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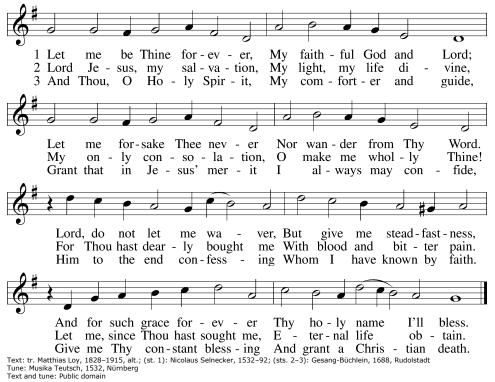
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Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

We have heard the Gospel account of the ten lepers so often we know it by heart. But we may still struggle to see clearly God's mercy in our hour of need, the full expression of His healing grace even to everlasting life, and how to respond with gratitude and thanksgiving. Christians, the Lord knows our need, and He will not abandon us in our hour of need. For us the goal remains to keep our eyes focused upon Jesus and to trust that His grace is sufficient for all our need. We pray the Lord to give us a grateful heart to rejoice in His gracious favor and not to forget all His benefits.

689 Let Me Be Thine Forever



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.
- **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.
- 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 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9-10a

P Behold our shield, | O God;* look on the face of your a- | nointed! For a day | in your courts*

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*
 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.
- P Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,* ever sing- | ing your praise!
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God* than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
- P The LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

 No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
- 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.

Behold our shield, O God;* look on the face of your a- nointed!

For a day | in your courts*

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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.
- 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





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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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His

reign.

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

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Final Refrain

Proverbs 4:10-23

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

The Old Testament Reading is from Proverbs, chapter 4.

that the years of your life may be many.

I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,

¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;

¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered,

and if you run, you will not stumble.

- ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
- they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.
- ²⁰My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.
- ²²For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Galatians 5:16–24

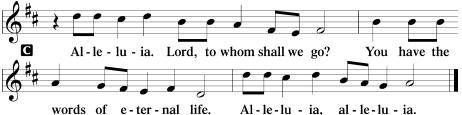
R The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 5.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



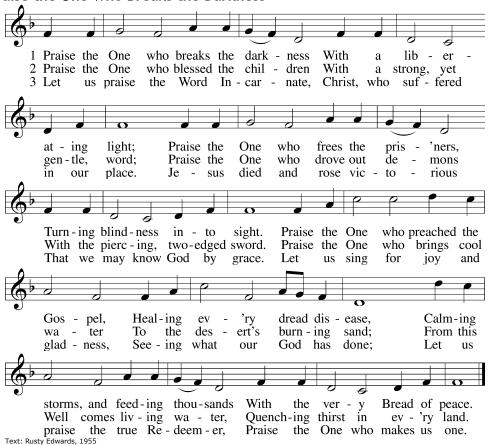
P 11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Faith and Worship Sermon

Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

- Peloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- **R** Yes, 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.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- **P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- **P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

- [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- R Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- \blacksquare Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Great Physician, You will that the pains and ills of this life should draw us to the feet of Your Son. Strengthen and focus our faith in every trial and trouble, that they would redound to faithful worship in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

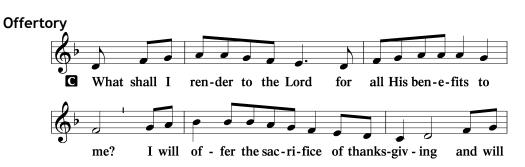
- Lord of hosts, You have prepared the Church of Christ to be a lovely court in the midst of a troubled world. Form our hearts to long for the place where Your glory dwells, that we may find healing and peace at His feet. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Father of all, hear us on behalf of the fathers in Your Church. Impart to them the boldness of Solomon to exhort their sons in wisdom and justice, that they would persist in the way of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, grant Your protection upon our land and people. Deliver us from violence and discord. Grant safety to all who work to bring peace to our land, including those in law enforcement and members in the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of life, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The lepers came to Your Son for mercy. Send Your merciful hand upon the sick and needy [including ______]. Grant that their sicknesses would be turned to health and their troubles to joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, the 10th leper found the true and eternal priest in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to seek our healing from Him and to give Him thanks in the tabernacle of His Holy Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, You gave Your Son once upon the cross, and You give to us His life-giving body in His Holy Supper. Teach us and strengthen us by this Sacrament to crucify our own flesh daily, that we may walk always according to His Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- C hear our prayer.
- Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

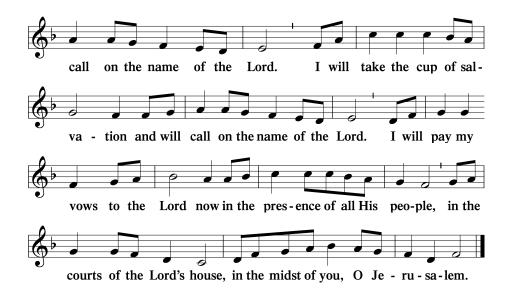
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873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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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.

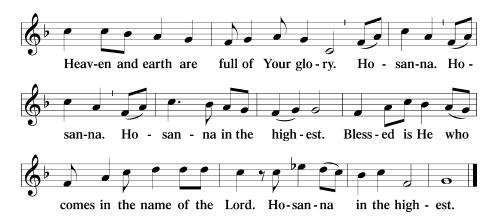
Service of the Sacrament

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.
- 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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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

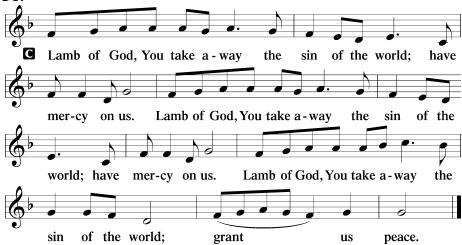
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



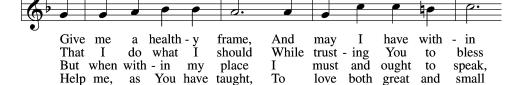
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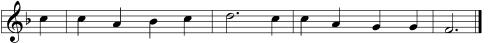
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i - dle speech May from my lips be fall Guard me lest And me find good friends For coun-sel and cor-rec let tion.





con-science free from blame, Α soul un - stained by For You must The out - come for my good, give suc - cess. Then to my words give grace Lest Ι of fend the weak. And by Your Spir - it's To live might in peace with all.

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;

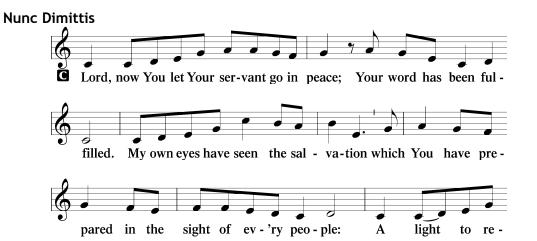
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6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking, Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame, And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



Stand



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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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.

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



Announcements

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

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory by Betty Reich in memory of her bother.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets on Wednesday at **10am**, studying the book of 1 Samuel.

Church Council next meeting is Sept 10 at 8am.

Join us this morning for the **Potluck Luncheon** celebrating the **Confirmation** of Lorianne Proctor and Mathew Oetting.

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