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Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

"If we carefully understand the authority of the Word and the Sacraments, we see that God continues to bestow that gift of Jesus' authority 'to the realm of men' (9:8) today. When the Law and the Gospel are preached by a man who is a Christian pastor, or when a Christian teachers speaks God's truth, Jesus' authority is there. When one Christian hears the confession of another troubled Christian's conscience and absolves that brother or sister of the sin, Jesus' authority is there. When pastors administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in accordance with the Lord's institution, it is really Jesus' authority that is present to forgive and strengthen and seal his followers onto the Last Day for bodily resurrection, final healing, and eternal life. The reign of God, you see, continues to come through the Good News of Jesus. Even to the end of the age, God the Father has given Jesus this authority for the sake of those who are in need in the realm of men."¹

916 Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal



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.
- **C** 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.

¹ Gibbs J. A. (2006). *Matthew 1:1-11:1*. Concordia Publishing House, p.462.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

P 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 78:1–3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a

- Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
 When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
- [The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;* this is God, our God forever and | ever.
- Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;* incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!
- I will open my mouth in a | parable;* I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
- C things that we have | heard and known,* that our fathers have | told us.
- ▶ We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,* and the wonders that | he has done.
- **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.
- Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
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Kyrie

- **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.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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

Genesis 28:10–17

R The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 28.

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and

will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord. R

С Thanks be to God.

Epistle

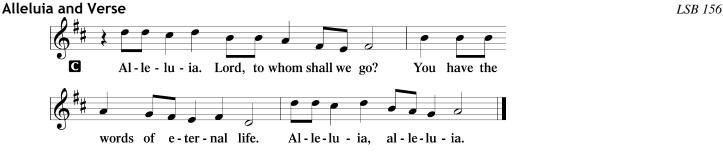
The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 4. R

²²Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



¹Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. P



Ephesians 4:22–28

Matthew 9:1–8

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart pray Thee, ne'er from 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and 3 Lord, let A - br'ham's bos - om at last Thine an - gels come, To With ten - der mer - cy de - part, cheer me. Earth me all Ι ĥave In this poor life of la bor. Lord, bear me home, That Ι may die un fear ing; And 6 no plea - sure Ι would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were has ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy grant that I in bod - y safe in nar - row cham - ber keep My its in void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near And should my me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh bor. Let no false peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear And then from ing. heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake. doc - trine me be-guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file. death a wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, Thou the por tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious art pa -Give strength and un - to То bear my tience me glo - rious 0 Son of God, Thy face, My Sav - ior blood my soul has bought. Lord Je Christ, my God and sus cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je sus Christ, my God and and my fount of grace. Lord Je sus Christ, my prayer at -Ι Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! trust Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And Ι will praise Thee with - out end. Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

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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,

"Authority to Forgive Sins"

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

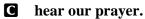
Create in us clean hearts, O God, by the forgiveness of Your Son, that we may put off the old ways of sin and walk in the way of His commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We glorify You, Lord God, that You have given such authority to men to forgive sins in the name of Jesus Christ, whose blood has made atonement for the sins of the world. Focus every word and deed of Your ministers in the Church toward this Office of the Keys, that the Gospel may predominate in our worship and life together. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You call Your children to put off the old man of sin daily and live together in the forgiveness of Christ. Fill our homes with Your Holy Spirit. Leave no place for the devil, but work Your righteousness and holiness among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, preserve the lives of Joseph, our president; _____, our governor; and all our leaders. Even as You rule the world by Your mighty power, be pleased to give wisdom to our nation, that it may have peace and success in accordance with Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Gracious Lord, You bestow healing on our bodies above all to show Your power to forgive sins. Grant healing to ______ and strengthen their faith in Your sure word of absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

P Holy Father, how awesome is this place, the very house of God and the gate of heaven, for here, according to His Word, Your Son is bodily present with us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Bring us in repentance and faith to eat and drink worthily at His Supper this day, and through its forgiveness and healing, put off the old self and be renewed in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,



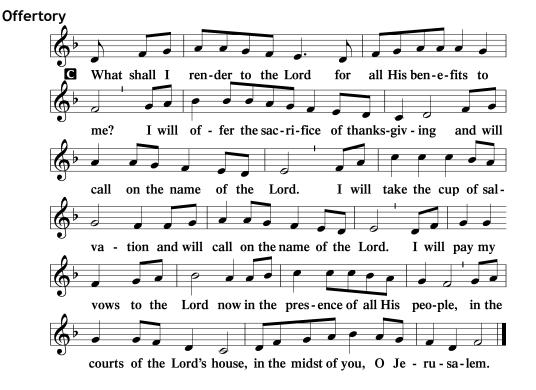
- ▶ Lord God, Your healing and forgiving are united in the ministry of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us whole through the reception of His grace and spread it abroad for the comfort of those broken by this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand



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.

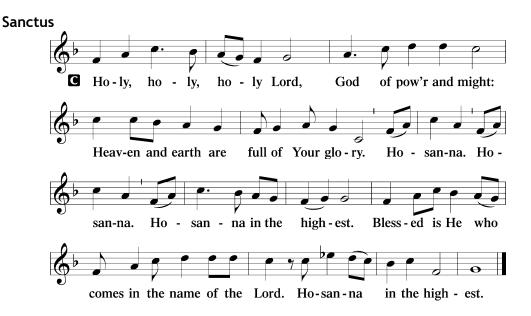
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran 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.

885 I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care sts. 1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

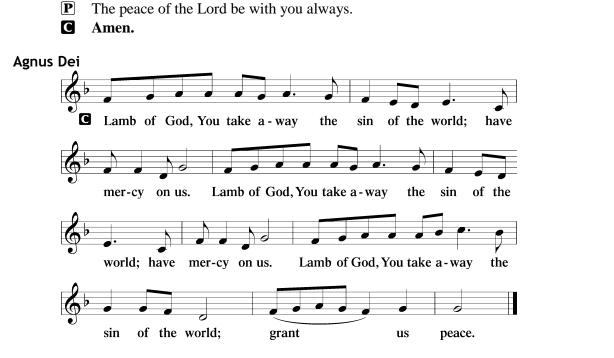
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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."



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6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

And, so favored, never leave You.

	On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
	By this blood redeemed and living,
	Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
8	Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
	Let me gladly here obey You.
	By Your love I am invited,
	Be Your love with love requited;
	By this Supper let me measure,
	Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
	Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me. Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; (sts. 1, 4–5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2–3, 6–8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text (sts. 1, 4–5): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017219 Text (sts. 2–3, 6–8) and tune: Public domain	

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven



Post-Communion Collect

P 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 in 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.

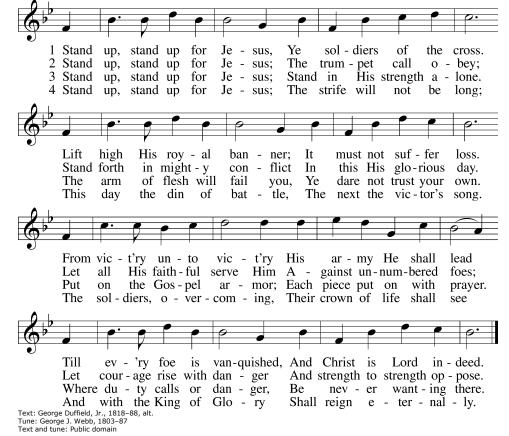
C Amen.

Benediction

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 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 brother.

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

Church Council next meeting is Nov 12 at 8am.

We will have a Special Congregation Meeting Oct 22 about the kitchen wing's roof.

October has a Fifth Sunday! Get your hymn ideas to Pastor by Oct 22.

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