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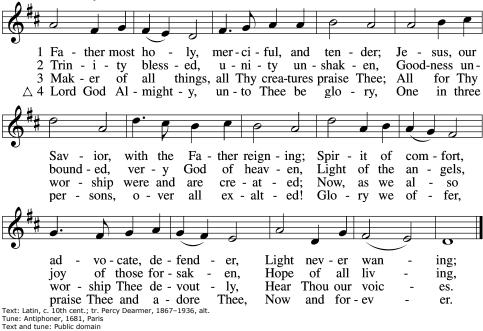
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Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

Today's Gospel Reading celebrates the generosity of God and our calling to reflect His generosity in our lives. God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all. In the strange parable of the unjust manager, the master was generous to the unjust manager and to all the debtors. So is our God generous to us, calling us to use whatever wealth entrusted to us to accomplish His work in the world.

504 Father Most Holy



Confession and Absolution

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.

- 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4-5

- P Behold, God is my | helper;*
 the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
 He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
 in your faithfulness put an | end to them.
- O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.
- P O God, | hear my prayer;*
 give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;* they do not set God be- | fore themselves.
- For he has delivered me from every | trouble,* and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.
- 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.
- P Behold, God is my | helper;* the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

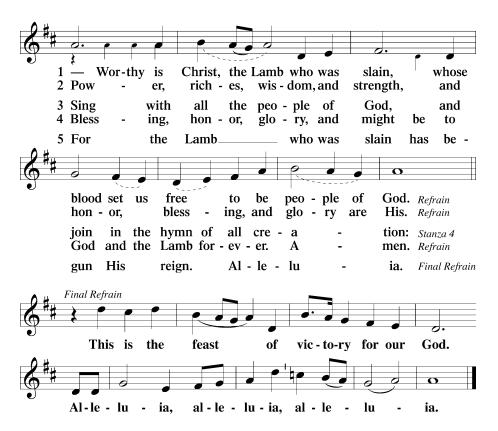
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Kyrie LSB 152

- **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.
 - 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.

This Is the Feast LSB 155





Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 16:1–9

- The Old Testament Reading is from Proverbs, chapter 16.
 - ¹The plans of the heart belong to man,

but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

²All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.

³Commit your work to the LORD,

and your plans will be established.

⁴The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

⁵Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

⁶By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please the LORD,

he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

⁸Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

⁹The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:6–13

R The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 10.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now 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. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No 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.

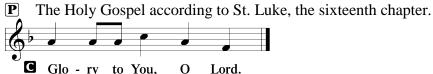
- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



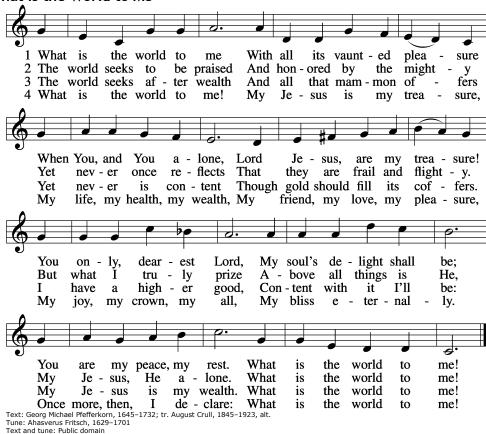
Holy Gospel Luke 16:1–9



P ¹[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. ²And 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.' ³And 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. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then 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.' ⁸The 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. ⁹And 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."



730 What Is the World to Me



Sermon

"Staking everything on the Lord's mercy"

Stand

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.

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

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For faith, that God would deliver us from false trust in wealth and success and fix our hearts fully on His goodness, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For pastors, that they may be righteous stewards who dispense the Lord's gifts in wisdom and abundance; and for all of God's people, that they would make proper use of His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the people of God, that we neither misuse His gifts nor be captivated by worldly wealth, but that we would use them accordingly and for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For integrity and uprightness, that we may be delivered from all cheating, swindling and robbery, seeking not our own advantage, but the good of others, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For our president, Congress, governor, legislature, judges and all entrusted with authority, that they may serve well, act with integrity and heed the voice of God's Word in the fulfillment of their duties, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick or suffering, [including _______,] that they would receive strength to endure their trials until God removes them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who commune, that they would come to the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit



Welcome to our Visitors

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

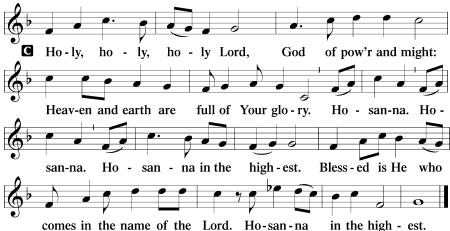
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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, 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 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.

Lord's Prayer 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

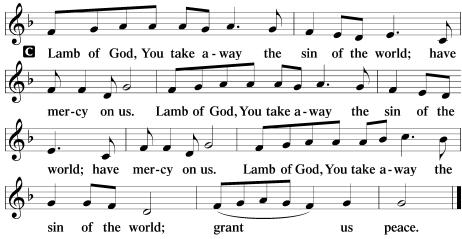
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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

Agnus Dei LSB 163



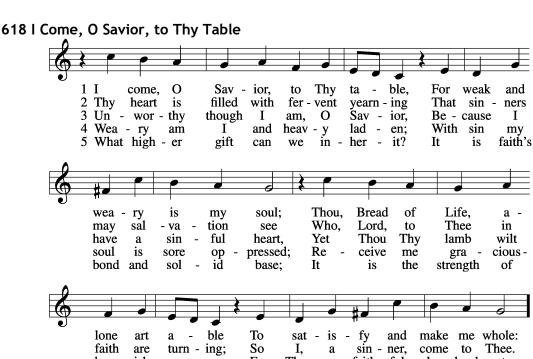
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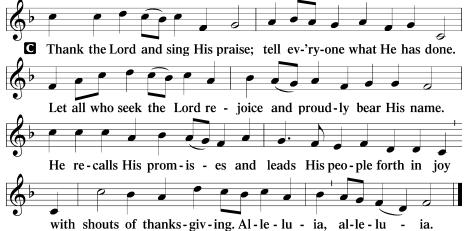


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

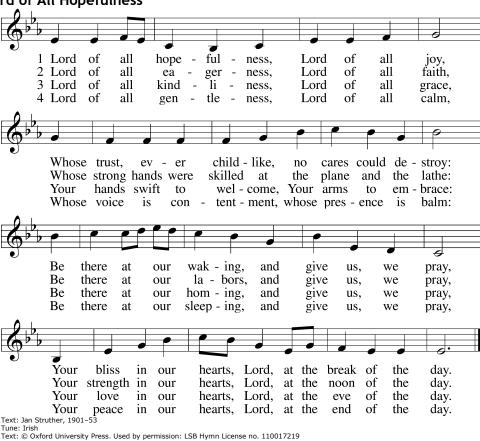
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 \mathbf{C} Amen. LSB 164

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.
- C Amen.

738 Lord of All Hopefulness



Announcements

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

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

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the book of 1 Samuel.

Church Council next meeting is Aug 13 at 8am.

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