

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Gospel Call Goes Out to All

June 18, 2023

AS WE GATHER: Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: *"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight"* (Prov. 9:5-6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). For *"you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"* (Eph. 2:13-22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13-18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.
Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.
Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord,
People: since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Matins

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Opening Hymn **LSB 571**
"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

***Confession and Absolution:** (Printed)
"O Lord, open my lips..." LSB 219

PSALMODY
Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS
Catechism Review
Catechism Recitation Question #4
Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1-10

Epistle: 1 John 3:13-18

***Holy Gospel:** Luke 14:15-24
Pew Bible Page 1622

***Common Responsory** LSB 221
Office Hymn: **LSB 510**
"A Multitude Comes from the East and ... "

Sermon
Offertory Brothers in Song
"Amazing Grace"

***Canticle** **LSB 941**

PRAYER

***Kyrie:** LSB 227
***Lord's Prayer:** LSB 227
***Prayer of the Church**
***Collect of the Day:** (Printed)
***Collect for Grace:** LSB 228
***Benedicamus/Benediction:** LSB 228
Closing Hymn: Brothers in Song
"Hallelujah"

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman please pray for her unborn baby's health and well-being. Please pray for her parent's health, and for peace and strength as she cares for them. a woman please pray for her to continue in a positive direction as things are coming together. a woman please pray for her situation, and for the world to turn back to God. a woman please pray for her to continue to have strength. a woman please pray over her life, and for wisdom in the decisions she is faced with. a woman please pray that she will find a job that will fit her situation. a woman please pray that she will get her health back, and that her grandkids will stay healthy. a woman please pray for her granddaughter in the NICU. a woman please pray for her. Please pray that she can be safe where she lives, and that she will have peace of mind. a woman please pray that she would be less anxious. Also, please pray that her son would be responsible in his life. Please also pray for her mother in a nursing home. a woman please pray for healing as she is a victim of spousal abuse. Also, please pray that she will find a place to live soon, and that she will succeed at her new job. a woman please pray over her life as she works to get her situation figured out. She has hard decisions to make, and needs strength to make them. For men -a man please pray that he will have complete recovery from his stroke this past March. a man please pray for his granddaughter as he parents her full time. Also, please pray that his financial situation will improve. a man please pray that he will find a permanent job. Please pray that his situation will improve. a man please pray over his life. a man please pray that he will find a job to provide for his family. Please pray for his future.

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