The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 30, 2023



Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other quests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessina.

We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the

chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.





Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who the little children prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.





Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.

Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist: Rev. Brian Thieme Preacher: Rev. Joseph McCalley

Elders: (8:00) David Attebery | (10:30) Ron Barrett

Organist: **Bonnie Lawler**

Altar Guild: Carol Squires & Carolyn Trigg

Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

Bells' Call to Worship Word of Welcome Organ Prelude Hymn of Invocation

LSB 696 O God, My Faithful God



- 5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

Confession and Absolution

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Service of the Word

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

- Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- 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.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

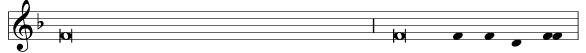
Kyrie LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



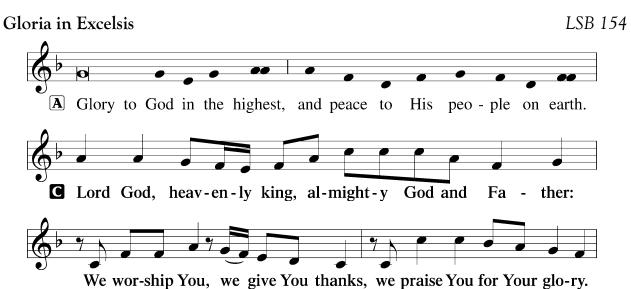


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



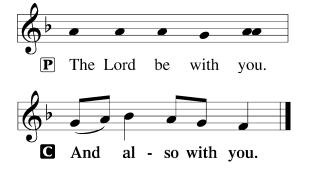
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

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

Gradual Romans 11:33, 36

- **P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
- How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- **P** For from him and through him and to him are all things.
- To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

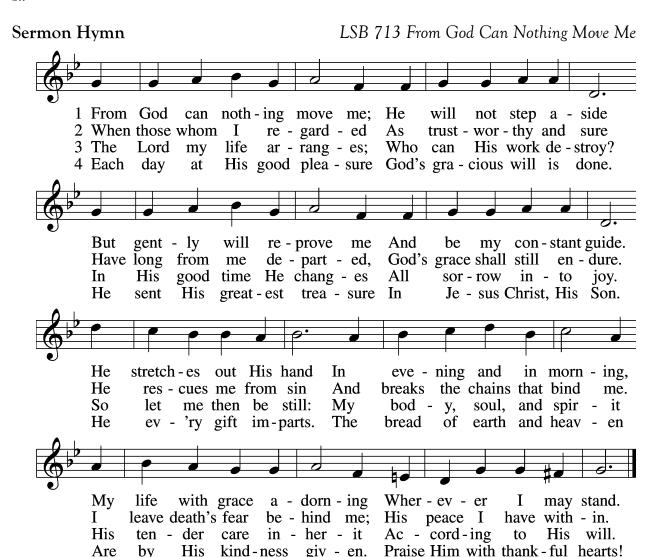
⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit



- 5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!
- △ 7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

Sermon Matthew 13:44–52

Stand

Nicene Creed

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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

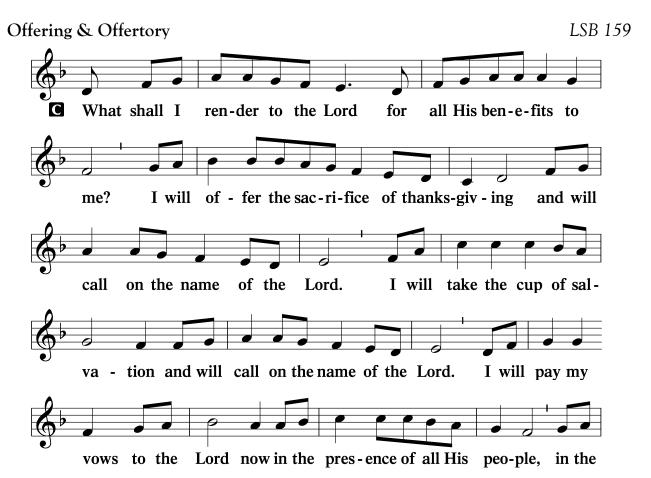
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

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.

Prayer of the Church





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

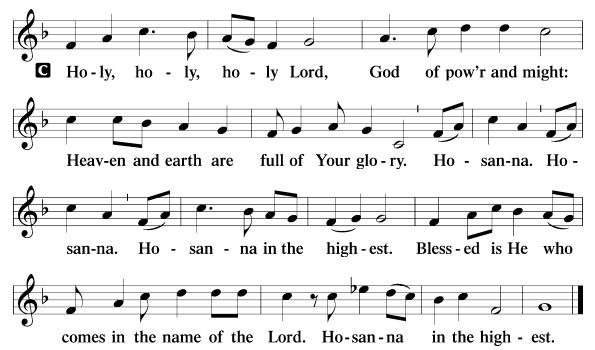
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

and praise.

thanks

It is right to give Him

Sanctus LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

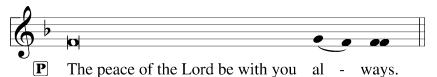
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

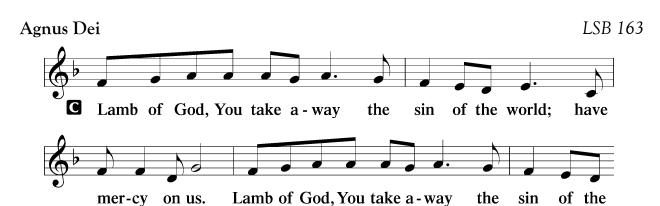
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

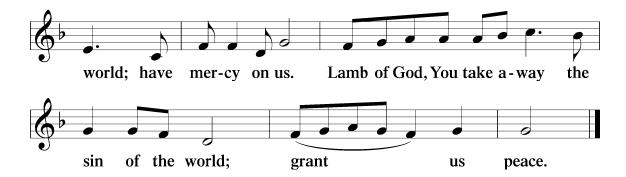
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163



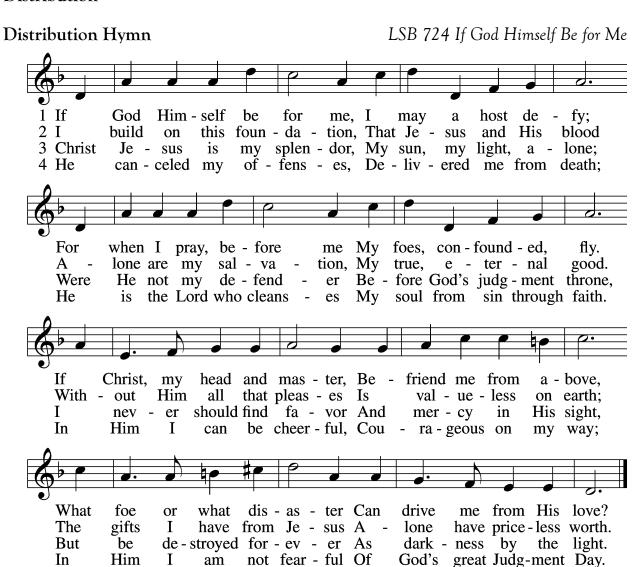
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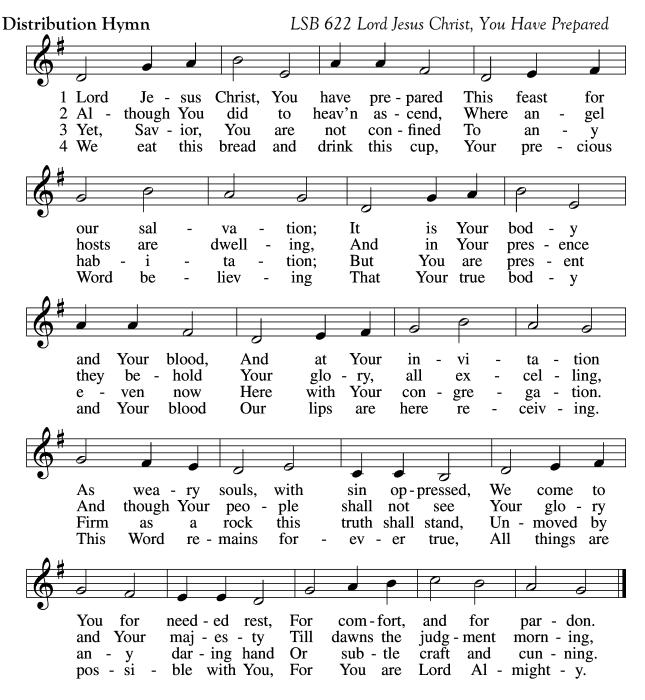
Distribution



- For no one can condemn me
 Or set my hope aside;
 Now hell no more can claim me:
 Its fury I deride.
 No sentence now reproves me,
 No guilt destroys my peace;
 For Christ, my Savior, loves me
 And shields me with His grace.
- 6 Who clings with resolution
 To Him whom Satan hates
 Must look for persecution;
 For him the burden waits
 Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
 Heaped on his blameless head;
 A thousand plagues and crosses
 Will be his daily bread.
- 7 From me this is not hidden,
 Yet I am not afraid;
 I leave my cares, as bidden,
 To whom my vows were paid.
 Though life from me be taken
 And ev'rything I own,
 I trust in You unshaken
 And cleave to You alone.

- No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break asunder,
 My fortress You shall be;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever You from me.
- 9 No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show, No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe, No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
- 10 My heart with joy is springing;
 I am no longer sad.
 My soul is filled with singing;
 Your sunshine makes me glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.





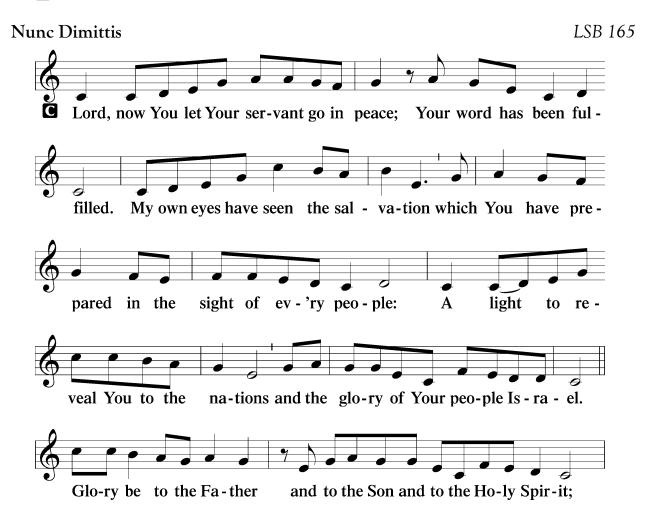
- Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

Stand

Dismissal

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





Post-Communion Collect

P 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.



Benediction LSB 166



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 + give you peace.



Closing Hymn



Organ Postlude

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July 30 & 31, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Doug and Joanna McDowell in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 7/30

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

9:30 a.m.—Sun. School

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

Monday 7/31

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Tuesday 8/1

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

5:30 p.m.—Board of Early Childhood

6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry

6:30 p.m.—Board of Christian Ed.

Pastor McCalley off

Wednesday 8/2

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

Pastor McCalley off

Thursday 8/3

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

Pastor McCalley off

Friday 8/4

Pastors' day off

Sunday 8/6

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

9:30 a.m.—Sun. School

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

Pastor McCalley off



Regarding the 30th Anniversary of Ordination of Pastor Thieme, all member households have been mailed a formal invitation. Additional invitations are available from the church office. If you are a member but did not receive an invitation or if you are a nonmember or former member, contact Heather in the church office to receive an invitation. Please complete and return the RSVP card before August 8.

The special service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 10 and the dinner and program will be held in our gymnasium shortly after the service. There is no cost for you to attend the dinner. Assistance with the event will be needed during the weekend of September 10. Let us know if you can help by contacting Heather in the church office: 573-445-2112.

Our congregation is sending Pastor Thieme and Sarah on an overseas 12-day trip of a lifetime in appreciation of their 30 years of faithful

service. The details of the trip will be revealed during the program on September 10. Thank you for your generous contributions to date. Anyone who would still like to contribute, please make your check payable to Trinity

Lutheran Church with a notation it is for PT's 30th Anniversary.

The program is being planned by Larry McCoig, our congregation president. His contact information: Imomc@yahoo.com or 660-247-3026.

We hope you and your family can join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we share in the blessing of having Pastor Thieme as God's faithful servant for 30 years.

Stewardship & Scripture

July 30 – Proper 12

Matthew 13:45–46 – "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship and Finance



The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 118:14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 2:

Float Trip @ Lake of the Ozarks w/Christ the King

Sunday, September 17: Chinese BBQ

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ATTEND THE HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE IN CARBONDALE, IL

Goe WE HAD A BLAST!!

Sydney

Emelia Abe Maddie

Rylee Reese Ryan

Matthew Josiah

We look forward to sharing our experience with you in the August

BIG NIANGUA FLOAT TRIP Saturday, September 2, 2023

Come relax on the Big Niangua for a day! We'll kayak and canoe

WHAT: Come relax on the Big Niangua for a day! We'll kayak and canoe with other area Lutheran churches. The outfitter is Living Waters Canoe Ministries and is being organized with Christ the King Lutheran Church. We'll leave Trinity early morning and return late afternoon. Lunch will be provided on the river.

COST: \$20 per person.

edition of News of the Son.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 12 (this is a hard deadline)

RSVP to Pastor McCalley



Ladies' Bible Study & Story Telling

Through story telling the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write the first books of the Bible. Jesus used parables to teach us how to live and understand our lives as His followers. In this Bible study we will get to know some of the women of the

Bible, their stories and experiences. We will explore how we can share their story with others. Whether it be encouragement, endurance, grief, or love their stories are a gift; a gift that is meant to be shared. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Questions? Contact Chris Bailey at 573-639-0727 or email at vanity411@yahoo.com.

Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study began new study in May.

This new study will use the new Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

– A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition). Specifically, we will start with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes. Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.



Death & Dying Bible Study

Pastor McCalley's Death and Dying study will begin meeting on

Wednesday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to join the class, please contact the church office. If you signed up previously but are unable to attend, please let the church office know.

Life Thoughts

Men's

July 30 – Pentecost IX (Proper 12A) – Our Lord loves to take the tiniest as His treasured possession (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). Their insufficiencies only accentuate how great is His compassion (Psalm 125:2). "Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong." Does this include gestating embryos and unborn babies? Does it include bodies limited by age or ailment? Yes, Jesus loves them just as much as He loves me.

Lectionary Preview Study Prepare for next week: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 2023

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-5

- 1. Verbs that communicate a direct order or a "do something" in a thought appear in what grammarians call the imperative mood. A mother could say "clean your room!" and the verb clean would be in the imperative mood. In verses 1-5, there are many verbs in the imperative mood. Who is the speaker issuing the call to come, buy, eat, listen, and behold? To what are they being called?
- 2. Who does the invitation to trust the Lord's compassion go out to, Luke 14:16-24?
- 3. Why is the Lord's banquet preferable to one prepared by human hands, verse 2?
- 4. The imagery here echoes the Messianic banquet of Isaiah 25:6-9. What's the point of God preparing this banquet according to 25:8?
- 5. In context, vv. 3, 4, "my...love for David. Behold I make him a witness..." refers to David's son. Who is David's son in the fullest sense? That is to ask, who is the witness to the whole world of the salvation given by God?

Psalm 136:1-9

Epistle: Romans 9:1-13

- 6. In chapters 9-11, Paul addresses the Jewish rejection of Jesus. How does he feel about it, vv. 2-3? Why does he feel so, vv. 4-5?
- 7. Even though Paul is grieved by their unbelief, does he blame God, v. 6?
- 8. Paul offers a gentle rebuke in verse 6b-7. How does Paul nicely summarize in verse 8 what Jesus also teaches in John 8:31-47?
- 9. When Paul says in v. 11, "God's purpose of election" he's teaching that God in his almighty freedom could have chosen either son to carry on the promise given to Abraham. The chosen heir doesn't have to follow the rules of genealogy, i.e., be the oldest. The committees in St. Louis do us a disfavor not giving us the rest of chapter nine. Paul anticipates a Jewish objection to his argument in vv. 14, "God is unfair!" In vv.15-23, then, he demonstrates that God is interested in showing mercy and salvation, not human reasoning about who the chosen son ought to be. Therefore, we really need the rest of chapter 9 to connect to the Isaiah reading and the gospel. And that's my two cents for today.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

- 10. What news had Jesus just heard that caused him to depart? Ch. 14:10-12.
- 11. Jesus has finished teaching about the kingdom using the parables. He sees the enormous size of the crowd that's followed him and has compassion, v. 14. Given the goodness of God and the power of God he's taught the disciples using the parables, I think he's now giving them a little exam to see if they've listened well. What does he say in v. 16? Do they pass, v. 17?
- 12. Bread and fish is the Galilean equivalent of the Irish poor man's meal (cabbage), Jesus is not about rationing. How generous is God, v. 20? At the banquet the Lord hosts, does anyone go hungry?

Hymns for Next Sunday

907 God Himself is Present 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy 636 Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



The Life Team has several items to share with you. First, we recommend the movie. Sound of Freedom. It is a true story of the horrific reality of human trafficking which happens all over the world, including the United States. This is a powerful and emotional movie and definitely not recommended for families to watch together. However, it is the slavery of our times and we urge you to see it, if possible, to become informed about this issue and see how you can help.

Next, Save the Date! Life Network of Central Missouri is holding their annual banquet on Friday, September 15th at the Crossina Church. The speaker this year is Kelly Lester who shares her story about desperate situa-

tions and that they are not beyond God. She shares her story of God making beauty from the ashes of her life. The Trinity Life Team is sponsoring a table this year and 4 seats are available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sylvia Glenn or Phyllis White.

And one more item: the Life Team, in an effort to educate and equip our congregation to be Gospel motivated voices for life, is working to bring a speaker from Missouri Right to Life to talk about the proposed initiative petitions for the election in 2024 and how, if passed, they would affect the protections for women and unborn children in our state. Be on the lookout for the announcement in the weeks to come!

Blessings, the Life Team



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