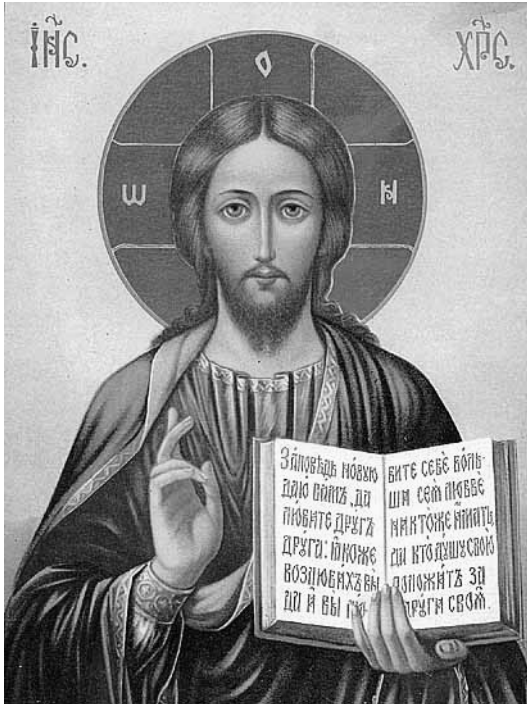


Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Pentecost

8 June 2014

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION
WITH BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION



If anyone loves me, he will keep my word

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A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for lunch after the service.

Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back. If you would like a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave a note in the visitors' book.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church after the prayers.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church. **Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

Explanation of Symbols:

- P** Pastor
- A** Assisting lay minister
- C** Congregation
- R** Response
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ◆ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Stand

OPENING HYMN—Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1. To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin. How -
2. To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in Shall
3. To - day our Fath - er calls us; The Ho - ly Spir - it waits; His
4. O all - em - bra - cing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door, What



ev - er great my tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been, How -
find a Fath - er's wel - come And par - don for their sin. The
bless - èd an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No
shall I do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er? When



ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your
past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A
ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come; Al -
all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to des - pair, We



pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glor - ious crown in heav'n.
though I oft have wan - dered, It is our Fath - er's home.
know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen (1816–78), alt.; Music: Friedrich K. Anthes (1812–c. 1857)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Address

The Sign of the Cross

Prayer

The Appointment of the Sponsor

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 towards 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 neighbour.

P Is it your intention to serve Sindija and Nikola as sponsor 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 fulfil what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

The Gospel

Sit

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s).

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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

The Baptismal Vows

The Baptism

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P [Name,] I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptised while saying:

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.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the newly baptised while saying:

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.

The elder welcomes the newly baptised:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sisters 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 marvellous light.

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

Stand

Prayers

Blessing

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Ps. 68:1, 4a,c, 11a, 33b, 35; antiphon: Wisdom 1:7a; Ps. 68:3*)



P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad;

They shall exult be- | fore God;*

They shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

C **God shall arise, His enemies shall be | scattered;***
and those who hate Him shall flee be- | fore Him!

P Sing to God, sing praises | to His name;*

exult be- | fore Him!.

C **The Lord | gives the Word;***

behold, He sends out His voice, His | mighty voice.

P Awesome is God from His sanctu- | ary;*

the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His | people.

C ❖ ***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

P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad;

C They shall exult be- | fore God;*

They shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

KYRIE



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



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

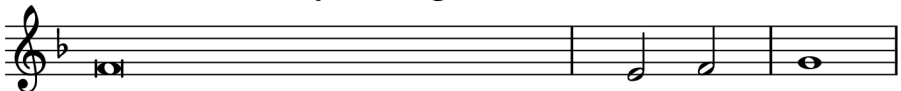
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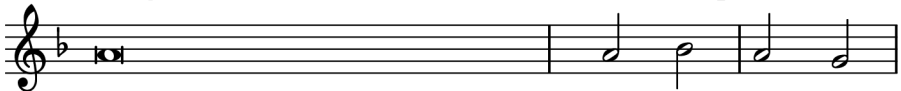
P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will towards men.



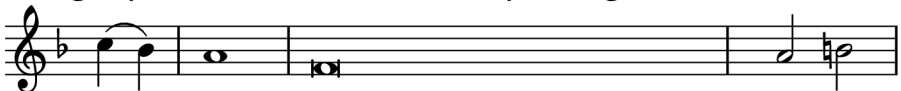
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we ❖ wor-ship Thee,



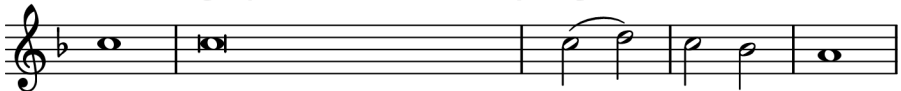
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great



glory. O Lord God, heaven-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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING—Genesis 11:1–9

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING—Acts 2:1–21

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

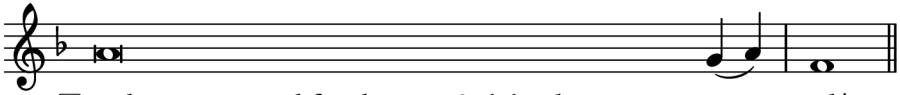
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE (*Ps. 104:30; Liturgical text*)

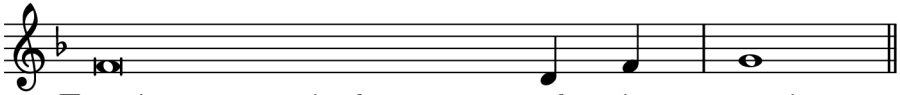


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



I When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre-a - ted,*

II Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faith - ful,*



I and you renew the face of the ground.

II and kindle in them the fire of your love.



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

HOLY GOSPEL—John 14:23–31

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



C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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 of the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
❖ *worshipped 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY—God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1. God's own child, I glad-ly say it: I am bap-tized
2. Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3. Sa - tan, hear this pro - clam - a - tion: I am bap-tized
4. Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort ev - en strong-er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cus - a - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness



Gave my full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it pa - ra - dise! Though I lie in



treas - ures ma - ny? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've tra - velled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance



more than a - ny That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - ra - velled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



va - tion free Last - ing to e - tern - i - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood!
 ty - ran - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

5. There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptised into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

Text: Erdmann Neumeister (1671–1756), tr. Robert E. Voelker (1957–)
Music: Johann Caspar Bachofen (1695–1755)

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
 and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY



C Create in me a clean heart, O God. And re-new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy



presence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un-to me the joy of Thy sal - vat - ion,
and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Address

Profession of Faith

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptised and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the candidate's head and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P [Name], 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.

All stand

Prayers

Blessing

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the following bid:

L ... let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

Sit



IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Christine & family of †Philippa; Ron; Barbara; Frank; Averil

Family of members

Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Doris (old age)

Friends of members

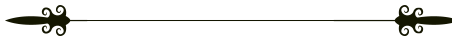
Ilse Kelly (old age); Trevor (unemployed); Mary (health); Gus and Mae (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Phil & Karen (depression); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Ray, Doreen & family (cancer); David Webb (cancer); Bob Waters (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Sue (cancer); Sally (health); Leanne (health); Gina & family

ELCE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; PrEffiong; Retired pastors (Prs. Brammeier, Jenks, McNally, Quirk, Smith); Christa Jeynes (broken hip); Pr. Fry (health)

The Church of God

Lutheran Church in the Philippines; St. Peter & St. Paul CofE; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke)



HYMN—O Jesus, I Have Promised



1. O Je-sus, I have pro - mised To serve Thee to the
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and
4. O Je-sus, Thou hast pro - mised To all who fol - low



end: Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My
 near; I see the sights that daz - le, The
 still, A - bove the storms of pass - ion, The
 thee, That where Thou art in glo - ry There



Mas - ter and my Friend; I shall not fear the
 tempt - ing sounds I hear; My foes are ev - er
 mur - murs of self - will; O speak to re - as -
 shall Thy serv - ant be; And, Je - sus I have



bat - tle If Thou art by my side, Nor
 near me, A - round me and with - in; But
 sure me, To hast - en or cont - rol; O
 pro - mised To serve Thee to the end; O



wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
 speak, and make me list - en, Thou Guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.

5. O let me see Thy footmarks,
 And in them plant mine own;
 My hope to follow duly
 Is in Thy strength alone.
 O guide me, call me, draw me,
 Uphold me to the end;
 And then in Heaven receive me,
 My Saviour and my Friend.

Text: John E. Bode (1816–1874); Music: William H. Ferguson (1874–1950)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them up un-to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

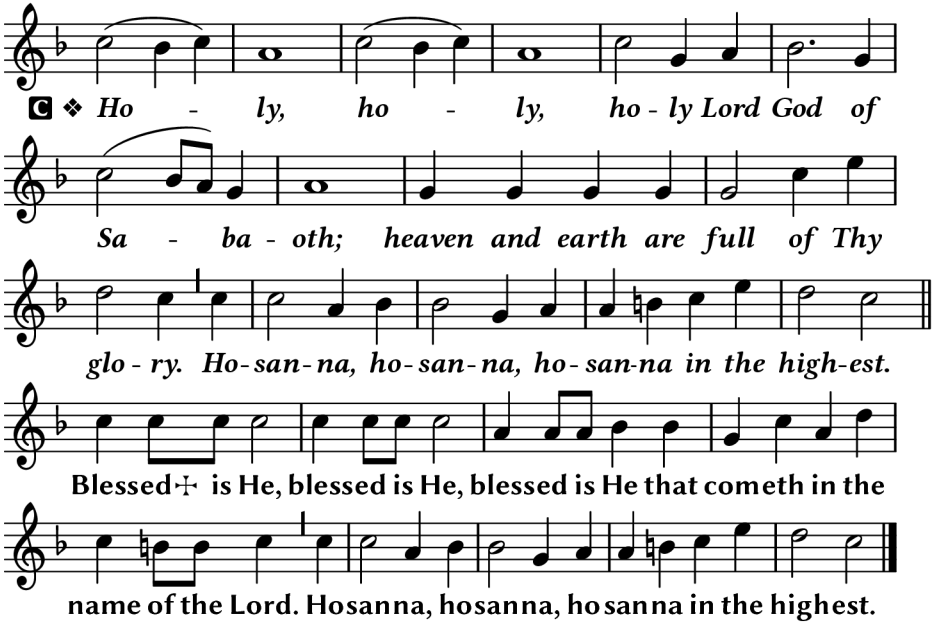


- C** It is meet and right so to do.

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
Sa - ba - oth; heaven and earth are full of Thy
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed † is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, ho sanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray:

G 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, for
ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the



sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



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



sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Christ, Thou



Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,



grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you are visiting us, please read the note about Communion on page 2 of this service booklet.

Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN—Come Down, O Love Divine



1. Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions



mine, And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dour glow - ing;
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap -
And let Thy glor - ious light Shine ev - er on my



pear, And kind - le it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.

3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become
mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the
pow'r of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
makes His dwelling.

Text: Bianco da Siena (1350–1434); tr. Richard F. Littledale (1833–90)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN—Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



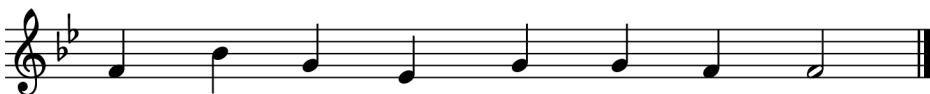
1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - at - or blest,
2. To You, the Coun - sel - lor, we cry,
3. In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
4. Your light to ev' - ry thought im - part,



And make our hearts Your place of rest;
 To You, the gift of God Most High;
 We God's al - might - y hand be - hold
 And shed Your love in ev' - ry heart;



Come with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid
 The fount of life, the fire of love,
 While You with tongues of fire pro - claim
 The weak - ness of our mor - tal state



And fill the hearts which You have made.
 The soul's an - oint - ing from a - bove.
 To all the world His ho - ly name.
 With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

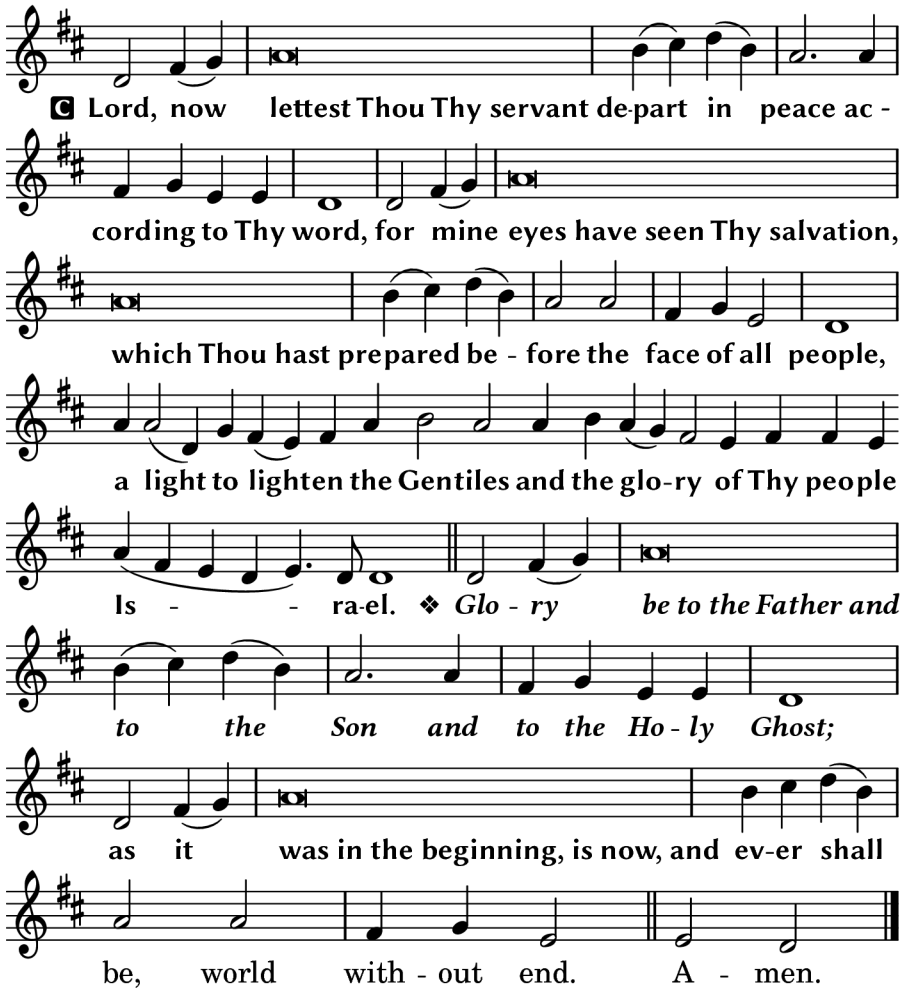
5. Drive far away our wily foe,
 And Your abiding peace bestow;
 With You as our
 protecting guide,
 No evil can with us abide.
6. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And You, from both, as Three in One
 That we Your name may ever bless
 And in our lives the
 truth confess.

△ 7. Praise we the Father and Son,
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: Rabarus Maurus (776–856); tr. Edward Caswall (1814–78); Music: Germany (1533)

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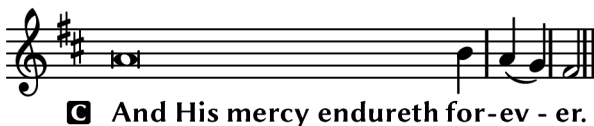
NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people 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 ever shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.



And His mercy endureth for-ev - er.

The following collect is chanted:

P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

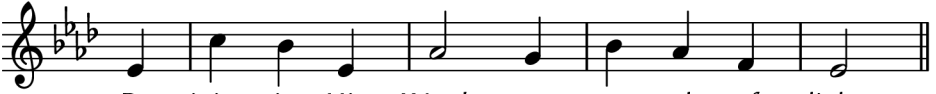


C Amen, Amen, A - men.

HYMN—O Praise Ye the Lord



1. O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height;
2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him up - on earth,
3. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;



Re - joice in His Word, ye an - gels of light;
In tune - ful ac - cord, ye sons of new birth;
Each ju - bi - lant chord re - e - cho a - round;



Ye hea - vens, a - dore Him by Whom ye were made,
Praise Him Who hath brought you His grace from a - bove,
Loud or - gans, His glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,



And wor - ship be - fore Him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
Praise Him Who hath taught you to sing of His love.
And sweet harp, the sto - ry of what He hath done.

4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for Heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
5. In glory exult, ye saints of the Lord;
With songs in the night, high praises accord;
Go forth in His service, be strong in His might,
To conquer all evil and stand for the right.
6. For this is His Word: His saints shall not fail,
But over the earth their power shall prevail;
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.
To God give the glory and praise Him for aye. Amen.

Text: Henry W. Baker (1821–77); Music: C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)

Sit

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Liturgical Tidbits: What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is not a sacrament. It is not established in the Bible, and so it has no promises of God attached to it. Rather, it is a rite or ceremony instituted by the church for the good of the church.

In the rite of confirmation, the catechumens confirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf by parents and sponsors (godparents). Thus, confirmation is a *public profession of faith*. This is one reason why confirmation follows thorough instruction in the faith (catechesis).

In the Lutheran church, confirmation is normally associated with *admission to the Lord's Supper* (First Communion). Having been instructed sufficiently to understand the key teachings of the Christian faith and the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of the Altar, the catechumens are considered to be able to "discern the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:27–28) and to receive the Sacrament for their benefit.

What Confirmation does not do is convey any spiritual benefits that are not available by the means established in the Bible. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given in Baptism (Acts 2:38, Titus 3:5), and through hearing God's Word (John 14:23). Forgiveness of sins is received through Baptism (Acts 2:38), the Absolution (John 20:23), and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26–28). Therefore, it is by no means a necessity.

However, as a ceremony where the faith is professed publicly, and catechumens are prayed for and admitted into the visible fellowship of the church, it is of great benefit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
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THE CREED, THIRD ARTICLE

The Creed, the Third Article

I 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. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

10.30 am Sunday Service at the Scout Hall. Sunday School for children during the service.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8.45 am Morning prayer service at St. Francis, Funtley

Every Wednesday

10.30 am Bible study at the Parsonage
(65 Furzehall Avenue, PO16 8UD)

12.45–1.45 pm Pastor's Surgery at *The Highlands Hub*

7 pm Evening prayer service at St. Francis, Funtley

Every other Sunday (1st and 3rd of the month)

6 pm Youth Club (Year 5 upwards). Ask the pastor for details.



BRIGHTON LUTHERAN MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of the Month

4:30 pm Sunday Service at Holland Road Baptist Church
(65-71 Holland Road, Hove, BN3 1JN)

6 pm Bible study

Fourth Friday of the Month

3 pm Bible Study at Holland Road Baptist Church

Adult instruction (including preparation for Baptism and Confirmation) by arrangement with the pastor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Daily Services at St. Francis, Funtley

Tue	8.45 am	Matins
Wed	6.30 pm	Private confession & absolution
	7 pm	Advent Vespers
Thu	8.45 am	Matins
Fri	8.45 am	Matins

The Week Ahead

Wed	10.30 am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.45 am	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further ahead

16–18 Jun		Pastors' Study Week (Cambridge)
	18 Jun	No Bible study or Pastor's Surgery
22 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service at Scout Hall
20 th Jul	tbc	Joint service with St. Peter's in Weymouth

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1–7; Romans 11:33–36; John 3:1–15

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Numbers 21:10–35	Luke 21:20–38	<i>Formula of Concord Solid Declaration XI: 65–75</i>
Mon:	Num 22:1–20	Luke 22:1–23	<i>FC SD XI: 76–86</i>
Tue:	Num 22:21–23:3	Luke 22:24–46	<i>FC SD XI: 87–93</i>
Wed:	Num 23:4–28	Luke 22:47–71	<i>FC SD XI: 94–96</i>
Thu:	Num 24:1–25	Luke 23:1–25	<i>FC SD XII: 1–27</i>
Fri:	Num 27:12–23	Luke 23:26–56	<i>FC SD XII: 28–38</i>
Sat:	Num 32:1–6, 16–27	Luke 24:1–27	<i>FC SD XII: 39–40</i>
Sun:	Num 35:9–30	Luke 24:28–53	<i>Three Ecumenical Creeds</i>

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