



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2026

# Announcements for September 27, 2026

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| Sunday (27)    | 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream<br>10:00 am Adult Bible Class<br>6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group |
| Monday (28)    | 4:30-6:00 pm Irish Class                                                                                    |
| Tuesday (29)   | 9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga<br>7:00 pm Church Council                                                           |
| Wednesday (30) | 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study                                                                                 |
| Sunday (4)     | 8:30 am Worship & Live Stream<br>10:00 am Adult Bible Class<br>6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group                     |

**Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!**

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 46 Planned returning: \$4,186 Actual returning: \$2,289 YTD: (\$21,742)**

**Mark your calendars! Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> following worship service. Please join us for a scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage breakfast hosted by the elders. Everyone is welcome!**

**Singles:** Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha has a singles group for ages 18-100. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. **Sunday, September 27:** It's a great time for a fall walk through Wikiup Hill (10260 Morris Hills Rd, Toddville). Please meet at 1:00 p.m. for either a hike or you can go inside the learning center and educate yourself about the area. If it rains, we will go through the learning center only. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. RSVP helps to provide notification in case of cancellation of the event.

**Building Healthy Families:** "Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure." (Proverbs 20:28) Is your marriage a place where both you and your spouse feel safe, respected, and valued? Loving words, faithful actions, and everyday kindness strengthen trust and build safety in relationships. Harsh words, criticism, and hurtful actions destroy them. Which is more prevalent with yours? [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service**

**TLS is hiring!** Our Kitchen Crew is seeking a part-time person, Monday-Friday 11am-2pm, to keep the clean dishes flowing. The kitchen is a great place to work, see the kiddos, and help with a very important time in our day – LUNCH! Send your resume or inquiry to [schooloffice@trinitycr.org](mailto:schooloffice@trinitycr.org)

**Singles:** Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha has a singles group for ages 18-100. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays most of the time. **Sunday, October 11:** Join us for a potluck and playing cards or board games at Zion Lutheran starting at 12:00pm. Chili soup, paper products and water will be supplied. Please bring a dish to share and RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. **SATURDAY, October 24:** Let's watch a movie at Collin Road Theatre! Please meet at the theatre at 12:15pm to buy tickets/snacks. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event.

## Divine Service Setting Two p. 167

### 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,  
The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom,  
Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers,  
The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living,  
Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded  
With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph  
And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended  
To save a world undone  
And, suffering for the sinful,  
Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness  
He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed  
He rose triumphantly.  
And now, to heav'n ascended,  
He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed,  
His Father's and His own.

- △ 4 Glory to God the Father,  
The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus,  
His sole-begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—  
The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer:  
Amen! So let it be.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

The LORD lifts up the humble;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
**he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted  
**and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars;  
**he gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
**his understanding is beyond measure.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD lifts up the humble;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

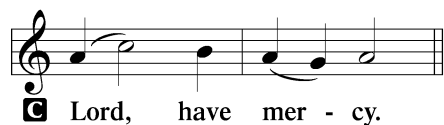
### Kyrie

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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



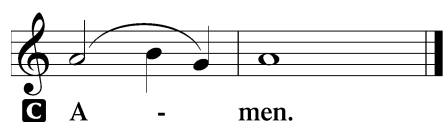
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



### This Is the Feast

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

<sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

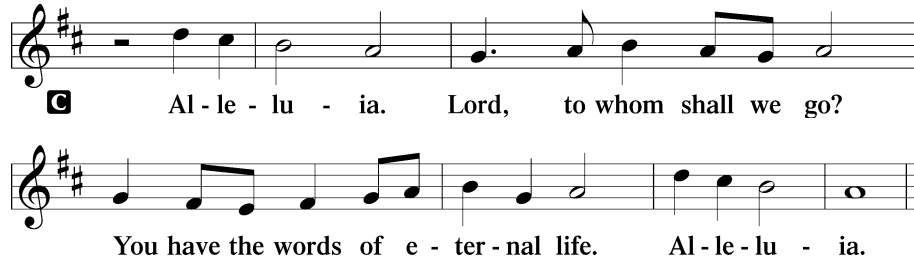
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord,    Lord, have mercy.

*Sit*

### Offering

#### 781 We Give Thee but Thine Own

- 1    We give Thee but Thine own,  
      Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
      A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2    May we Thy bounties thus  
      As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
      To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3    Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
      And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
      Are straying from the fold.
- 4    To comfort and to bless,  
      To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
      Is angels' work below.
- 5    The captive to release,  
      To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
      It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6    And we believe Thy Word,  
      Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
      We do it unto Thee.

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*Stand*

## Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

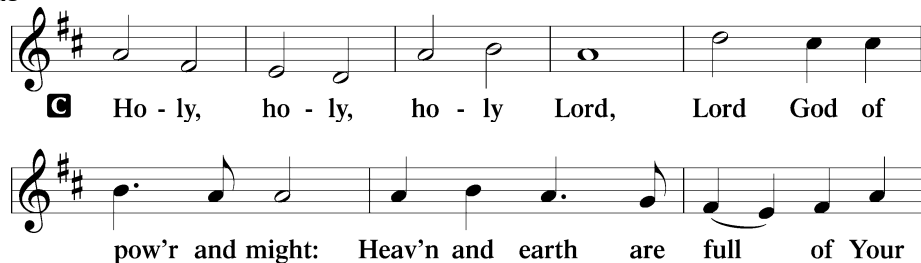
### Preface

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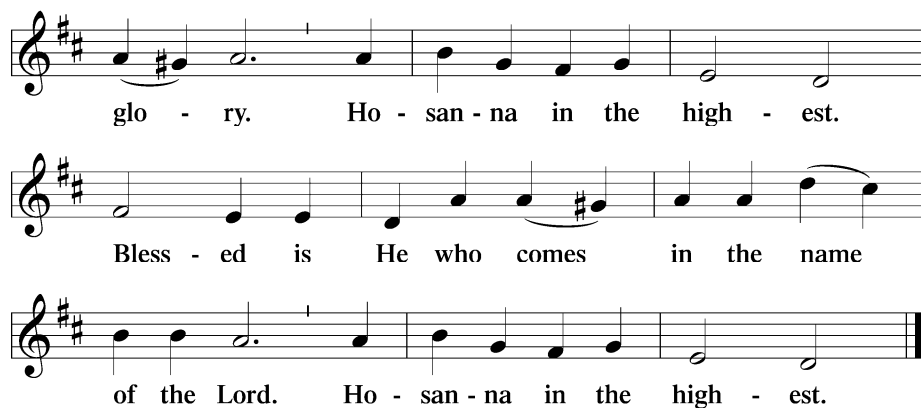
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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## 712 Seek Ye First

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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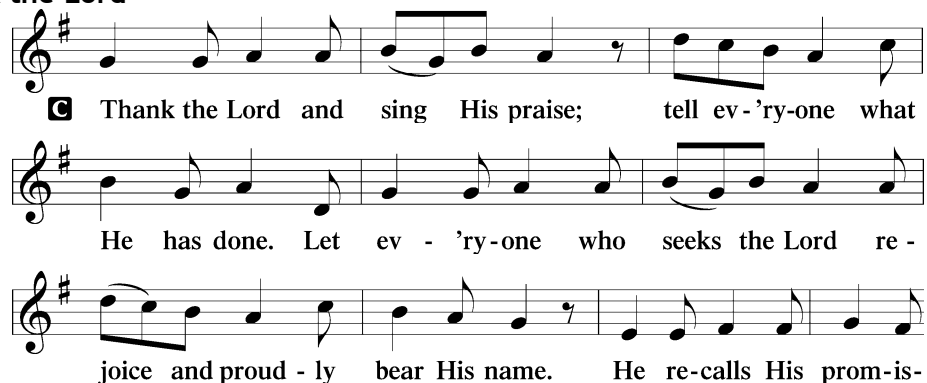
## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- △ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-

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### Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

### Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### 838 The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

- 1 The saints in Christ are one in ev'ry place  
To serve the Gospel of His costly grace;  
From those first days to this, our hope the same:  
The love of Christ, one Lord, one saving name.
- 2 In chains for Christ! His pris'ners love to sing,  
For slaves and free rejoice to praise our King;  
What though the Church on earth still suffers wrong?  
The cross of Christ remains our pilgrim song.
- 3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;  
Where then shall be our hunger, danger, pain?  
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,  
Then be with Christ, to live forevermore.
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth repeat;  
The work that You began, You will complete.  
By grace let ev'ry foe become Your friend;  
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and never end.

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