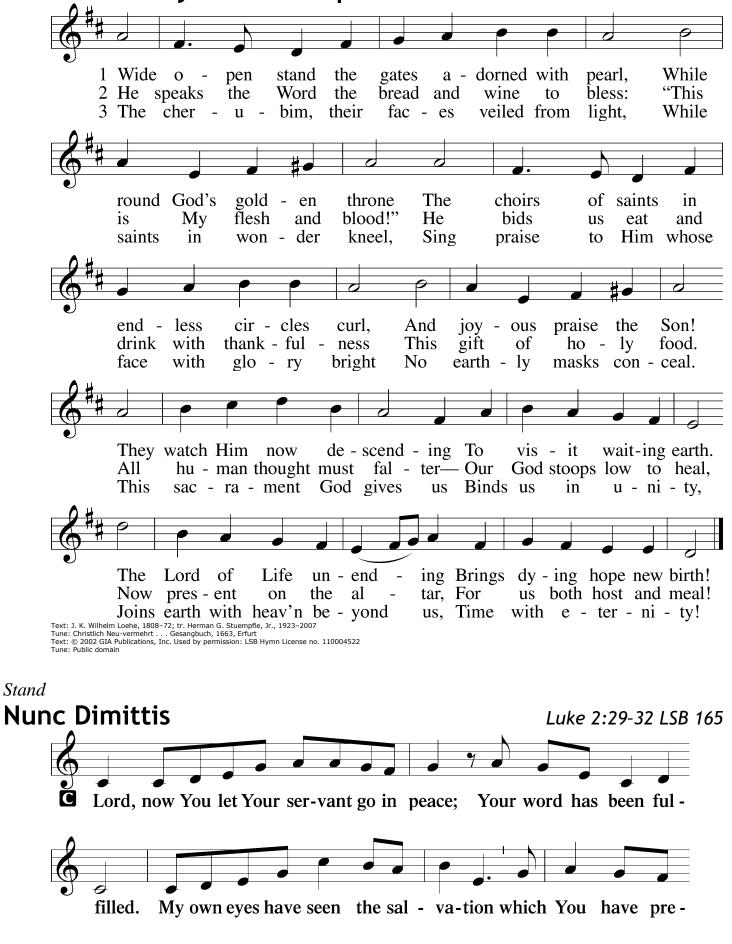
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Distribution Hymn: 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me LSB 610



Distribution Hymn: Wide Open Stand the Gates

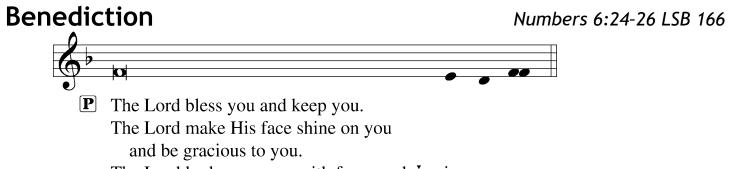
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Post-Communion Collect

- Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today Today Tuesday Wednesday Between Services 12:00 - 2:00 PM 5:00 - 7:00 PM Fellowship Hour Walk-In Communion Walk-In Communion NO Bible Study

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP HOUR is today between services. Thank you to all the many hands that have either brought in or made dishes, set-up or cleaned-up for these summer fellowship gatherings!

<u>MAUI FIRES - DOOR OFFERING</u> Today we will gather a door offering for relief efforts in Maui. Thank you for your generosity last week and we will continue to keep all those affected in our prayer.

<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u> is taking a summer break and will return back on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>YOUTH GROUP</u> will begin every other Wednesday starting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM for grades 6-12 in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris Streeper at 330-441-0502.

TRAIL LIFE USA Please see the display at the Welcome Center for this outreach geared for families with boys in K-5th grade. This is a Christian ecumenical alternative to the Boy Scouts. To learn more, please join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for an information meeting. Questions? Contact Rev. Chris Streeper at 330-441-0502.

<u>GOOD STEWARDSHIP</u> Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

WIGGLE BAGS Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities that kids may engage and participate in worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that "big church" is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the "Used Wiggle Bag" plastic bin after the Worship Service. We are grateful to Sandy Turner and Jean Wadle who are keeping-up with providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Your donated supplies may be given directly to Sandy Turner or Jean Wadle. Thank you.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the 2023 July-September devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take your copy home today.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.

Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

"Walk-In" times at Church:

Sundays, 12 – 2pm Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times

Call Pastor 440-458-0189

Visit <u>www.spvc.org</u> and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

<u>TITHES & OFFERINGS</u> are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

2. Mail your contributions to the church.

3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.

4. Visit <u>www.spvc.org</u> and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE If your mobile app updated and it's asking for an "online code" please use "SPVC" and that should reconnect the app.

<u>WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS</u> You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place <u>ONLY</u> the bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs) and the unused attendance slips. Thank you.

August 2023									
	SERVICE	August 6 SUNDAY	August 13 SUNDAY	August 20 SUNDAY	August 27 SUNDAY				
		Picnic	No Communion	Communion	Communion				
ELDER	8am	All Elders	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle/Chris Duran				
	10:30am		Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson	Steve Kato/Sam Jakabcic				
USHERS	8am	N/A	Dave Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh				
	10:30am		Erich Gottl	Brian Dearth	Joe Bennet				
GREETERS	8am	N/A	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke	Elder				
	10:30am		Joe Bennet	Barb Pijor	Elder				
ELDER	Stephen Kato	Tim Wadle	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Chris Duran				
INFO	330-242-7183	216-214-7109	330-391-6393	216-789-1076	216-577-5164				

September 2023								
	SERVICE	September 3 SUNDAY	September 10 SUNDAY	September 17 SUNDAY	September 24 SUNDAY			
		Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion			
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle / Chris Duran	Chris Duran	Tim Wadle/Steve Kato			
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson/Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson/Sam Jakabcic			
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Jim Sherry	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh			
	10:30am	Jay Moser	Erich Gottl	Brian Dearth	Joe Bennet			
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Elder	David & Mackenzie Duran	Elder			
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Elder	Barb Pijor	Elder			
ELDER	Stephen Kato	Tim Wadle	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Chris Duran			
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CNH DISTRICT

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August 15, 2023

Jesus loves the People of Maui!

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Perhaps you saw the disheartening news. Ninety-nine (99) people are confirmed dead in the Lahaina fire with only 25% of the area searched.

What message do we bring to those so much in need of care and love?

You have a God who is Emmanuel, (God with us)! He is with you and for you! We are the body of Christ, walking, loving, living, and sharing with those in need.

Pray for the leaders and members of <u>Emmanuel Lutheran, Kahului, Maui</u>. They function as God's hands and feet to the people of Maui. They are Christ's ambassadors and bear the presence of the Savior. Pray for their strength and care as they walk beside many in great need, assisting them, and pointing them towards <u>Hope</u>, found only in Jesus.

What is happening?

- The people of Emmanuel are providing immediate response, sharing needed goods and services, and assisting school families who are housing displaced people.
- Two staff from Lutheran Church Charities are deployed to Maui. They will help to
 organize a response effort able to be sustained by Emmanuel and supported by the CNH
 and the greater LCMS.
- Infusions of relief dollars from your CNH Disaster Fund, LCMS Disaster Relief, local congregations, individual donors, Orphan Grain Train, and LCEF are enabling a growing response.
- We hope to deploy crisis counseling personnel to assist in ministering to survivors and caretakers, sponsored by LCMS Disaster Relief and the CNH.

Your partnership:

- Pray for those so horrifically affected, those mourning, and strength for caregivers.
- Encourage those you may know on Maui with texts, cards, and emails. Let them know you are remembering them and praying for them.
- Share a gift to support relief work and recovery.

<u>CNH District Disaster Relief Fund</u> <u>LCMS Disaster Response</u> <u>Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Maui</u>

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.