

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

September 17, 2023

AS WE GATHER: “*You cannot serve God and money*” (Matt. 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God---that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25-6:10).

*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, we implore You,

People: let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Presentation of Bible

Opening Hymn **LSB 700**
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Confession and Absolution:** (Printed)

“O Lord, open my lips...” **LSB 219**

Venite: **LSB 220ff**

READINGS

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #18

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Epistle: Galatians 5:25-6:10

***Holy Gospel:** Matthew 6:24-34
Pew Bible Page 1505

***Common Responsory** **LSB 221**

Office Hymn: **LSB 760**
“What God Ordains Is Always Good ” v 1-3

Sermon

Offertory v. 4-6 **LSB 760**

***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: **LSB 725**
“Children of the Heavenly Father”

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman's health. a woman for strength; to get back on track; that her son will return to school; safety for whole family. a woman and her children as she navigates her finances, and her location to a school for the kids to attend that they can walk to, or have a bus pick up. a woman please pray that her elderly father will stay safe. a woman please pray over the many stresses in her life right now. a woman please pray for her health--has liver cancer. For continued sobriety; has 3 months sober. a woman please pray over her life. a woman please pray for a healthy pregnancy and that her lupus would be contained. a woman please pray over her life. a woman please pray over her finances. Please pray for her children as they are in school. a woman please pray that her newborn will start to eat better. For men – a man please pray over his life and his circumstances.

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