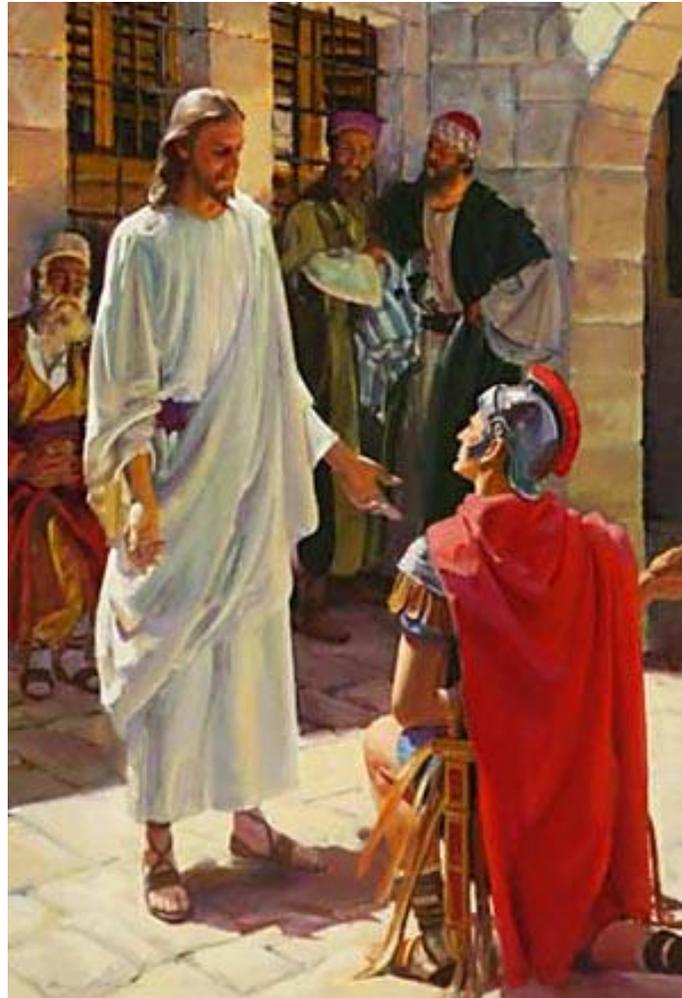


The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity  
The Sunday of the Noble of Capernaum



“Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your son will live.’

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.”

John 4:50

## The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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10 October A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. Please sign our friendship folder in the pews and if you're visiting for the first time, our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered on every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with pastor if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

The Sunday of the Noble of Capernaum

"Resisting the World Ruled by the Devil"

(stressing the dominion of Satan in an unbelieving world)

*"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:1—2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, *"Go; your son will live"* (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). *"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."*

Service Notes:

Opening Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Divine Service

## Setting Three

Prelude: "Air with Holy, Holy, Holy" .....arr. Linda R.Lamb

### 523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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  $\cdot\ddot{\iota}\cdot$  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  $\cdot\ddot{\iota}\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** (*congregation chants bold*) Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text

The whole world is | in your power,\*  
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.  
For you have made | heaven and earth,\*  
you are | Lord of all!  
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the LORD!  
Confirm to your servant your | promise,\*  
that you | may be feared.  
Turn away the reproach | that I dread,\*  
for your just de- | crees are good.  
Behold, I long for your | precepts,\*  
in your righteousness | give me life!  
**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.**  
The whole world is | in your power,\*  
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.  
For you have made | heaven and earth,\*  
you are | Lord of all!

### Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**(Saturday) Gradual**

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

**(Sunday) Gradual (Choir)** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" .....setting David von Kampen

Sunday 10:45 Gradual:

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".....Setting: David von Kampen*

A Mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord  
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife  
Though these all be gone, our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remains.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 6:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(Kantor/Choir)* Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount / Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- / ever.

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

## Gospel

**John 4:46–54**

<sup>46</sup>So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**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 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (Choir vs. 3)



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
 2 Thy love and grace a-lone a-vail To blot out  
 3 There-fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
 4 And though it tar-ry through the night And till the  
 5 Though great our sins, yet great-er still Is God's a-



trib-u-la-tion; Bend down Thy gra-cious  
 my trans-gres-sion; The best and ho-liest  
 mine own mer-it; It rests up-on His  
 morn-ing wak-en, My heart shall nev-er  
 bun-dant fa-vor; His hand of mer-cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup-pli-ca-tion.  
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op-pres-sion.  
 faith-ful Word To them of con-trite spir-it  
 doubt His might Nor count it-self for-sak-en.  
 nev-er will A-ban-don us, nor wa-ver.



If Thou re-mem-b'rest ev-'ry sin, Who then could heav-en  
 Be-fore Thee none can boast-ing stand, But all must fear Thy  
 That He is mer-ci-ful and just; This is my com-fort  
 O Is-rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir-it  
 Our shep-herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev-er win Or stand be-fore Thy pres-ence?  
 strict de-mand And live a-lone by mer-cy.  
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa-tience.  
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap-pear-ing.  
 Is-rael free From all their sin and sor-row.

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Sermon: "Jesus' Word Happens" ~ John 4:46-54

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- ☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

- 8:00 a.m. Offering ~ "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him".....arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty".....arr. Thompson
- 10:45 a.m. Offering ~ "We All Believe in One True God".....Johann Gottfried Walther

Stand

Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

## Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto 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** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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  $\cdot\text{I}$  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  $\cdot\text{I}$  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 takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

*(Sunday 8:00 a.m) "Lamb of God"*

## 578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



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



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

## 664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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## 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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## 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

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**C** 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 Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.  
**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** Amen.  
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

- 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.
- G** Amen, amen, amen.

**668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You**

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
 2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for  
 3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are

foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.  
 heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
 fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.

Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be  
 Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all  
 When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by

thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-TECTS you from them all.  
 harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.  
 fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.

Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.  
 Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
 Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure

Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
 Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,  
 Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring

And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.  
 Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.  
 To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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**Postlude: PRAELUDIUM.....Felix Mendelsohn**

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### News and Notes

## CHRIST ACADEMY.

Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir – Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

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**"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please be sure that you are caught up on your pledge.**

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Anyone interested in helping with small jobs around the church are invited to be here on Tuesday mornings for "The TEWSday Crew" from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Tews for more information. (260-341-1540)

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**Reformation Day Dinner, October 31, 2021** This year it happens that Reformation Day lands on a Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our heritage as Lutherans, with a firm reliance on the Word of God! In our services we will follow Divine Service 5, "Luther's German Service," complete with so many hymns he wrote. Also, please join us for a meal immediately following the second service, sometime around 12:30pm. Brats and drinks be provided. We ask that everyone who attends bring a favorite German side or dessert. We'll sing a few hymns, tell a few stories and who knows, we may even catch a few people in their lederhosen!

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**Harvest Dinner** We are again happy to be able to plan another dinner at Church, specifically the annual Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 21st immediately after second service.** These dinners, as in the past, are sort of like Thanksgiving Dinners for our Church Family. At this time, the main theme will be thanksgiving to God for the generosity of our members and a prayer for continued generosity toward the accomplishment of refurbishing our structure. Comments may be made at this time about the progress of our construction. Later that week we will again bow our heads before the living God in worship on the Eve of Thanksgiving Day. **Join us for worship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th.**

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"We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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#### **Christian Book Club**

**Hosts: Nate and Becca Heinicke, 510 S 8th St**

**Currently reading: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring , Book 1**

**New Date! Discussion: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**Please RSVP if you'd like join the club and haven't previously attended.**

**See Becca for a printed copy of discussion questions.**

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**House Blessing today at 12:30 p.m.  
at the home of Wade Stephenson  
301 North Ave.**

**A meal will be provided  
Everyone is welcome to come!**

**Opportunities for Growth: October 10-17, 2021**

**Sunday: 10/10/21**

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

**Monday: 10/11/21**

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

**Tuesday: 10/5/21**

8:00 a.m. – TEWSday's Crew

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

9:00 a.m. – Pastor's Conference

**Wednesday: 10/13/21**

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir

**5:30 p.m. – Christ Academy**

7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei Choir

**Thursday: 10/14/21**

**7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting**

**Friday: 10/15/21**

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

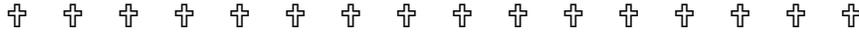
**Saturday: 10/16/21**

5:30 p.m. - Worship – C

**Sunday: 10/17/21**

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. ~Worship - C

9:30am ~ SS/BC



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