

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

What is God like? Is God fair? No, He's not. He doesn't give us what we deserve. That's called mercy. He also gives us what we don't deserve. And that's called grace. We have a generous Lord who mercifully calls us into His kingdom and graciously rewards us with everlasting life—even though we do nothing to deserve it.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or an Elder.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Dan Lindquist

Ushers on Duty

Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., James Van Kampen

Altar Guild

Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Grace! 'Tis a Charming Sound | 374

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

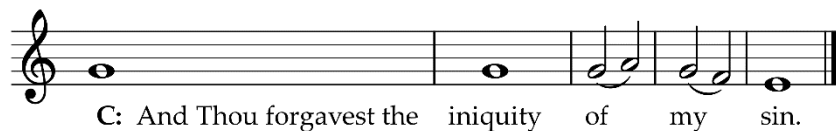


M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

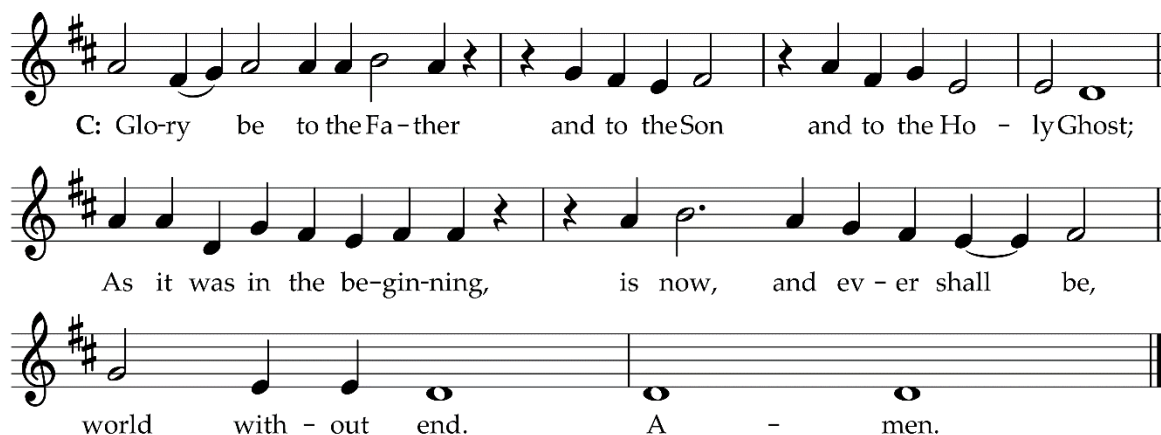


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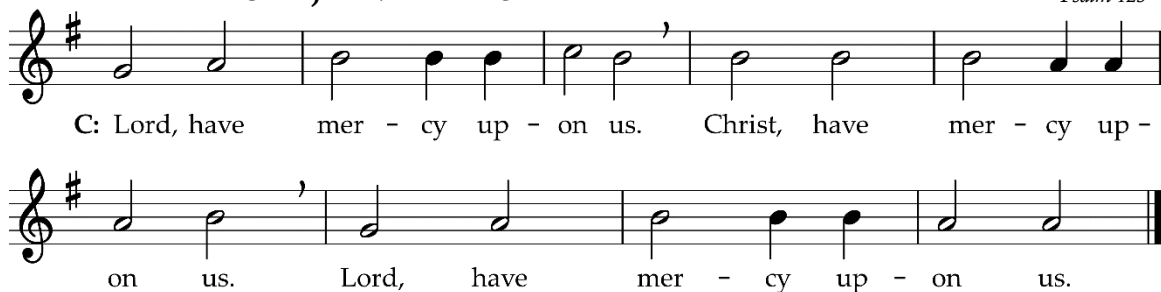
Psalm 119 (selected verses)

M: Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments. Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord.



THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalm 123



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Luke 2:14

C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the

world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

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

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 55:6-9

The LORD in His merciful wisdom abundantly pardons.

Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

⁹"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:18b-27

To live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. ¹⁹For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. ²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

GRADUAL

2 Corinthians 12:9a

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Our God is generous in mercy and grace.



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. ⁵"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

⁶"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

⁷"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

⁸"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' ⁹"And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

¹⁰"But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. ¹¹"And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, ¹²"saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

¹³"But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴"Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. ¹⁵"Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'

¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Salvation unto Us has Come | 377, 1-6

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

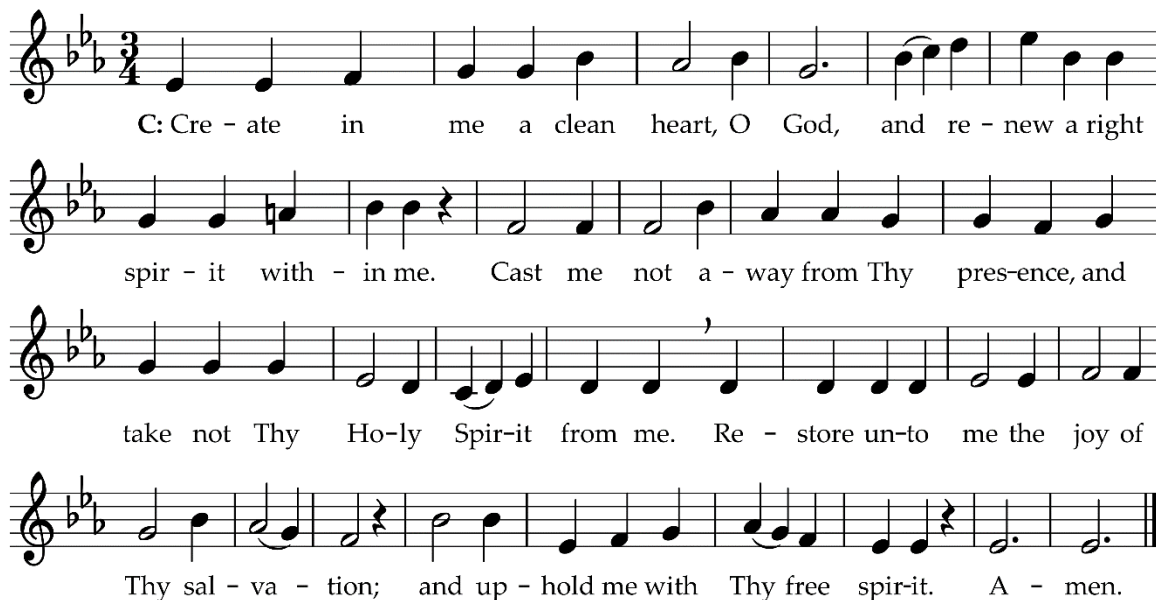
SERMON – MATTHEW 20:1-16

God's Grace & Fairness

1. Do we expect more from God than He promised?
2. Do we recognize how generous God is?

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

CHOIR – AMAZING GRACE

Please stand.

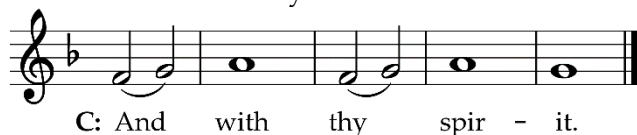
THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: 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; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the



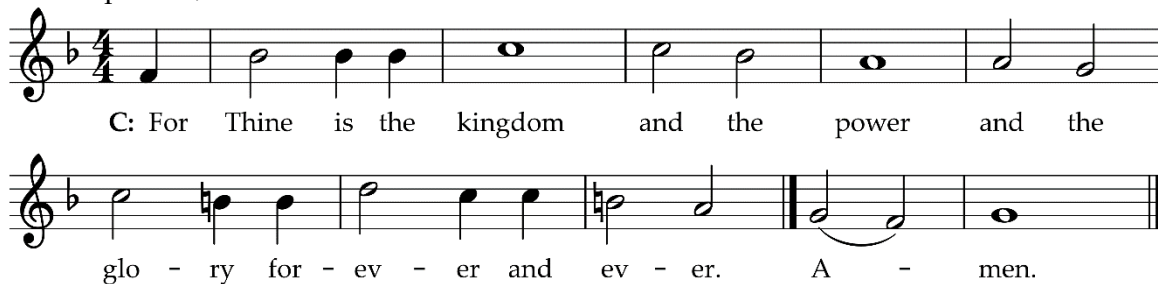
high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless | 373
An Awe-Full Mystery Is Here | 304

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*“Now Dismiss”*)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in_ peace ac - cord-ing to Thy
word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -
pared_ be - fore the face of all people,
a Light_ to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry_ be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it_ was in the beginning is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



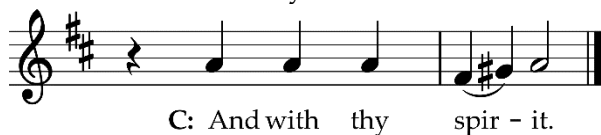
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy. You would strengthen us through them 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 true God, now and forever.

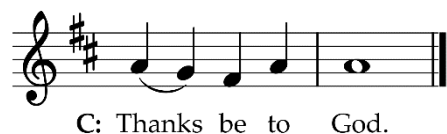


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Now, the Hour of Worship O'er | 45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to the Snack Angels for serving treats today. If you'd like to serve treats on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING – A Congregational Call Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Otto and Pastor Kluge will monitor the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend to participate in calling a pastor.

QUARTERLY REPORTS – Quarterly Reports are due in the office by Wednesday, October 4, so that we may have them for our quarterly meetings (Church Council, 10/08; Congregational & Voters, 10/15).

FALL CLEANING – Sanctuary Cleaning Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Please help if you can – thank you in advance.

TRUNK OR TREAT - Trunk or Treat will take place on Tuesday, October 31, from 4-6 p.m. The run time of the event is two hours. If you are interested in bringing a vehicle or donating candy, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

MITTEN TREE – Women on a Mission is putting up the Mitten Tree soon. Please help children who need to stay warm. We are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, socks and underwear between now and the end of November.

PASTOR’S CONFERENCE – Pastor Holtz is attending a Pastor’s Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He will leave Tuesday, 10-3, at noon and return Saturday, 10-7. If you need assistance or have an emergency, you can contact Pastor Holtz on his cell phone or Pastor Zaferos, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 920-434-2822 (church) or 920-737-3695 (pastor).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (10/01)

Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY (10/03-10-7)

Pastor’s Conference, Mpls., MN

SUNDAY (10/08)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev.

Lutheran Church gives

all praise and thanks to

the Triune God for His

grace received through

Word and Sacrament by

sharing the saving

Gospel of Christ with the

people of this community

and the world.