

# *TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH*

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*The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

✠ THE SUNDAY OF THE UNJUST STEWARD ✠

**August 6, 2023**

## THE STEWARD'S SHREWDNESS SANCTIFIED

*"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 shrewd 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).*

### *Communing at this Altar*

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!**

*\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.*

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, "*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins*" (Mt 26:28);

If this is *not* your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew. *Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "[Christian Questions with Their Answers](#)" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.

✠ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ *Father Most Holy*

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△Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

*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.**  
**P** 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.  
**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **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.**  
**P** 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

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



- P** Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the LORD is the upholder | of my life.  
**C** **He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.**  
**P** O God, save me, | by Your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by Your might.  
**C** **O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

**P** For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

**C** For He has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**C** *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy | Spirit;*  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

**P** Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the LORD is the upholder | of my life.

**C** He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.

### KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



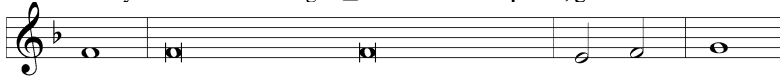
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

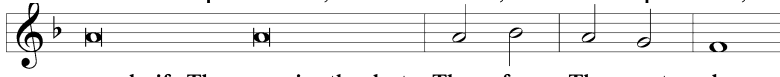
*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*



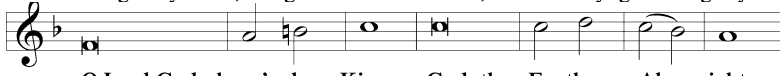
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



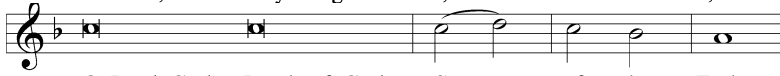
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



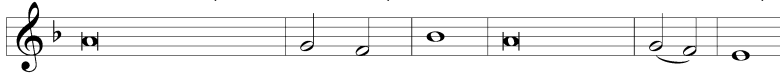
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



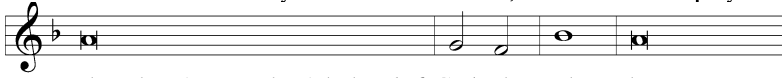
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



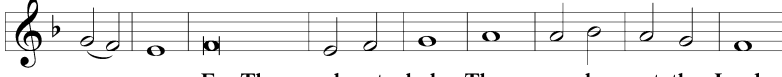
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



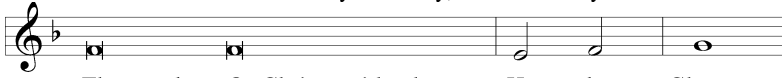
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, 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.



**G** A - men.

Sit

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 16:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup> The plans of the heart belong to man,  
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,  
but the Lord weighs the spirit.
- <sup>3</sup> Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established.
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord has made everything for its purpose,  
even the wicked for the day of trouble.
- <sup>5</sup> Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord;  
be assured, he will not go unpunished.
- <sup>6</sup> By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,  
and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.
- <sup>7</sup> When a man's ways please the Lord,  
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- <sup>8</sup> Better is a little with righteousness

than great revenues with injustice.

<sup>9</sup>The heart of man plans his way,  
but the Lord establishes his steps.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 8:1*

**A** O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!

**C** You have set Your | glory\*  
above the | heavens.

## EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 10:6-13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

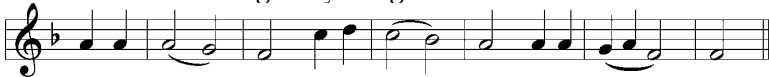
*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 16:1-13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have

decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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 Spirit of the virgin Mary*  
*and was made man;*  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

*\*You may genuflect  
 in reverence of the incarnation*

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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *What Is the World to Me*

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SERMON

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# OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

**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.

Sit

# OFFERING

*Please consider donating on-line to Trinity.*

*Or, if you prefer, please mail your offering for the strength of the Church.*

*The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.*

*The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.*

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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God

Psalm 136

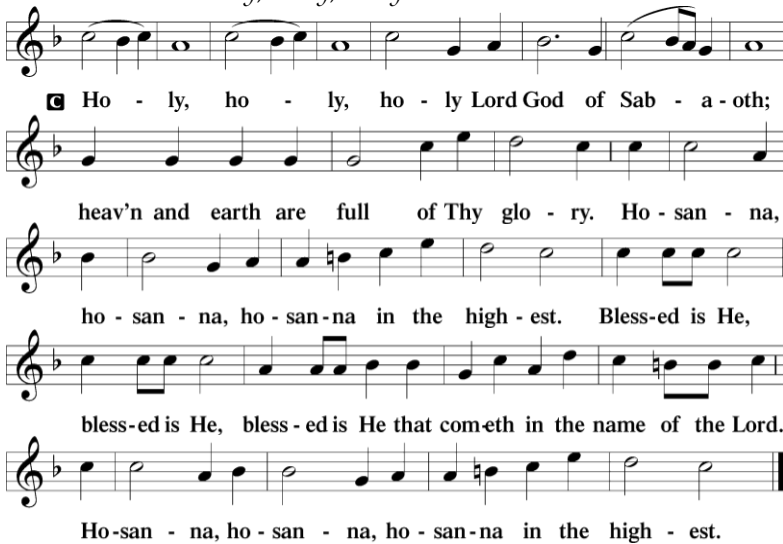
**C** It is meet and right so to do.



**P** It is truly meet, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 23:39*



**C** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**P** 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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**A** - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



**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.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### **Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion**

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

*How Clear is Our Vocation*

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*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

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*Jesus, Lead Thou On*

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*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

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### **Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion**

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

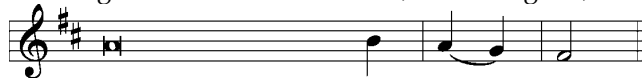


**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to 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 without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

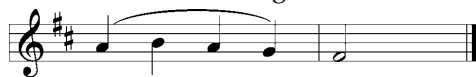
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** 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 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.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

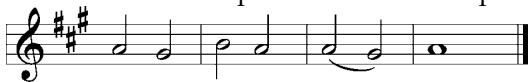
## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** 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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

CLOSING HYMN ~ O Love, How Deep

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