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## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 22, 2021

# **Divine Service, Setting Two**

#### As We Gather

Today we consider what it means to be wise and understanding people of God. As we examine the words of encouragement from Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4, we will see that God's wise and understanding people are given God's Word and keep God's Word. God is near His people with His goodness and grace shown to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

# **Confession and Absolution**

# 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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.
- **P** 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

Introit

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\* and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

P Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

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

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\* and cleanse me | from my sin!

Kyrie LSB 168

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
  - **C** Lord, have mercy.
  - **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
  - **C** Lord, have mercy.
  - P 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.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
  - **C** Lord, have mercy.
  - P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
  - C Amen.

#### 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth God, liv - ing 10 0 earth, Lord of heav'n and Thy 2 Our fa - tal will e - qual Thee, Our reb - el to Christ, to 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Spir - it, Thy Church that ∆ 4 O didst who once re - store That life should be fin ger nev - er wrote an aim will wrought death and night. pride We seized and used in To drink for breathe our poi-soned air, the dark us might a - gain The bring - er of good news fu - tile birth. less mote, death-ward drift from won-drous gift of lib ful spite Thy - er - ty. That stran - gled our luc - tant breath. de spair re men, Breathe on Thy clo ven Church once more, Thy Word meant life tri - um-phant hurled In splen-dor through We housed us in this house of Where death had roy -How beau - ti - ful the feet that The road that trod leads That in these gray and lat - ter days There may those be Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan, vant, Prince of Peace, room, Un - til Thy ser scope and back God! How beau-ti-ful the feet that ran to whose life praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man. Breached all its walls for lease. our re To bring the great good news to man! Thee.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



## **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 4.

1"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

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



Epistle Ephesians 6:10–20

**P** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 6.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.

Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;

The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.

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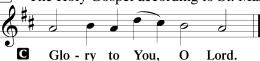
9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

 $\triangle$  10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise

sts. 8–10

To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



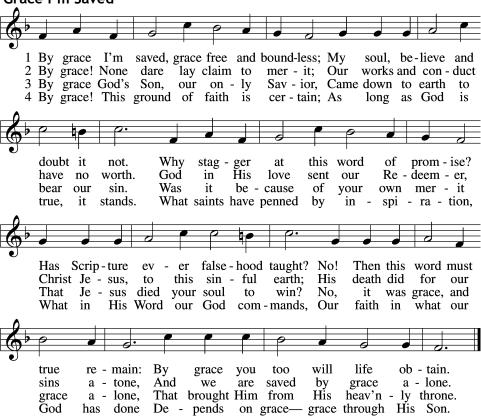
P <sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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



Sit

# 566 By Grace I'm Saved



5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

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By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

"a rusty old can on a junk heap"

# **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

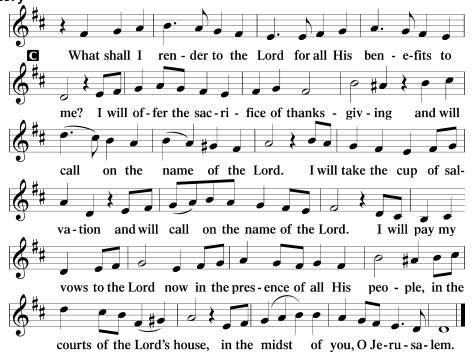
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the gift of the Holy Spirit at work in the Word of truth, that by His direction we would not stray from the way of God's commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings He has given to us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the full armor of God, that clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, and bearing the sword of the Spirit, which is His Word, God would protect us from every assault of the devil, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For protection against everything that defiles in heart and soul; to keep us from all evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness; and to create a pure heart and renew a right spirit in us, that we may be holy as He is holy, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all who teach the faith, that we may grow in wisdom and the knowledge of God's love in Christ, and that the Gospel may continue to spread throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who struggle with doubt and temptation, that God would assure and deliver them, showing Himself a refuge for the powerless and strength for every weakness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For hearts purified by God's cleansing Word and aid to lead godly lives before Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 176



# Lord's Prayer

- P Let us 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.

# **Closing Collect**

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

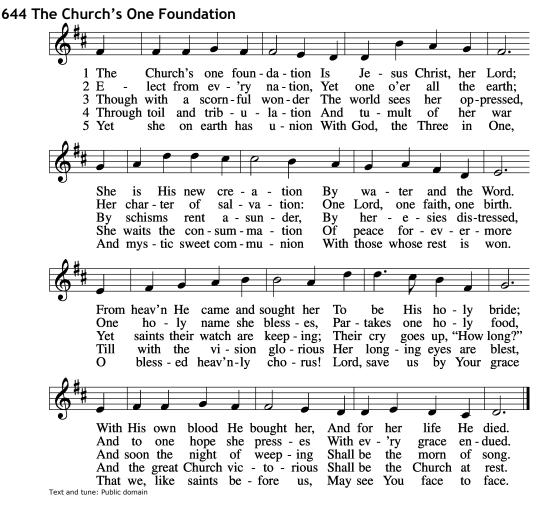
Benediction LSB 183

- 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.
- C Amen.

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## **Announcements**

Adult Sunday School is studying Genesis at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for Hope Huston's birthday.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is studying Leviticus on Wednesday morning at 10am.

Church Council next meeting is **Sept 12** at 8am.

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