



# All Saints Lutheran Church

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**October 12, 2025**

**The Goal of God's Stewards**

*Luke 14:1-11 and Ephesians 4:1-6*

God's stewards have a goal in mind: to walk in a manner worthy of our calling (Ephesians 4:1-6). Paul is teaching us to work in our vocations with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit. It's not about rules and regulations, as Christ shows us in the Gospel reading. It is so that we might be the best servants possible to our neighbors. Christ broke the manmade rules in order to love and be of service to the man with dropsy (Luke 14:1-11). The goal of stewardship is humble service in our vocations, that we might point others to Christ.

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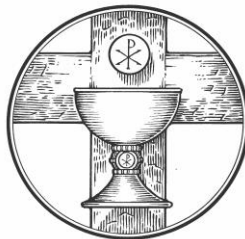
### **Communion at All Saints**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion*. Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.





# Divine Service 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** 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.

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

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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

**P** 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 Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

# 544 O Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore,  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 He bore the shameful cross and death;  
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here  
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 The Trinity whom we adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

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# Service of the Word

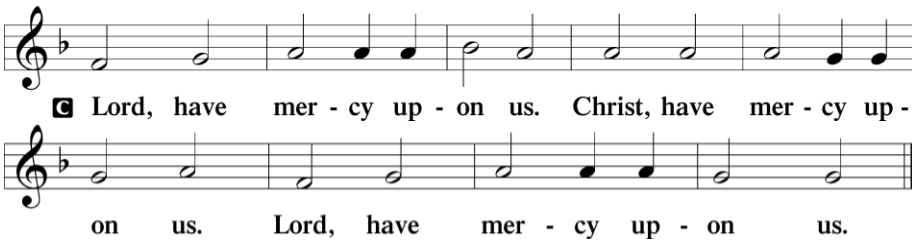
## Introit

*Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124*

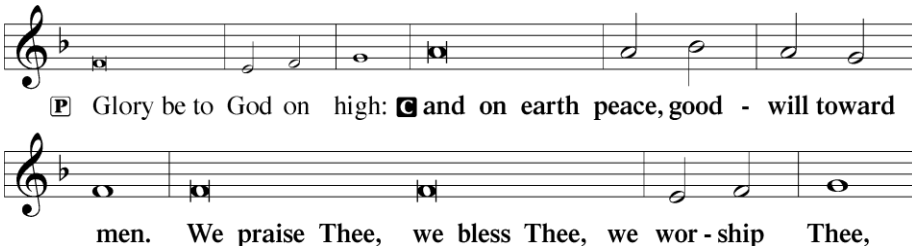


Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.  
**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\***  
**who walk in the law | of the LORD!**  
**Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\***  
**who seek him with their | whole heart.**  
**Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\***  
**in keeping your | statutes!**  
**Then I shall not be | put to shame,\***  
**having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Righteous are you, | O LORD,\*  
and right are your | just decrees.  
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,\*  
and teach me your | statutes.

## Kyrie



## Gloria in Excelsis





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 Christ;



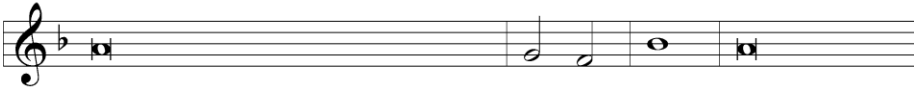
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



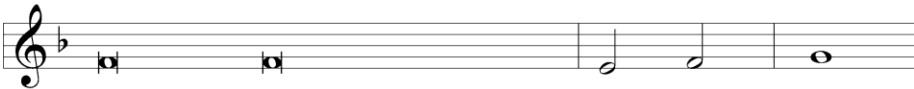
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

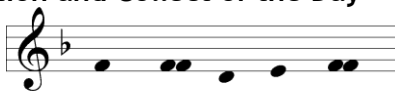


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 25:6–14*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill reputation have no end.

<sup>11</sup>A word fitly spoken  
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

<sup>12</sup>Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold  
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

<sup>13</sup>Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest  
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;  
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

<sup>14</sup>Like clouds and wind without rain  
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 33:12, 6*



Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!  
**By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,\***  
**and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

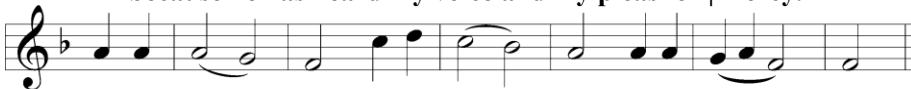
*Psalms 116:1*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



**I | love the LORD,\***  
**because he has heard my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**



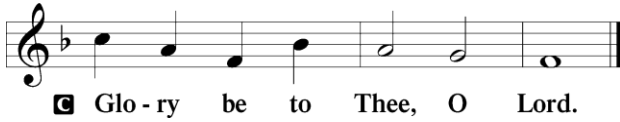
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:1–11*

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



<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



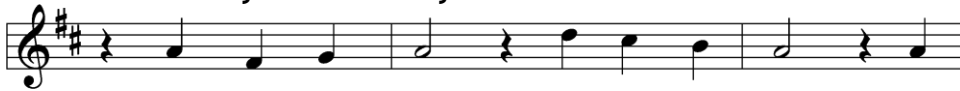
## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

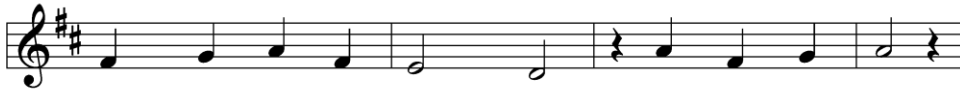
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came 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.**

## 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None  
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,  
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;  
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,  
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.  
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,  
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.  
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws  
 Our Ser - vant-King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied  
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart  
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.  
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.  
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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## Sermon

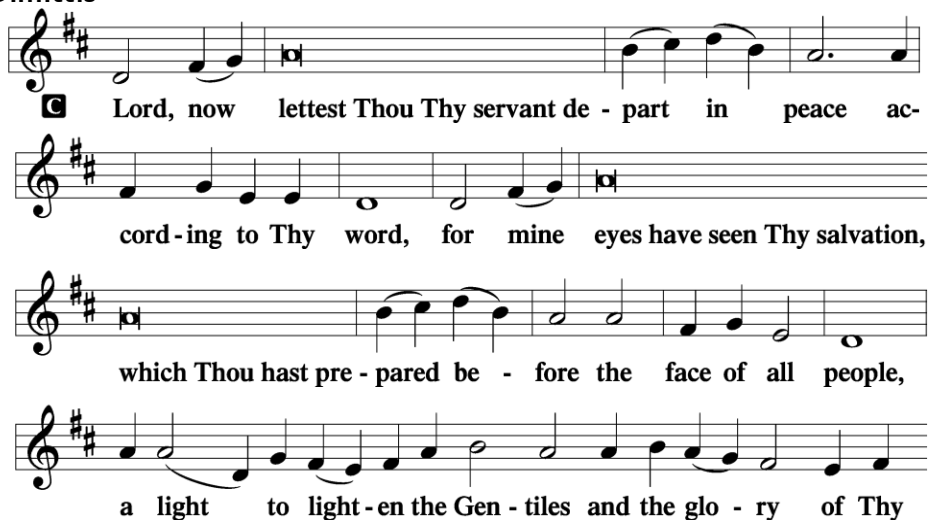
## Offertory



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.

## Prayer of the Church

### 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 beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.

**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

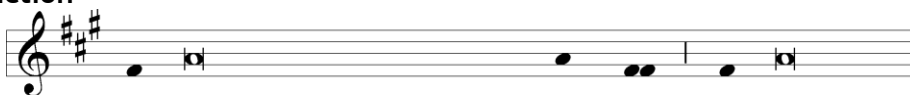


**A** Bless we the Lord.

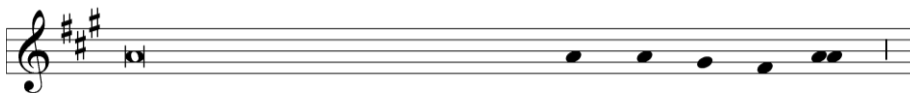


**G** Thanks be to God.

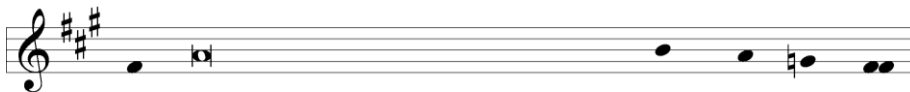
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-  
 2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry  
 △ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-  
 vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
 na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas-ing; The land shall plen-teous fruit bring forth,  
 To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His  
 The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt  
 Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the  
 sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,  
 judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;  
 Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!  
 And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out  
 Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-emn awe pos-  
 mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.  
 nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

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