✢ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost ✢

November 14-15, 2026

5:00 p.m.; 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 a.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

Merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Because we must one day give an account of ourselves, help us to use Your good gifts faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✢ Divine Service – Setting Two ✢

(8:00, 10:45) **Prelude** — **Choral Prelude on "Es ist gewisslich"**
Joel R. Stoppenhagen

(10:45) **Choral Introit** — **"And I Saw a New Heaven"**
Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God." And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1-4

Announcements

Opening Hymn — **"The Clouds of Judgement Gather"** *LSB* 513

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

Invocation — *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

Exhortation — *1 John 1:8–9*

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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
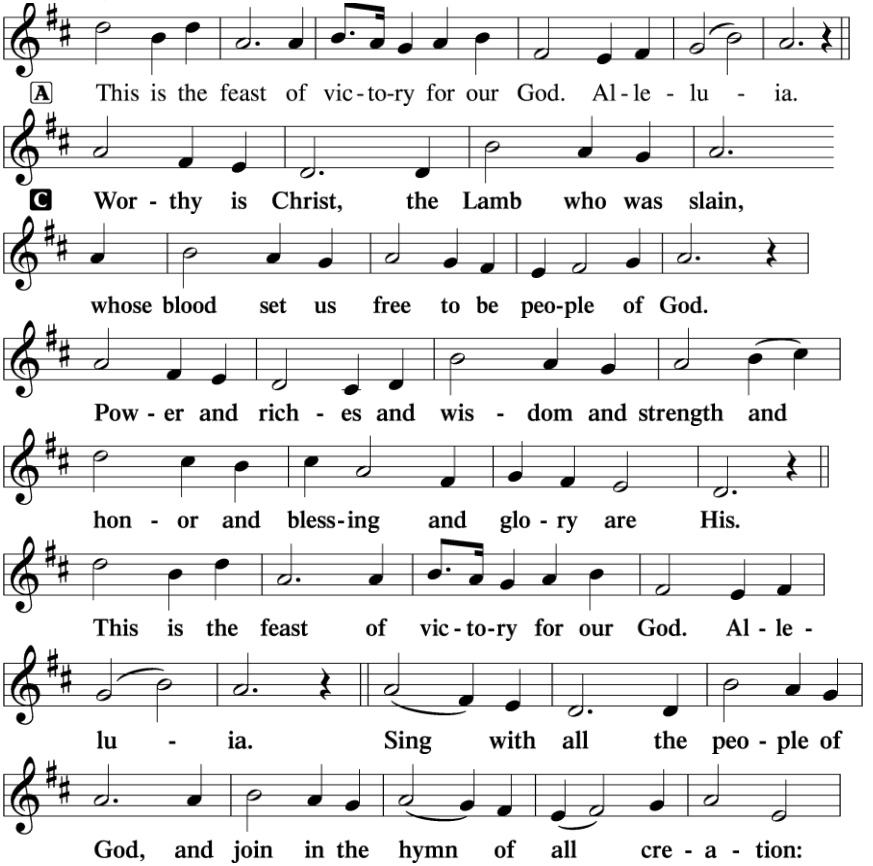
John 20:19–23

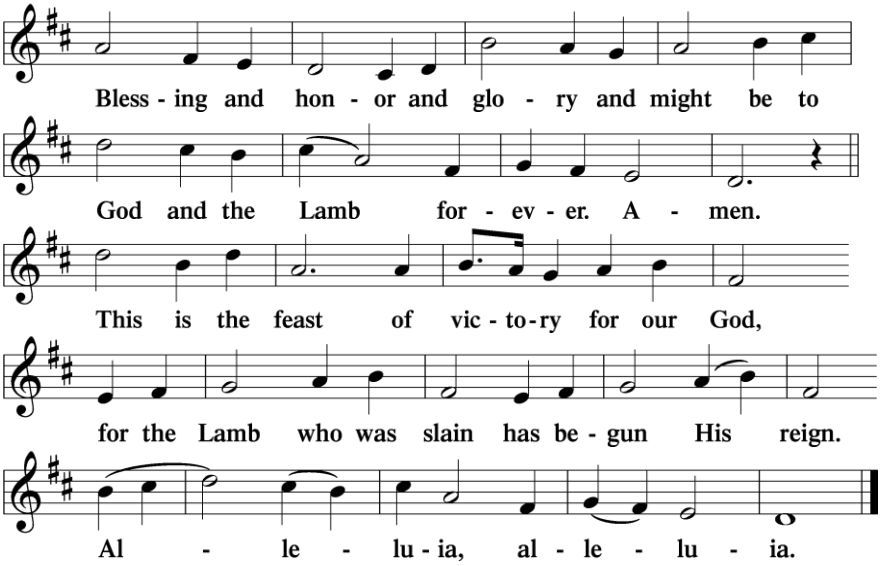
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

(5:00, 8:00, 10:45) This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests. And on the day of the LORD'S sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of

the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00, 10:45) **Psalmody** *(sung by the choir)* *Psalm 90:1-12*

Charles Hylton Stewart

LORD, Thou hast been our refuge, * from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; * again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, * and as a watch in the night. As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; * and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green, and groweth up; * but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered. For we consume away in Thy displeasure, * and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee; * and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. For when Thou art angry all our days are gone: * we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, * yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath? * or feareth aright Thy indignation? So teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
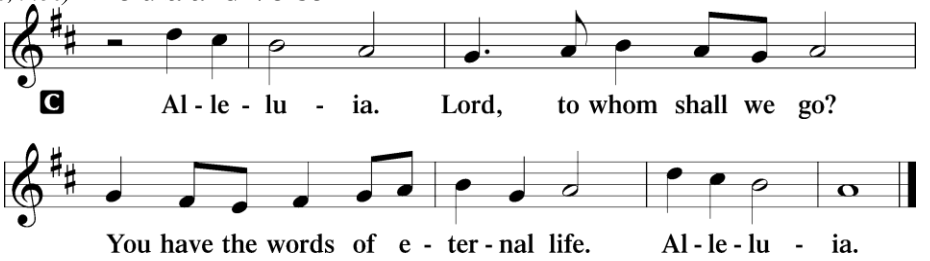
Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.
But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
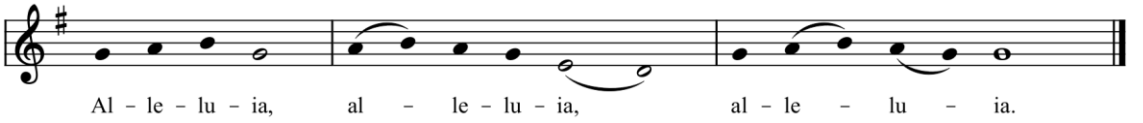
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(5:00, 9:30) **Alleluia and Verse** *LSB*, p. 173



(8:00, 10:45) **Alleluia and Verse** *Mode VI*

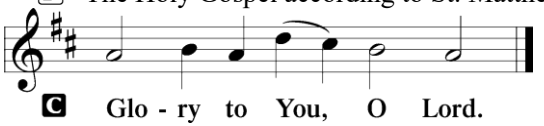


Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**.** For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. *Matthew 25:29a*

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

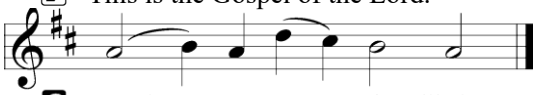
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.

Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Nicene Creed

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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 — "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" *LSB* 508

(8:00, 10:45) Stanza 3 sung by the choir alone

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon — "Safe Isn't the Point"

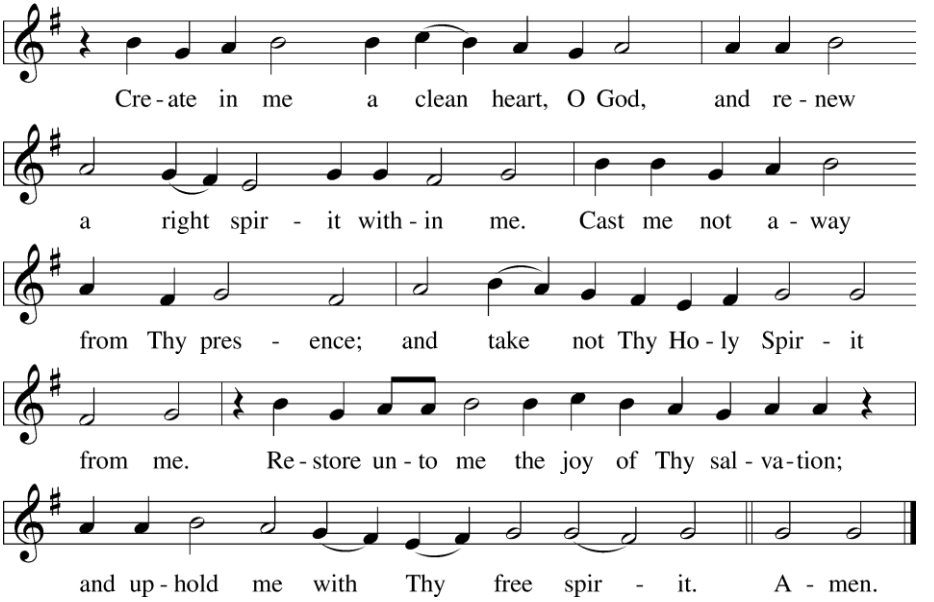
Prayer of the Church

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- ✞ Thanksgiving for the birth of Jordan Terence Spisak, son of Kevin and Rebecca Spisak, grandson of John and Karen Krause, and great grandson of Rev. Paul and Carol Prange (Nov. 8).
- ✞ Thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Louis and Francine Vandeloecht (Nov. 16).

(9:30) **Offertory** **"Create in Me"** *LSB* 956

At the 9:30am service, the offerings will be collected at a stand at the back of the church in the narthex. The ushers will process the offerings forward as the Offertory is sung.



(5:00, 8:00, 10:45) **Offering**

(8:00 & 10:45) **Anthem at the Offering** **"Two Prayers"**
Carl Schalk

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

John Henry Newman

Thou that hast given so much to me, Give one thing more, a grateful heart,
Not thankful when it pleaseth me As if Thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise. *George Herbert*
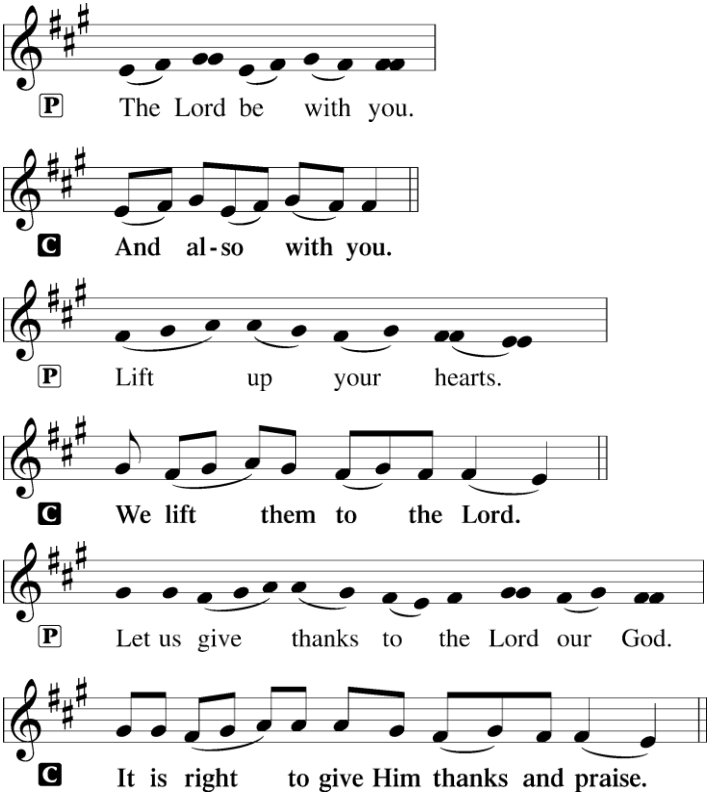
(10:45) **Sermon** **"Safe Isn't the Point"**

(10:45) **Reception of New Members**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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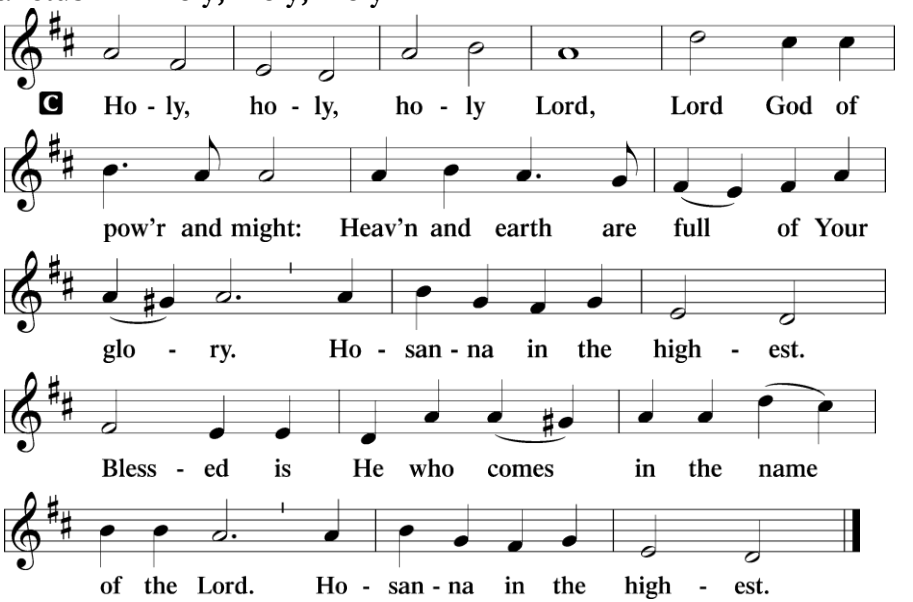


Proper Preface

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus — "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13; LSB, p. 179

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

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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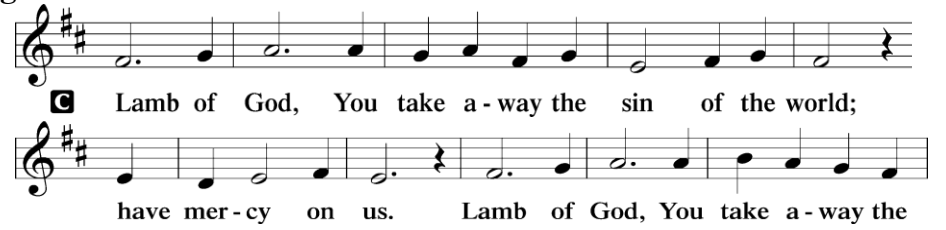
Pax Domini — "The Peace of the Lord"

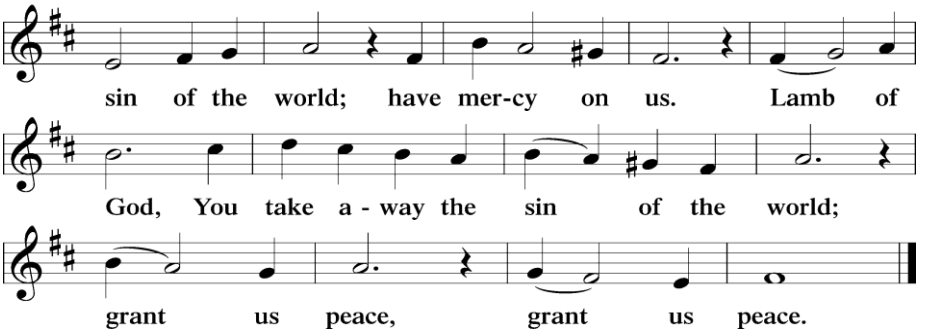
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.** *John 20:19*

Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"

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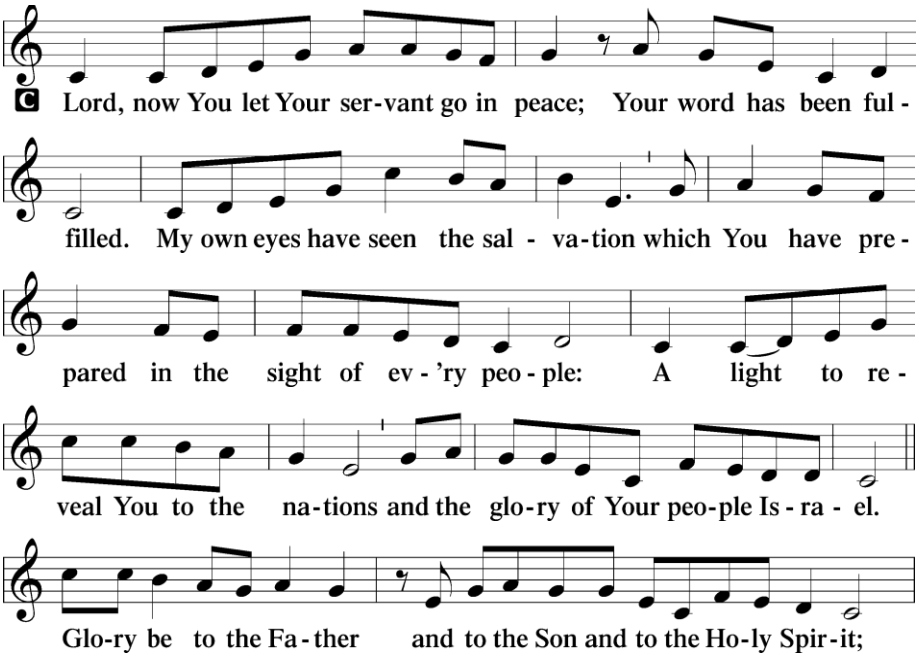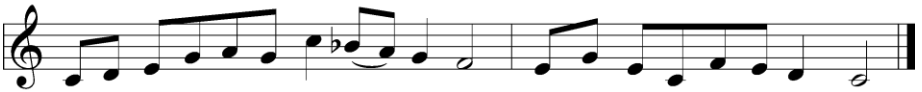




(8:00) **Anthem during Distribution** **"And I Saw a New Heaven"**
Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God." And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, for the former things are passed away. *Revelation 21:1-4*

Distribution Hymns **"Creator of the Stars of Night"** *LSB* 351
"Wide Open Stand the Gates" *LSB* 639
"Nunc Dimittis " *LSB*, p. 182





Dismissal

P 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 *LSB*, p. 183

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB*, p. 183

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "**Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**" *LSB* 663

Silent Prayer

(8:00, 10:45) **Postlude** **Chorale Preludes on "Es ist gewisslich"**
Heinrich Scheidemann

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Preacher	**Pastor Wade**
Celebrant	*(10:45)* **Rev. Craig Muehler**
Assisting Seminarians	*(5:00)* **Jordan Fasnacht**
	(8:00) **Paul Blessing**
	(9:30) **Noah Bauer**
	(10:45) **Max Johnston**
Choir	**St. Paul's Choir**
Organist	**Kantor Stoppenhagen, Kantor Gerhardt**

We rejoice in the baptisms in Living Stone this weekend!

✢ Madeline Brenda Hartman ✢
✢ Ethan William Hartman ✢
✢ Emma JoAnn Hartman ✢
Children of Jason and Stefanie Hartman

We also rejoice in the baptisms this week of the Scott family!

✢ Steve Scott✢
✢ Collins Mae Scott ✢
✢ Crew Richard Scott ✢

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