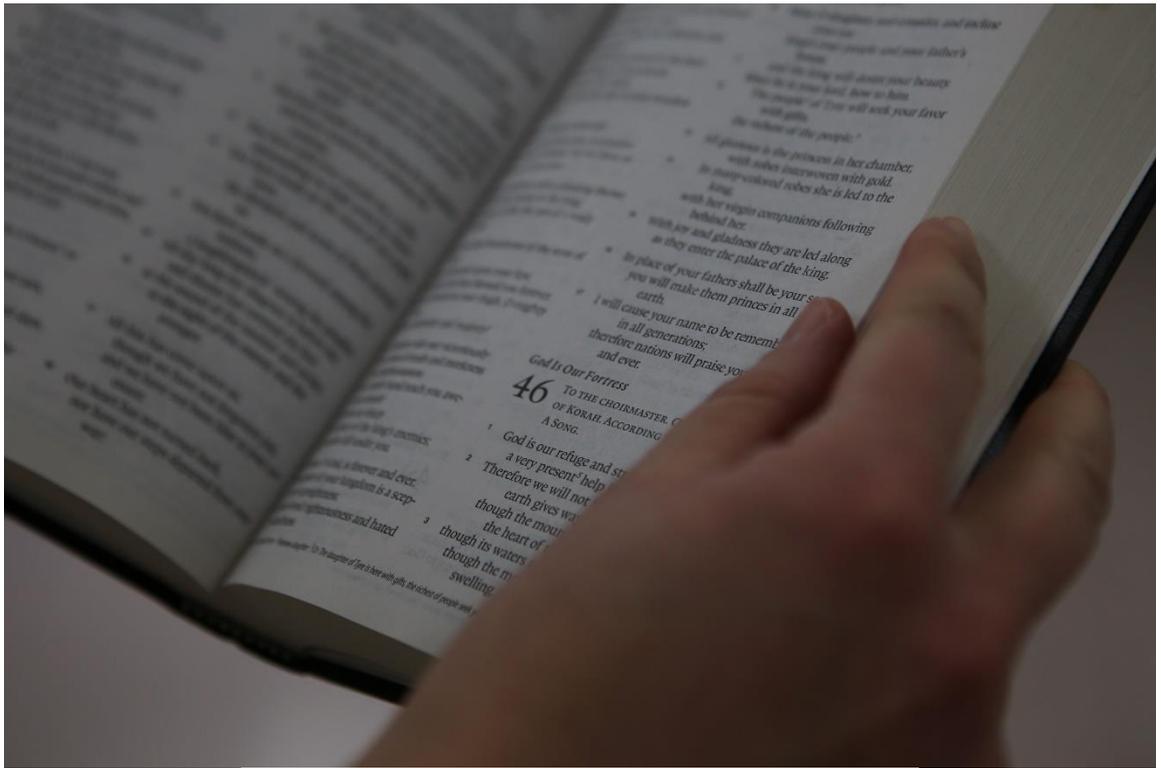


# The Bible is. . .



## **Know the Bible Now** **A Visual Intro to the Bible** **Summer Sermon Series**

**15<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost**

**Thursday, August 30, and Sunday, September 2, 2018**

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# ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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## ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

## ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

## ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

### ***Thursday 6:30PM***

### ***Sunday 9:00AM***

<b><i>Elders:</i></b>	Mike Bandman	Bob Souza
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	Dave Ziegler	Jack Warneke
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Griffin Pavletic, Jeremy Leicht	Jacob Herstowski, Ellie Kreamer
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Bill Schwartz, Margie Tatgenhorst	<b>OPEN</b> , Jack Warneke
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Don Heidlauf, <b>OPEN</b>	John Schultz, Chuck Johnson
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Kay Antonopoulos, Elizabeth Blasko	The Hoppe Family, The Faitsch Family
<b><i>Sept. Altar Guild:</i></b>	Becky Anderson	Shari Hoppe
<b><i>Sept. Counters:</i></b>	Chris Mason	Diane Sanders

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## ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Margie and Ted Tatgenhorst to the Glory of God.

## **500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**

This service is compiled from Scripture and the Book of Concord in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation—October 31, 1517.

“Concordia comes from two Latin words meaning ‘with’ and ‘heart.’ It describes a commitment to the truth so strong and so deep, it is as if those who share it have a single heart beat. The Book of Concord contains documents which Christians from the fourth to the 16th century A.D. explained what they believed and taught on the basis of the Holy Scriptures. It includes, first, the three creeds which originated in the ancient church, the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. It contains, secondly, the Reformation writings known as the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.”<sup>1</sup>



### **Preface**

P: In these Last Times and in this old age of the world,  
what a remarkable favor of Almighty God has arisen,

**C: According to His unspeakable love, patience, and mercy,**

P: He willed that the light of His Gospel and Word—  
through which alone we receive true salvation—

**C: This Gospel should arise and shine clearly and purely.**

P: Therefore, a brief and concise Confession of faith—

**C: a declaration of what we believe—**

P: was prepared from God’s Word—

**C: the most holy writings of the prophets and apostles.<sup>2</sup>**

P: The first and chief article of faith is this:

**C: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,**

**“was put to death for our trespasses  
and raised again for our justification.”**

**He alone is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”**

**Alleluia. Amen.**

P: On this article of faith rests all that we teach and practice.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Introduction/Overview, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions—A Reader’s Edition*, pp. 9,13.

<sup>2</sup> Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, ¶ 2.

<sup>3</sup> Smalcald Articles, Part II, I, ¶ 1-2,5.

Opening Hymn

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing; When my thirst - ing  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

### ***Invocation and Declaration of the Trinity***

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our churches teach in accordance with the historic Creeds:

**C: *That there is one God—***

P: One undivided divine essence,

**C: *And that this one God is Trinity—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—***

P: Three distinct and coeternal persons of the same divine essence.

**C: *And we believe that the Holy Scriptures truly testify to this. Amen.***<sup>4</sup>

### ***Confession (Admission) of Sin***

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between law and Gospel is to be kept in the Church with great diligence as a particularly brilliant light, so that the Word of God may be divided rightly. The law is a divine doctrine which teaches what is right and God-pleasing

**C: *and which condemns everything that is sinful and contrary to God's will.***<sup>5</sup>

P: Since the fall of Adam all people are conceived and born in sin.

**C: *No one by nature is able to have true fear of God and true faith in God.***

P: This inborn sickness and hereditary sin condemns and brings the eternal wrath of God on all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.<sup>6</sup>

**C: *This is the essence of a genuinely Christian life,  
to acknowledge that we are sinners  
and to pray for grace. Amen.***<sup>7</sup>

P: The crowd at Pentecost—confronted with their sin—they asked the Apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Having heard the condemnation of our sin in the Law of God, we find ourselves asking the same question. For this, we turn to the Gospel which teaches what we are to believe:

**C: *Christ has satisfied and paid for all guilt,  
without any merit of our own,  
and has won the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for us.***

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<sup>4</sup> Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, ¶ 1-2.

<sup>5</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 1-2.

<sup>6</sup> Augsburg Confession, II, ¶ 1-2.

<sup>7</sup> Large Catechism, Part V, Exhortation, ¶ 9.

P: This Gospel is a comforting and joyful message which comforts our consciences terrified by the law, points us only to the merit of Christ, and raises us up again by the delightful proclamation of God's grace and favor.<sup>8</sup> According to this Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in His stead, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Response of Thanksgiving for the Absolution**

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless our reading of the Scriptures. Enlighten our hearts and minds of those who read the Bible, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from it, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

<sup>8</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, V, ¶ 4,6.

## ***Our Confession of Faith Regarding the Scriptures***

P: We believe, teach, and confess that the only measure to which all doctrines and teachers are to be evaluated and judged are:

**C: *the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments,***

P: As it is written in Psalm 119,

**C: *“Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”***

P: We believe, teach, and confess that this faith is not a mere knowledge of the stories about Christ,

**C: *but it is God’s gift.***

P: By this gift we rightly recognize Christ as

**C: *our Redeemer in the Word of the Gospel.***

P: We trust that only by His obedience, and by grace,

**C: *we have forgiveness of sins,***

P: are regarded as holy and righteous by God the Father,

**C: *and shall be saved eternally.***<sup>9</sup>

P: Hear now the Word of the Lord.

## ***Old Testament Reading***

## ***Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup>“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

<sup>2</sup>“You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you...

<sup>6</sup>“Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’<sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

<sup>8</sup>“And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children...”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: *Thanks be to God.***

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<sup>9</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, 0, ¶ 1; III, ¶ 6.

**Psalm Reading****Psalm 119:129–136 (ESV)**

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.  
<sup>130</sup>The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.  
<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant,  
because I long for your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your way with those who love your name.  
<sup>133</sup>Keep steady my steps according to your promise,  
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.  
<sup>134</sup>Redeem me from man's oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.  
<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)****Ephesians 6:10–20 (ESV)**

<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, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

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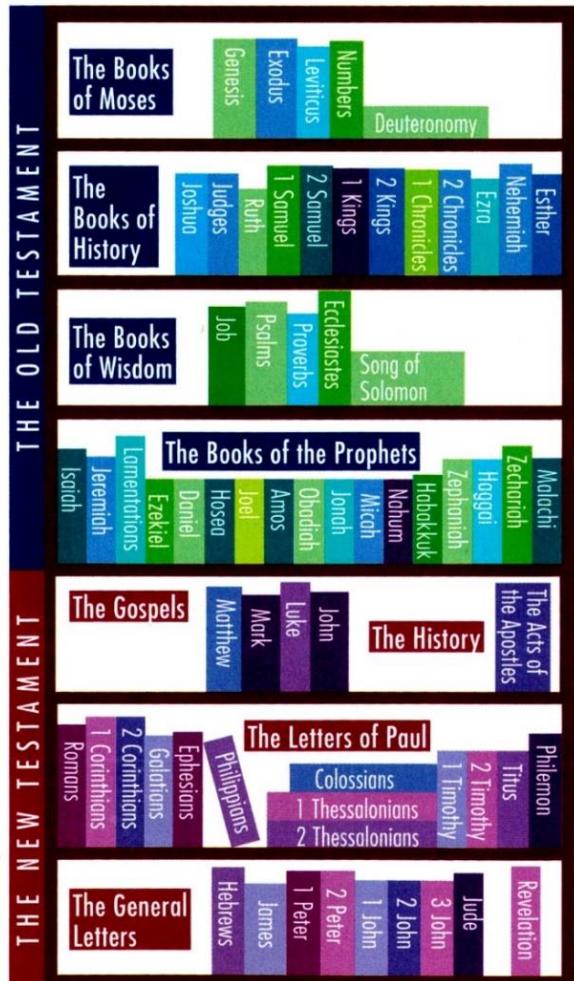
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## Understanding Bible References

The following diagram illustrates how a common Bible reference to John 3:16 breaks down.

Book Title	Chapter Number	Verse Number
John	3:	16

Using the Bible's table of contents, look up the book John, then chapter 3, and finally verse 16.



## Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Song of the Day

### Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB 973



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; **And Refrain**



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### Offertory

### Holy, Holy Holy

LSB 507 sts. 1, 4

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Prayers

### The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

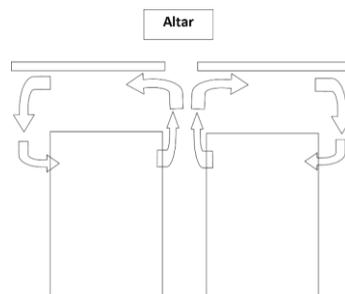
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

P: We believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper

**C: the body and blood of Christ are truly present**

**and that they are truly given and received with the bread and wine.**<sup>10</sup>

P: It is the Word of God that makes and sets this Sacrament apart.

So it is not mere bread and wine, but it is:

**C: The body and blood of Christ.**<sup>11</sup>

P: And we believe, teach, and confess that

we will not receive the Holy Supper to our condemnation,

**C: no matter how weak our faith,  
as long as we retain a living faith.**

P: Christ instituted this Supper especially for Christians who are weak in faith but repent of their sins,

**C: to grant us comfort and strengthen our weak faith.**<sup>12</sup>

P: Let us pray: 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. **C: Amen.**

<sup>10</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 6.

<sup>11</sup> Large Catechism, Part 5, ¶ 10.

<sup>12</sup> Formula of Concord, Epitome, VII, ¶ 19.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

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

**C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

### **First Distribution Hymn**

### **O Word of God Incarnate**

LSB 523



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!

**Second Distribution Hymn****On What Has Now Been Sown**

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

**C: Amen.****Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we thank You, O Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit through this Holy Sacrament. 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.**

**Benedicamus Domino ("Let us bless, the Lord") & Benediction (Blessing)**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: It is also taught among us that faith in Jesus Christ should produce good fruits and good works and that we must do all such good works as God has commanded,

**C: but we should do them for God's sake and honor, to the praise of His Holy Name.<sup>13</sup>**

P: The Lord grant you His Fatherly mercy through Jesus Christ giving you forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, sending you His Holy Spirit so that He may rule your hearts and you may serve Him in holiness and thanksgiving. **C: Amen.**

<sup>13</sup> Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Part I, VI ¶ 1.

# Closing Hymn

# Thy Strong Word

LSB 578 sts. 1-3, 6



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



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



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.



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,



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!

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!

## **Announcements**



# **Sunday School Rally Day is almost here!**

September 9th, we will kick off our Sunday School year.

**Registration is now open at Bethel's website  
([www.bethelgurnee.org](http://www.bethelgurnee.org)) on the homepage.**

Please help us keep our student lists current. The Board of Christian Education will be emailing parents several times throughout the year. We cannot get the information to you, unless you register your children! Be sure to register your child using their current grade. Preschoolers must be 3 years old by 9/1/18 and be potty trained. Children under the age of 3 or not potty trained, will be in our Little Lambs class.

We are excited to announce *A Safe Place* as our mission for the entire Sunday School year. *A Safe Place* is the sole provider of services exclusively addressing domestic violence in Lake County. Through multi-faceted programs they assist victims in transforming their lives after domestic violence, prevent future abuse by addressing its root cause through abuser intervention programs, and educate the community about domestic violence and how we can all be involved in its end. All our offerings collected from Sunday School and Adult Bible study will go to *A Safe Place*.

**We look forward to learning and growing with the youth in Bethel as we begin a new school year. If you have any questions, please contact:**

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Kylie Brazda (kylie.brazda@gmail.com)

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