TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

+ Sunday of the Pharisee's dinner +

September 22, 2024

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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 "<u>Christian</u> <u>Questions with Their Answers</u>" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



+ THE DIVINE SERVICE +

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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 \triangle *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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- 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,
- 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 ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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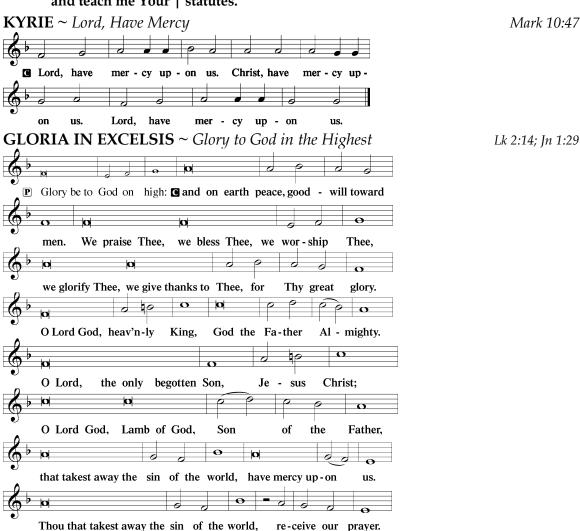
Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124

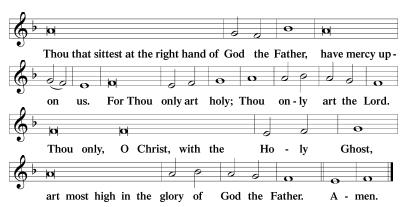
- Righteous are You, | O Lord,* and right are Your | just decrees.
- Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,* and teach me Your | statutes.
- P Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,* who walk in the law | of the Lord!
- Blessèd are those who keep His testi- | monies,* who seek Him with their | whole heart.

- P Oh that my ways may be | steadfast* in keeping Your | statutes!
- Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
 having my eyes fixed on all Your com- | mandments.
- 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

- Righteous are You, | O Lord,* and right are Your | just decrees.
- Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love,* and teach me Your | statutes.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

Proverbs 25:6-14

On not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

8 do not hastily bring into court,[a] for[b] what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

- ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,
- ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.
- ¹¹ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
- ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
- ¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him;

he refreshes the soul of his masters.

14 Like clouds and wind without rain

is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

GRADUAL Ps. 33:12, 6

- A Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the Lord,* the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens were made,* and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit − just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call − ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

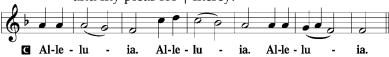
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ALLELUIA



P I love the LORD, because he has | heard my voice

and my pleas for | mercy.

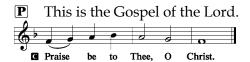


HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-11

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



¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹¹0But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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

*You may genuflect

in reverence of the incarnation

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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Seek Where You May to Find a Way* **SERMON**

Stand

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12



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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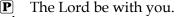
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

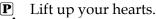
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





2 *Timothy 4:22*

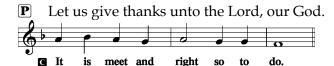




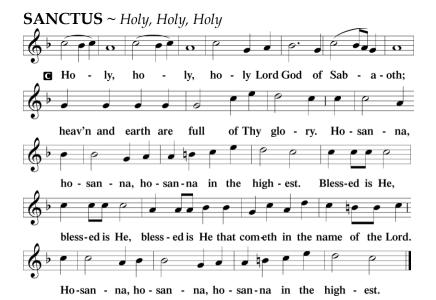
Colossians 3:1







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:



Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

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,

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

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,

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

in remembrance of Me."

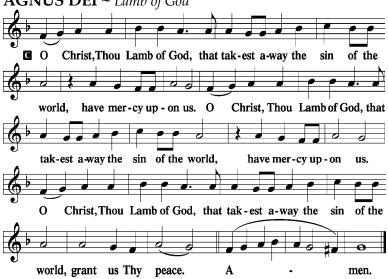
John 20:19

The peace of the + Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



DISTRIBUTION

Sit

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.

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Luke 2:29-32

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.

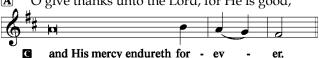
Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Stand



THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

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



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.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1

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P The Lord be with you.



A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTIONNumbers 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.



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

CLOSING HYMN ~ Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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