

Our Savior is celebrating **Church Worker Appreciation Sunday** today. The preaching and focus will be on God's gift of church workers in our congregation and school. They serve in honorable, sacred, and joyful vocations in our church and school, teaching our children and all God's people about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

## Hymn 605 Father Welcomes

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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## Baptism !0:30a

### 10:30a Anthem - 3rd through 8th grade students: Welcome to the Family of God by Natalie Sleeth

*Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!*

*Welcome to the family of God! (repeat)*

*1. You've been washed in the water and given a name;*

*Never again will you be quite the same!*

*2. You've been blessed by the Spirit and greeted with love;*

*Chosen and claimed by the Lord up above!*

*So Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!*

*Welcome to the family of God!*

*The wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful fam'ly of God!*

#### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

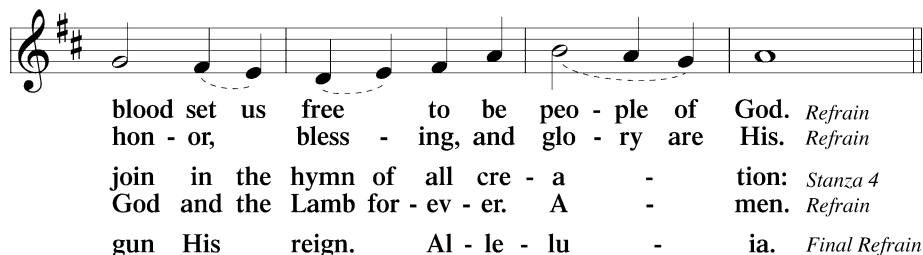
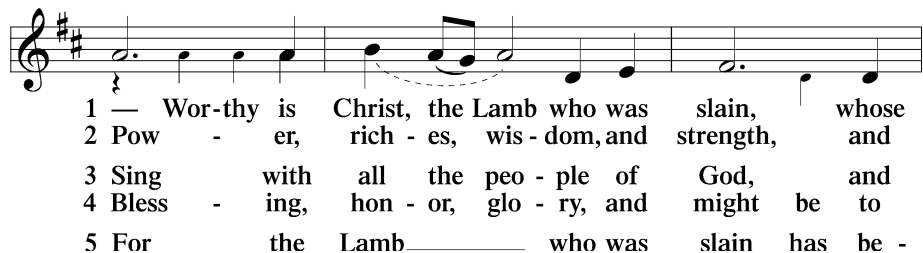
(Absolution):

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**10:30a - Kindergarten through 2nd grade students please come to the front of the sanctuary at this time.**

## This Is the Feast



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### **10:30a Anthems - Kindergarten through 2nd grade students:**

**Jesus Loves Me/Jesus Loves the Little Children arr. by John Paradowski and Jesus Loves the Little Ones-traditional arr. by Edward Damerau**

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know  
As He loved so long ago.  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me." Refrain

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Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
Ev'ry girl and every boy  
Is a gift of love and joy  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
He's a friend who's always there  
He's a friend who always cares  
Jesus loves the little children of the world. (x3)

Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me.  
Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me.  
Little ones like me,  
Sat upon His knee,  
Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me.

Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
Little ones like you,  
Jesus loves you, too.  
Jesus loves the little ones like you.

## Old Testament Reading     *Genesis 4:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

- A    This is the Word of the Lord.
- C    **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle     *2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18*

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- A    This is the Word of the Lord.
- C    **Thanks be to God.**

## 8a Alleluia and Verse



## 10:30a 3-8th grade students Anthem: Suffer the Little Children arr. by Matthew Armstrong

*Mark 10:14–16 KJV (King James Version of the Bible)*

<sup>14</sup> Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom heav'n.  
Suffer the little children, forbid them not. Let them come, let them come unto me.

<sup>15</sup> unless ye receive the kingdom of God as a little child, ye shall not enter therein.

<sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, and he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

<sup>14</sup> Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom heav'n.  
Suffer the little children, forbid them not. Let them come, let them come unto me.

*10:30a Stand*

## Holy Gospel Luke 18:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

(about some of the gifts Christ gives to His church through Pastors, especially in the Divine Church Service.)



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
 Gifts far more than we see;  
 Beneath the bread and wine  
 Is food from Calvary.  
 The body and the blood  
 Remove our ev'ry sin;  
 We leave His presence in  
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
 Who lavishes such love;  
 The triune God in love  
 Assures our life above.

His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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## **Sermon - *Through Me* - Rev. Dr. James Baneck, husband of Teacher Myrna Baneck**

### **Hymn 866 Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend Tune: Tallis' Canon** (Christ gives us gifts of parents, teachers, directors of Christian education)

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend,  
To each of them Your presence send;  
Call them by name and keep them true  
In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.
- 2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be  
Your blessing to their family;  
Let Christian schools Your work extend  
In living truth as You intend.
- 3 That caring parents, gracious Lord,  
And faithful teachers find reward  
In leading these, to whom You call,  
To find in Christ their all in all.
- 4 For by Your Word we clearly see  
That we have sinned continually;  
But show us too, forgiving Lord,  
Your saving Gospel's great reward.
- 5 That all of us, Your children dear,  
By Christ redeemed, may Christ revere;  
Lead us in joy that all we do  
Will witness to our love for You.
- 6 Then guard and keep us to the end,  
Secure in You, our gracious friend,  
That in Your heav'nly family  
We sing Your praise eternally.

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*Stand*



## Apostles' Creed

- C 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  $\text{\textcircled{T}}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- 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. 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

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### 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.

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

### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**G** 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution** - Please refer to the back of the bulletin for prayers before and after taking communion and for the policy regarding taking communion. An offering plate will be available as you go to communion.

**10:30a 3rd/4th grade chime students may play God is So Good arr. by Venita MacGorman and/or Martha Lynn Thompson, and/or Holy Spirit Light Divine**

## 796 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

(remembering church musicians who proclaim God's Word in music and song)

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied  
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
A new di - men - sion in the world of sound  
In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
When ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:  
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:  
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

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## 867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -  
2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of  
3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -  
4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of  
5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger  
pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His  
gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
God's own Word, To place in Him their  
cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.  
won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,  
doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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## 895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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## Stand

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart T in peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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

**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 **T** give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: Once a Long, Long Time Ago-Lutheran Schools Theme Hymn

(also remembering those who are directors of evangelism, deaconesses, etc.)

*"Once, a Long, Long Time Ago" A NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK HYMN FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN*

*Based on the 2022–2023 NLSW theme: "Making Disciples for Life" and Matthew 28:18–20*

*"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"*

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**Once, a long, long time ago,  
Jesus told His students, “Go!  
Tell all people of all nations  
That I’m King of all creation!  
Tell them I came from above  
To this world to show God’s love.”**

**Jesus said, “Trust what I say.  
Make disciples ev’ry day!  
In the name of God the Father,  
Son, and Spirit baptize others  
So they come to faith in Me  
And from all their sins are freed.”**

**“Tell Good News, proclaim God’s Word  
To all nations so it’s heard  
In all times and in all places  
To all people of all races.  
Teach the world about God’s grace  
Till, in heav’n, they see My face.”**

**Jesus said, “I am with you!  
To you I am always true.  
In those times when you are cheerful,  
And whenever you are fearful,  
You are Mine and I will be  
With you through eternity!”**

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