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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



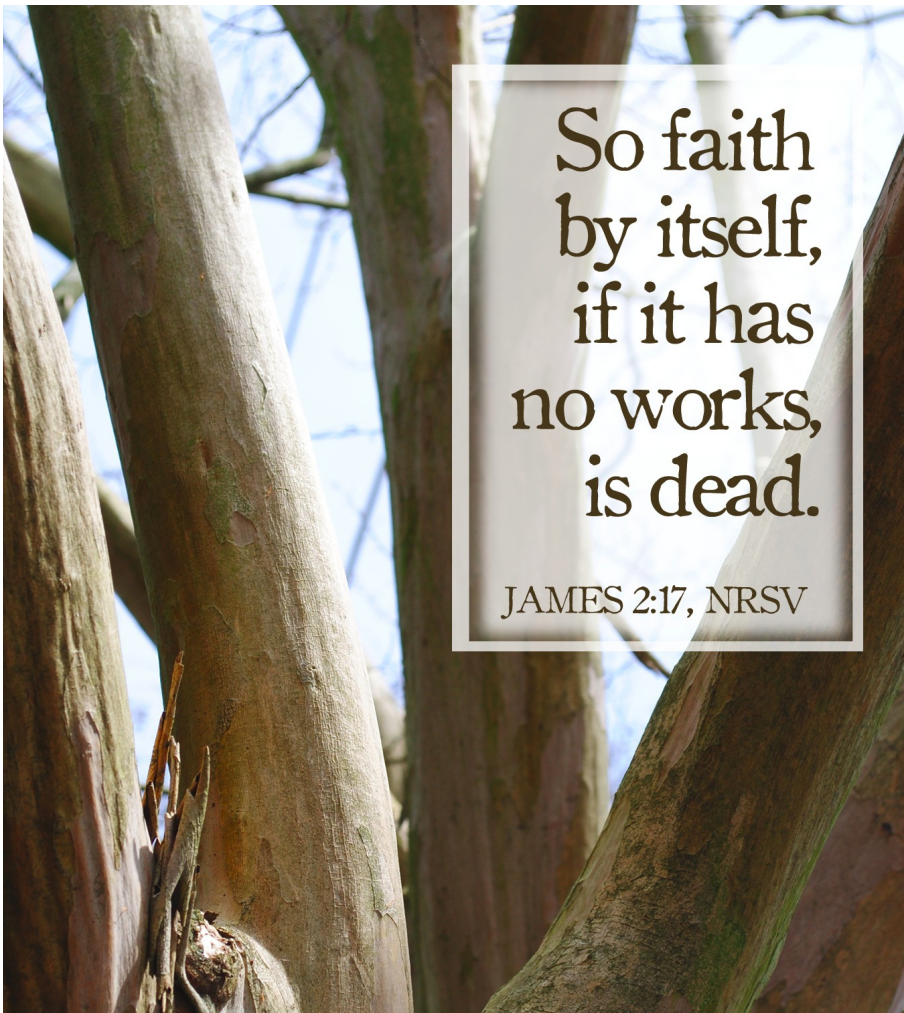
*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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So faith  
by itself,  
if it has  
no works,  
is dead.

JAMES 2:17, NRSV

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## As We Gather

In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 26 – Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

#### Opening Sentences

Based on Psalm 146

- P** Praise the LORD , O my soul!
- C** **I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**
- P** Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;
- C** **the LORD sets the prisoners free.**
- P** The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- C** **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- P** The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.
- C** **The LORD will reign forever!**

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all. Therefore, let us confess our sins.
- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. 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.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146

**P** Praise the LORD!

**C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P** Put not your trust in princes,

**C** in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**P** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

**C** on that very day his plans perish.

**P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C** whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

**C** who keeps faith forever;

**P** who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**C** The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**P** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**C** the LORD loves the righteous.

**P** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

**C** but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**P** The LORD will reign forever,

**C** your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Gloria Patri


Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

## Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,  
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to  
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All  
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

## 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.



Say to those  
with anxious heart,  
**"Take courage,  
fear not."**

Isaiah 35:4, NASB

# Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup> And from there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## Alleluia

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



## 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

WS 784 – Lord, Take Her Hand and Lead Her



**Lead me  
in the path of your  
commandments.**

**Psalm 119:35, NRSV**

## Sermon Text

James 2:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.



*Sermon*

## No Partiality

### Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your





presence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

**Hymn**

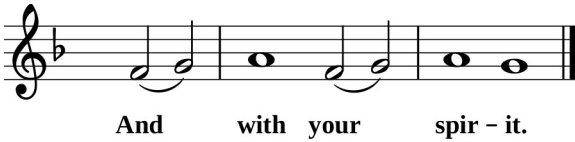
TLH 439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

**General Prayer**

**✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠**

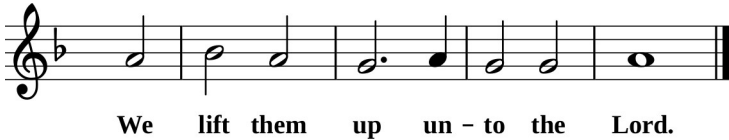
**Preface**

**P** The Lord be with You.



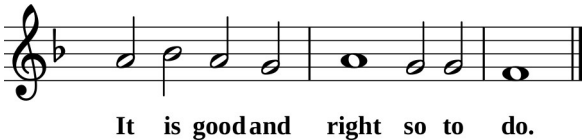
And with your spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

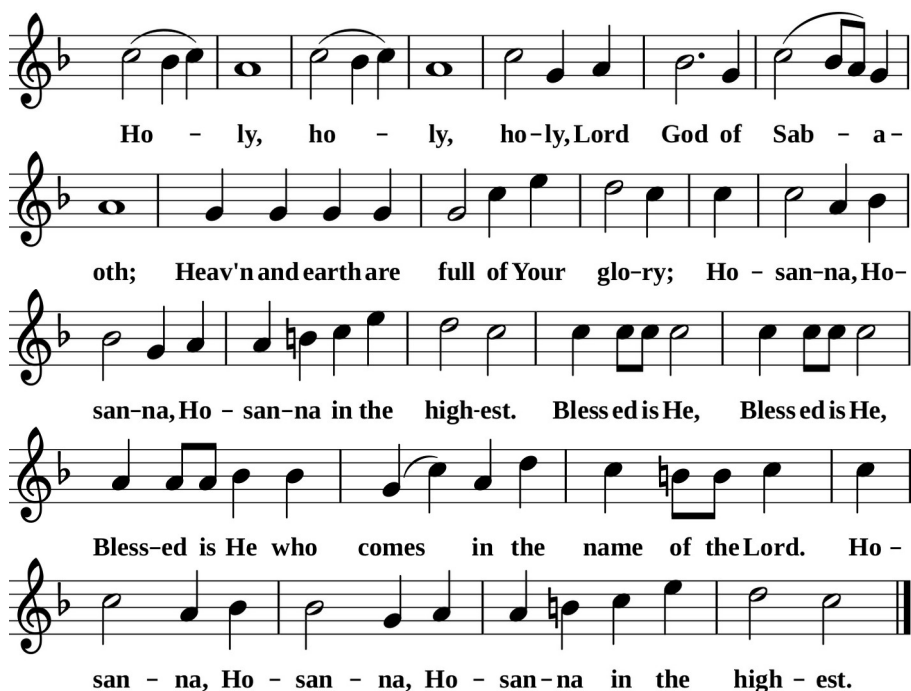


It is good and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, 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 laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

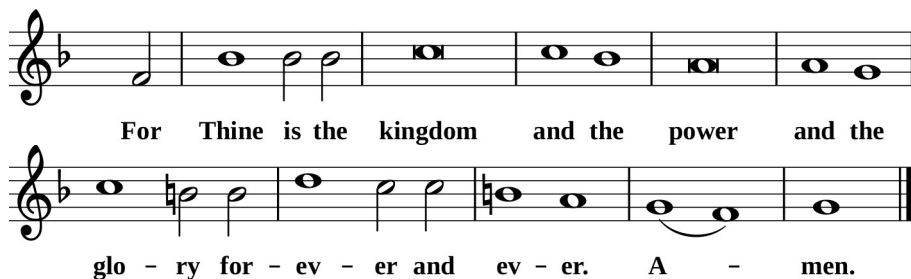
Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -  
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** 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;



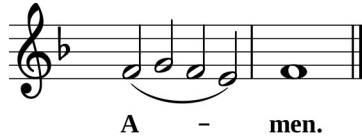
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Words of Institution

# Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

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



# Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of six staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace." The final note is a G#4 (quarter) with a sharp sign above it. The lyrics "A - men." are centered below the final staff.

# 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

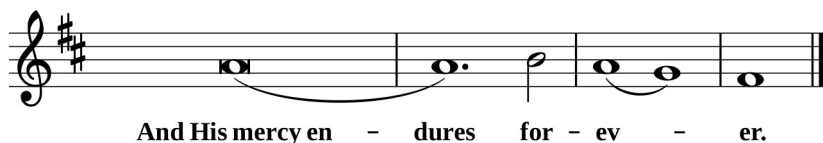
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:  
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry  
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for -  
ev - er - more. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

- P** O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You 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. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

- P** The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

- P** Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

## 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.



A-men, A-men, A - men.

## Hymn

TLH 45 – Now the Hour of Worship O'er

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# TLH 26 – Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

Ps. 146

Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele

Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1714

Tr., Alfred Brauer, 1925, alt.

10. 8. 10. 8. 8. 8. 4. 4.

Lobe den Herren, o meine

“Seelenharfe”

Onolzbach, 1665

1 Praise the Al-might-y, my soul, a - dore Him! Yea, I will laud Him

3 Bless - ed, yea, bless-ed is he for-ev - er Whose help is in the

un - til death. With songs and an-thems I'll come be - fore Him

Lord most high, Whom from the sav - ing faith naught can sev - er

As long as He doth give me breath. From Him my life and all things came;

And who in hope to Christ draws nigh. To all who trust in Him, our Lord,

Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name. Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Coun-sel and aid He doth af-ford. Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

5 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He doth remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

6 Praise, O mankind, now the name so holy  
Of Him who doth such wondrous things!  
All that hath being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its “Amen” sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

# WS 784 – Lord, Take Her Hand and Lead Her

1 Lord, take her hand and lead her Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, She need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed her From day to day.  
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 We know that You will strength - en Her steps toward home,

With - out Your grace and fa - vor We go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, She'll fear no foe,  
 And noth - ing can im - pede her, O bless - ed Friend!

So take her hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace she'll go.  
 So take her hand and lead her Un - to the end.

Text: Julie K. von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP, Minneapolis, 1978

Tune: P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789-1860

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# TLH 439 – O God of Mercy, God of Might

Luke 10: 36, 37  
*Godfrey Thring, 1877, alt.*

8. 8. 8. 6.

Isleworth  
*Samuel Howard, †1782*



1 O God of mer-cy, God of might, In love and pit - y in - fi - nite,  
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That fall-en man might live there-by,  
3 Teach us the les-son Thou hast taught, To feel for those Thy blood hath bo't,  
4 All are re-deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died.



Teach us, as ev - er in Thy sight, To live our life to Thee.  
Oh, hear us; for to Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.  
That ev - 'ry word and deed and tho't May work a work for Thee.  
Oh, teach us, what-so-e'er be - tide, To love them all in Thee! A-men.



5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heaven above  
All those who live to Thee.



# TLH 45 – Now the Hour of Worship O'er

Ps. 121 : 8

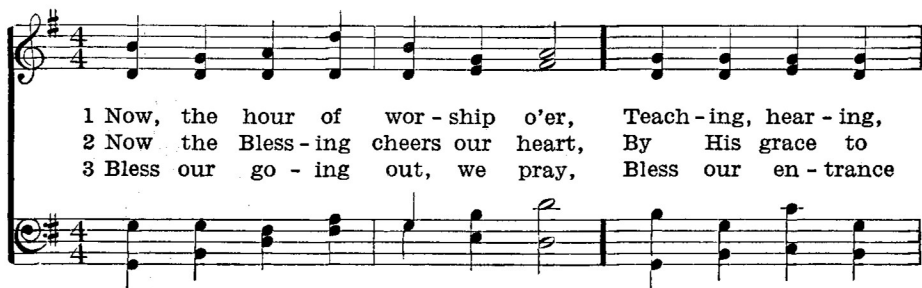
7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 8.

Nun Gott Lob, es ist vollbracht

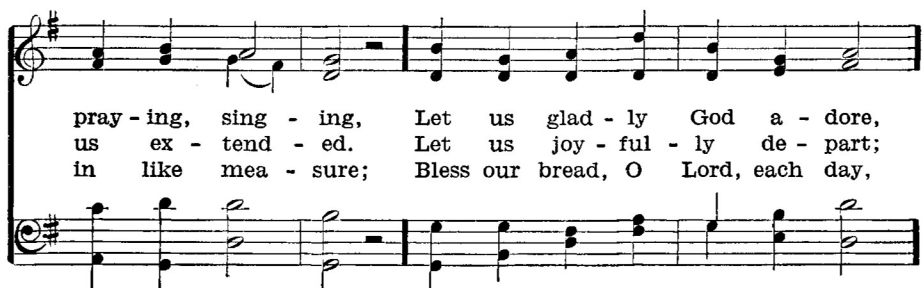
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Liebster Jesu  
Johann R. Ahle, 1664



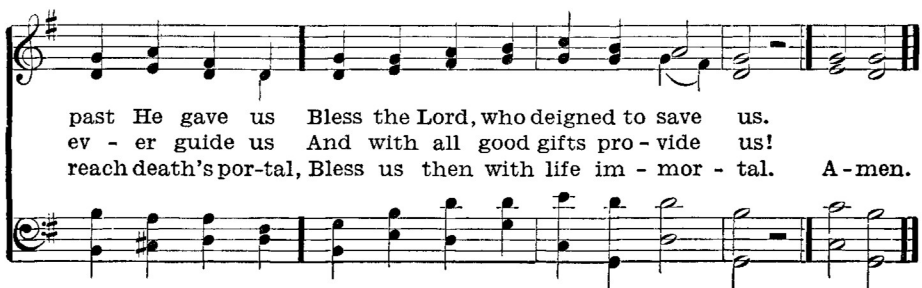
1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o'er, Teach - ing, hear - ing,  
2 Now the Bless - ing cheers our heart, By His grace to  
3 Bless our go - ing out, we pray, Bless our en - trance



pray - ing, sing - ing, Let us glad - ly God a - dore,  
us ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful - ly de - part;  
in like mea - sure; Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,



For His Word our prais - es bring - ing; For the rich re -  
Be our souls to God com - mend - ed. May His Spir - it  
Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure; Bless us when we



past He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.  
ev - er guide us And with all good gifts pro - vide us!  
reach death's por - tal, Bless us then with life im - mor - tal. A - men.

## ✝ Announcements ✝

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.

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### OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

\*Online calendar at [FDLlutheran.com](http://FDLlutheran.com) or go to [facebook.com/FDL.lutheran](https://facebook.com/FDL.lutheran)

September 5	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
September 8	10 & 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
September 11	8 am – 3 pm	Fondue Fest
September 12	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
September 14	6:00 pm	Council
September 19	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

**Baptism:** We welcome Sylvie Grace Wiese to our church family today as she is brought to faith through Holy Baptism. Sylvie is the daughter of Jenn and Tim Wiese.

**Pastoral Visits:** During the summer months (and beyond), Pastor would like to visit with each member of the congregation. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Pastor at (920) 602-3242 or [rfsauers@gmail.com](mailto:rfsauers@gmail.com).

**Collection:** A collection is being collected for our vicar. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for Mr. Sippert, please place it in the green box at the back of the church.

**Service Time Change:** We go back to our regular worship schedule next Sunday, September 12. Sunday School and Bible class will be at 9:00 am and the worship service at 10:00 am.

**Back to Church Sunday:** Sunday, September 19 is Back to Church Sunday. Summer is winding down, school is starting once again, and as we get back into our normal routines, we want to encourage everyone to make church attendance a part of those routines. We also want to encourage everyone to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to church. The service that Sunday will be followed by a fellowship hour.

**Man Up! Retreat:** The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. The Theme this year is: "No Fear!" and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75 before September 1, and includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). Please plan to join us!

**CLC Convention Proceedings:** The 2021 CLC Convention Proceedings are now available. A number of copies have been printed and are available in our narthex. You may also read the Proceedings online, using this link: [tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc](http://tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc).

**CLC News:** Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. + Louise Mayhew has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

