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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist, David Ziegler - Handbell Director

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.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Bob Souza
Acolytes: Owen Squires, Aiden Friedman
Lay Readers: Karla Stewart, Al Diercks
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, ***OPEN***
Greeters: Susan Boardman, Diane Boehm
Fellowship: ***OPEN***
Nov. Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick
Nov. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45 AM

Jack Warneke
Scott Mundrick
Michaela Rosenthal, Kate Kruse
Donna Danielsen, Ralph Danielsen
OPEN, OPEN
David & Theresa Carlson, OPEN
Deborah Wuethrick
OPEN

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Jim Franz in memory of his father, mother, brother and sister.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

Government & Safety

Local, State and Federal government and leaders
Local police and fire departments

Local concerns

Human trafficking, here locally and across the world
Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, 30 months probation/rehabilitation

Congregation: Spiritual Conversation

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life, and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Luke's Gospel.

Luke is the focus of Year C Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

Opening Hymn

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508 sts. 1-3, 5



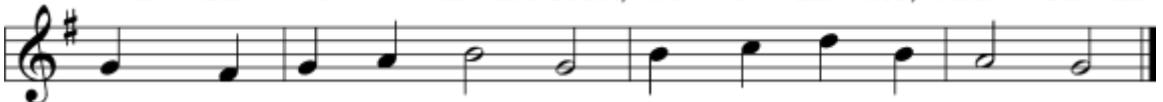
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

Invocation (Based on Luke 2:14)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: peace to all the Earth,

P: and goodwill from God in heaven.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

(Based on the Song of Zechariah—Luke 1:68-79 (LSB 238), along with Luke 3:7-8, 10; 15:21)

P: John the Baptist was called the prophet of the Most High,

for He went before the Lord Jesus to prepare His way,

confronting the people and us with our sin, saying:

“Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon?

Produce fruit that shows you have repented.

Produce actions that show you have changed your hearts and lives.”

The crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

And we find ourselves asking this same question.

C: Lord, we have sinned. What then shall we do?

P: God calls on us to confess our sin and seek His forgiveness and mercy,

so that these words from the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus

become our own words of confession:

C: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

I am no longer worthy to be called your child.

P: John the Baptist, the prophet, went before the Lord Jesus

to give His people knowledge of their salvation

by the forgiveness of their sin.

In the tender compassion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break upon us

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

He has come to His people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,

born of the house of His servant David.

P: 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 Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (based on Luke 2:14)

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power, and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem**“I’m But a Stranger Here”****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home;
 Earth is a desert drear, Heav’n is my home;
 Danger and sorrow stand Round me
 on ev’ry hand.
 Heav’n is my father land, Heav’n is my home.*

*Therefore I murmur not, Heav’n is my home;
 Whate’er my earthly lot, Heav’n is my home;
 And I shall surely stand There at my
 Lord’s right hand;
 Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.*

*What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home;
 Short is my pilgrimage, Heav’n is my home;
 And time’s wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;
 I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.*

Old Testament Reading**Malachi 4:1–6 (ESV)**

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**2 Thessalonians 3:1–5 (ESV)**

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav-iour, Lord, there is none - like - You; — All of my days
— I want to praise — the won-ders of Your might - y love. —
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
— Let ev - 'ry breath, — all that I am, — nev - er cease to wor - ship

CHORUS

You. — Shout to the Lord, — all the earth, — let us sing. —
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise — to the King. — Moun-tains bow down — and the seas —
— will roar — at the sound — of Your name. —
I sing for joy — at the work — of Your hands, — for - ev - er I'll love — You, for - ev -
— er I'll stand, — noth - ing com - pares — to the prom -
— ise I have — in You. — *Repeat Chorus.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–28 (ESV)

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666; tune: 698



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Sermon

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

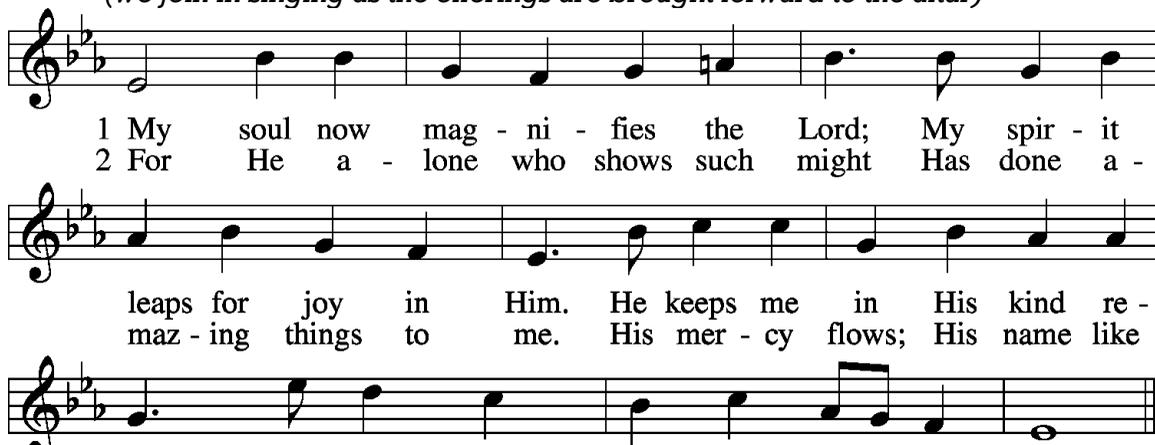
Confession of Faith from Luke 24:26-27,32; 4:21; 24:44-49

We confess that Jesus interpreted for us the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets, so that our hearts burn within us when He opens the Scriptures to us by His Holy Spirit to reveal His grace and mercy. —As Jesus declared, “Today these words have been fulfilled in your hearing.”—He has opened our minds to understand the Scriptures, and shown us, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you—the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

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 (Based on Mary’s Song—the Magnificat—Luke 1:46-55) LSB 934 sts. 1-2 (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -

leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like

gard, And I am blest for time to come.
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.

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Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

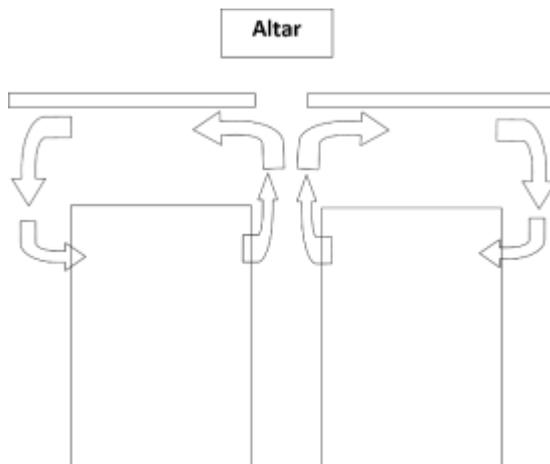
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.



Preface (based on Luke 15:2,6,32)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Rejoice that it is true: What the enemies of our Lord meant as an accusation of wrongdoing has become our hope and salvation: This man, our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, receives sinners and eats with them.

C: Rejoice with me!

P: The Lord receives you as sinners and invites you to eat at His Table.

C: Rejoice with me!

P: The Lord has found His sheep that were lost. **C: Rejoice with me!**

P: For you were dead, and now are alive in Him. **C: We were lost, and now are found.**

Proper Preface for Luke

P: We pray: 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Luke, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (based on Luke 19:38)

LSB 903 sts. 4-5

4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in
comes to us To save our fall - en race.
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world. **C: Amen.**

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 as in the Gospel of Luke

Luke 22:14-20

P: ¹⁴And when the hour [of the Passover meal] came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

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

Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Second Distribution Hymn **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies** *LSB 873*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
 Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Common Dismissal

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

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer (Based on Simeon's Song—Luke 2:29-32)

P: Let us pray. Lord, now You let Your servants go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. Our own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel, the salvation which we have received in the body and blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the Beatitudes—Luke 6:20-23)

P: The Lord Jesus lifts up His eyes on you, His disciples, and says:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you
on account of the Son of Man!
Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,
for behold, great is your reward in heaven.”

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Announcements

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