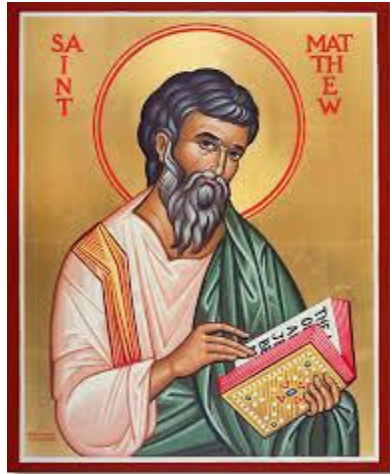


**DIVINE SERVICE**  
**for the**  
**Festival**  
**of**  
**St. Matthew**

10:00 a.m.

September 21, A.D. 2025



## Saint John's Lutheran Church

---- *Missouri Synod* ----

60 Broad Street, Westfield, MA  
(413)568-1417

Website: [stjohnswestfield.org](http://stjohnswestfield.org) E-mail: [info@stjohnswestfield.org](mailto:info@stjohnswestfield.org)  
**Radio Broadcast at 7:30 AM on WHYN 560 AM**

Rev. David Riley, Senior Pastor  
125 Glenwood Drive, Westfield, MA 01085  
Cell phone # 870-814-4828  
E-mail: [pastordavid.riley@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavid.riley@gmail.com)

Rev. Jeffrey Windoloski, Associate Pastor  
Cell phone # 260-445-5320  
E-mail: [jeffrey.windoloski@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.windoloski@gmail.com)

## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!**

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

# THE RITE of HOLY BAPTISM

**Anna Clare Windoloski**

Parents: The Reverend and Mrs. Jeffrey Windoloski

Sponsors: Donald Sosnoski, Betty-Clare Waselik, and Allegra Dutzmann Bain.

***(Please Stand and Face the Back of the Sanctuary)***

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

✠ BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: How are you named?

R: *Anna Clare*

P: Anna Clare, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your (+) forehead and upon your (+) heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Anna Clare according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Is it your intention to serve Anna Clare as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: *Yes, with the help of God.*

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C: Amen.**

P: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✠ 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. **592**: "Dearest Jesus We Are Here"



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -  
 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
 3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this  
 4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near  
 bey it du - ly; "You must all be born a - gain,  
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;  
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.  
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

**5 Now into Your heart we pour  
 Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
 Our petitions heav'nward soar;  
 May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
 Write the name we now have given;  
 Write it in the book of heaven!**

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even (+) forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**(Be Seated)**

P: Anna Clare, do you renounce the devil?

R: *Yes, I renounce him.*

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: *Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: *Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: *Yes, I believe.*

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R: *Yes, I believe.*

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R: *Yes, I believe.*

P: Anna Clare, do you desire to be baptized?

R: *Yes, I do.*

P Anna Clare, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life (+) everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

P: Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

***(Please Stand)***

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Anna Clare the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

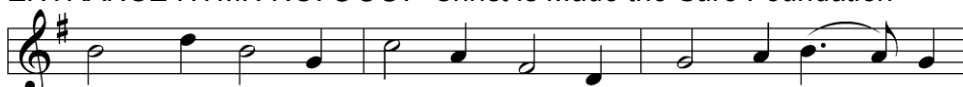
**C: Amen.**

P: Peace (+) be with you.

**C: Amen.**

***(All Return to Their Places)***

† ENTRANCE HYMN NO. **909**: *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
 △ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

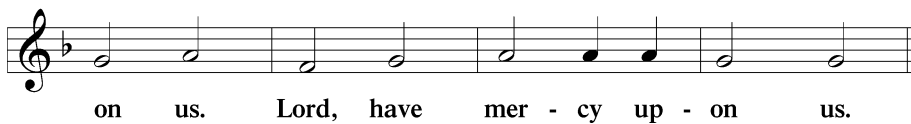


help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

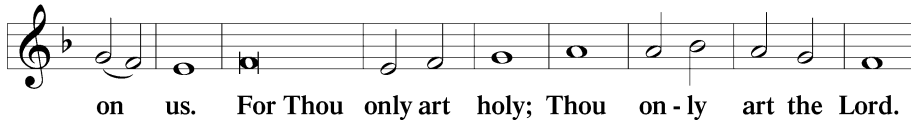
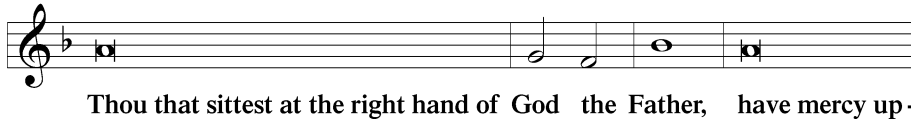
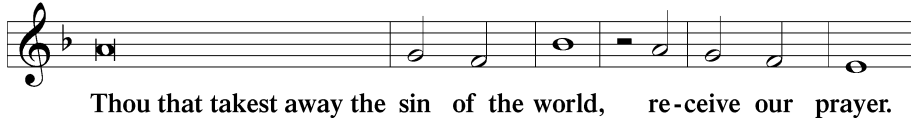
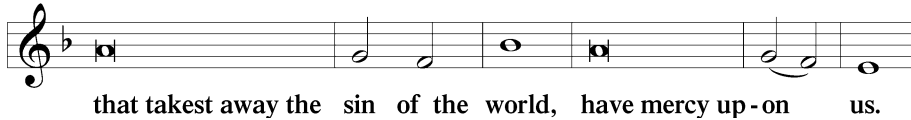
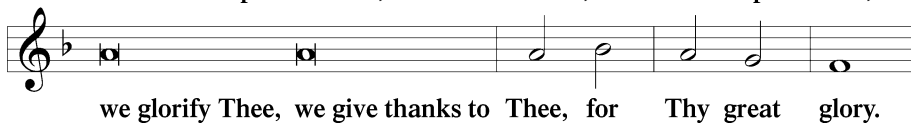
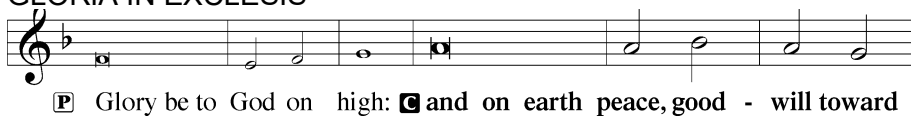
† KYRIE

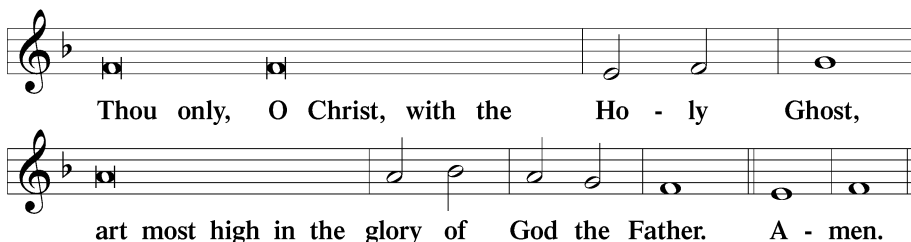


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



† GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



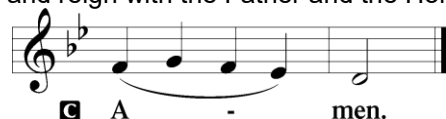


# ✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray. O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**(Be Seated)**

# ✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your



people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

† GRADUAL: (*Sung by All*)

**Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
How sweet are your words | to my taste,\*  
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!  
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme,\*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.**

† EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

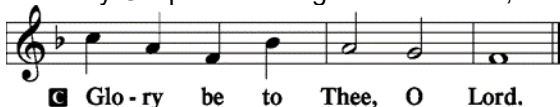
**(Please Stand and Face the Cross)**

† GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL



† HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13 (*Let anxiety be.*)

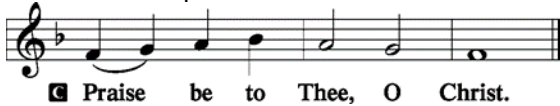
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



† GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

(Be Seated)

† SERMON HYMN NO. **730**: "What Is the World to Me"



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

† SERMON: "Follow Me" Matthew 9:9-13

† CHOIR ANTHEM: "God, Your Word"

David L. Ray

**(Please Stand)**

† OFFERTORY



**C**re-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

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we glorify You for Your sustaining love. We especially thank and praise You for the gift of Your Son, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins; for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for the companionship of Your Holy Church; and for the hope of the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, bless The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Robert Beinke, our district president; and all servants of Your Word. Keep them strong in their witness to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Lord, Your Son called Matthew from his tax booth to be an apostle who proclaimed salvation. Continue to call men into Your Holy Ministry, and endow them with every good gift to proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments in righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father in heaven, look favorably on all public servants, giving them wisdom and courage to serve according to Your will. Guard all members of our armed forces, covering them with Your protecting hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of compassion, be near to those who cry out to You in time of need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant healing to the sick, according to Your will, and comfort the mourning with Christ's victory over death and the grave. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, how lovely is the dwelling place of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gives us sinners to eat and to drink of His flesh and blood here at the holy altar. Grant to all who come to this feast today repentant and believing hearts, that in the blessed Sacrament they would receive forgiveness, life and salvation, and be strengthened in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son chose to dine with tax collectors and sinners such as St. Matthew. As we remember him this day, grant that we might rejoice that Christ still chooses to dine with us sinners in His own feast of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

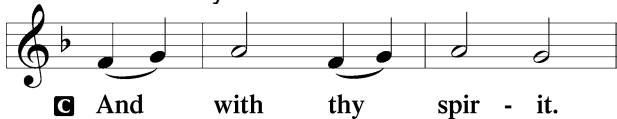
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

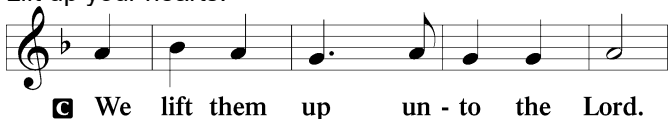
**C: Amen.**

## ***Service of the Sacrament***

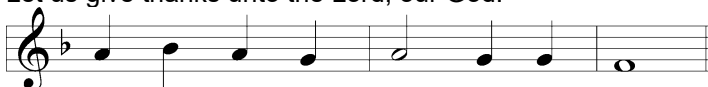
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

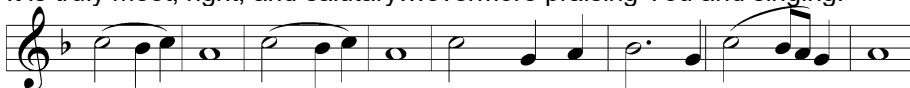


P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



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.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

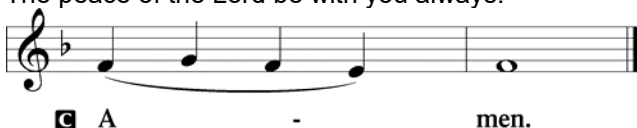
✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

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."

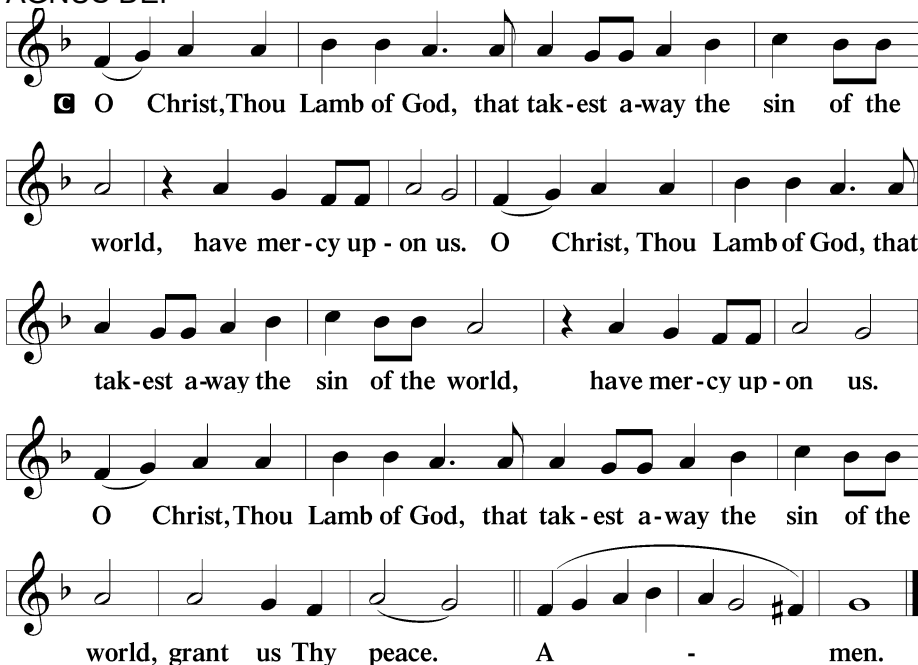
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

† PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



† AGNUS DEI

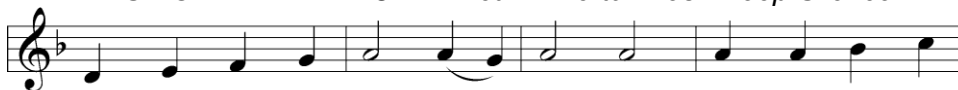


**(Be Seated)**

Regarding the Reception of the Lord's Supper:

*At Saint John's we believe, teach, and confess according to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions that in the Lord's Supper we receive not merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Holy Supper is not only a gift of Christ, but also a confession of the faith and doctrine confessed at this altar. Because Holy Scripture warns that those who eat and drink unworthily do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and because communing together is also an expression of unity in doctrine and confession, we joyfully invite to the Lord's Table all confirmed members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who are in good standing with their home congregation, who have been instructed and who publicly confess this faith. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we are thankful for your presence today and warmly invite you to come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor approaches. Following the service and in the coming week, our pastors would be glad to speak with you about the Lord's Supper and to share more about what we believe, teach, and confess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod."*

† DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **621**: *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



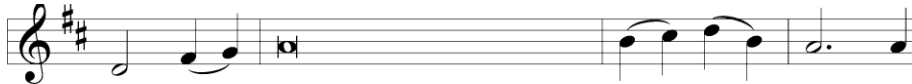
For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

(Please Stand)

† 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

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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 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.

A - men.

# ✠ SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.



P: Bless we 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 unto you.

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



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## ✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 583: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;

2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,

3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.

Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;

In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:

Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;

Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.

Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.

God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

## ✠ POSTLUDE

---

