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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025

### HOLY COMMUNION

**TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS:** We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34)

### The Order of the Holy Communion

#### Prelude

#### Hymn – #421

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

Stand

#### Invocation

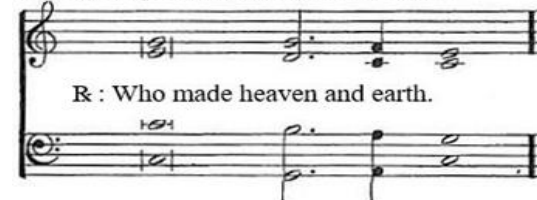
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



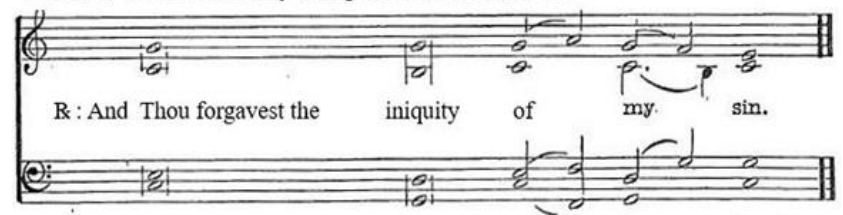
#### The Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



**Introit**      *Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27*

*Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.*

**My soul melts away for sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word!**

*Put false ways far from me  
and graciously teach me your law!*

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;**

**I set your just decrees before me.**

*I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;  
let me not be put to shame!*

**I will run in the way of your commandments  
when you enlarge my heart!**

*Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.*

**Gloria Patri**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The musical score for Gloria Patri is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

**Kyrie**

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

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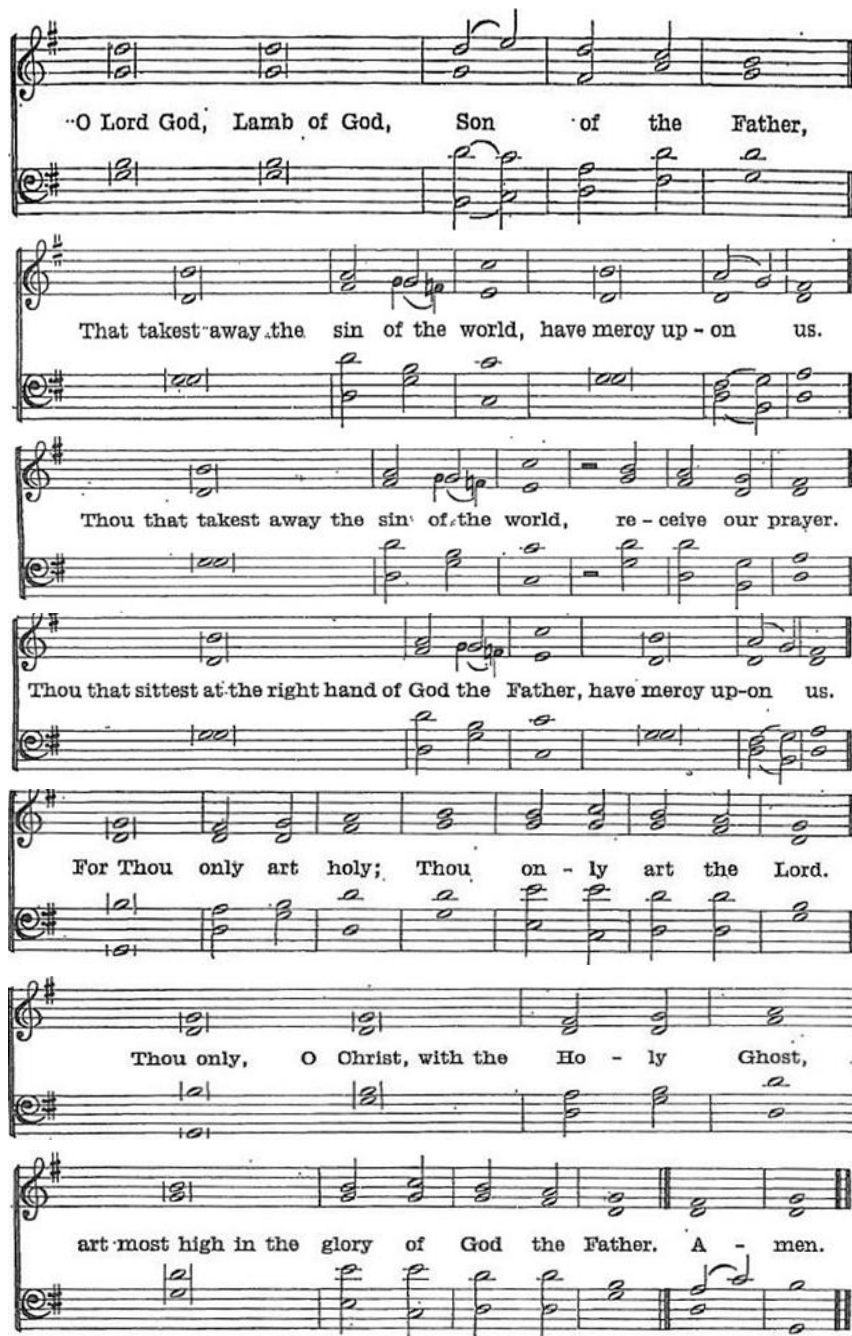
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for the Introit is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of one system of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

**The Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace; good will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Ohrist;

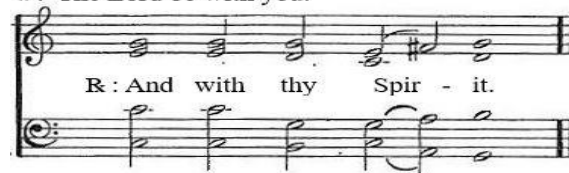
The musical score for The Gloria in Excelsis is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## The Salutation

*V:* The Lord be with you.

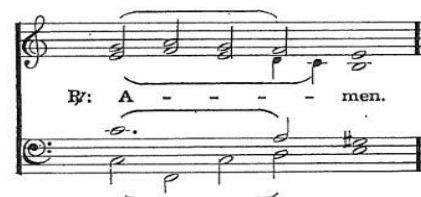


*R:* And with thy Spir-it.

Let us pray.

## The Collect for The Day

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*R:* A - - - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

## Epistle Philemon 1–21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

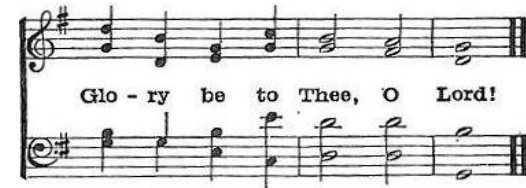
<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Stand*



## Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-35

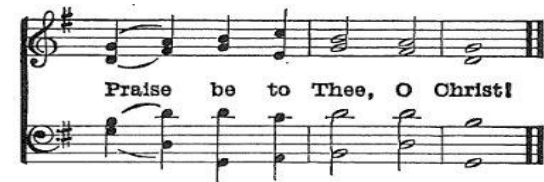
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And



He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who  
proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and  
the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe 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.

*Sit*

### Sermon Hymn #234

“Holy Ghost, with Light Divine”

Sermon – Based on Luke 14:25-35

*Stand*

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

*Sit*

### The Offering

*Stand*

### The General Prayer

### The Preface

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting  
God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of  
heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee  
and saying:

### The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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;

R: For Thine is the king - dom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

R: A - - - - men.

### The Agnus Dei

O O hrist, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O O hrist, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. . . . A - - - - - men.

*Sit*

### Communion Distribution

Hymn #304 -- "An Awe~full Mystery Is Here"

Hymn #423 -- "Jesus, I My Cross have Taken"

Hymn #400 -- "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Stand*

### The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

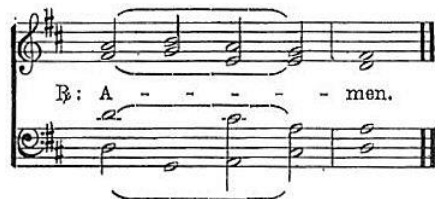
a Light, to light - en the Gen-tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-  
ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end.. A-men.

### The Thanksgiving

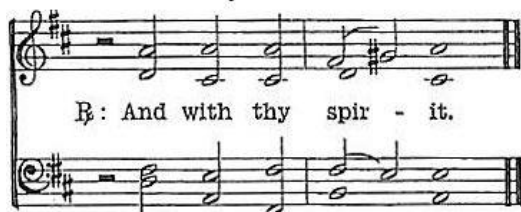
V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

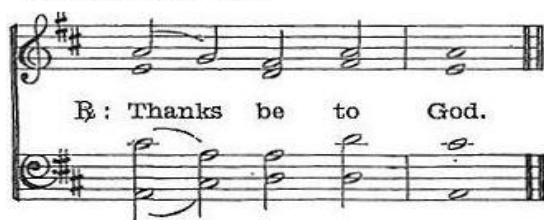
We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



W: The Lord be with you.



W: Bless we the Lord.

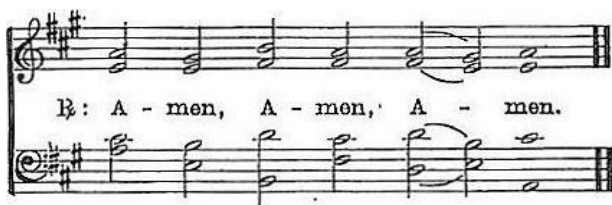


### The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



*Sit*

**Closing Hymn #400 (7:00 p.m.)**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

### Silent Prayer & Postlude

**Daily Readings** September 7: 2 Kings 4:38–5:8; Eph. 6:1–24; 8: 2 Kings 5:9–27; Phil. 1:1–20; 9: 2 Kings 6:1–23; Phil. 1:21–2:11; 10: 2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29; Phil. 2:12–30; 11: 2 Chron. 29:1–24; Phil. 3:1–21; 12: 2 Chron. 31:1–21; Phil. 4:1–23; 13: 2 Chron. 32:1–22; Col. 1:1–23.

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