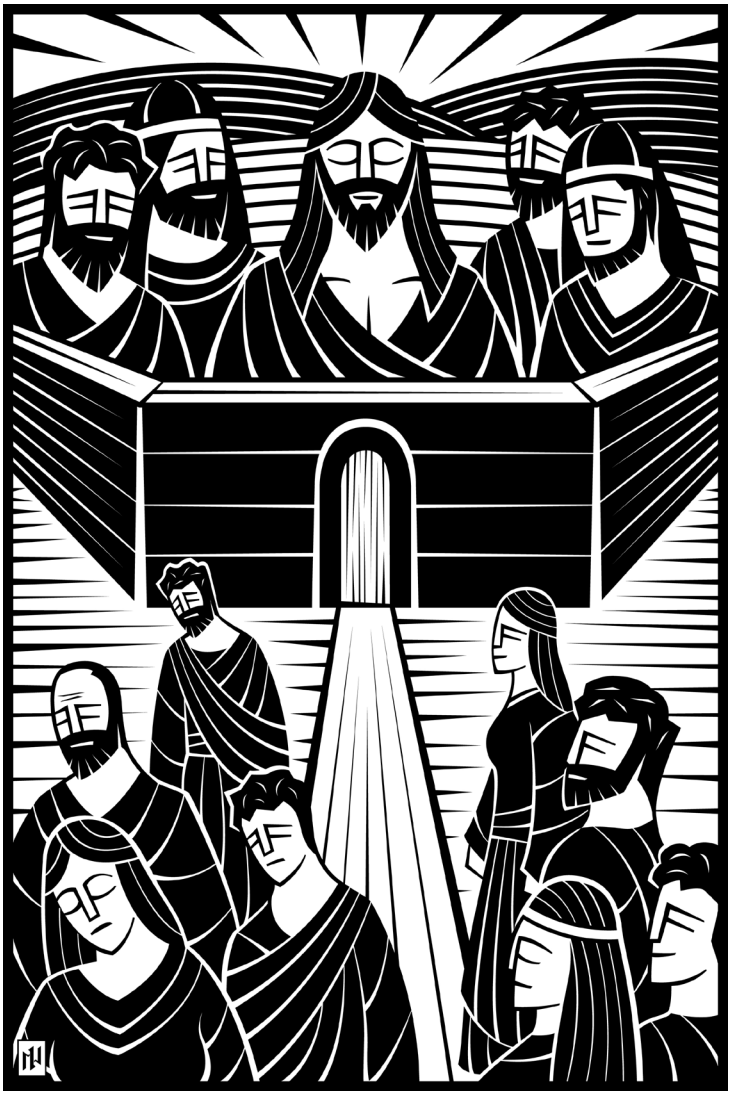


Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Focus: Jesus focuses us on the most important question: How do I enter through the narrow door?

Stewardship from God's Word: Isaiah 66:18-24
There is a joke that says no gathering of Lutherans is official unless an offering is received, which means, "after the sermon, we put money in the collection plate." In the Bible, "offering" carried deeper meaning. An offering was an act of worship to relinquish whatever was given into the control of God, to use as he saw fit. On the cross, Christ offered himself for us. It was, and still is, the greatest gift. As a steward of God's gifts, including life itself, what have you offered lately?

Welcome!

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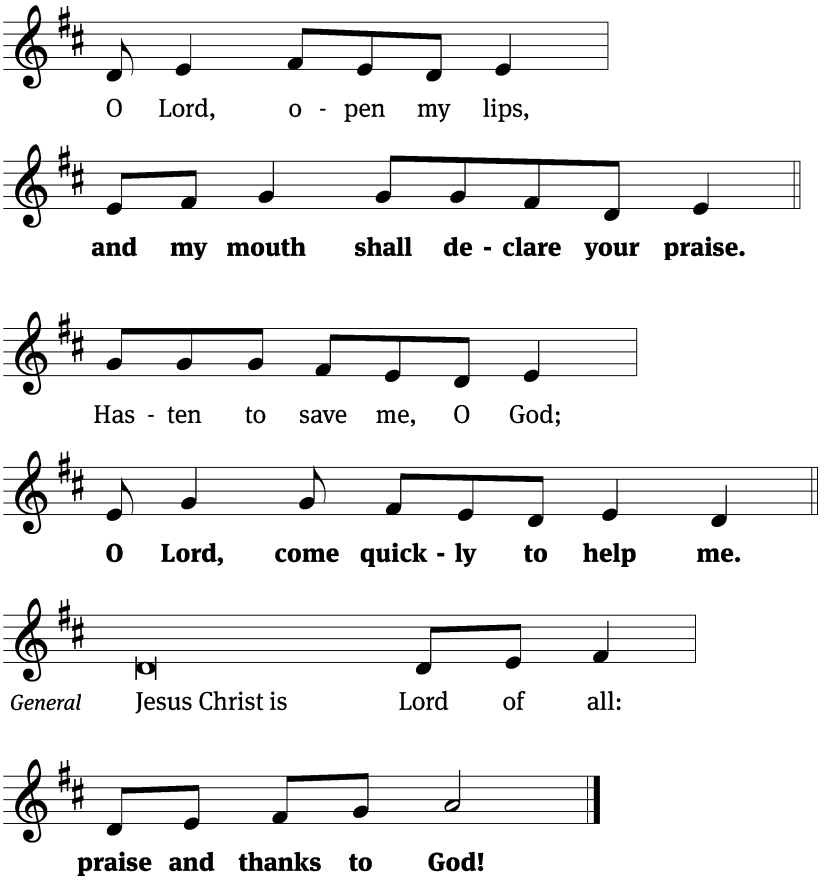
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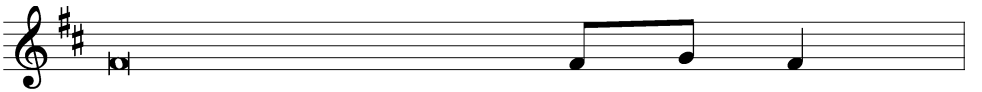
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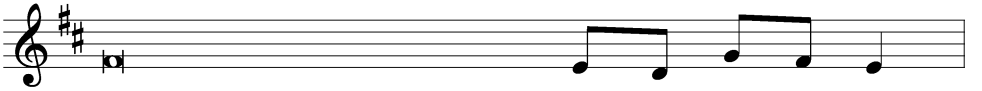


O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

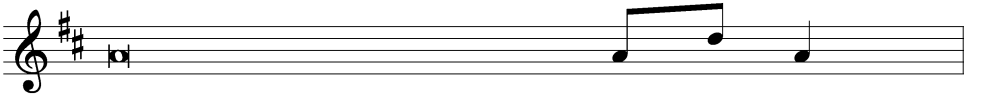
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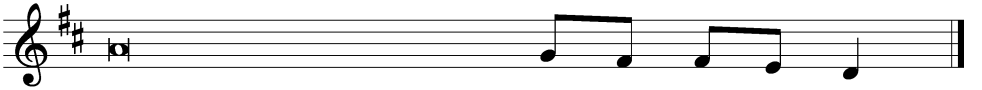
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,



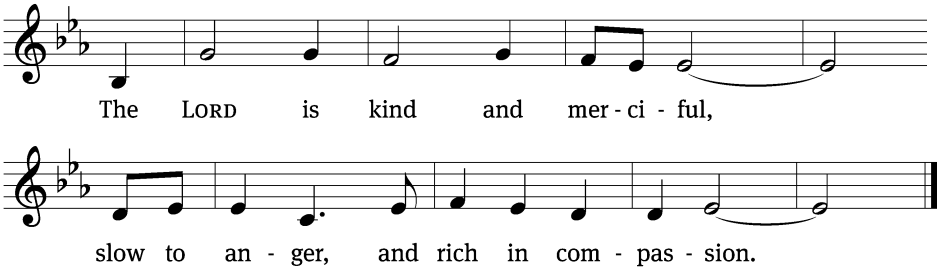
1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be seated
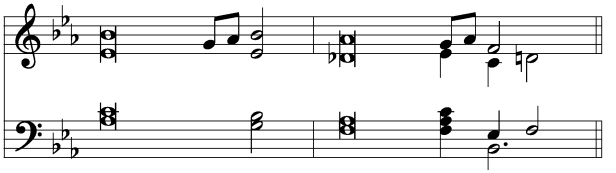
103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103A

Refrain



Tone



Praise the LORD, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
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. *Refrain*

Readings

Hebrews 12:18–24

18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire;
to darkness, gloom and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words
that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, 20 because
they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it
must be stoned to death." 21 The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling
with fear."

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to
God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator
of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood
of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 13:22–30

22 Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to
Jerusalem. 23 Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, 24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because
many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25 Once the owner of the house
gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the
door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

26 "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

27 "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me,
all you evildoers!'

28 "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac
and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.
29 People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at
the feast in the kingdom of God. 30 Indeed there are those who are last who will be first,
and first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness *CW 573*

Sermon

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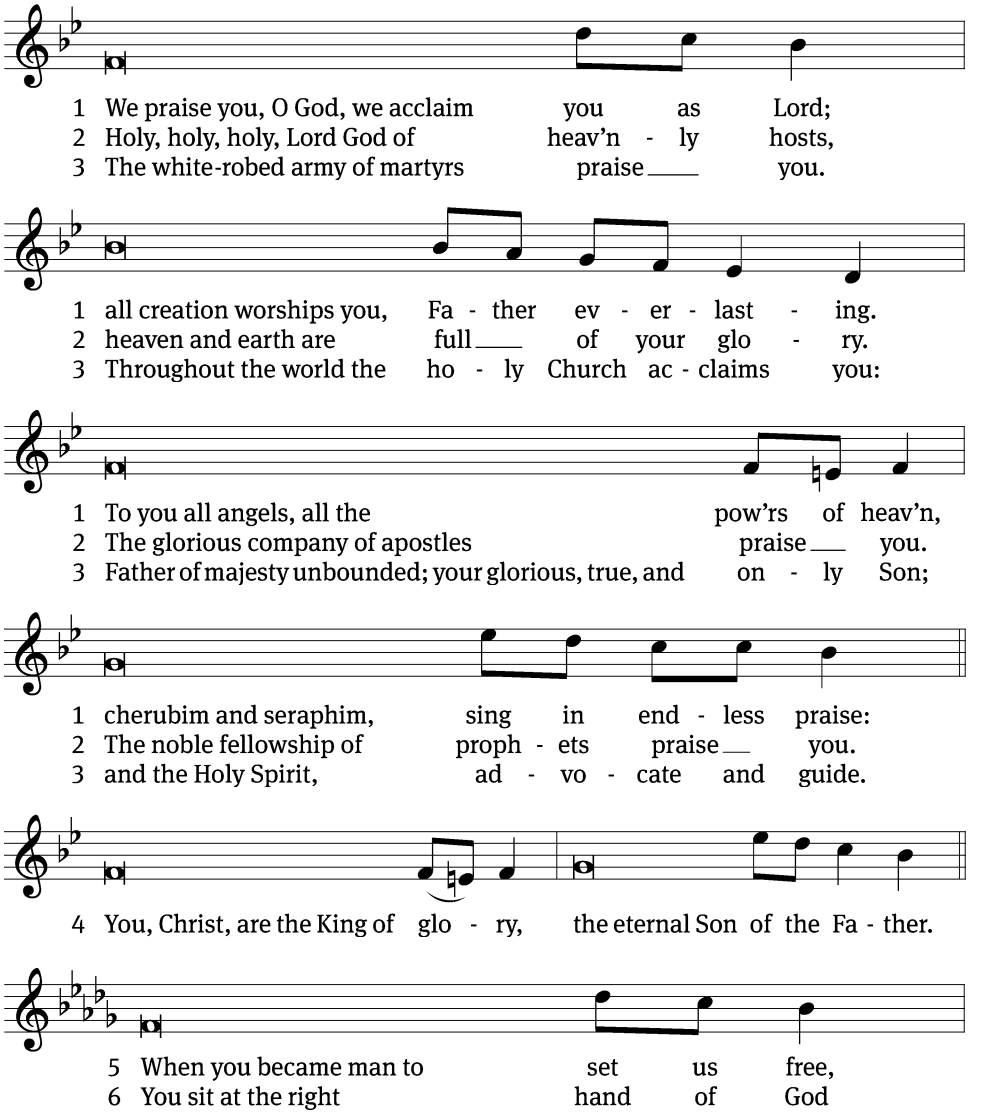
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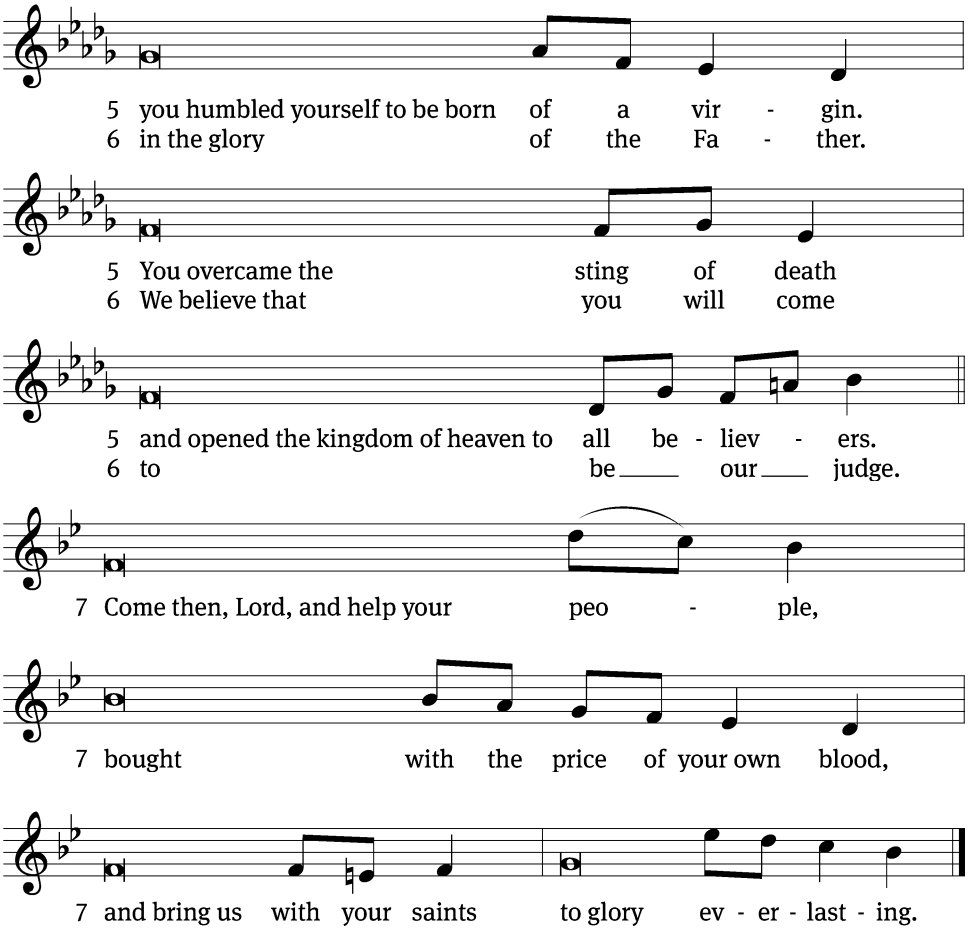
18 "And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather
the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.
19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the
nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and
Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They
will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20 And they will bring all your people from all
the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in
chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as
the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean
vessels. 21 And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD.
22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares
the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure. 23 From one New Moon to another
and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says
the LORD. 24 "And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled
against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be
quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

Stand

We Praise You, O God

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5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.
5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come
5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.
7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,
7 bought with the price of your own blood,
7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

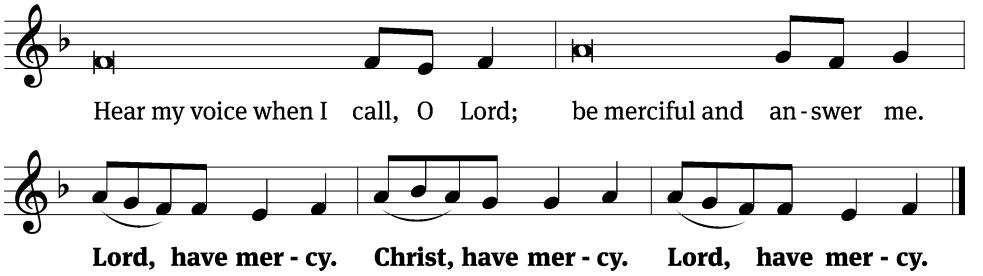
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Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

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Prayer of the Day
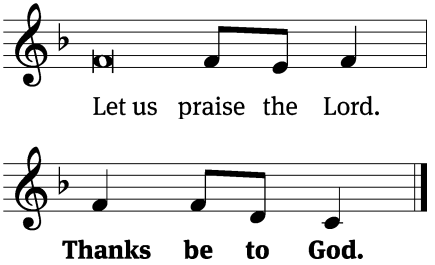
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

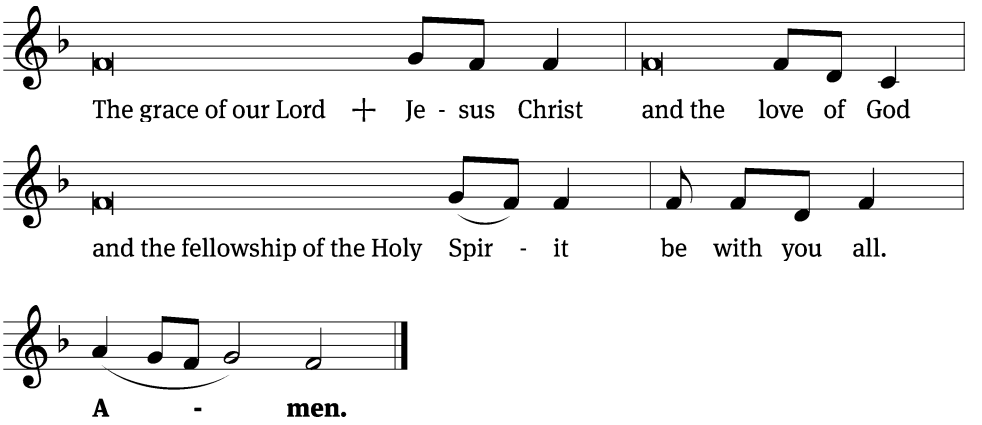
Prayers of intercession may be included here.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Blessing



Be seated

In Christ There Is No East or West

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