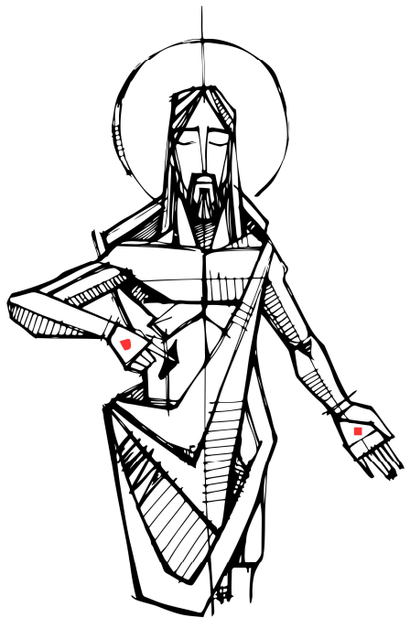
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026



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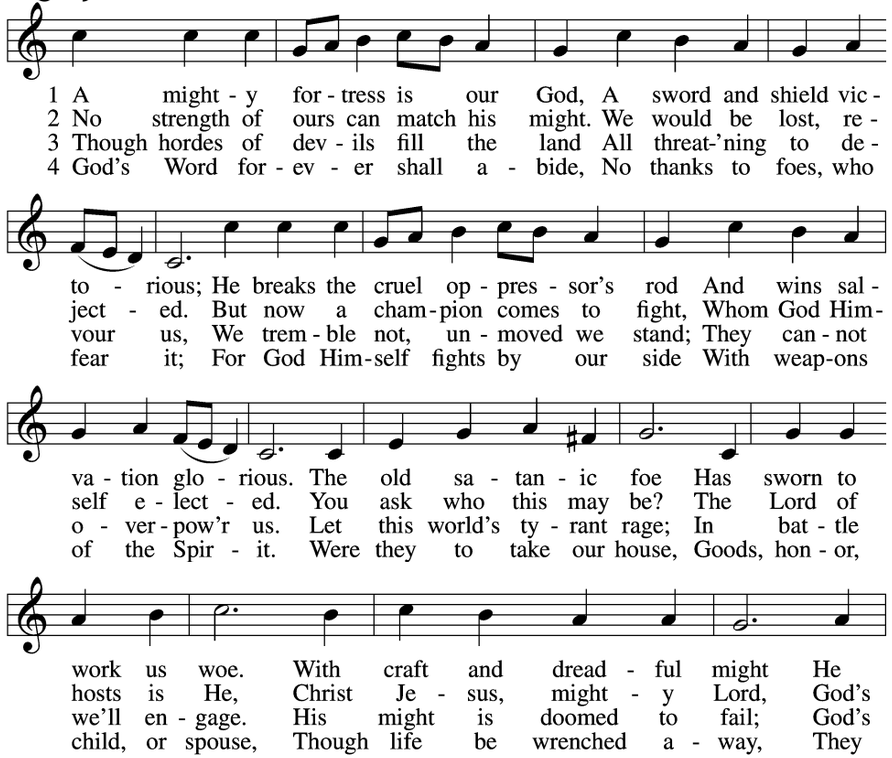
As We Gather

Though many congregations observe Reformation on the last Sunday in October, there are those who keep it on the day appointed. For those, the propers of the day place us in conversation with Jesus about the greatest commandment and a discussion of David. This is not unrelated to the issues that gave birth to the Reformation—Law and Gospel and the confession of who Christ is. Jesus spoke well to those who questioned Him—so well that from that day on no one dared question Him anymore. As hard as it is to admit, we do not reason ourselves into the kingdom of God but enter by faith, trusting in Christ who fulfills all the Law and the Prophets and the promise of salvation as David's Son and David's Lord.

PREPARATION

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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SECOND WEDNESDAY TWIN LAKES FOOD BANK MINISTRY CONTINUES

Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and converse with guests as they wait for groceries, hand out that month's giveaway item, and take prayer requests. The distribution time is from 9am -12pm. You can help out the entire time or come for the first 1.5 hour or the last 1.5 hour. Please contact Krista Hess (916-370-2892) reach hesskeg@gmail.com for more information or to snag the Wednesday of your choice.

LWML

Mt. Olive Women in Mission

Building Up the Sacramento Lutheran Youth Group – Mt. Olive, Folsom. That's right we are collecting $7,000 in mites for our Lutheran youth right in our own backyard. At this time, they need to fund food for gatherings, host an annual retreat, and provide retreat materials and resources. Funds will enable Lutheran youth in the Sacramento area to gather, grow together, and encourage and strengthen each other in faith. Our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants by putting change, bills, and checks in the Mighty Mite box in the Narthex. Please contact Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for questions or if you want to know more about Women in Mission at Mt. Olive and LWML CNH Grants.

Mt. Olive Women in Mission collecting supplies for Mercy Holistic Ministry

Along with hot showers and haircuts the Ministry listens, builds trust, and continues walking with people from relief to sustainability, from sustainability to growth, and from growth to purpose. In November Mt. Olive Women in Mission will be collecting donations for the Mercy Holistic Ministry. Below is a list of items that Mercy Holistic Ministry is in need of and can be purchased and dropped off in the Narthex at Mt. Olive for delivery to Mercy Holistic Mercy at end of November.

For Women-Socks, Underwear (S,M), Feminine Hygiene products, and Lip Balm

For Men-Socks, Underwear (S,M)

Hygiene items-Comb, Nail Clipper, Razors, Lotion, Brushes, Mouthwash (small bottles), and Deodorant.

The Mt. Olive Women in Mission thank you for your participation and support.

CONTRIBUTE

Online Giving

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.

CONNECT

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

Sunday Bible Study

Come and gather with us at 9am to learn more about the Word of God.

Sunday School for school aged children - Children of elementary school age are invited to head to the room at the back of the Narthex directly following the Children's Message during worship. Students will enjoy their lesson during the sermon and will be dismissed back to their families in the sanctuary prior to Communion. Children will be learning from Concordia's curriculum, "Jesus Teaches His Church".

The Lunch Bunch

Please reach out to Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions about the Lunch Bunch.

Young Adult Bible Study

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Targeting 20-35 year olds. Connecting and growing through God's Word, together. Food will be provided. We will be meeting in the Annex.
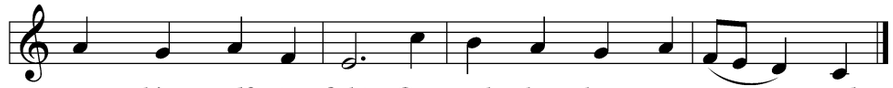
Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study Ladies at Mount Olive, you are cordially invited to come to our weekly Bible Study every Tuesday at 100 Dyrell Way in Folsom at 10:30am. We are just starting to study the exciting book of Genesis! The earliest history of the Hebrew nation!! For more information, please contact Inge at 916-983-0351. We look forward to seeing you! Shalom!

CULTIVATE

Light of the Hills Oktoberfest and Fall Festival

We have been invited by the Light of the Hills congregation, to celebrate their Oktoberfest and Fall Festival Saturday, October 24th at Light of the Hills Church located at 3100 Rodeo Road in Cameron Park. This is a free even. Oktober Fest is from 12-2pm and the Fall Festival (Trunk-or-Treat) from 2-4pm.



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Word

In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be. The Word of God is the Word of Life.

Introit for Pentecost 22

Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18

C **For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

A I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;*
I will recount all of Your won- | derful deeds.
C **I will be glad and ex- | ult in You;***
I will sing praise to Your name, | O Most High.
A The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.
C **And those who know Your name put their | trust in You,***
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek You.

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

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

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Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**
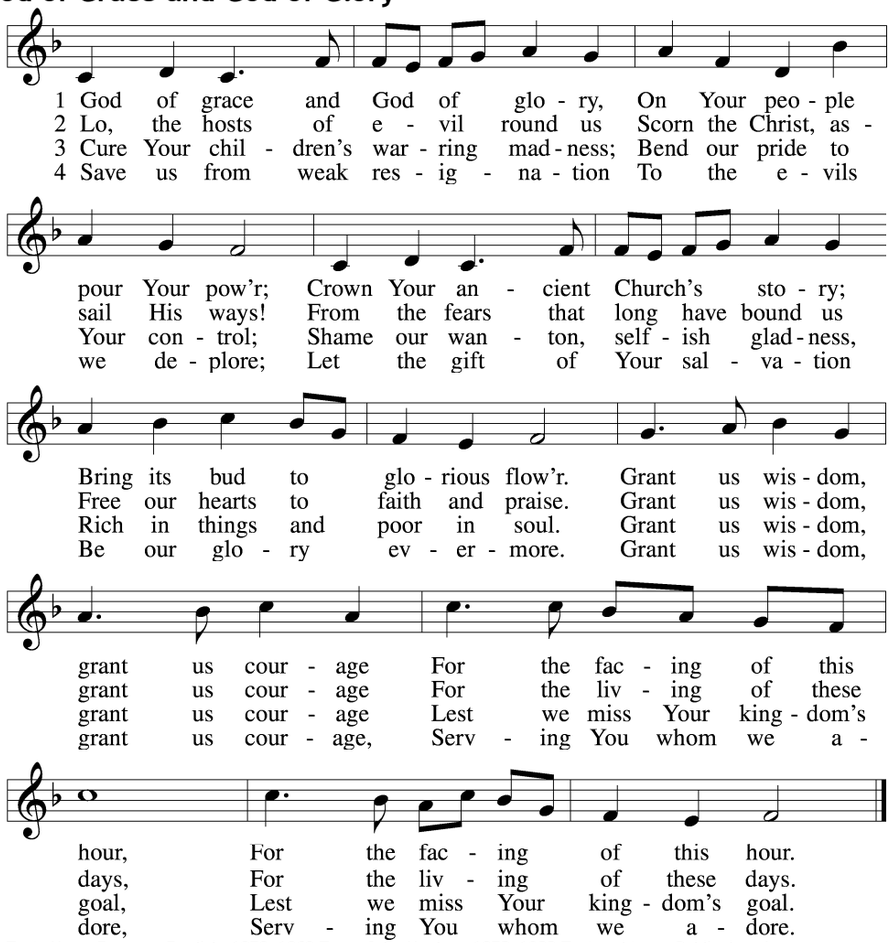
Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Ricky Sullivan
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, **Karla Schroeder**, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	Bill and Karla Schroeder
Altar Guild	

850 God of Grace and God of Glory



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Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testment Reading

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

[1]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

[15]"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. [16]You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

[17]"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. [18]You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

[1]For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2]But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. [3]For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, [4]but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5]For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. [6]Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. [7]But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. [8]So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

[9]For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. [10]You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward

you believers. [11]For you know how, like a father with his children, [12]we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

[13]And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Matthew 22:37b

Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[34]When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. [35]And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. [36]"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" [37]And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38]This is the great and first commandment. [39]And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [40]On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

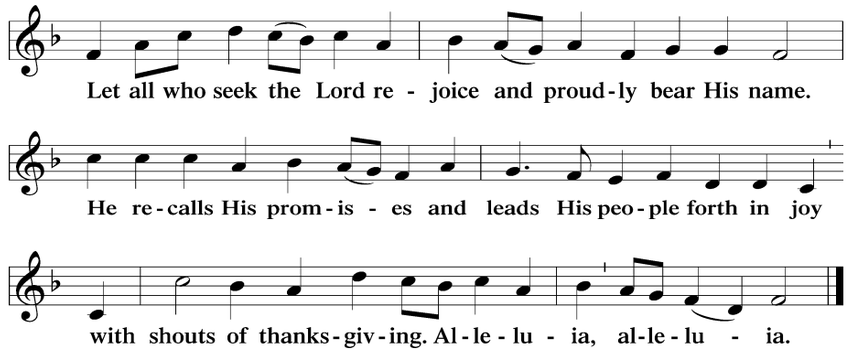
[41]Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, [42]saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." [43]He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

> [44]'"The Lord said to my Lord,
> Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet'?

[45]If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" [46]And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 106:1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the Kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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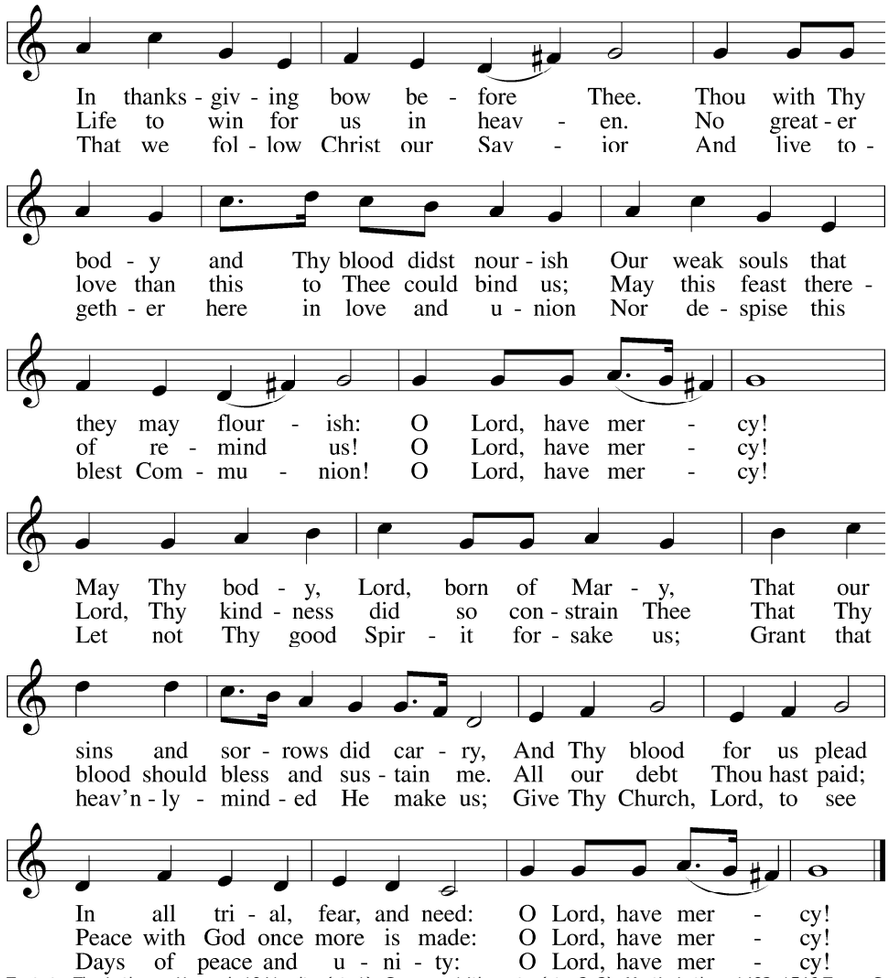
P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.
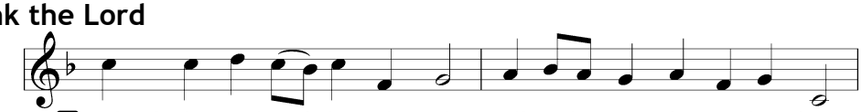
C **Amen.**



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Thank the Lord

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C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon Song:

Arise

Verse 1
Let every valley be raised up
And every lowly heart be filled
Arise and wipe away your tears
For your eyes shall see the Lord revealed

Verse 2
Let every mountain be made low
Cast down your trust in might and gold
And crown yourself with humble faith
That your God provides a truer hope

Chorus
Arise arise awake your soul
In the glory of the coming Lord
Rejoice rejoice prepare the way
For the One who comes in power to save

Verse 3
Make straight the road to Bethlehem
That marches on to Calvary
The King is on His way to save
He the rescue in our deepest need

Verse 4
All those who wander without home
Striving in the wilderness
He is not far He is not far
You will soon behold God's very face (Chorus)

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Sermon Let Us/Christ Be Known -Pastor Daniel Vang

Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

℗ With confidence in Your promise to hear Your people as they pray, we come before You, O Lord, in Jesus ’name, on behalf of a world broken, a nation in need, a church struggling, and a people hurting.

Silence for prayer

℗ Give wisdom to Your church, O Lord, that she know Your Word well and so discern Your way, doing what is good and right and true, loving You above all things and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

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.

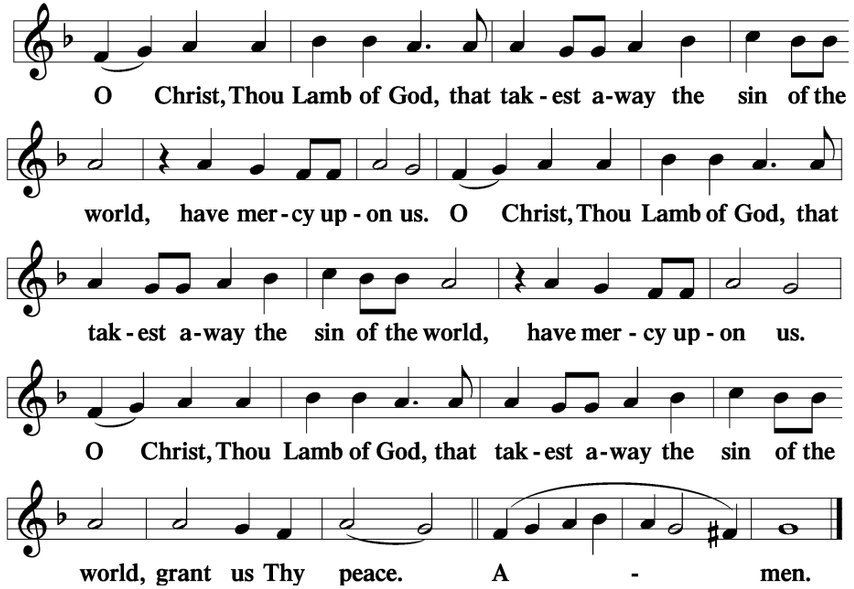
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℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**
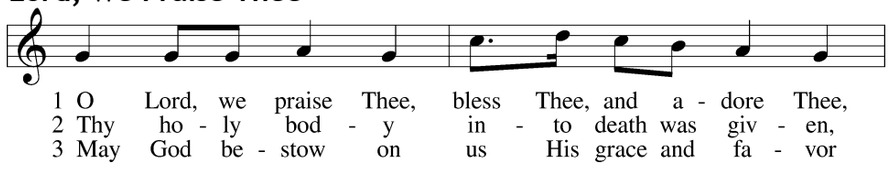
Agnus Dei

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Distribution Hymns

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

P Raise up among us, O Lord, good and faithful workers for Your kingdom, to serve us in Your name. Bless those even now preparing for church work vocations and the congregations who will call them. Unite Your people in doctrine and faith so that we honor Your name and serve Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Living in a nation of laws, rich with blessings, we pray You, O Lord, to grant us grateful hearts for all the good things You have bestowed and good leaders to govern us with integrity. Bless those who protect and defend us near and far, the medical professionals and first responders who come to our aid, and those who till the earth and provide us with its fruits. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Watch over all people in their afflictions and sustain them in their trials, O Lord, that they be kept in healing today as together we await the perfect healing of everlasting life. [*Hear us especially on behalf of . . .*]. Do not forget those who mourn lest their sorrows cause them to despair, and keep them in hope through the promise of the resurrection and eternal life, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Open our hearts, O Lord, to the cause of mercy, that we faithfully support Your church with the gifts You have provided, and make us generous with the many agencies and institutions of Your church that serve those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, that husband and wife keep their promises of love and faithfulness, care for the children given into their care, and sustain each other in forgiveness and hope, serving each other to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us ears to hear the voice of Your Word, O Lord, and repentant hearts, that we receive for our good the precious gifts of Your Son's flesh in bread and His blood in wine. By this Holy Communion, awaken in us the longing for the eternal feast on high, when, with all the saints of every time and place, we will rejoice in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P When at last the time is fulfilled when our Lord calls forth from the grave all who have died in faith, we pray You to gather us with them in the place of everlasting life and light, a people who remember how Your mercy carried us through the many
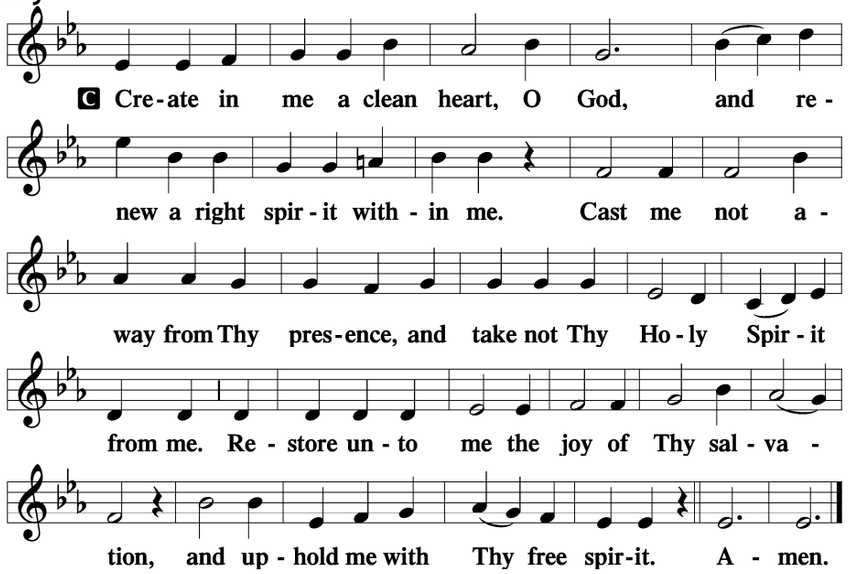
nights into the eternal day. Until that day, grant to us all things needful, but deliver us from all things harmful to us and to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Spirit You are one Lord and one God, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

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SACRAMENT

Grace upon grace. Having received God's grace through the Word and promises of Jesus, God now serves us grace by feeding us His Son's body and blood which is "true food and true drink (John 6:55)" for the forgiveness of sins. In this portion of the service, we gather with angelic hosts and the saints triumphant where Jesus promises to be: in this meal of bread and wine. "It is bread and wine set within God's Word and bound to it (Luther's Large Catechism)." We confess that our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted the Lord's Supper to be a Sacrament, a means of grace. In, with, and under the elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus as he has spoken. His body and blood are set aside for his baptized disciples to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you desire the gifts, come and receive what's meant for you. If you hold to a different confession, are unsure of what this meal is, or are unbaptized, but desire the gifts, please talk with pastor after service about our formation process. In the meantime, we invite you to come up and cross your arms over your chest at the table in order to receive a blessing.

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.

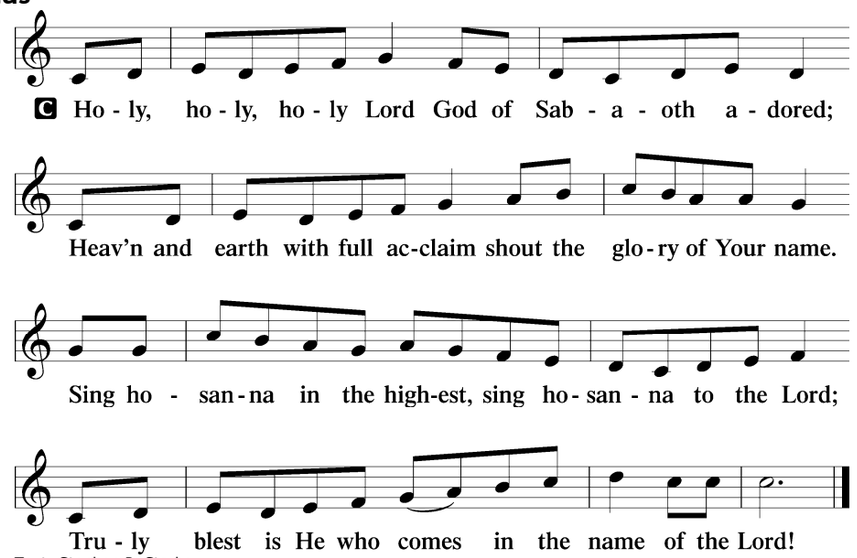
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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:

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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