IN OUR PRAYERS

₫<u>Ill/Hospitalized:</u> Denise Potter

Kathy Mundt

Dakota & Maegan Kilgore who were married on *October 22nd*. May God fill

their lives with His daily presence and love.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: Reformation Day - 2nd Grade Bible Distribution

Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time Bible Study

Lutheranism 101 11:00 a.m. (Classroom 3)

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m.

Voters' Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Life Team Meeting 1:30 p.m. (Church Conference)

Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Classroom 3)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.

Midweek Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.

Handbells 6:00 p.m. Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Turkey Trot 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: All Saints' Day

Divine Service 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time Bible Studies

Lutheranism 101 11:00 a.m. (Classroom 3)



Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

St. Peter Lutheran Church

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† The Festival of the Reformation † October 25 & 26, 2025

Stand and face the Processional Cross as it enters.

578 Thy Strong Word v. 1-3 Congregation 1 Thy strong word did cleave dark - ness: At Thy the 2 Lo. on those who dwelt dark - ness. Dark as 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks righ - teous: Bright with speak - ing done. For was cre deep death, Broke the light night and as of li -Thine own ho ness, Glo rious now. we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run. light we Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath. press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con-fess. lu - ia. - ia! Praise to - ia! - lu - ia. al le _ lu Praise to - lu - ia, al lu - ia! Praise le _ to Thee who light dost send! lu dost Thee who light send! le lu - ia, dost Al - le Thee who light send! - lu - ia. lu - ia! Al with - out end! le 1u ia! Al le lu with - out end! lu - ia! Al le _ lu - ia with - out end!

Apple Pie Sale Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th to purchase delicious, homemade apple pies. Ready to bake or freeze; these pies are great to have on hand for holidays or anytime you want to serve a tasty dessert. They even make great gifts at just \$15.00 each. There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space or you can call or text Frank Buckbee at 989-996-1801 or Sheila Bauer at 989-860-3927 to order pies and/or sign up to join the fun on sale day. Deadline for ordering pies will be Sunday, November 2. Please pick up your pie orders on Saturday, November 8 between 9:30am and 12:00pm.

<u>Genesis Bible Study...</u> The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Genesis, chapters 37-50. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

The Lutheran Hour is broadcast Sundays on WSAM 1400AM Saginaw at 8:30am and XM 131 at 10:30am. It can also be heard on-line at www.lhm.org. Next Sunday, November 2nd, Lutheran Hour Speaker *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's* sermon is titled, "The Way Out". Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way."

Community News: *See flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering space*

Ushers for next week: Saturday: Joe Wardin, Jordan McQueen Sunday: Matt Wardin, Mark Chapin

A LifeQuote from Lutherans for Life of Michigan

"We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things."

Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources

Videographer for next week: Scott Neumeyer

REFORMATION DAY

Revelation 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32).

NEWS AND NOTES for October 25 & 26, 2025

Voters' Meeting, Monday, October 27th at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

St Peter Long Term Plan Review The Long Term Planning Committee will present the draft Long Term Master Plan at the Voters Meeting on Oct 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM. This will be an information only review. Additional meetings will be held on Nov 2 at 11:00 AM and Nov 9 at 11:00 AM. The Nov 2 and Nov 9 meetings will provide opportunity for questions and answers. The Nov 9 meeting will be a Special Voters Meeting with presentation and questions and answer. There will be a ratification vote of the committee's recommendation at the Nov 9 Special Voters Meeting.



Building on the Cornerstone Campaign

\$2.5 Million Matching Goal:		
Gifts Received:	\$ 2,787,864	

<u>The Nominating Committee</u> would like the congregation to be aware of the positions that will be open for the January 2026 election. Contact the Nominating Committee (Laura Kopplin, Renee Herhold, and Lynn Smith) for more information or to place your name on the ballot. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for the following positions:

Chairman (1-year term) Treasurer (3-year term)

Elder (3-year term) multiple openings

Head Usher (1-year term)

Board of Finance (3-year term) multiple openings

Nominating Committee (3-year term)

Vice-Chairman (1-year term)

Assistant Treasurer (3-year term)

Trustee (3-year term) multiple openings

Assistant Financial Secretary (3-year term)

Board of Financial Review (3-year term)

Board of Christian Education (3-year term)

with & without kids

Below are the General Fund Income and Expense numbers, as well as others, for the prior months and the current fiscal year to date. We hope that these numbers provide a clear picture of our operating status.

			2025-26 Fiscal Year-to-
	August 2025	September 2025	Date
General Fund Income	\$ 234,837.51	\$ 118,192.92	\$ 372,239.61
General Fund Expenses	\$ 162,714.37	\$ 153,588.33	\$ 332,012.62
Gain or (Deficit)	\$ 72,123.14	\$ (35,395.41)	\$ 40,226.99
Building on the Cornerstone Fund	\$ 22,246.73	\$ 7,598.00	\$ 37,079.73
Missions (Goal: \$35,000)	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 1,839.00	\$ 6,827.00

Church Attendance Last Week: 353 (69-264); Communion: 244

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- f P In the name of the Father and of the m H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

942 Kyrie! God Father

Seraphim Choir

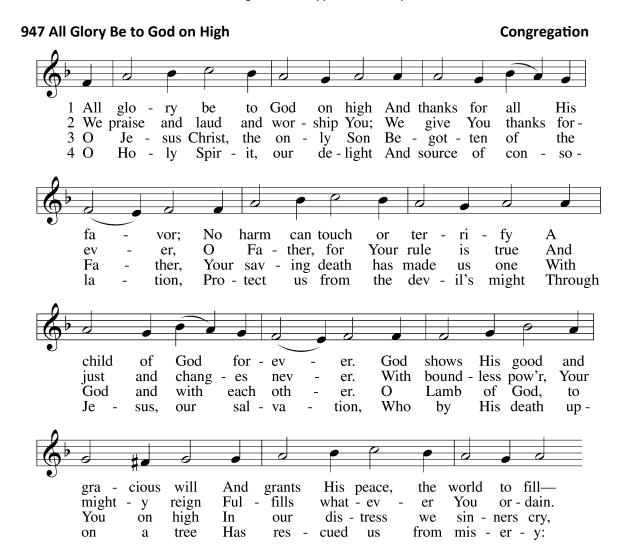
Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above, You abound in gracious love, Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison!

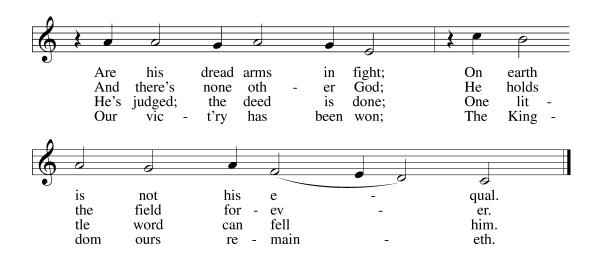
Kyrie! O Christ, our king, Salvation for all You came to bring.

O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our mediator at the heav'nly throne: Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison! Eleison!

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this sinful world with gladness. Eleison! Eleison!

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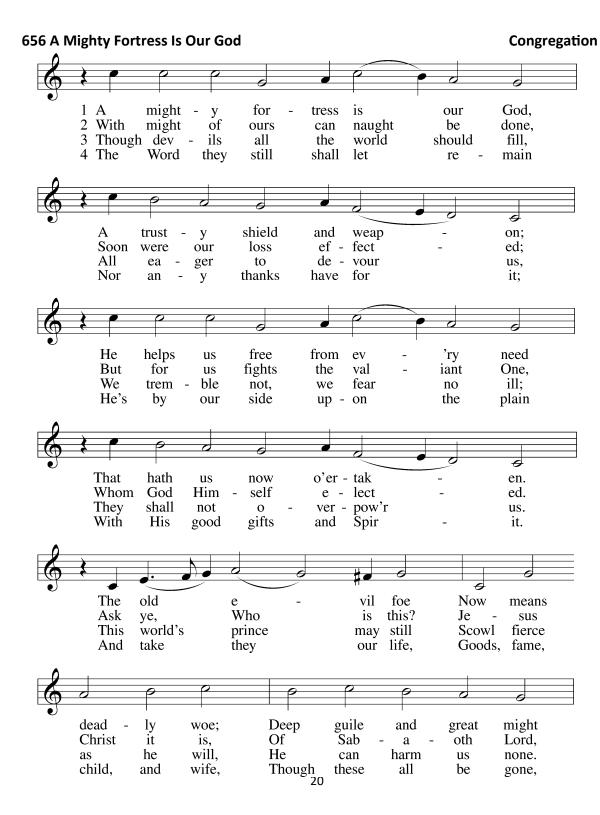
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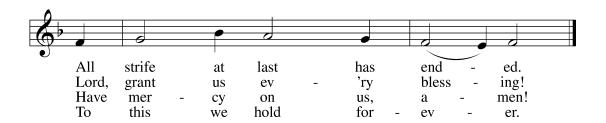
Divine Service, Setting 5 from Lutheran Service Book

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray.

 Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.

 Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

Psalm 46 "God Is Our Refuge and Strength"

Seraphim Choir

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

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Congregation

4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- 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.

Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

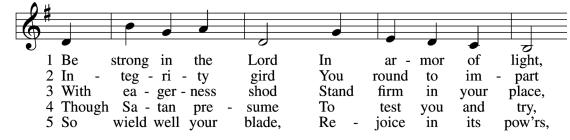
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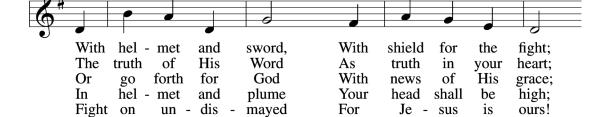
- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

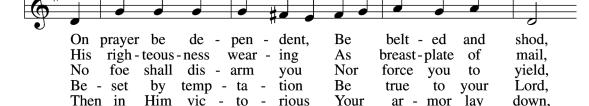
 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

665 Be Strong in the Lord

Congregation









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Stand

- Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!
- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

953 We All Believe in One True God

Congregation



- 1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost,
- 2 We all be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, Son of God and Mar-y's son,
- 3 We all con-fess the Ho-ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host; Who de-scend-ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won: Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri-als, fears, and needs.



He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds. By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y. Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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"The Gift of the Gospel For All" Sermon

Romans 3:28

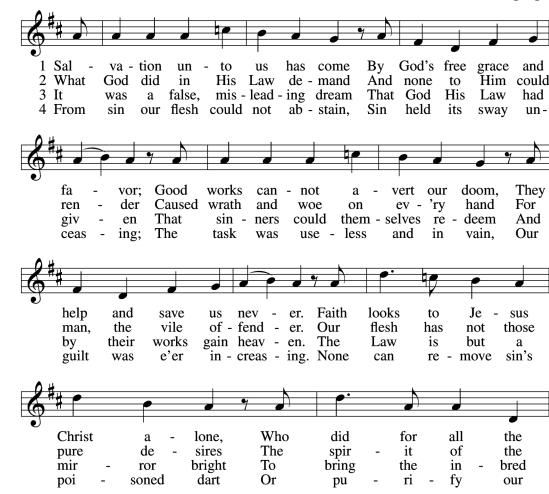
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- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto Me! No falsehood have You spoken. Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to guicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing: And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- \triangle 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit. O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Congregation



He Re deem world a tone: is our one Law re - quires, And lost is our con di tion. lurks with - in to light That our na ture. guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain Your Church. Deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of Your Gospel, that it would resound to every nation, tribe, people and language and that all may fear and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all ministers of Your Word. Help them rightly to preach Your Law so that all are held accountable to You without excuse and joyfully proclaim Your Gospel, that all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, look with compassion on all who are blind to the bondage of their sin. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus and grant them the true freedom of sonship and a permanent place in Your household. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **n** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all civil authorities, especially our president; Congress; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices and grant them wisdom and courage to serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, be near to all who cry to You for healing of body and soul [especially ______]. Grant them release from their afflictions according to Your will. Sustain their hope in the full and final healing that awaits them at the day of Christ's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

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hear our prayer.

- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all who come to the altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Grant them repentant hearts that seek to amend their lives, and by Your Spirit align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them and bring us at last to our heavenly home to see our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Preface

- f P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your





Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

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."

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

Congregation



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;





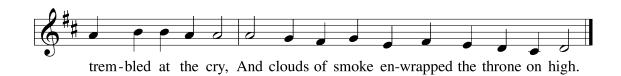








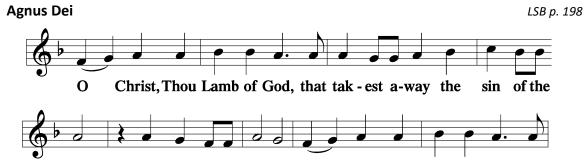
Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



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Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that