

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.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Steward’s Shrewdness Sanctified

August 6, 2023

**AS WE GATHER:** “The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness” (Luke 16:1-9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shred in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor, 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).

**INTROIT** Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.**

O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;**

**they do not set God before themselves.**

For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Divine Service III

Announcements

**Opening Hymn** **LSB 692**  
“Praise to You and Adoration”

**\*Confession/Absolution:** LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit** (printed pg. 1)

**\*Kyrie:** LSB 186

**\*Gloria in Excelsis:** LSB 187

**\*Salutation:** LSB 189

**\*Collect of the Day:** (printed pg. 2)

Catechism Recitation

**Catechism Review** Question #11

**Old Testament:** 2 Samuel 22:26-34

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**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

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**Psalm 51** (printed pg. 2ff)

**\*Alleluia and Verse** LSB 190

**\*Holy Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

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**\*Apostles’ Creed:** LSB 192

**Sermon Hymn:** **LSB 730**  
“What Is the World to Me”

Sermon

**Offertory** LSB 192

\*Prayer of the Church

**\*Lord’s Prayer:** LSB 196

**\*Benediction:** LSB 202

**As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.:** For women - a woman please pray for her family to be safe and well. Also, please pray that her job will continue to go well. a woman please pray that she will continue to get closer to God thru studying his word. a woman please pray for her as she just quit her job, and is looking for another. Please pray over these circumstances. a woman please pray for her father recovering from a stroke, and for her sister soon to have heart surgery. a woman please pray that she will do what is necessary to get back on her feet soon. Please pray for her children as they get ready for another year of school. a woman please pray for her recovery from a recent stroke. Also, please pray that her finances would work out. a woman please pray over her finances, and please pray that she will get more hours at her job. a woman please pray that God's will be done as she looks to find the right job. a woman please pray that her baby due in January will be healthy. For men - A man would like prayer for his ex-wife in prison. Prayer please for her to know Jesus.



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**\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord,,

**People: be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PSALM 51** (responsively)

antiphon: v. 18

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;**

**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in  
your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words and blameless  
in your judgment.

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being.  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my  
salvation,

and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be please with a burnt offering.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;**

**then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**