Christ the King Lutheran Church

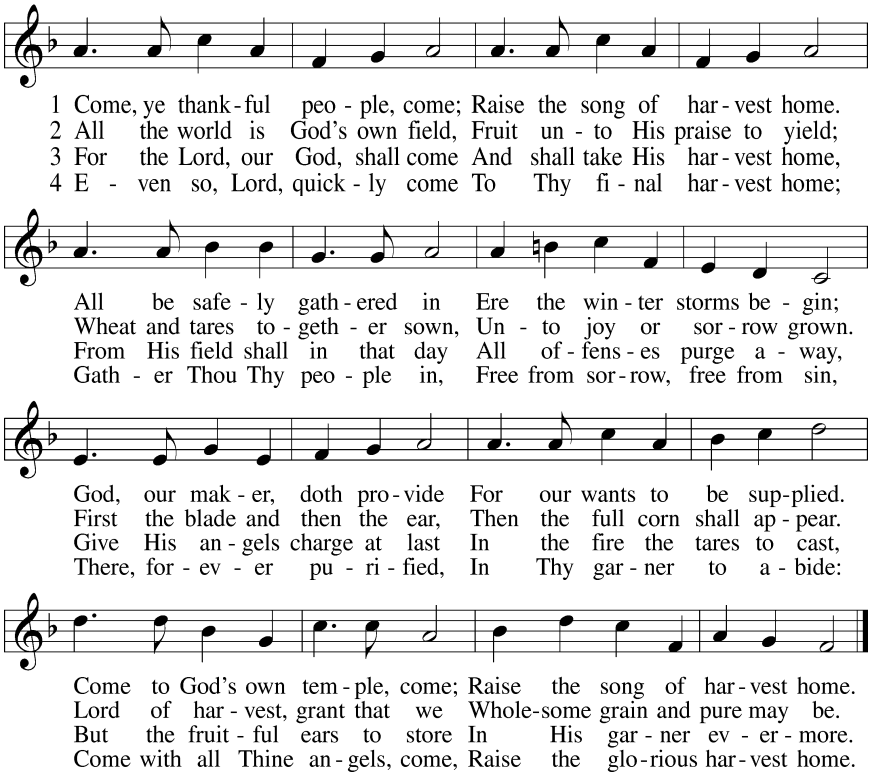
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 19, 2026
Divine Service Setting 4, p. 203 ~ Pastor Rob Morris

Welcome & Prelude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
~ Sigfrid Karg-Elert (9:30)

Hymn of Invocation **892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43; Revelation 22:7, 12,20; Isaiah 9:3



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

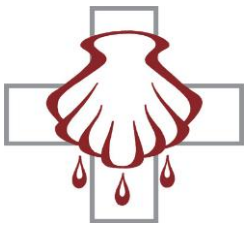
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit
Silence for reflection on the commands in God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

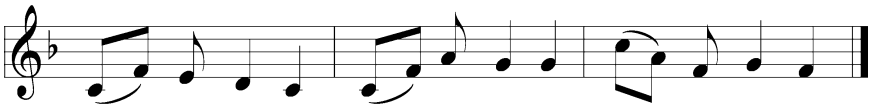


Rite of Baptism *See insert*
Nathan Keith Wolfard

Service of the Word

Kyrie

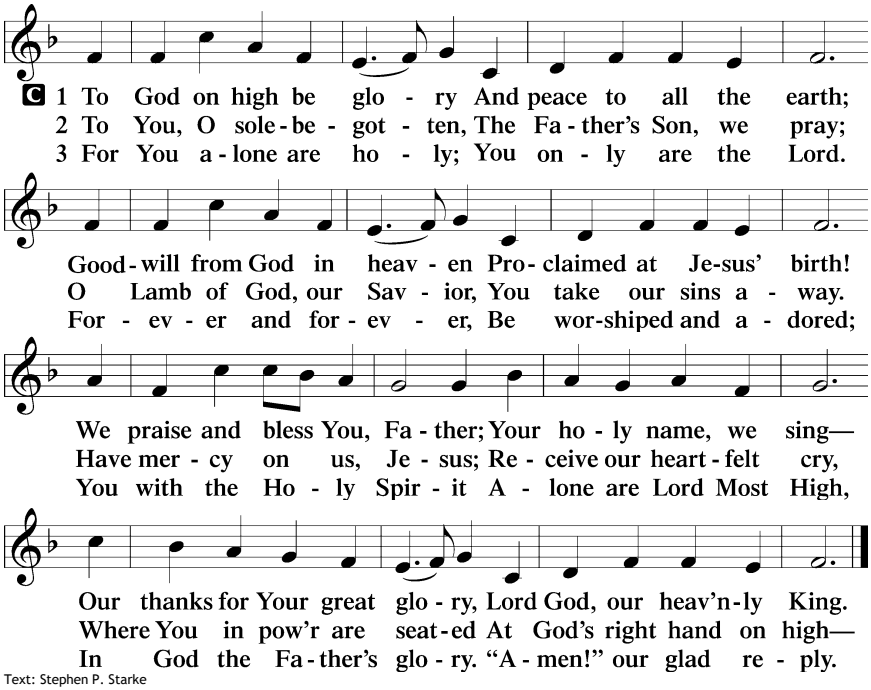
Mark 10:47; LSB p. 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 44.

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 119:57–64

A We say together the Psalm reading for today:

C

57 The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
58 I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
59 When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
60 I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
62 At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your just and righteous decrees.
63 I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

[18]For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19]For the creation
waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [20]For the
creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who
subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself will be set free from its
bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God. [22]For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together
in the pains of childbirth until now. [23]And not only the creation, but we
ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we
wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in
this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who
hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait
for it with patience.

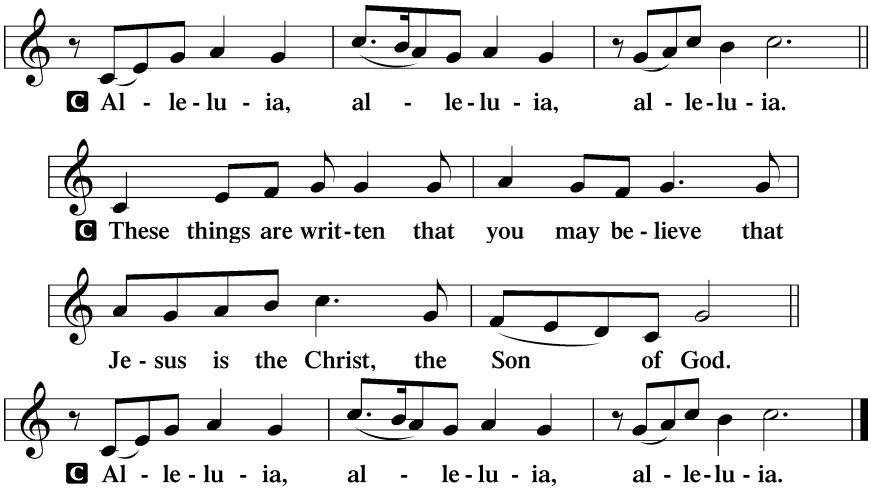
[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know
what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with
groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what
is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

[24]Jesus put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' [28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

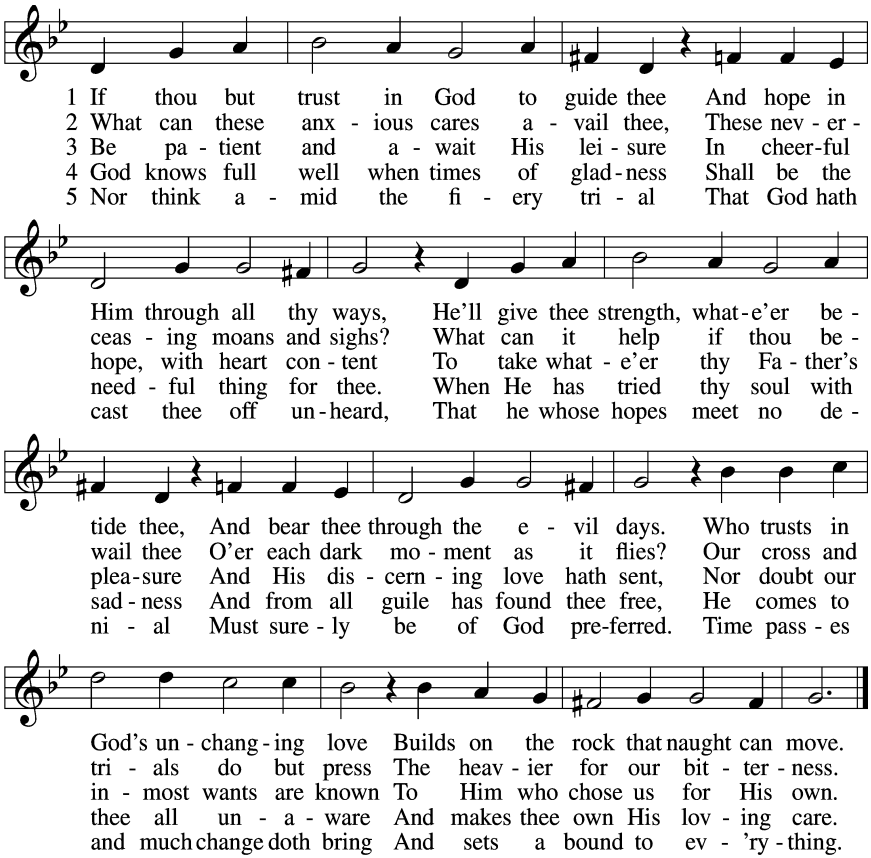
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Conversation with the Children

Hymn of the Day 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Psalm 55:22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 9:22



6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **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.

Prayer of the Church

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB p. 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

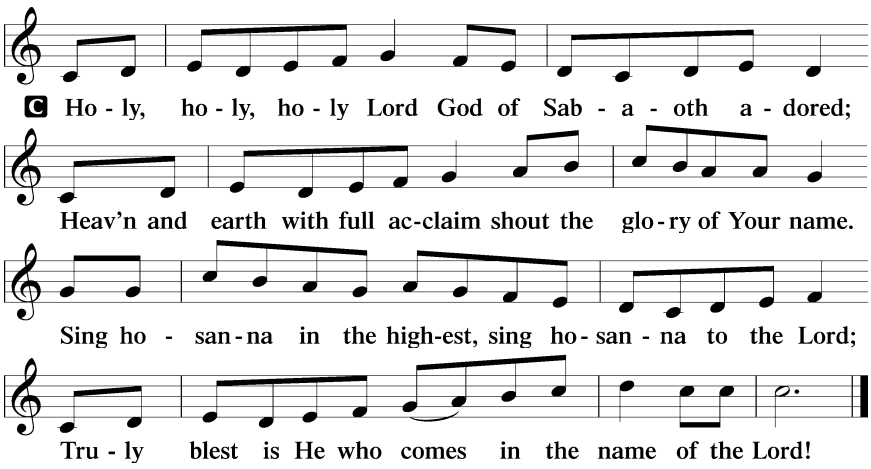
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

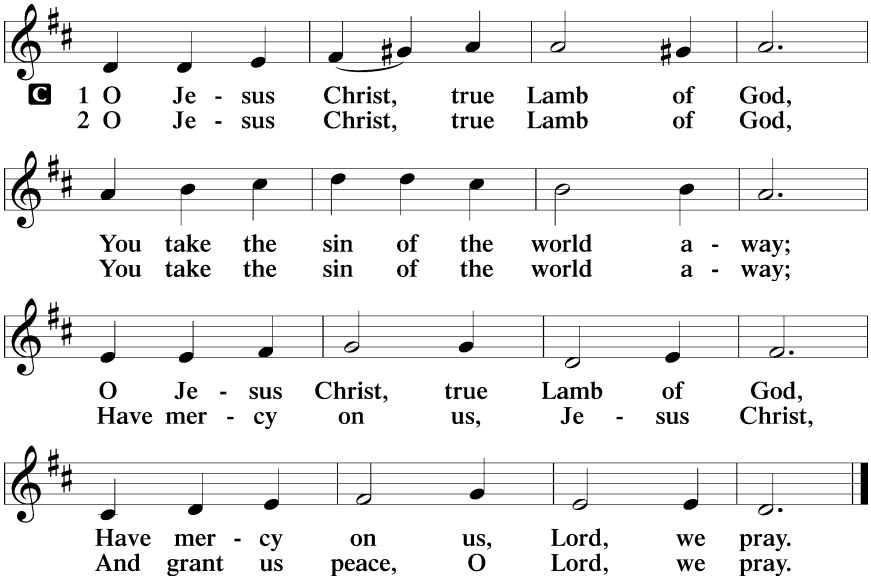
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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Sit

Distribution Instructions

**Gluten-free hosts are available in the small bowl; alcohol-free wine in individual cups in the center of the tray. Please indicate to server if you need one of these.*

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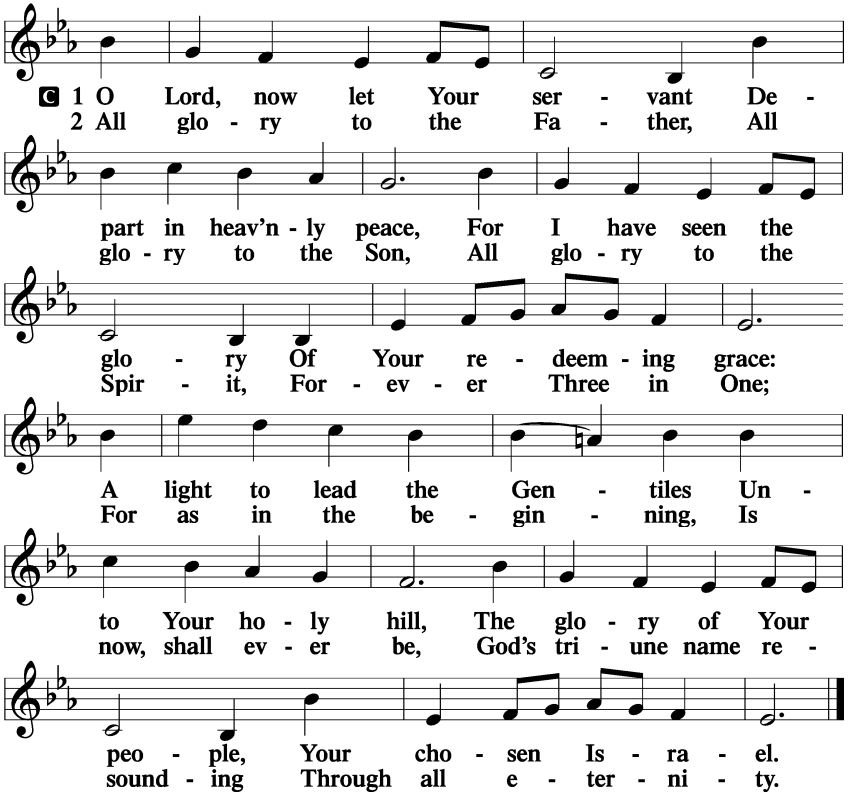
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32; LSB p. 211



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

C **O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

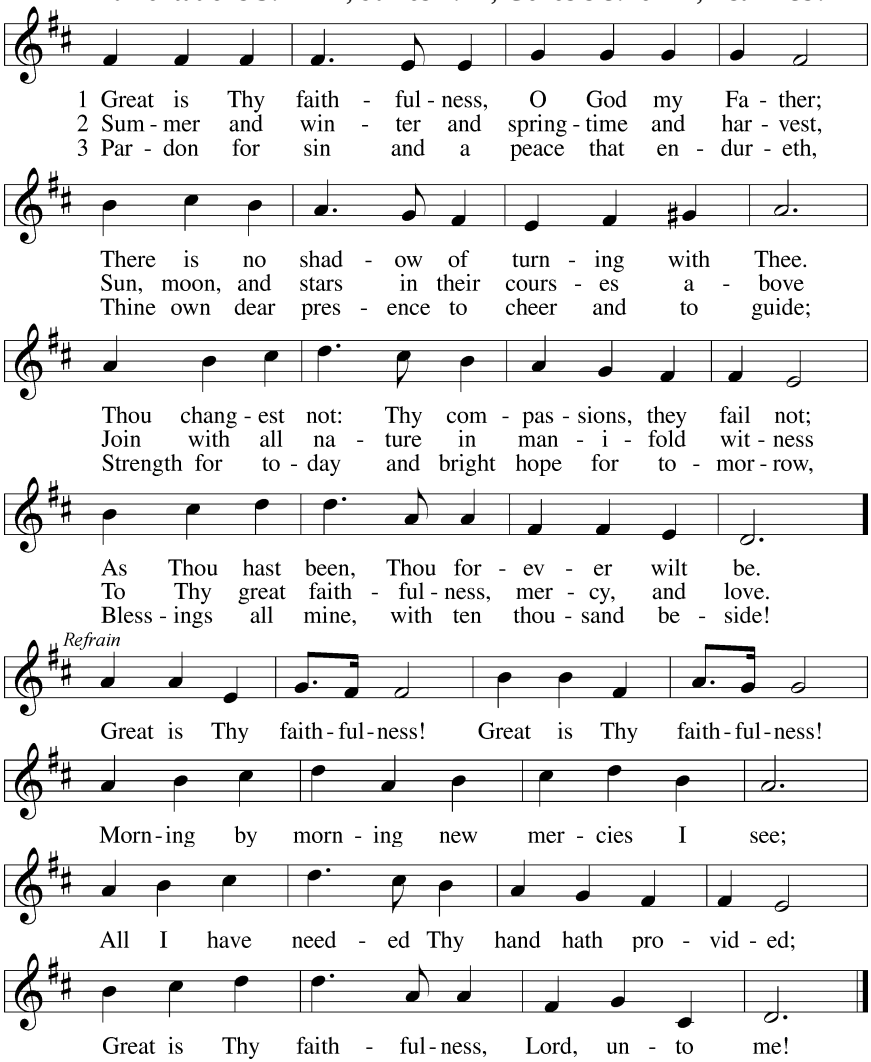
Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart — 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-24; James 1:17; Genesis 8:20–22; Psalm 89:1–2



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Postlude

Vater Unser im Himmelreich ~ J. Krieg (9:30)

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "Benediction"?

The Benediction (pronounced ben-eh-DIK-shun) is God's blessing for the congregation given through the pastor at the very end of the service. There are several different benedictions that we use in the church. The Aaronic Benediction is the one that we use in the Divine Service. You can find this in Num. 6:24–26. We use the other benedictions in other services like Matins and Vespers.

Why is there a Benediction in the Divine Service?

The word "benediction" comes from the Latin word *bene* which means "well," and *dicere* which means "speak." When the pastor pronounces the Benediction, God is giving us His blessing, or speaking well to us. He sends us on our way with His blessing after we have received His wonderful gifts through the Word and Sacraments.

Parents:
Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage them to find and read the benedictions for each service. Help them to find the Aaronic Benediction.

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Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule in direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast and faith, may increase in all good works, and in the end, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Welcome Card

A special welcome to today's guests & visitors. If you'd like us to follow-up with you, simply indicate this on the attendance insert.

Members, the insert helps keep church records & the directory current. Please fill in your name, communion attendance, & any info changes.

Kindly leave it in the offering plate on your way out. Thank you.

Weekly Newsletter and Prayer Emails

Thank you for being a community that prays for one another.
To stay up to date with our newsletter and prayer announcements, please provide a current email address.

- To request prayer or update us, email: ctknewtown@protonmail.com
- For pastoral care, please contact the church office.

An Invitation

All are invited to participate in various church events & activities:

- Altar flower sponsorship: see the narthex calendar for details & openings.
- Activities & event attendance: sign up as announced.

Members are invited to participate as volunteers:

- For consideration as an usher, reader, or communion set-up, or about hosting fellowship hour or joining the choir, please email the church office.

And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
Revelation 19:16

Today's Volunteers & Worship Staff

July 19, 2026	
Reader:	Carolyn Mandarano
Communion Assistants:	Dave Reitz, Jason Miller
Acolyte/Crucifer:	Isaiah Morris, Gregory Bomba
Chancel:	Carolyn Mandarano
Communion Preparation:	Carole Woolery
Coffee Hour Hosts:	To be announced
Organist/Director of Music:	Bev Thompson
Organist 4pm:	Sally Finck
Guitar:	Peter Obre

Today's Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God with praise to our Lord, by Alex & Krystal Wolfard and their family in celebration of the baptism of Nathan Keith Wolfard.

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