

October 18, 2026

In Our Worship Today ... we begin a special worship and Bible Study – 75 Years of Mission and Ministry Blessing. Today and over the next several weeks, we will reflect on the 75-Year Legacy our Lord is giving us on our corner, our Mission and Ministry (Past/Present/Future), and our hopes, plans, and prayers for our future here in the heart of Lake County!

10/18 - As Sheep, We Look Up to Our Shepherd to Listen and Follow! *John 10*

10/25 - As Stones on the Stone, We are Built Together to Build Together!

Ephesians 2 and 4

11/1 – As Evangelical Lutherans, We Share a Legacy of Truth and Grace! *Reformation*

11/8 - As Stones on the Stone, We are Raised to Praise! *1 Peter 2*

11/15 - As Disciples, We are Called to Love and Serve! *John 13*

Offering

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The Service

Seventy-five years ago, St. John worshiped following the orders of worship found in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. *The Lutheran Hymnal* had two primary worship services, “The Order of Morning Service: Without Communion” and “The Order of the Holy Communion,” commonly known as “Page 5” and “Page 15.” These orders of service had their roots in various 16th century German services which had been harmonized and brought into the English as “The Common Service” in the late 1880s. The Common Service was further revised for *The Lutheran Hymnal* which was published by the Missouri Synod in 1941, and then again for our *Christian Worship* (1993) hymnal. Our new *Christian Worship* (2021) hymnal continues the tradition with a service called Setting One (pages 154-171) that includes some of the songs from our *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

As we worship today, we will experience and have a taste of both the challenges and the beauty of *The Lutheran Hymnal*’s “Order of the Holy Communion.” God-willing, we will appreciate all the more both the worship tradition that has been passed down to us and the freedom God has given us to worship with the best of the past and the present.

A 75 Years on our Corner Focus

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As Sheep, We Look Up to Our Shepherd to Listen and Follow!

Opening Hymn	Blessed Jesus, We Are Here - 919
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7, 10-11</i>
Gospel Lesson	<i>John 10:11-16, 27-28</i>
Hymn of the Day	Speak, O Savior - 631
Distribution Hymn	The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want - 555
Closing Hymn	I am Jesus’ Little Lamb - 804

The Order of the Holy Communion

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn shall be sung

The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Congregation shall say or chant:



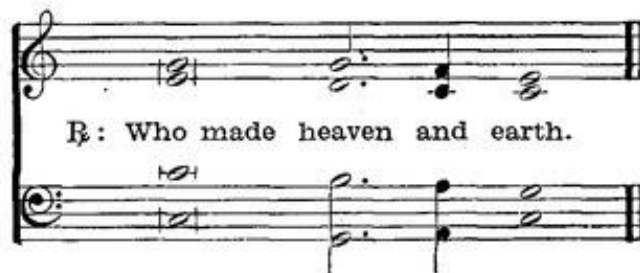
Then shall be said

The Confession of Sins

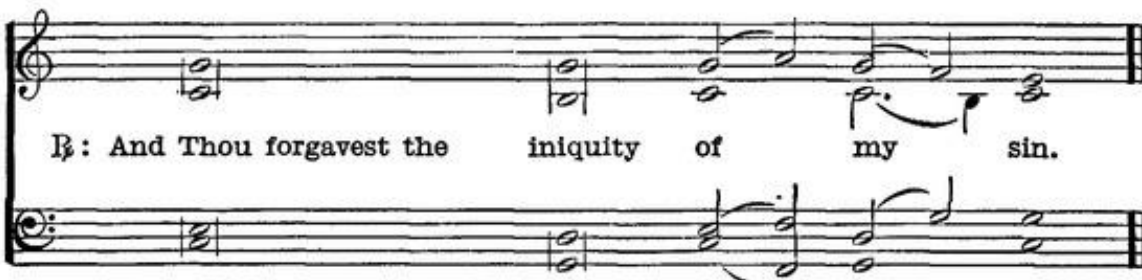
Minister: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All may kneel

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Then the Minister and the Congregation shall say:

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

Then the Minister shall pronounce the Absolution:

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

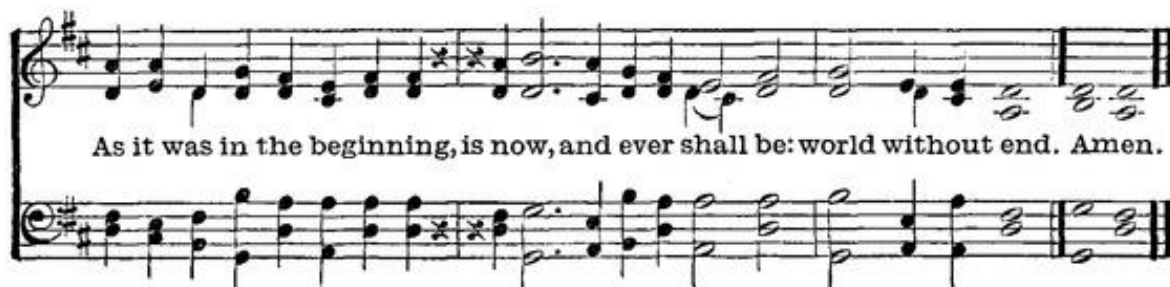
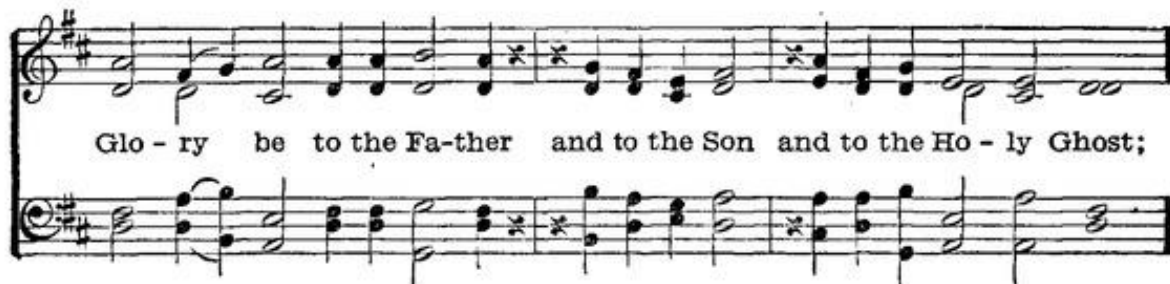


Then all may stand to the close of the Collect. Then shall be said or chanted

The Introit

The Introit (page 54) may be chanted by the Choir. If the Antiphon and Psalm are said by the Minister, the Gloria Patri shall be said or chanted by the Congregation

GLORIA PATRI



Then shall be said or chanted by the Minister and the Congregation

The Kyrie

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

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

The first system of the Kyrie musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The first line of lyrics is "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -" and the second line is "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Then shall be said or chanted

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

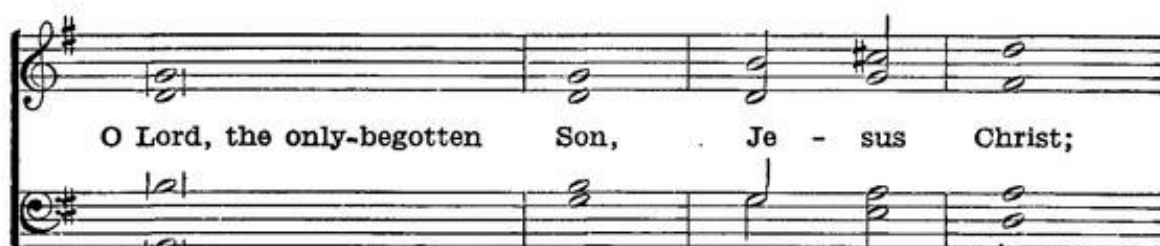
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

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

The second system of the Kyrie musical score also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs. The lyrics are "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The third system of the Gloria in Excelsis musical score consists of two staves. The lyrics are "Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward" and "men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,". The fourth system of the Gloria in Excelsis musical score consists of two staves. The lyrics are "we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.



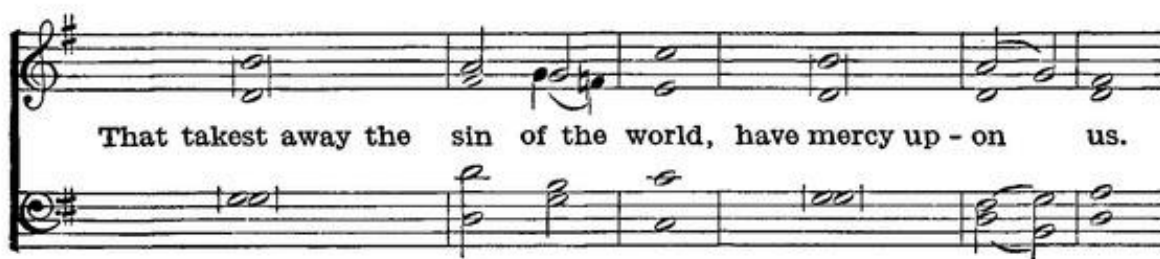
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



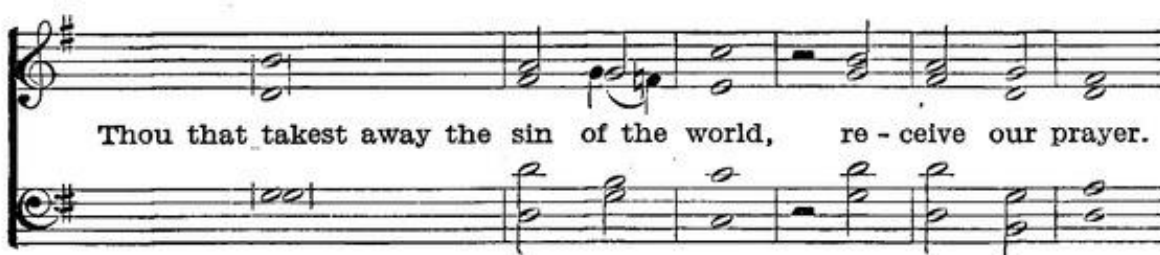
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



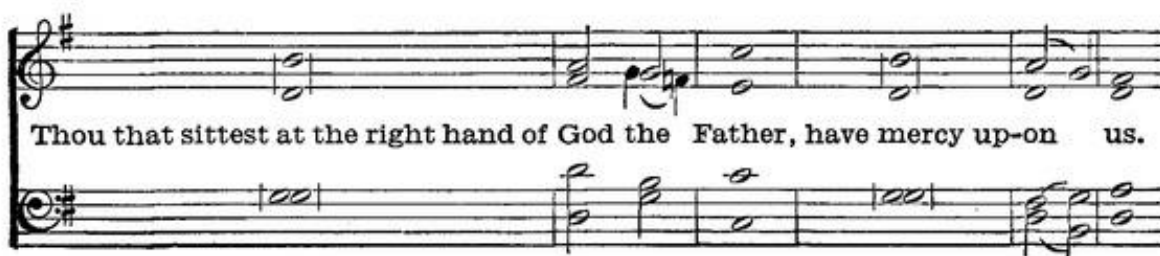
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



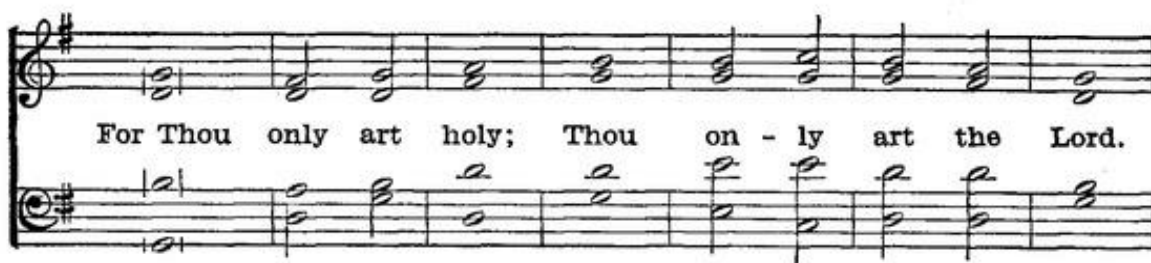
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



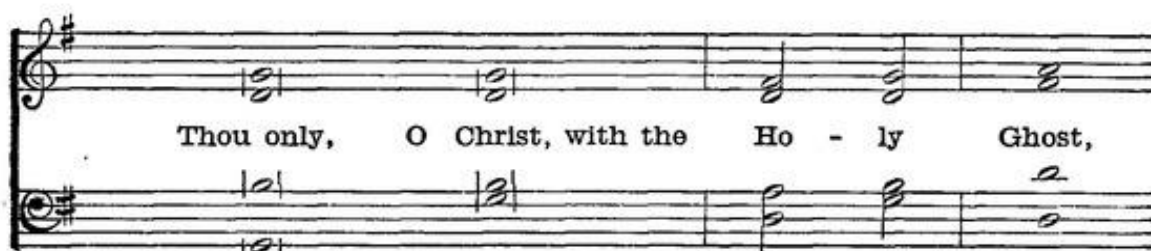
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



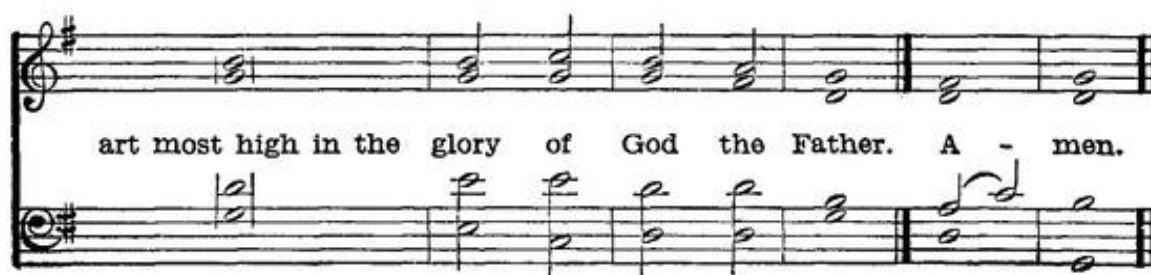
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.



For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



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



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

Then shall be said or chanted

The Salutation

V: The Lord be with you.

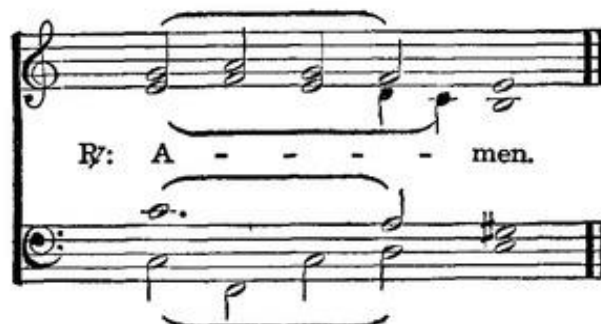


R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Let us pray:

Then shall the Minister say or chant

The Collect for the Day



R: A - - - men.

Then shall the Minister read

The Epistle

Minister: The Epistle for _____ is written in the _____ chapter of _____, beginning at the _____ verse:

The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say: Here endeth the Epistle.

The Gradual

may be chanted by the Choir. If the Gradual be read by the Minister, the Hallelujah may be said or chanted by the Congregation, or the Sentence for the Season, or a Sequence Hymn may be sung. Music for the Seasonal Sentences may be found after the hymn section.

Congregation:

The Hallelujah



Or:

The Triple Hallelujah



Or:



Sentences for the Seasons

FOR ADVENT

Hallelujah! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

FOR CHRISTMAS

Hallelujah! Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for He hath made known His salvation. Hallelujah!

FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Hallelujah! Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

FOR THE PASSION SEASON

Christ hath humbled Himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Hallelujah! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

FOR WHITSUNTIDE

Hallelujah! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

FROM TRINITY TO ADVENT

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or:

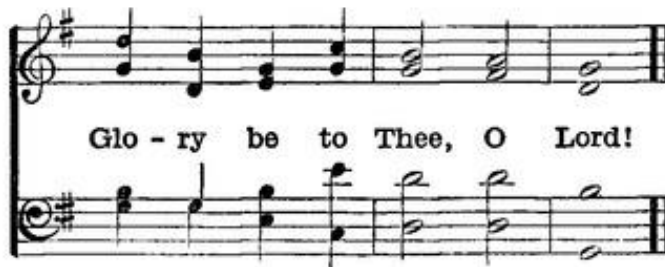
Hallelujah! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Hallelujah!

The Gospel

The Minister shall announce the Gospel for the Day:

The Holy Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of St. _____, beginning at the _____ verse:

The Congregation shall rise, unless it has stood during the reading of the Epistle, and shall say or chant:

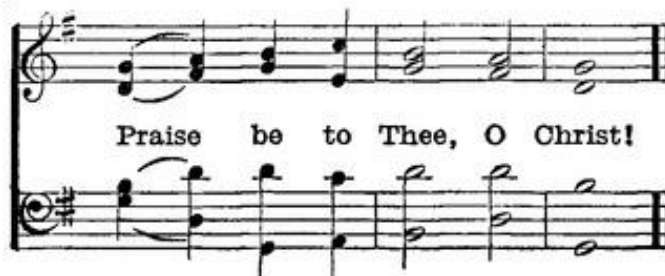


The Minister shall read the Gospel for the Day

The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:

Here endeth the Gospel.

Congregation:



Then shall be said or chanted

The Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Then shall a Hymn be sung. Then shall follow

The Sermon

The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*The Offertory shall then be said or chanted, at the close of which
the Congregation shall be seated*

The Offertory

Ore - 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

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Ore - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second system corresponds to 'spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence; and'. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across bar lines.



Then shall the offerings be gathered. They may be brought to the altar

Then shall follow

The General Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us that in good and honest hearts we may keep it and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well-doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church Universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, charity increased in us toward all mankind, and Thy kingdom extended. Send forth laborers into Thy harvest and sustain those whom Thou hast sent that the Word of Reconciliation may be proclaimed to all people and the Gospel preached in all the world.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to * the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of this commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates,

For Use in the British Empire { * His Majesty the King of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Governor-general and the Prime Minister of our Dominion, as well as the Premier of our Province, and all Governments and Parliaments, and all Judges and Magistrates,

and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries that they may cease their enmity and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy name's and for Thy

truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions, but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble show Thyself a very present Help, the Savior of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause all needful fruits of the earth to prosper that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

Receive, O God, our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with the offerings we bring before Thee, for Thou hast purchased us to be Thine own, that we may live unto Thee.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made

These and whatsoever other things Thou wouldst have us ask of Thee, O God, grant unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then may a Hymn be sung

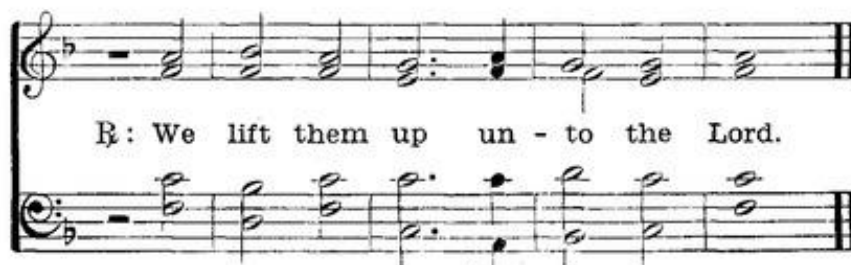
The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise and stand to the end of the Agnus Dei

The Preface

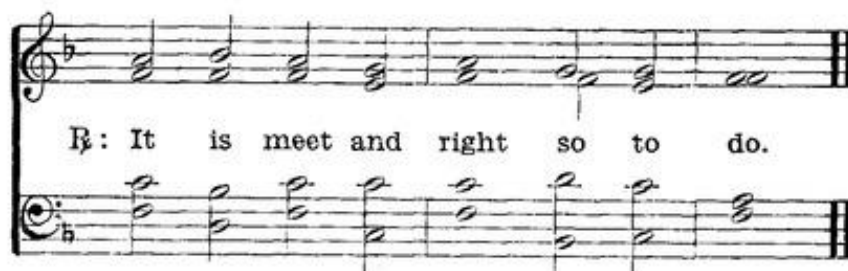
V: The Lord be with you.



V: Lift up your hearts.



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



Minister: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

Here shall follow the Proper Preface

Proper Prefaces

Advent: Whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. Therefore —

Christmas: For in the mystery of the Word made flesh Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory that, seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore —

Epiphany: And now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fulness of Thy glory. Therefore —

Lent: Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels —

Easter: But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore —

Ascension Day: Who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore —

Whitsunday: Who ascended above the heavens and, sitting on Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit, as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore —

Trinity: Who with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal. Therefore —

Days of the Apostles and Evangelists: Because Thou didst mightily govern and protect Thy holy Church, which the blessed Apostles and Evangelists instructed in Thy divine and saving truth. Therefore —

Then shall follow immediately:

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Then shall be said or chanted

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;' are written below the treble staff.

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -' are written below the treble staff.

san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,' are written below the treble staff.

Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.' are written below the treble staff.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the treble staff.

Then shall be said or chanted

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: 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 king-dom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Then shall the Minister say or chant

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

℣: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

♩: A - - - men.

Then shall be said or chanted

The Agnus Dei

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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Agnus Dei'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the' are written below the treble staff.

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics 'world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that' are written below the treble staff. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment.

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

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world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. The lyrics 'world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

The Distribution

During the Distribution the Congregation may sing one or more hymns

When the Minister giveth the bread, he shall say:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting!

When he giveth the cup, he shall say:

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the remission of your sins. May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting!

In dismissing the Communicants, the Minister may say:

Depart in peace.

The Distribution ended, all shall rise and say or chant

The Hunc 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 be-

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

Then shall be said or chanted

The Thanksgiving

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

R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

Or:

V: As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup:

R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

Minister: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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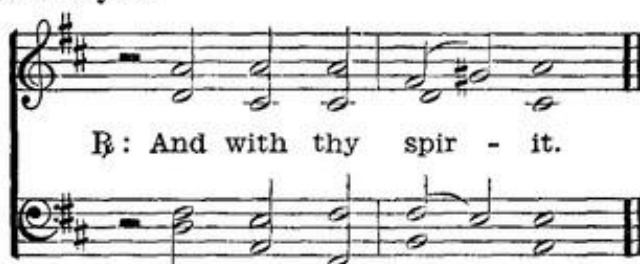
O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness didst send Thine only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank Thee that for His sake Thou hast given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we beseech Thee not to forsake Thy children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end.



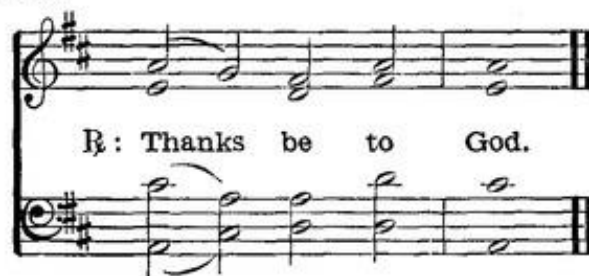
Then may a post-Communion Hymn be sung

Then may be said or chanted the Salutation and the Benedicamus

Y: The Lord be with you.



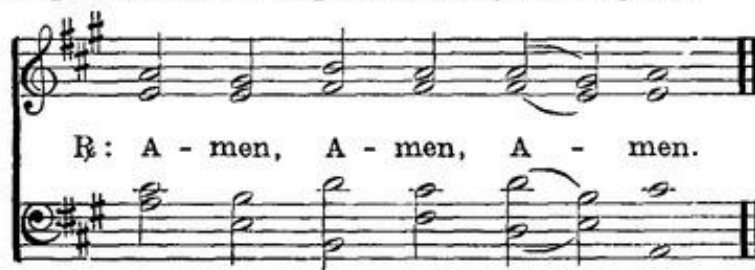
Y: Bless we the Lord.



Then shall the Minister say or chant

The Benediction

Minister: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



Silent Prayer

75 Years on Our Corner - A Look Back; A Look Ahead

As we get closer to our St. John Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary, we are hoping to start active planning for a year-long series of anniversary events. Our goal is to:

- thank God for blessing us on our corner for 75 years
- thank God for working through us to share his blessings from our corner
- look ahead to our future mission and ministry here on our corner
- look ahead to how we can best serve and share God's love here in the heart of Lake County.

At our Open Forum regarding our coming anniversary we had a LOT of good ideas on activities/events/ministry actions to consider to thank our God for our ministry here and to demonstrate our continuing commitment to ministry to our community. At our Open Forum we had many great ideas on WHAT we want to do for this coming anniversary year. What we need now is to determine WHO is willing to participate in small groups to make some of these goals go from ideas to reality!

If you are interested in participating in any of these proposed activities, talk to your St. John family (old friends and new) and see who would also be interested. Then once you have a small group, let your church leadership know how you and your team would like to get involved. St John's greatest attributes are the God-given talents, intelligence, and creativity of its members and our collective willingness to step up when a need is seen.

You may already be engaged in other areas of our shared ministry. If so, THANK YOU! For the coming anniversary year, you will likely find another area or two where you feel you can make an impact, especially if you finally decide to ask others to join you in the new endeavor. If you haven't found a place within our ministry yet where you feel you have a niche, NOW is an excellent time to change that and give yourself the opportunity to know the joy of being impactful in ministry. You won't be sorry!

If you have questions about how you might be able to be part of making our anniversary year meaningful with thanksgiving and new ministry, talk with others in our St. John family and see what you can do together. Or feel free to contact me directly! And I look forward to working with each of you in some aspect this coming anniversary year!

- Steve Lemerand, Congregation President

Open Forum- 75th Anniversary Brainstorming

September 13, 2026, 10:30am

1. Opening (10:30am)

a. Present (19): Ray, Sheryl, Lee, Holly, Charles, Donna, Eloise, Sheila, Marilyn, Matthew, Charlie, Gail, Steve, Pastor, Lisa, Jeanne, Tim S, Dave R, Nancy

2. 75 years on our corner suggestions

- a. Marilyn: Invest in the future (possibly the school). The school is Marilyn's favorite which is the future of St. John
- b. Sheryl: We should celebrate our 130th anniversary of our congregation over the 75th on our corner. Have a special celebration with food trucks and invitations to the community. Do a special community service project (ex: but bullet proof vests for the Libertyville police)
- c. Ray: Keep service projects going for the whole year (not a one-and-done event)
- d. Charlie: Adopt a highway.
- e. Gayle: Have a sign in front that mentions our 75th anniversary.
- f. Sheryl: Lake County Haven– provide meals (approx. 10 women and children)
- g. Tim S: Christmas carol sing-a-long. Play/sing at various long-term care facilities
- h. Lee: Do a church T-shirt to wear during community events
- i. Tim S: Have a T-shirt with "Ask me why I'm happy"
- j. Lee: Have an outdoor service and picnic at Independence Grove
- k. Marilyn: Every quarter we donate to missions (we already do this twice a year)
- l. Pastor: Who should be our guest preacher for a special service?
- m. Holly: Organ concert(s) – Kevin Bode, Charles Bonow
- n. Charlie: Do something to the Church/school that could have a significant impact on our ability to serve better: Talk to teachers to see what they'd like. I'd like to see us use the funds that we were blessed with to improve our ability to accomplish our ministry and mission.
- o. Holly: Build a fund, to pay for a member ministry coordinator
- p. Holly: Create a long-term strategic plan. This is not a Ministry Council thing, but an entire congregation thing.
- q. Marilyn: If there is someone who wants to send their children to our school and can't afford it? We have a tuition assistance fund and tuition grant fund.
- r. Gayle: Plant a tree on our property or somewhere in Libertyville.

3. Pastor's summary

- a. I'm hearing that it would be great to have a worship/fellowship event every quarter
- b. On Oct 18th we'll be using the 1941 hymnal
- c. Guest preachers: i. Jeff Samelson; ii. Matt Schoell; iii. Treptow?

Arranged as bullet points:

- Create endowment fund celebrating anniversary
- Also celebrate our 130th year
- Create yearlong community service projects in honor of anniversary
 - o Lake County Haven meals
 - o Free community garage sale
- Adopt a highway in the area
- Ensure sign refers to 75 th anniversary often
- Christmas Caroling event at church to invite others to
- Create anniversary T-shirt
- Outdoor services and picnic (Independence Grove?)
- Organ concert (Bode?/Bonow?)
- Special fund for school need
- Create fund for member ministry coordinator position
- Build a long-term strategic growth plan
- Plant a commemorative tree
- Invite former members for special service/meal
- Promote Tuition Grant Fund as opportunity to contribute

**75 Years on Our Corner –
Let's Celebrate Together, Grow Together, Serve Together**

Churches Celebrate with Worship

Join our 75-Year Worship Team - we heard suggestions to have 3-4 special anniversary worship service in our anniversary year. Let's work together to plan and deliver!

Churches Celebrate with Fellowship

Join our 75-Year Fellowship Event Team - we heard suggestions to have 3-4 special fellowship events (and a growing fellowship life!). Let's work together to plan and deliver!

Churches Celebrate by Remembering the Past

Help us treasure our past by writing, displaying, showing the blessings of our past.

Churches Celebrate Ministry Anniversaries with Renewed Ministry

Join our School Strategic Growth Team. We have a BluePrint for Strategic Growth and renewed school ministry. Let's work together to deliver!

Join our Congregation Fellowship Life Team. Help us to be a Family Connecting In Christ!

Join our Community Connection Team. Let's work together to expand our Ministry beyond our corner, to bring Jesus' mission and ministry to our communities here in the heart of Lake County.

Join Our Long-Range Planning Team. We have challenges ahead of us, opportunities around us, and a Proven Path to build on. We are Built Together to Build Together - let's do it!

Churches Celebrate Building Anniversaries with Facilities Renewed for Ministry.

Join our 75-Year Facility Renewal/Expansion Team. What Facility Improvements would best serve our Ministry moving forward? Let's work together to plan and deliver!