



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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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 T 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*

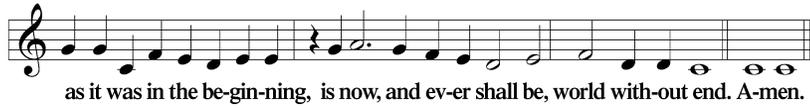
- P: I will bless the Lord at | all times,*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
C: **I sought the Lord, and he | answered me***
and delivered me from | all my fears.
P: Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
C: **This poor man cried, and the Lord | heard him***

and saved him out of all his | troubles.

P: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.

C: Oh, taste and see that the | Lord is good!*

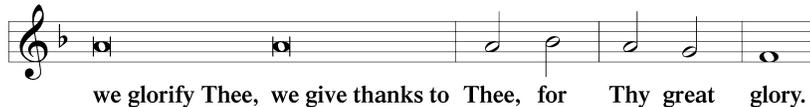
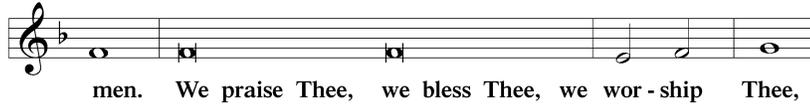
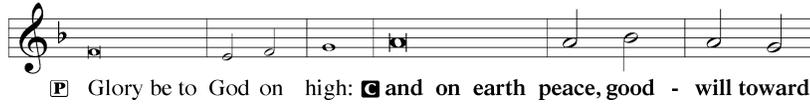
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!



Kyrie *LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*



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.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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.

Old Testament Reading *Job 38:4-18*

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
 and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
 and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
 and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
 and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
 or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
 or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
 Declare, if you know all this.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

All: Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *Romans 10:5–17*

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33*

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.**

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.

- 3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Sermon:

(Text - Matthew 14:22-33)

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
 5 "Through-out all their life-time My people will prove



Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
 My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
 My sov-'reign, eter-nal, un-change-a-ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,



Who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
 Up-held by My righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
 I'll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er, for-sake!
 Your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos-om be borne."

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Prayer of the Church *LSB 193*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy 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.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 *LSB 195*

C 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.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

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.

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

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

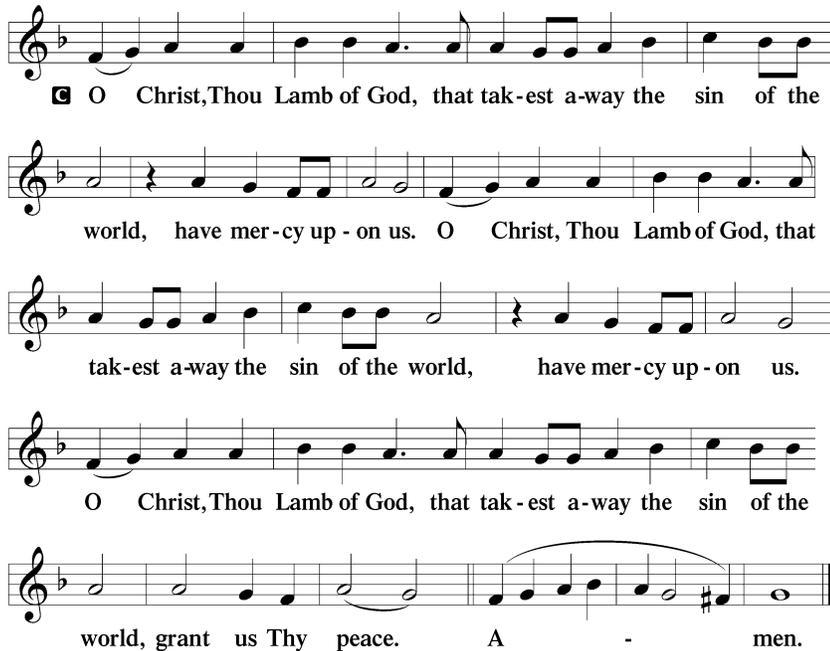
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*



C O Christ, 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, 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.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymn 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Distribution Hymn 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Distribution Hymn 804 O Worship the King



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust
 and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust,
 nor find Thee to fail.
 Thy mercies, how tender,
 how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender,
 redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
 ineffable Love,
 While angels delight
 to hymn Thee above,
 Thy humbler creation,
 though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration
 shall sing to Thy praise.

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Distribution Hymn 629 What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

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 without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 797 Praise the Almighty

- 1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
- 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
- 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
- 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
- △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly

Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py

He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with

all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Monument Health has updated the visitor policy: This goes in effect July 27, 2020

This policy impacts hospitalized patients, procedure and surgery patients and emergency department patients.

- **Emergency Department patients** are permitted one (1) visitor for the duration of their visit.
- **Hospitalized patients** are permitted one (1) visitor at a time between the hours of 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Surgery and Procedure patients** are permitted one (1) visitor to accompany them.

Those who need our prayers: Mark Buechler (*Nephew of Shirley Brevig*), Marjorie Fenhaus, Zoe Jones (*Daughter of Pastor Josh & Jamie Jones*), Rachel Steier (*Granddaughter Gale & Virginia Hagen*), Arlene Buechler (*Sister of Shirley Brevig*), Adrian Wright (*Niece of Gene & Cheryl Montgomery*), Sarah, Ben, Charlie Sampica (*Erik Aker's Sister & Family*), Millie Kirschenmann, Arlene Johnson, Bob Schieckoff (*Friend of Leta Eberhard*), Glenn Roth (*Son of Cole Roth*), Makenna, Octavia, & Oakley Horton, Raymond Howe (*Son of Linda Comfort*), Doris Fox, Sharla Ulrich, Anna Banner, Earl Lindenberg (*Uncle of Pastor Lindenberg*), Jim Lindenberg (*Dad of Pastor Lindenberg*), Tina Eisenbraun.

Adult Bible Study - Please Join us for Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 8:15am and Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.

August 9 - Proper 14

Matt. 14:30 - "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'" The world really is a scary place - natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

The Creator in His majesty comes striding upon the waves of the sea. It is no wonder that the disciples were terrified! But with the simple words "Take heart; it is I," He reveals that He comes in peace. Jesus, fully God and at the same time fully man, comes to us in humility. The one whom all things were made brings peace through His life, death, and resurrection!

Dear Saints of Peace Lutheran Church,

Greeting in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

First, I would like to say it has been an absolute honor and a privilege to serve you as an organist this year. This year didn't turn out the way I would hope due to COVID-19, but the support I received from you all made the past few months fly by (Let me tell you, it was hard playing when no one was in church), but by the grace of God, I was able to serve you more ways that I could have never imagined.

I am so thankful for all the support you have given me over the past two years, thank you for letting me use my gifts and talents to serve you, my brothers and sisters in Christ; from being able to introduce new hymns to you, and for being able to stop playing and let you sing without the accompaniment. To hear your voices blend together is something almost indescribable.

I would also like to sincerely thank you for your support of the hymn festival that I held at the end of July. This was the first time I had ever done something like this, and I am ready and eagerly anticipating the next one! I took a free-will donation at the hymn festival to help offset costs for organ lessons this year at Concordia University-Nebraska, and with your generous giving, I was able to pay for lessons for the academic year and then some! Thank you so much! I appreciate all the support I gain from this wonderful congregation!

As I journey back to school, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I look forward to coming home in November and playing for you once again for the Christmas Season! God's richest blessings to you this fall!

In Christ, Morgan Phillips