

So then, just as you received  
Christ Jesus as **LORD**,  
**CONTINUE**  
to live your lives in him,  
**ROOTED** and **BUILT UP**  
in him,  
**STRENGTHENED**  
in the faith  
as you were taught,  
and overflowing with  
**THANKFULNESS.**

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV

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## As We Gather

In today's epistle reading, Paul describes a twofold dimension in our relationship with Christ. First, we are to be firm, not forsaking Him and His truth, which is their root source of life. Second, however, we should stretch outward and upward, like a building project moving forward according to plan. Being well instructed in the faith, we have what we need to look away from ourselves and always to Christ. Living out what we have learned will fill us with gratitude for what the Lord has done in rooting and continuing to lead us.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 12-15 of the bulletin.]*

## ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

### Hymn

TLH 36 – Now Thank We All Our God

### Invocation

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

### Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You  
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At  
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the  
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the  
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

**P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C** **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

**P** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**C** **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C** **In all that he does, he prospers.**

**P** The wicked are not so,

**C** **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C** **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

**P** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**C** **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

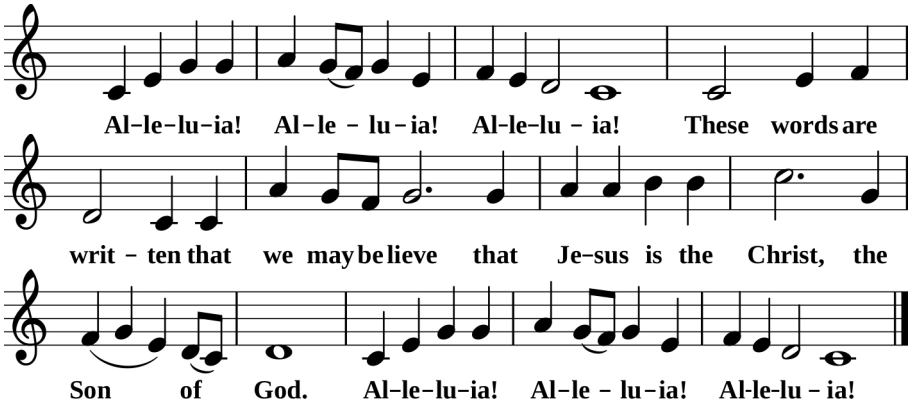
# Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

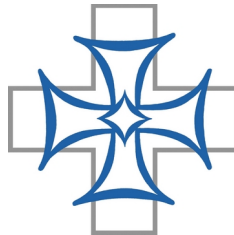
<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup> “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!



## Confession of Faith

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.

## Hymn

TLH 245 – God Loved the World So that He Gave

## Sermon Text

Colossians 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



*Sermon*

## Continue to Walk in Christ

- I. By Being Strengthened in His Love
- II. By Overflowing with Thankfulness

## Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn

WS 758 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

## General Prayer

## 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.



# ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

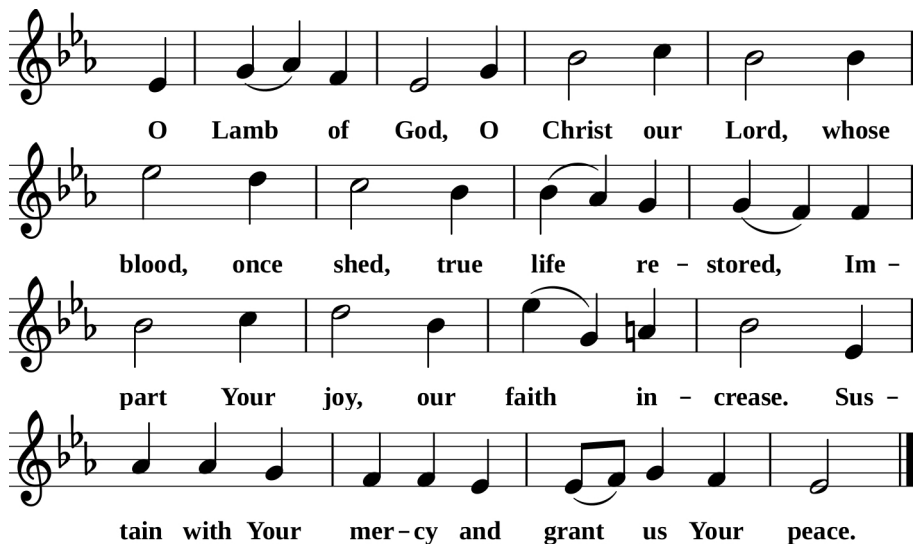
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.



# Agnus Dei

Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im - part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus - tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.


## Distribution

*Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!*



# Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



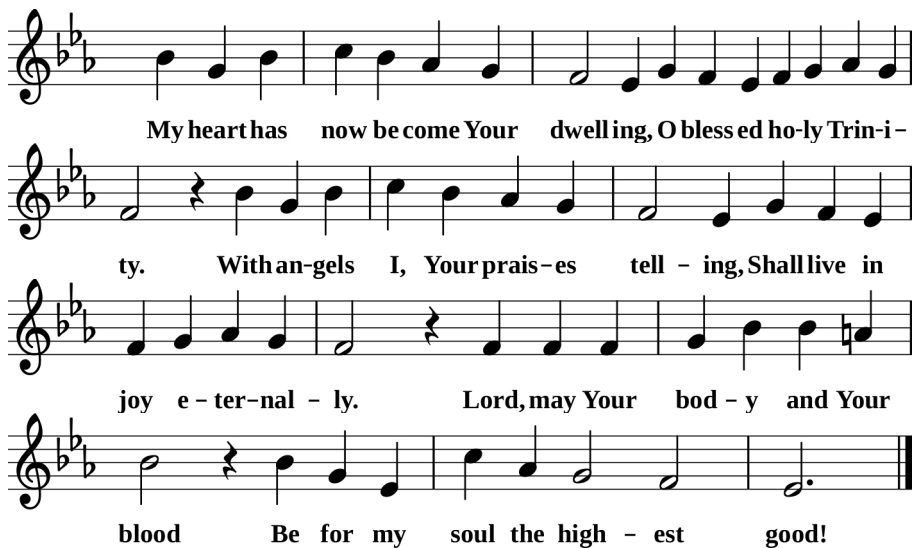
O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly  
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



*Deo Gratias*  
THANKS BE TO GOD

## Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-  
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in  
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your  
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

WS 800 – Go My Children, with My Blessing  
(st. 1 – Children, st. 2 – Women, st. 3 – Men, st. 4 – Everyone)

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# TLH 36 – Now Thank We All Our God

Eccelus. 50: 22-24

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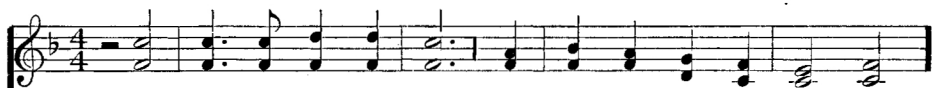
Nun danket alle Gott

*Martin Rinckart, 1636*

*Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858*

Nun danket alle Gott

*Johann Crüger, 1648*



1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voi - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Thro' all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en:



Who from our moth - er's arms Hath blessed us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!



With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A-men.



# TLH 245 – God Loved the World So that He Gave

John 3: 16

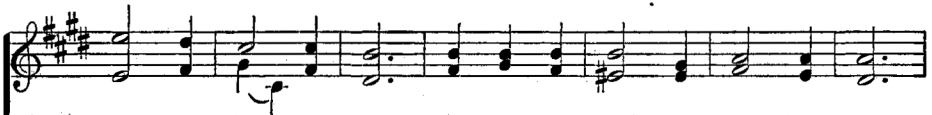
Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt  
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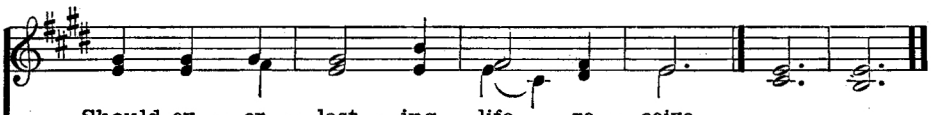
St. Crispin  
George J. Elvey, 1862



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the Ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die, His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save That all who would in Him be - lieve  
flesh and suf-ered death; All that con - fide in Him a - lone  
sav - ing grace is nigh, His Spir - it in the Word doth teach  
sins which thou hast done, And, jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,



Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Are built on this chief Cor - ner - stone.  
How man the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Thy Bap - tism grants the high - est good. A - men.



5 If thou be sick, if death draw near,  
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

# WS 758 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray. And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Speak with - in these walls to - day.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

# WS 800 – Go My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clo-ser to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace:

In My love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-  
 Here you heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His  
 Here My Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort  
 I the Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and

ev-er. Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing—You are My own.  
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 Broth-er. Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

### Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ [FDLlutheran.com/calendar](http://FDLlutheran.com/calendar)

February 5	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Pastor Sauers Farewell
February 7	6:30 pm	School Committee
February 10	6:30 pm	Fellowship Gathering
February 11	6:30 pm	Worship Service
	7:45 pm	Sunday School/Bible Class
February 14	6:00 pm	Council
February 18	6:30 pm	Worship Service
	7:45 pm	Bible Class

**New Church Council:** The new church council is Dave Bernthal, President; Mike Sippert, Vice President and Treasurer; Kevin Kern, Financial Secretary; Mike Schwersinske, Missions; and Chris Sabel, Buildings & Grounds. We have three vacant positions on council. Please speak with Pastor if you might be willing to consider serving on council.

**Pastor's Farewell:** Following the service this morning there will be a farewell meal for Pastor Sauers and family. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share. A green box is available for cards and gifts.

**Parsonage Punch List:** You will find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for some maintenance items in the parsonage that need to be done before our next pastor arrives. Please sign up for what you are able to do. We hope not to have to hire these items out. Work will begin February 6. Thank you - Mike Schierenbeck

**CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynnwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.