

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2026



Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:
Reflect God's love in the heart of York

Our Vision:
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

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Prelude

Lauda Anima

Kevin Hildebrandt

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

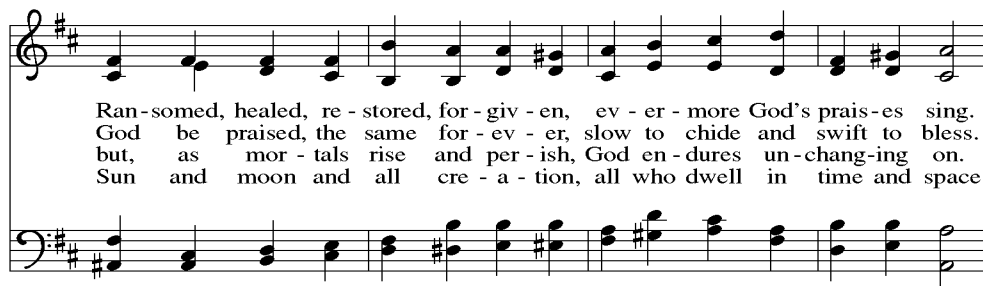
P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

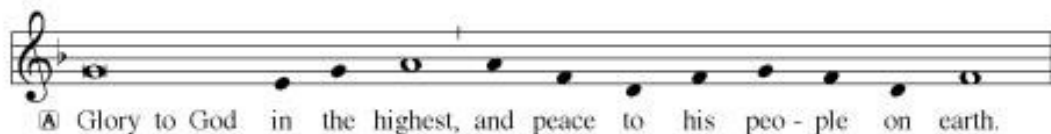


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Announcements

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 *(Sung in unison)*

¹²⁹ **Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.**

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹ **I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.**

¹³² **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**

- ¹³³ **Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.**
- ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.**
- ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

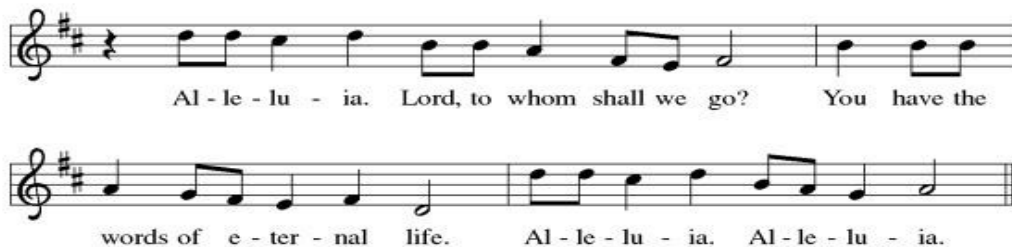
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



P: Let us confess together our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church.

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the earth and the bounty it offers; for the beauty of valleys, hills, plains, and mountains; for flowing streams and surging oceans, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the human family; for all that is gracious in every culture, people, and nation; for all the good we receive from the generations that came before us, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For our families and friends; for all that enriches our lives and challenges us to grow; for the ability to work, to create, and to contribute to the common good, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the great promises and mercy given us in Christ Jesus; for the church that unites people of every time and place; for the means of grace and the hope of glory, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Lord, we offer our prayers to you for peace and respect among all the peoples of the earth; for a just and proper sharing of the bounty which we receive by your hands: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For government leaders, courts, and legislators, that they may serve justice and promote the common good: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this city, its industry and commerce, its schools and colleges: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are lonely or forgotten, for the unemployed and the destitute, for those whose homes are broken or torn by strife, for those in grief or sorrow: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in distress in body, mind, or spirit, especially Jen Risser, and those we name before you in our hearts or on our lips. (silence) **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, for those we love, for a spirit of humility that acknowledges your grace, for wisdom to know your will, and for the courage to accomplish it: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a sense of joy and wonder at all your works, for faith that conquers anxiety, for love that casts out fear, and for hope that strengthens for service: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offertory

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Georg Philipp Telemann



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

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

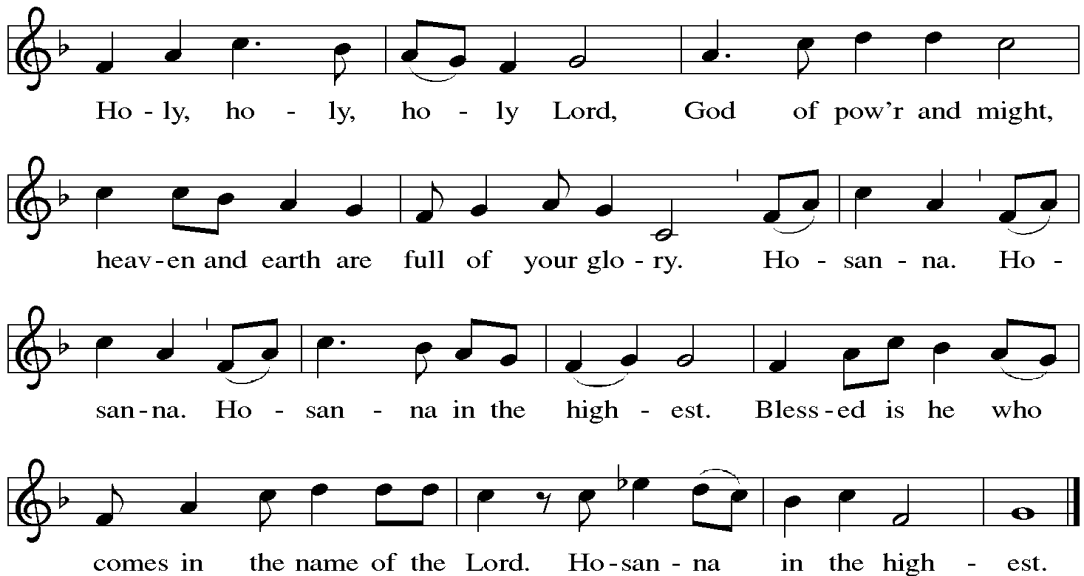
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through 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. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is ready.

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

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.

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Approach the chancel rail by way of the side aisles, beginning in the rear of the nave. Dip the host in the first cup or drink from the common cup. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the sacrament. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



- 1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
- 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
- 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand-ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing:



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz-ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .

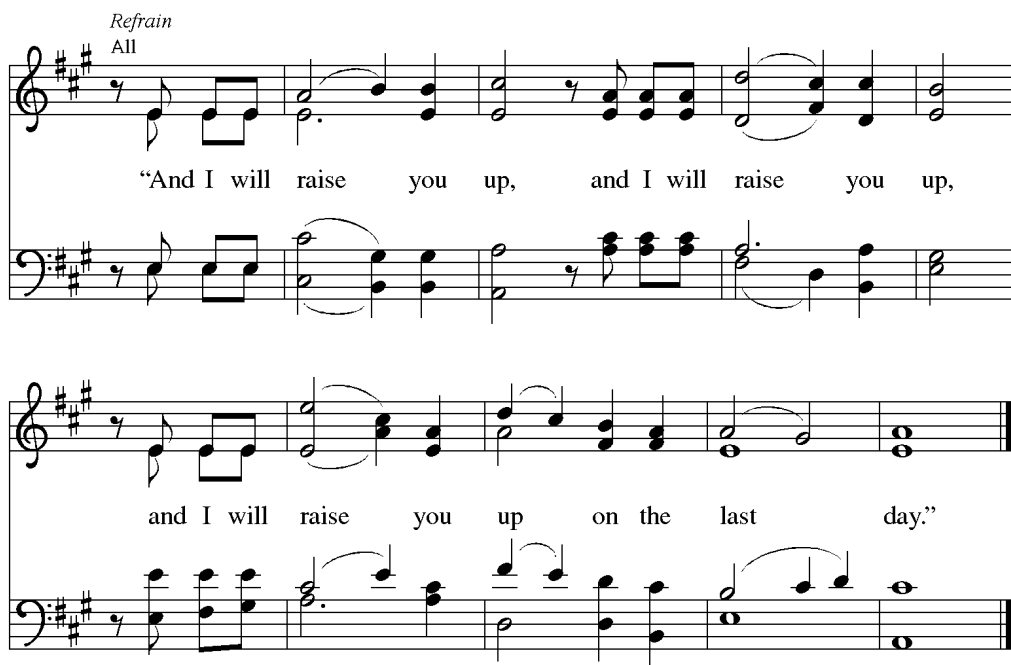


lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

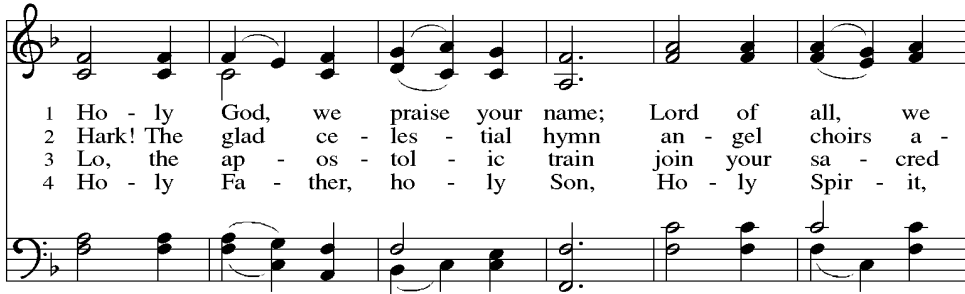
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

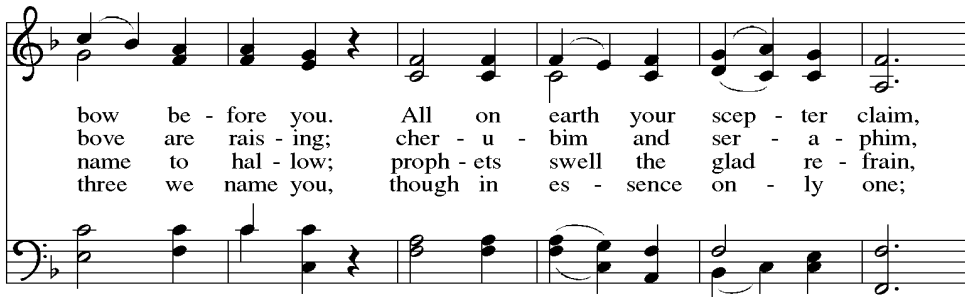
C: Amen.



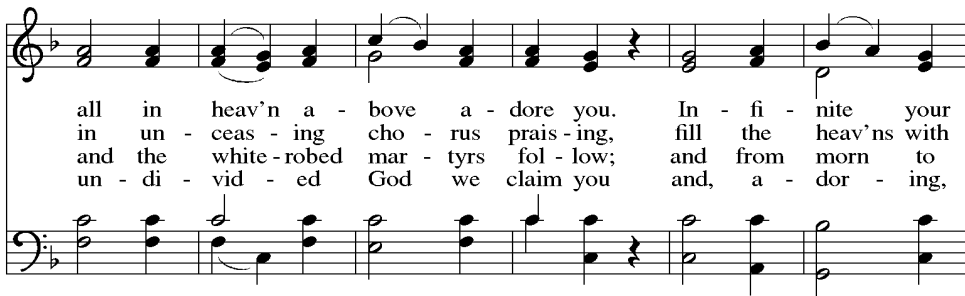
Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata on *Grosser Gott*

Flor Peeters

Please join us in the Lower Narthex for coffee hour.



Prayer List

We strive to keep the prayer list current, especially in these uncertain times. Please notify us whether there are additions to this list or whether a name should be taken off.

Members

Brenda Barkdall, Beverly Bowers, Elizabeth Boyd, Shirley Cook, Mel Dick, Naomi Duncan, Rodney Flinchbaugh, Ron Heilman, Steven Heilman, Bill Hullman, David Kauffman, Pat Kronk, John Long, Jr., Patricia Lowe, John and Mary Lou Manley, Richard Meckley, Adrian Patches, Jen Risser, Doris Ritter, Mary Shepp, Rick Smith, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert.

Others

Robert Appleton, Greg Beck, Kelly Bell, Edward Bender, Jr., Roman Bondarevskyi, Joan Boyce, Nancy Buettner, Lisa Chapman, Andy Doss, Susan Ellison, Richard Fox, Gus Frank, Mark Garber, Shellia Gaskins, Lynda Godfrey, Christina Hackeling, Julie Hadaszy, Bill, Charlie, and Wayne Hensel, Daniel Hertig, Liz, Heather and Jessica Houlding, Jim Labounty, Kay Leiphart, Kristin Klinedinst, Ellen Meyers, The Rev. Glenn Miller and Carol, Jeff Miller, Glenn Myers, Dottie Morris, Lois Olson, Dale Parker, John Pavoncelli, April Paske, Leo Pufall, Nancy Quintin, Barry and Sandi Ream, Pastor Amy Schiffrin, Robert Settee, Selena Strine, Denny and Jan Stroshane, Janelle Stroshane, Dan Sutton, Robert Wagaman, Susan Wagner, Michael Wetzell, Rev. Allan S. and Bonnie Wysocki, Stephen L. Wysocki.

Serving in Worship

Assisting Ministers	Paul Schendel Vicki Craun
Acolyte	Shea Vanada
Reader	Terry Hoover
Lower Narthex	Scott Donner
Back Door	Diane Einsig
Altar Guild	Marlene Coval, Susan Lease, Barbara Shepp, Phyllis March
Ushers	Melissa Cook, Deb Sheaffer, Richard and Kathy Heilman
Coffee hour	Sandy and Bill Cooley
Guest Organist	Dr. Geoffrey Simon

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Missy's parents Sallie and Duane Jacobs, and Matthew's parents Carol and Lee Schlenker by Missy and Matthew Schlenker, Ben and Jacob



Guys Night Out

Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00pm.

At the Black Cap in Red Lion.

RSVP to Chaplain Steinhilber at 717-881-2578
or call the church office.

Christ Church feeds those in need in York



FEED THE HUNGRY

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?...’Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:37, 40)

We help the need in York along with St. Matthew’s Lutheran with donations of food each month. Canned goods and other non-perishable food placed in the Big Brown Boxes in the Lower Narthex and outside the choir room are taken to the Food Pantry at St. Paul’s monthly. Please bring your gifts for our brothers and sisters in York regularly. There is always need, even in the summer. Thanks and blessings.



Soup Kitchen

Today and Aug. 2-Noodles will be out for pick-up
Aug. 9-Hamburger and noodle return
Aug. 16-Baked goods due
Aug. 17-Soup kitchen delivery



Next Community Meal

August 23

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Child Care Center: 717-854-2239

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Welcome!

So we can know you better, please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in an offering plate. If you have no church home, we invite you to membership at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you return to worship and participate in our life in Christ!

The Liturgy

Our worship is the historic liturgy of the Christian Church - a celebration of Word and Sacrament, the means through which God gives forgiveness, life and salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Worship resources are found in the pews. The "Lutheran Book of Worship" (noted LBW inside the bulletin) is the green hardback hymnal. The "With One Voice" (noted WOV inside the bulletin) is the blue softback hymnal. The "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (noted ELW inside the bulletin) is the red hardback hymnal.

Children are always welcome at worship!

We value the participation of our children in worship! As members of the church, children participate in the worship service. They listen to God's Word, gather at the Lord's table, serve as readers, acolytes, choir members, and more. Feel free to take children in and out as necessary.

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