

FOR THE SON OF MAN



CAME TO **SEEK & SAVE** THE LOST.

LUKE 19:10

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**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Theme

**GRACE / JOY**

King David once said that guilt makes you feel like your very bones are rotting. Guilt makes you feel weak . . . sick. Guilt can make it hard to focus on anything else . . . hard to function. Guilt is also an inescapable fact of life. Everyone carries guilt about something. Worse, our efforts to deal with guilt — minimizing our mistakes, making excuses for our sin — don't help, but only make us feel worse. What alleviates the burden of guilt? Just one thing—God's gift of grace. Christ's love is undeserved and unconditional. He pardons every sin. This is the entire reason Jesus came to earth. This was his mission—to give the gift of grace! When we receive that gift, our guilt melts. Left in its place is the joy of our salvation.

# 578 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

CW 578



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; all my wants to him are known,  
and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—  
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to  
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.  
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

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## **The Service** *Service Setting Eight*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts,  
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## 1017 Gloria (Brit)

*Tune: LANCASHIRE*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people, and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin, and direct us to the path of righteousness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Micah 7:18–20*

*God promises to be with His people, whom He called from every corner of the earth.*

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt,  
and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors from  
his inheritance?

He does not hold onto his anger forever.

He delights in showing mercy.

<sup>19</sup>He will have compassion on us again.

He will overcome our guilty deeds.

You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea.

<sup>20</sup>You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham,  
as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 63A In the Morning I Will Sing

Psalm 63A

*Refrain*

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will  
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to  
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

*Verse*

1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for  
you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y pines for you like a  
dry, wea-ry land with-out wa-ter. So I gaze on you in the  
sanc-tu-ar-y to see your strength and your glo-ry.

*Verse*

2 For your love is bet-ter than life, my lips will speak your  
praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a  
 ban - quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *Refrain*

*Verse*

3 On my bed I re - mem - ber you. On you I  
 muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the  
 shad - ow of your wings I re - joice. My soul clings to  
 you; your right hand holds me fast. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Romans 5:6–11

*The gift of God's grace is seen most clearly in Christ's death for sinners.*

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Luke 19:9,10*

Alleluia, alleluia. Salvation has come to this house today, for the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

*Luke 19:1-10*

*The grace that Jesus showed to Zacchaeus causes that tax collector to demonstrate the joy of his salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup>He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. <sup>7</sup>When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

<sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

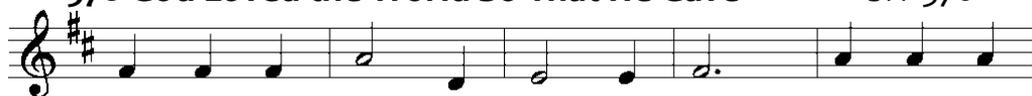
<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### 570 God Loved the World So That He Gave

CW 570



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

## **Sermon**

**Luke 19:1-10**

### **The Seeking Saviour...**

- 1) Stirs a desire in our hearts to learn about Him.
- 2) Calls us to receive Him.
- 3) Changes our lives.

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce  
fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth  
throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer & Special Petitions*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness, *[especially...]*

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

**Offering**

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### 1026 Sanctus (Brit)

*Tune: EWING*

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,  
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!  
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!  
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

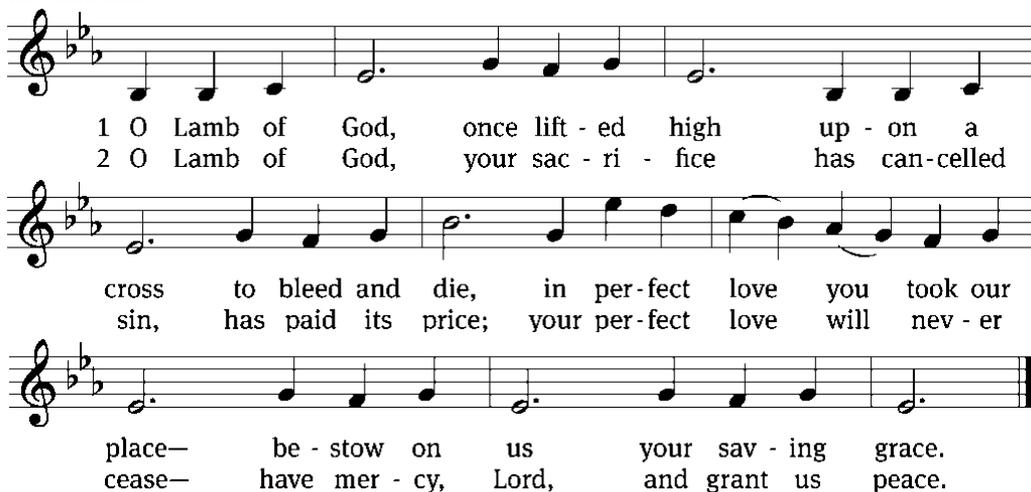
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## 1032 Agnus (Brit) - SUANTRAI

Tune: SUANTRAI



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you took our  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will nev - er  
place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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## Distribution

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

# 583 God Loves Me Dearly

CW 583



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, him - self did  
5 Now I will praise you, O Love e -

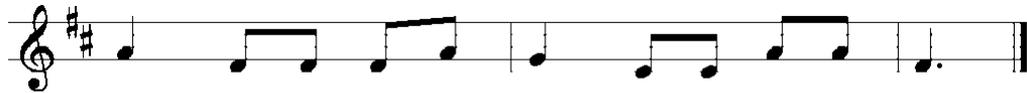


va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.  
deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; now I will praise you all my life long.

## Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

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# CELEBRATING THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



“Prize the brotherhood; prize the brotherhood.”

—Prof. J. P. Meyer, who served at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for 44 years, about the Protes’tant Controversy.

## THE PROTES’TANT CONTROVERSY

Because the church is made up of sinners living in a sinful world, controversies and conflicts infect the church. Such was the case with what has come to be known as the Protes’tant Controversy that broke out in the Wisconsin Synod in the mid-1920s.

The Roaring Twenties were a tumultuous time in the nation. Immorality was flaunted. Many people had a disdain for authority. New technologies like the telephone, radio, movies, automobiles, and airplanes were causing rapid changes in society.

The Wisconsin Synod was also rocked by changes. In 1917, the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan Synods had formally merged, and the former independent synods became districts, with Wisconsin divided into three districts. The synod was still trying to figure out procedures and policies. Meanwhile, the transition from German to English was unsettling to many.



**The seminary faculty in 1928:**  
(left to right) J. P. Meyer, August Pieper, William Henkel, J. P. Koehler. A rift occurred in the faculty during the Protes’tant Controversy, leading to the termination of Koehler’s call.

The controversy began with a disputed discipline case involving over two dozen students at Northwestern College in the spring of 1924. Two professors resigned in protest. Then two female teachers at St. Paul's in Fort Atkinson, Wis., accused their pastor of being a false prophet because they felt he wasn't dealing strongly enough with the ills of society. Eventually, district officials suspended the teachers. Several pastors protested. Finally, a polarizing essay delivered by Pastor William Beitz made sweeping judgments that condemned preaching, catechism instruction, and seminary training in the synod. District officials asked the seminary faculty for a *Gutachten* or "expert opinion." This led to a rift in the faculty, especially between the renowned theologians August Pieper and J. P. Koehler.

By the end of the decade, more than 20 pastors had been suspended from the synod because they protested the actions of synod leaders (thus the name Protes'tants). In 1928, these Protes'tants began publishing the journal *Faith-Life*, in which they continued to criticize the synod. Regular publication continued until 2019. In 1930, the synod terminated Koehler's call as seminary president and professor for his support of the Protes'tants.



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The effects of the controversy lingered for decades. Yet even though there was a lack of brotherly love and patience by people on all sides, the Lord of the church continued to get his work done. Years later, when seminary students asked Prof. J. P. Meyer about the controversy, he would reluctantly talk about it, ending his discussion by telling his students, "Prize the brotherhood; prize the brotherhood."

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## **Announcements**

### **Church Cleaners**

November 9 - Andrew / November 16 - Peter

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (2) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore

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We (5) 5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Th (6) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor

Fr (7) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship***  
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*

We (12) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)  
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation (W)  
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)

Fr (15) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship

**Su (16) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Study in Poltimore  
**5:00 pm Christmas Parade**  
***Open house at Church after the Parade***



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