

September 8, 2024

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**979 God, Whose Almighty Word**

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| <p>1 God, whose almighty word<br/>Chaos and darkness heard<br/>And took their flight:<br/>Hear us, we humbly pray,<br/>And where the Gospel day<br/>Sheds not its glorious ray,<br/>Let there be light!</p> | <p>3 Spirit of truth and love,<br/>Life-giving, holy dove,<br/>Speed forth Your flight;<br/>Move on the water's face,<br/>Bearing the lamp of grace,<br/>And in earth's darkest place<br/>Let there be light!</p> |
| <p>2 Lord, who once came to bring,<br/>On Your redeeming wing,<br/>Healing and sight,<br/>Health to the sick in mind,<br/>Sight to the inly blind:<br/>Oh, now to humankind<br/>Let there be light!</p>     | <p>4 Holy and blessed Three,<br/>Glorious Trinity,<br/>Wisdom, love, might!<br/>Boundless as ocean's tide,<br/>Rolling in fullest pride,<br/>Through the earth, far and wide,<br/>Let there be light!</p>         |

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 in Lutheran Service Book)

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

**Amen.**

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 on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

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

**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.**

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 the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Kyrie**.....(pg. 152 in Lutheran Service Book)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ **Amen.**

**Hymn Of Praise**.....(pg. 155 in Lutheran Service Book)

**This is the Feast of Victory**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Let us Pray: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Verse**.....(pg. 156 in Lutheran Service Book)

♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Gospel**

**John 14:25-27**

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Object Lesson

### The Hymn of the Day

#### 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!<br>Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,<br>All Thy faithful mercies crown.<br>Jesus, Thou art all compassion,<br>Pure, unbounded love Thou art;<br>Visit us with Thy salvation,<br>Enter ev'ry trembling heart. | 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;<br>Let us all Thy life receive;<br>Suddenly return, and never,<br>Nevermore Thy temples leave.<br>Thee we would be always blessing,<br>Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,<br>Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,<br>Glory in Thy perfect love.           |
| 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit<br>Into ev'ry troubled breast;<br>Let us all in Thee inherit;<br>Let us find Thy promised rest.<br>Take away the love of sinning;<br>Alpha and Omega be;<br>End of faith, as its beginning,<br>Set our hearts at liberty.                    | 4 Finish then Thy new creation,<br>Pure and spotless let us be;<br>Let us see Thy great salvation<br>Perfectly restored in Thee,<br>Changed from glory into glory,<br>Till in heav'n we take our place,<br>Till we cast our crowns before Thee,<br>Lost in wonder, love, and praise! |

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## Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**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.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

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

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The 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.**

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Young Life

**The Offertory**.....(*sung to #955 in the Lutheran Service Book*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**The Preface**.....(*pg. 160 in Lutheran Service Book*)

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.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

### **Jesus' Instruction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**The Agnus Dei**.....(*pg. 163 in Lutheran Service Book*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol, the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

## The Distribution Hymns

### 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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| 1 O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home:     | 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight<br>Are like an evening gone,<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun.  |
| 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne<br>Thy saints have dwelt secure;<br>Sufficient is Thine arm alone,<br>And our defense is sure.   | 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,<br>Soon bears us all away;<br>We fly forgotten as a dream<br>Dies at the op'ning day.       |
| 3 Before the hills in order stood<br>Or earth received her frame,<br>From everlasting Thou art God,<br>To endless years the same. | 6 O God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be Thou our guard while troubles last<br>And our eternal home! |

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### 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br>He lives, my ever-living head.  | 5 He lives to silence all my fears;<br>He lives to wipe away my tears;<br>He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br>He lives all blessings to impart.                      |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>He lives eternally to save;<br>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br>He lives exalted there on high.             | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>He lives and loves me to the end;<br>He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br>He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
| 3 He lives to bless me with His love;<br>He lives to plead for me above;<br>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>He lives to help in time of need.        | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br>He lives to bring me safely there.                 |
| 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;<br>He lives to guide me with His eye;<br>He lives to comfort me when faint;<br>He lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 8 He lives, all glory to His name!<br>He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!                   |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**The Post Communion Canticl**.....(pg. 164 in Lutheran Service Book)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good 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.

**Amen.**

## Benediction

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.

♪ Amen.

## The Final Hymn

### 914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

*(sung to #711 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us)*

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| 1 | Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten<br>Radiance of the Father's face,<br>Word made flesh, who lived among us<br>Full of truth and full of grace,<br>Shine upon our human darkness;<br>Pierce the night that shrouds our race. | 3 | Still Your brooding Spirit hovers<br>Over chaos, dark and deep,<br>Calling out with invitation:<br>"Rise, awoken from your sleep;<br>Christ the Lord will shine upon you<br>And from death your soul shall keep." |
| 2 | Word eternal, through Your being<br>God created all we see,<br>When the empty spaces echoed<br>With the Father's "Let there be . . ."<br>Light and life burst from the glorious<br>Power of Your majesty!                 | 4 | Come, Lord Jesus, by Your Spirit<br>In our hearts Your work begin,<br>Bring the healing restoration<br>Of Your image lost by sin;<br>From Your fullness all receiving<br>Grace on grace, new life within!         |

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## Server Schedule

	9/8	9/15	9/22
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Erik	Herold	Mike
Reader	Bob	Dianna	Amy
PowerPoint	Wanda	Shirley	Dan
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Greg	Amy	Greg
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Edwin	Herold	Bill
Reader	Kathy	Delka	Cole
PowerPoint	Vicki	Erik	Vicki
Audio/Visuals	Hayden/Donovan	Mike/Emily	Erik/Emily
Counters	Mick/James	Adria/Michelle	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Ron/Barb	Royce/Paula	Williams/Koob
Altar Flowers	Reitz	Prosser	Flower Ministry

Altar flowers this morning are in celebration of Pastor John's mother, Emma Thieme's, 100th birthday on September 10. Happy Birthday Emma!

## Birthdays this Week

09/08 Ervin Vallad  
09/14 Della Busch

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record.