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& Rainbow Preschool
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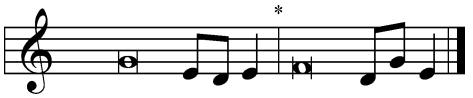
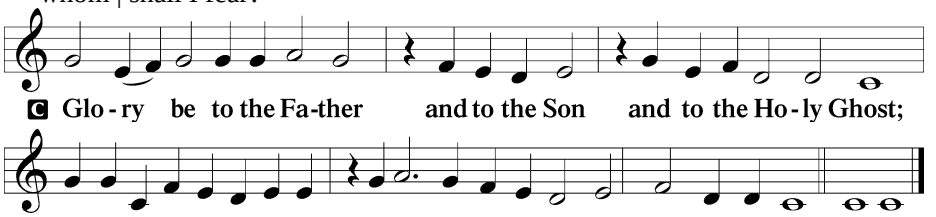
Hymn of Invocation: 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit *Psalm 27:1a; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8-9a*



Hear, | O LORD,*
when I cry with my voice! Alle- | luia.
When Thou saidst 'Seek ye My face;' my heart said unto Thee, 'Thy face, LORD, | will I seek.'*
Hide not Thy face far from me; alleluia, alle- | luia.
The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?



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Kyrie – Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

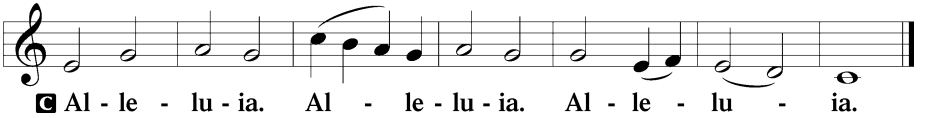
℗ Almighty, Everlasting God: make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

First Lesson *Hebrews 2:9—3:1*

Brethren: We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that

He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel *John 15:7-11*

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

Apostles' Creed
Hymn of the Day: TLH 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending
Sermon
Hymn: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer
Offertory *p. 192 ff*
Prayer of the Church P Lord, in Your mercy; C hear our prayer.
Preface – Agnus Dei *p. 194ff*
Distribution Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*
Hymn to Depart: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Looking Forward to Sunday (Pentecost)
Lessons: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-11; John 14:23-31a
Hymns: 498-497-913-TLH 228(printed &expanded)/768/623/604-500

Looking Forward to Next Wednesday (St. Barnabas)
Lessons: Acts 2:14-21, Acts 5:12-16, John 6:44-51
Hymns: 518:1,17,3-724-760-719

We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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