# PEACE CONWAY

**"...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."**
**Matthew 17:20b**

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## 17th Sunday after Pentecost

## September 20, 2026

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

## THE PREPARATION

℣ The Divine Service III follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns. As we celebrate the Holy Communion as Christ's body, we are admonished by our Lord*: "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, `Empty head!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, `You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.* (Mat 5:22-24). With that in mind, let us enter into worship of our God.

## 833 LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

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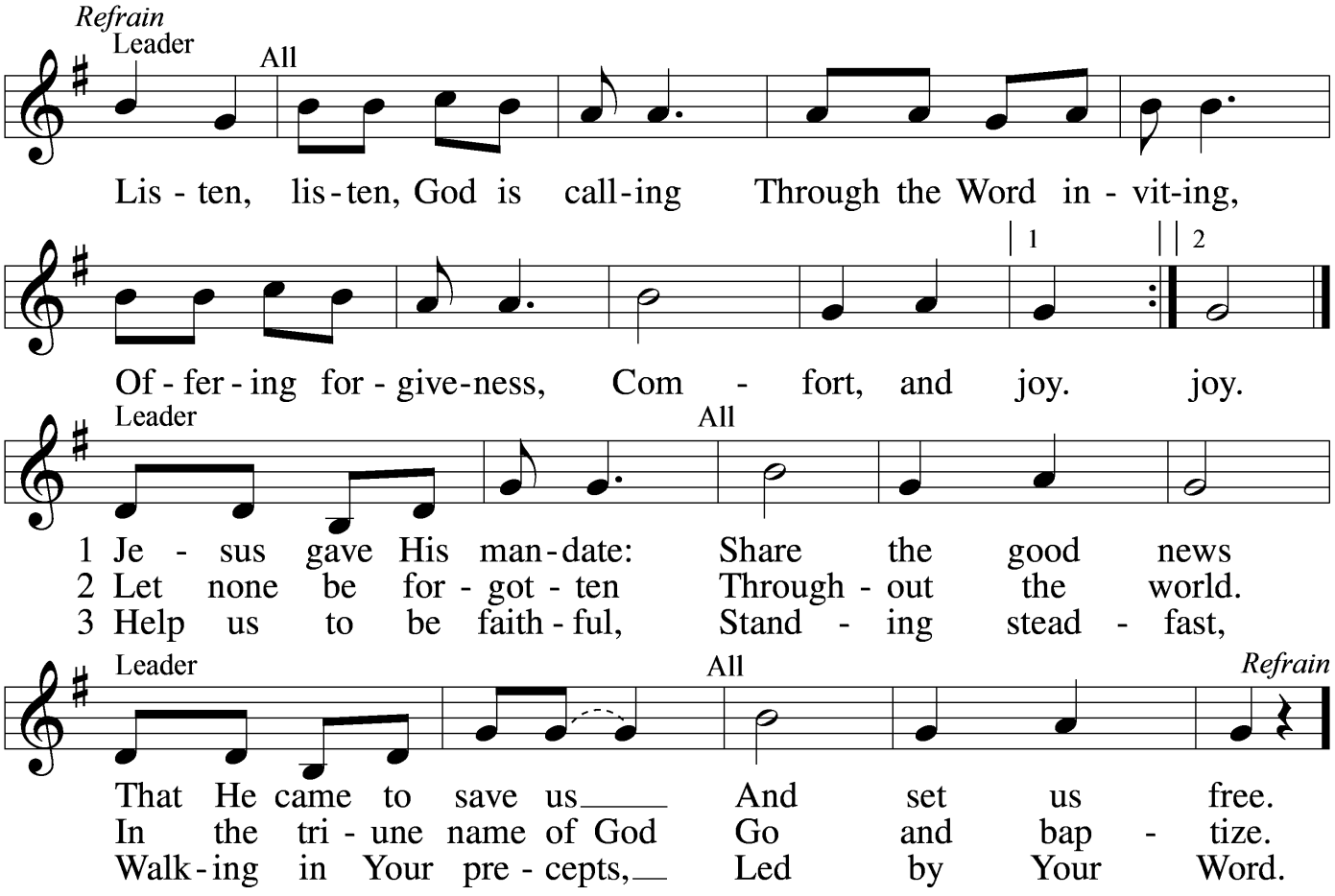


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## TRINITARIAN INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your punishment now and forever. 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, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead, and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

## KYRIE *(Tune LSB744, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound")*

**Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
**Have mercy, Christ, our King.**
**Renew us by your mercy, Lord;**
**Accept the prayers we bring.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Tune LSB380, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")*

**"Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.**
**Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.**
**You we praise and glorify, Worship you, O Lord most high.**
**Gracious Father, heav'nly King, To your name alone we sing:**
**Praise the glory of your name, Now and evermore the same!**

**Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, Sole-begotten, holy One,**
**Born on earth from realms on high, Born true man for us to die,**
**Lamb of God, you take away This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.**
**With the Spirit, you alone Are most high, O God the Son,**
**And the Father, God above. Praise we now your glorious love.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

L The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 55.

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

L The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 1.

12I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

19for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. 27Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

[29]For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, [30]engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

## GRADUAL

**P** Fear the LORD, you His saints,
**C** **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

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

## HOLY GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 20:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' [5]So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7]They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12]saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13]But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

## CREED *(Tune of LSB802, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r**
**In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.**
**He graciously grants us our years and our days**
**And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.**
**True God and true man once the cross He endured**
**To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.**
**With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;**
**With power and truth the church now He does bless.**
**As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then**
**Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

## SERMON: Dying To Live

Rev. Dr. LeRoy Leach

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***MUSICAL MEDITATION***

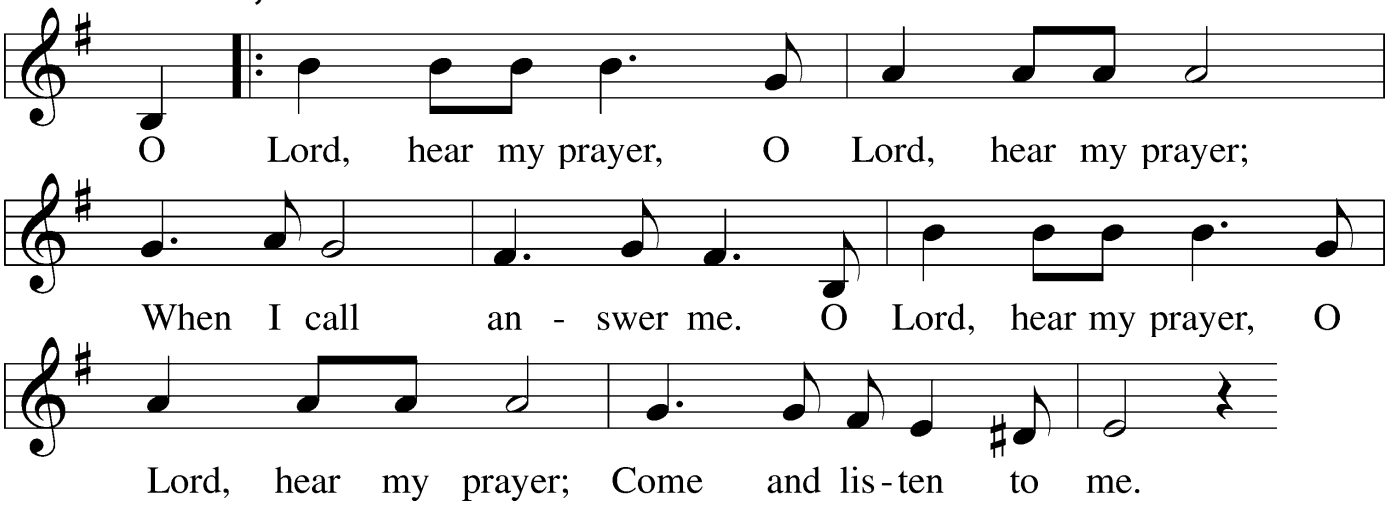
***As good stewards and as an act of worship we thankfully bring our tithes & offerings to the Lord who gave ALL of Himself for us. If you prefer to give electronically, you can scan this QR Code which will take you to our Peace Conway Clover Give link.***

***At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please let us know if you have any prayer requests.***

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

*Each Petition ends with,* [P] "Lord, hear us." *and the congregation sings:*

## 780 O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

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# + SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

## ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS

**V** The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion is considered an intimate fellowship with our Lord as we “discern” His body and blood. I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. We invite you to participate if you have been baptized, have been instructed in the teachings of the Christian Faith, and believe that the *true* Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in the bread and wine. If you do not understand or believe this, you are welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the pastor.

## 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**

## SANCTUS *(Tune LSB507, "Holy, Holy, Holy")*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
**Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.**
**You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.**
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
**We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.**
**Generations praise you, with saints and angels.**
**Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sing with video LSB 957)*

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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."

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

**C** **Amen.**

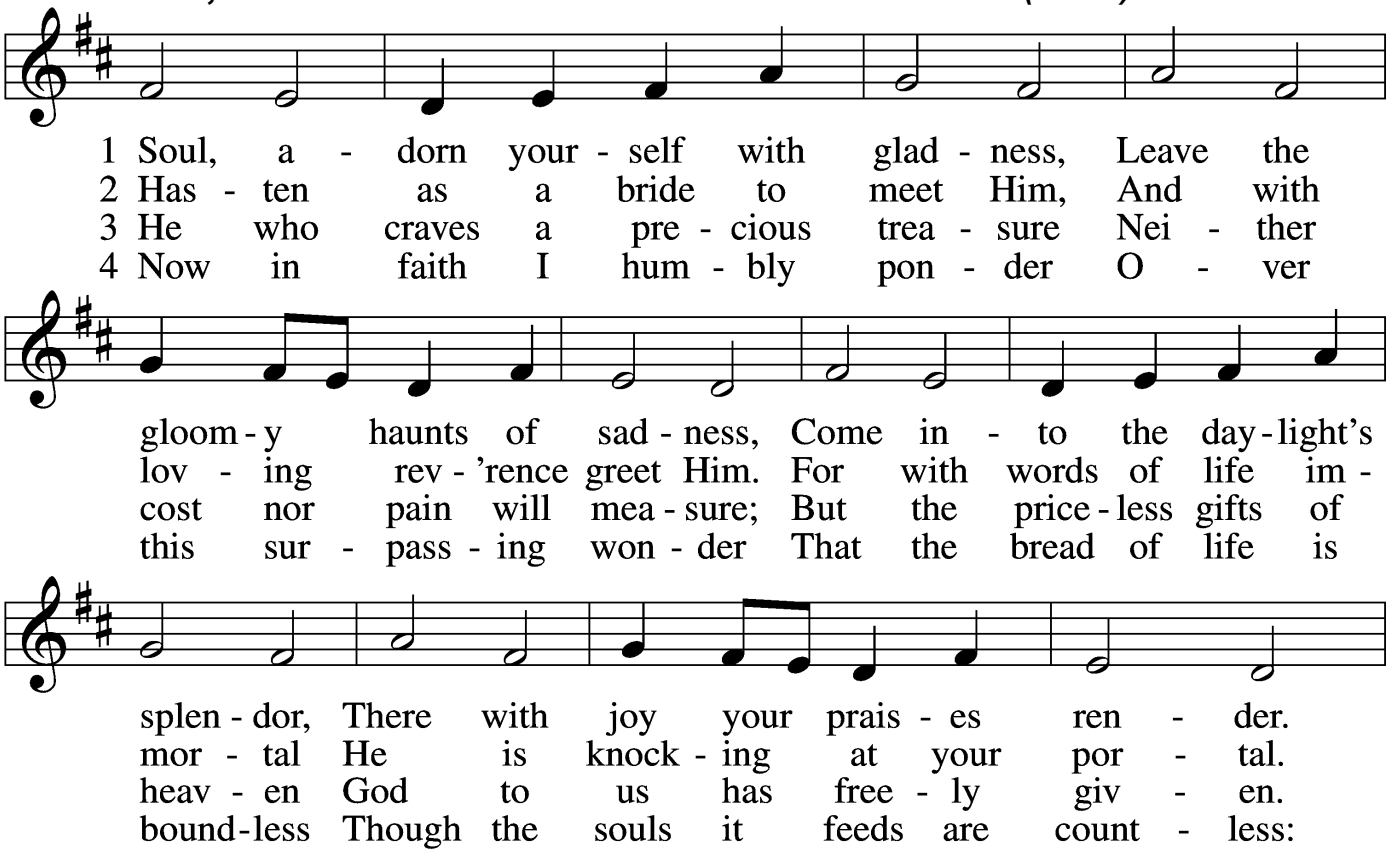
## AGNUS DEI

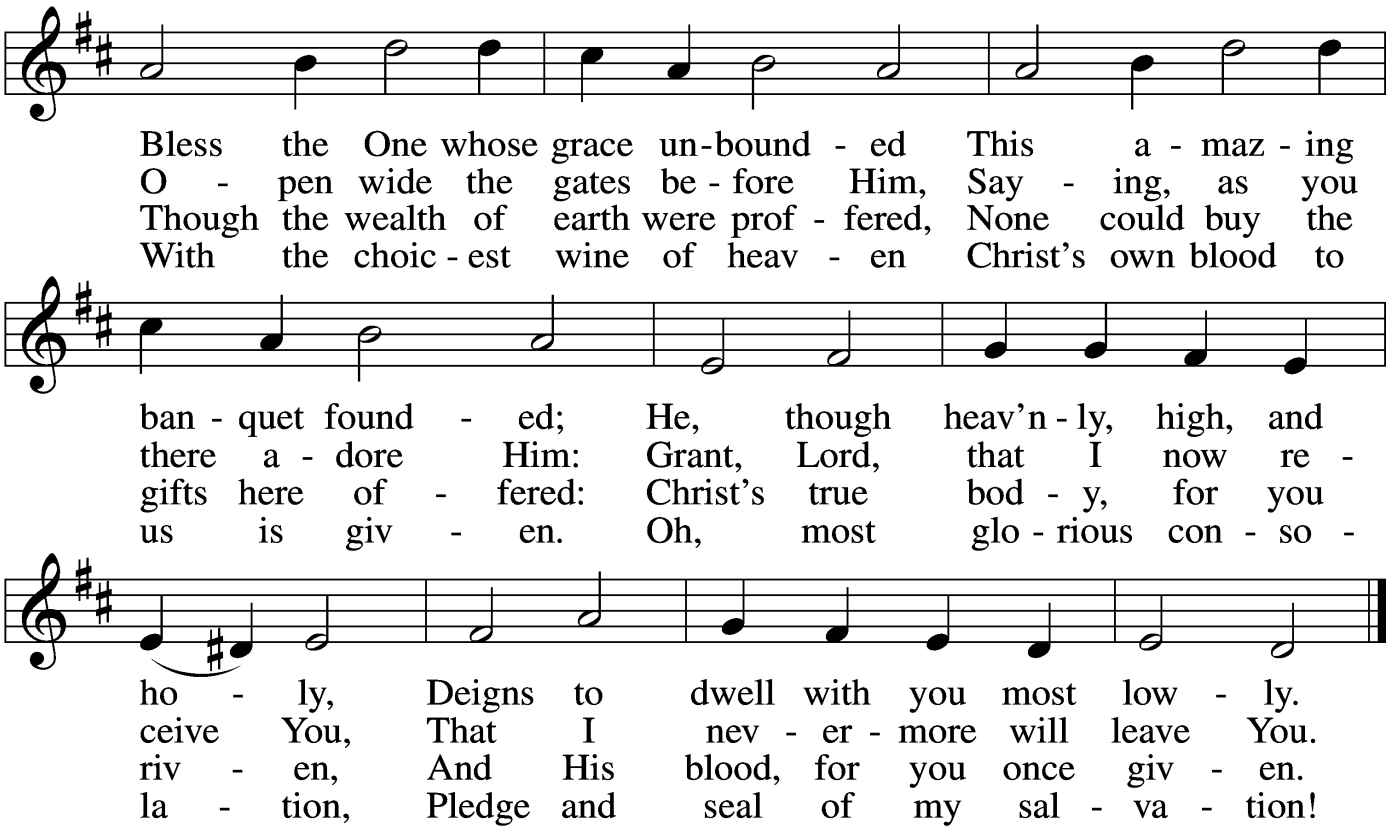
*(Tune LSB702, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*

**C** **O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away— Our faith increase.**
**Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,**
**Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.**

## +DISTRIBUTION OF CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD+

## 636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS *(Video)*






5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You, And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish, And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness, And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me, As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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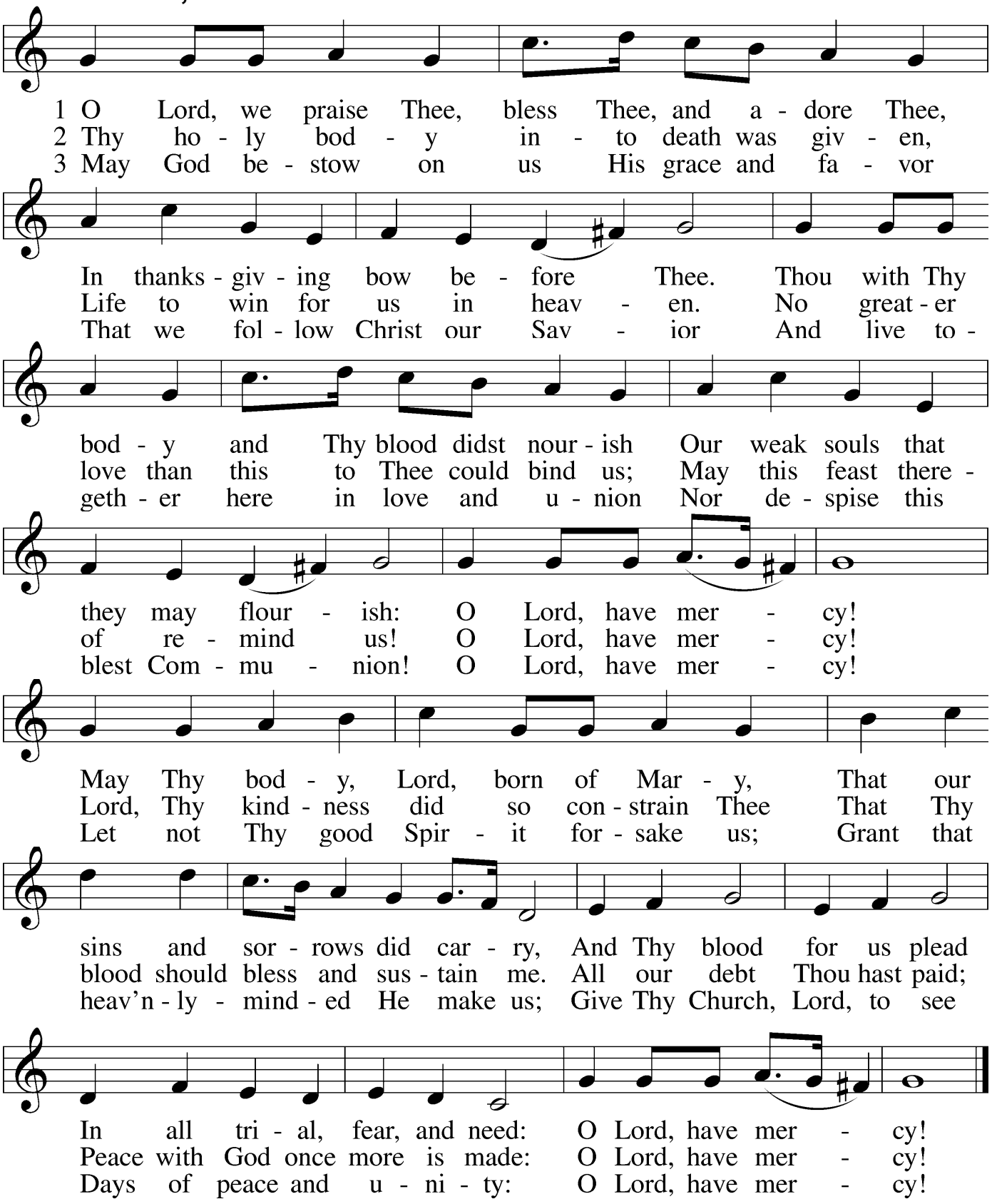
## 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

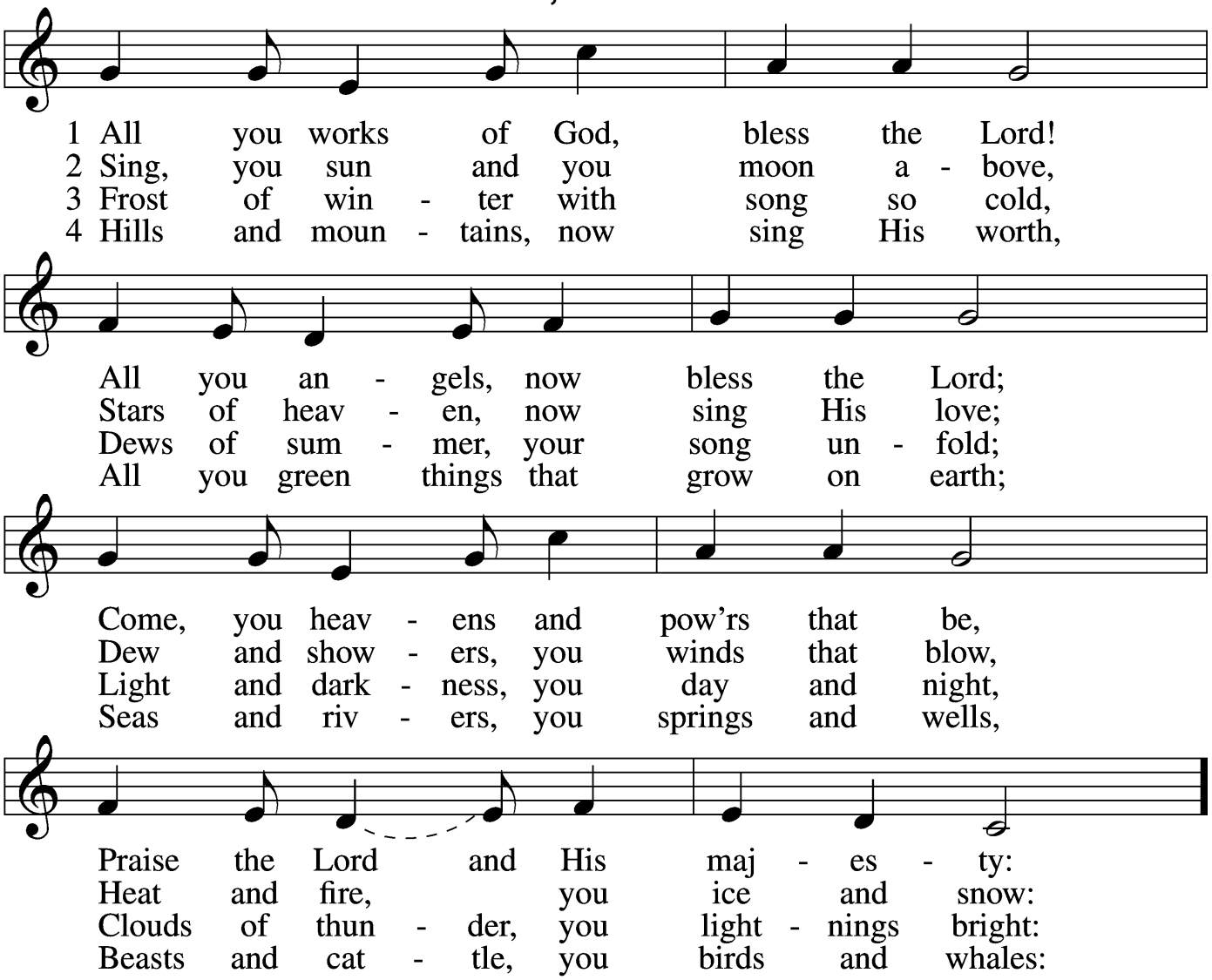
℗ We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

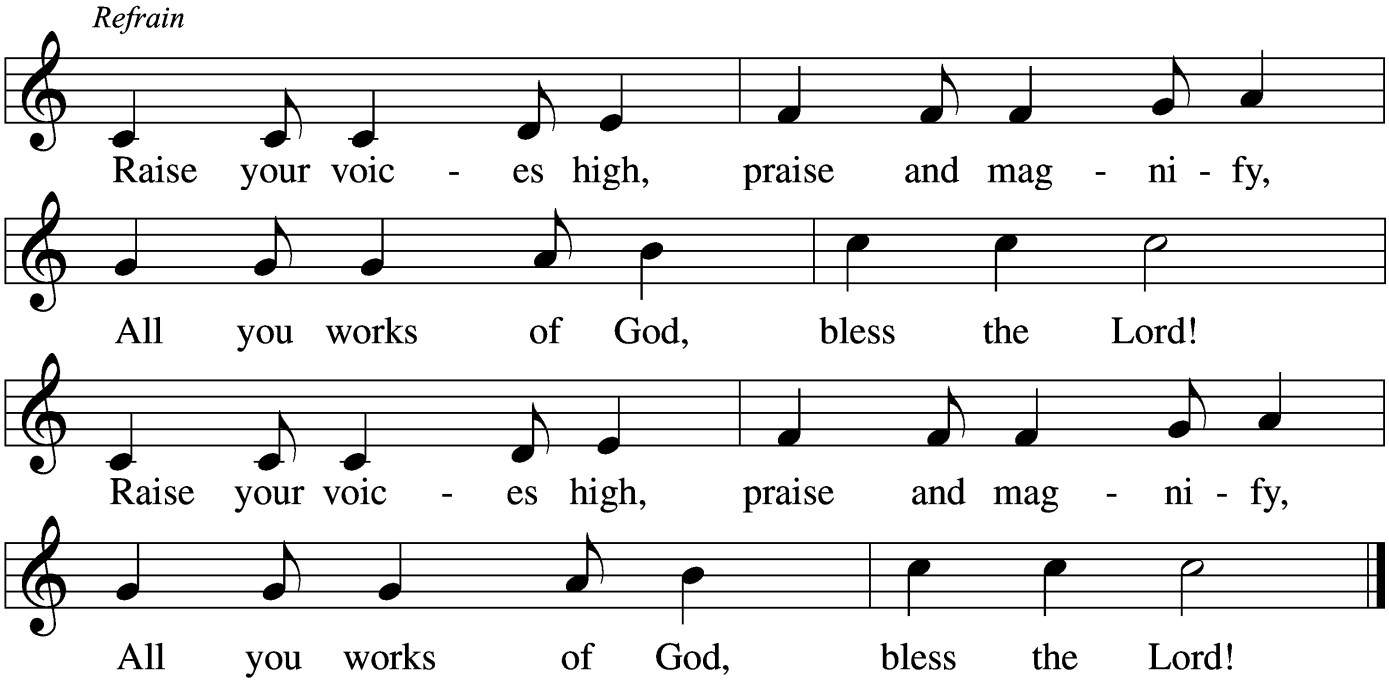
## BENEDICTION

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

℃ **Amen.**

## 930 ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD, BLESS THE LORD






5 Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest:
***Refrain***

△6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore!
***Refrain***

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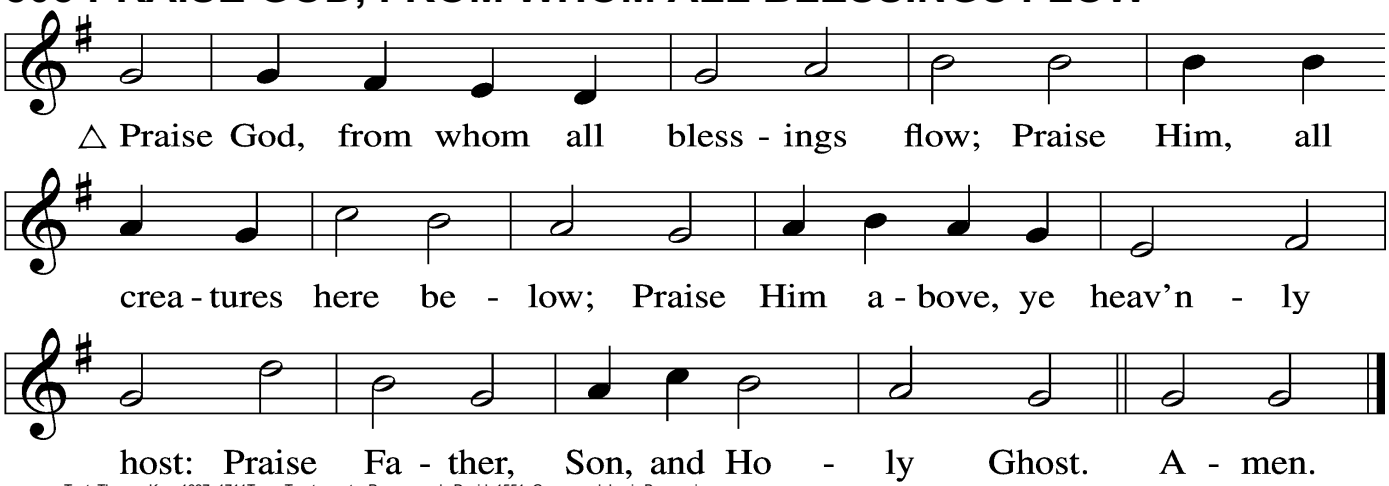
## 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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## CLOSING PEACE

L Go in Peace as you serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

**Peace Lutheran Church • 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 20 – September 26, 2026

**Weekly Attendance for September 13 - 70**

## WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 20**
9:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 AM – Coffee Cup
10:30 AM – Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM – Kids Sunday School
1:30 PM – Judah Center Church

**Monday, September 21**
5:30 PM Judah Center Bible Study
Host – **Marilyn Turnbow**

**Tuesday, September 22**
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 23**
9:00am-3:00pm Grace & Truth Academy

**Friday, September 25**
6:30-8:00pm Family & Youth Ice Cream Buffet

**Saturday, September 26**
11:00am Music on the Mountain

**Sunday, September 27**
9:00 AM – Worship
10:15 AM – Coffee Cup
10:30 AM – Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM – Kids Sunday School
1:30 PM – Judah Center Church

## ANNOUNCMENTS – LOOKING AHEAD

- Christmas Tree Donations – See Donna Slay
- Camp Trinity Announcement – See Joey Slayton
- Operation Christmas Child Items needed for August and September are School Supplies.
- Family & Youth Night – Ice Cream Buffet.

| **Assisting in Worship: September 20*** | 9:00 am | **September 27** |
|---|---|---|
| Denotes Communion | | 9:00 am |
| Pastor* | Pastor LeRoy | Pastor LeRoy |
| Pastoral Assistant. | Vicar Jason/Bob | Vicar Jason/Bob |
| Organist | Enrique Orellano | Enrique Orellano |
| Altar Guild…… | W Johnston | N/A |
| Acolyte…… | P Dayer | S Rohrer |
| Lector..... | D Stearns | J Slayton |
| Children's Message… | C Buddenberg | T Gustafson |
| Usher…… | M Maxim | S Gray |
| | S Morris | K Lenser |
| | S Mersiovsky | B Bengston |
| | D Gustafson | S Morris |
| Greeter…….. | S Gray | S Mersiovsky |
| Coffee Cup……. | Lenser | **Volunteer** |
| Contribution Counter…. | S Morris | E Mersiovsky |
| | R Maxim | S Gray |
| Sound Tech…… | B Bengston | **Volunteer** |
| Computer/Camera Tech. | B Nooner | S Rohrer |
| | R Nooner | B Rohrer |
| Judah Center Sound | R Nooner | R Nooner |
| | B Nooner | B Nooner |
| Judah Center BS Host. | 9/21 M, Turnbow | 9/28 G. Duderstadt |

## MEMORY VERSE- WEEK OF September 20

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuse in Him." – Nahum 1:7

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9; Philippians 1:12-14,19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

# Looking Ahead

***Prayer Page for the Week of September 20, 2026***

***Pray for God's Servants:***

*Rev. Dr. LeRoy Leach*
*Vicar Jason Hancock*
*Bob Morris - Pastoral Assistant/ Head Elder*
*Donna Slay – Altar Guild*
*Stephanie Rohrer — LWML President*
*Todd Lock — Elder*

***Pray for Deployed Missionaries:*** *The Baker Family (Mongolia),Mindy Thews (Taiwan); Joel & Cynthia Tumlison (Kazakhstan)*

***Pray for the Future Church:*** *Peace Lutheran Church Building; Ministry Expansion & Campaign Team; Embrace Grace*

***Pray for God's People in the Families of:***

*1) Thomas & Sharon Jiskra* *2) Jack & Robbie Johnson* *3) Cary & Wanda Johnston*
*4) The Jones Family* *5) Henry & Kay Jones* *6) Kenneth & Amanda Karnes*

***Pray for Continuing Prayer Care: Health Concerns/Continued Healing:*** *Charlie & Joe Lewis; Jean Intervallo; Sandra Harregier; Pastor Bob Benke; Sharon Rapp; Gene Duderstadt; Nancy Weber; Sandy Gray; Kathy Kunde; Terri McDow, Carol Minchew*

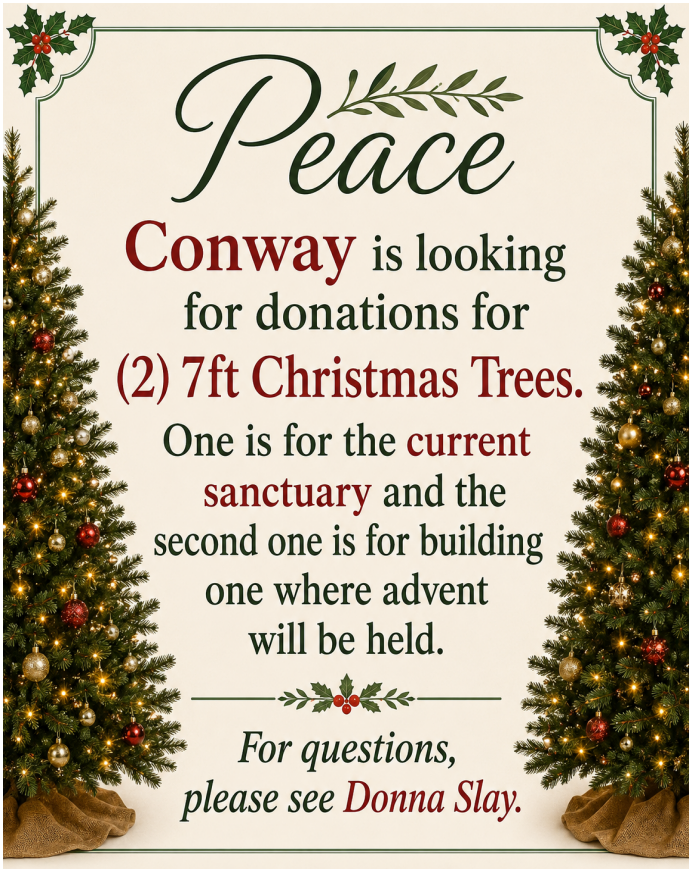
***Pray for those in Earthly Sorrow and Heavenly Joy:*** *Jean Intervallo*

***Pray for those with Cancer:*** *Judy Terrell; Jamie Gebauer; Cameron Sager, Mary Sue Stearns*

***Pray for those Serving in our Military:*** *Those serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army Corp, Army Reserves; National Guard; Coast Guard; Space Force*

# Camp Trinity's September Events

Make plans now to join us atop Petit Jean Mountain Sept. 26, 2026 for the 9th annual **Music on the Mountain**. This fundraiser for Camp Trinity will feature musicians performing contemporary Christian, old-time gospel, bluegrass, oldies, country and blues.
The event will also include barbecue dinners, concessions, and games for the whole family.



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