THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DIVINE SERVICE

Non-Communion Service



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Please complete the guest card found in the pew pocket and turn it in to an elder or usher.

Hymn Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

(Stand)

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)
- C Amen.

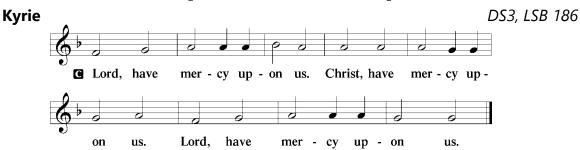
Confession and Absolution

- **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.

 (A moment of silence 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 **♣**



Hymn of Praise: Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

 Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

(Sit)

Psalm 26

- Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
- P For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.
- I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- I hate the assembly of evil-doers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
- I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
- proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

- Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with blood-thirsty men,
- in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- P But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;

know that for your sake I bear reproach.

Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of revelers,

nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,

but you shall not turn to them.

And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

Epistle ReadingRomans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

DS1, LSB 156



Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21–28

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



From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according

to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(Sit)

Hymn Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

Sermon

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

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.

Prayers of the Church

(Following each petition, congregation responds "hear our prayer")

Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory)



Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(Thursday) Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday) Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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.

(Sit)

Hymn

Son of God. Eternal Savior

LSB 842

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

Organist/Music Director: Kim Woller

Lay Readers: (7:00 PM) Carol Wondisford

(8:00 AM) Steve Hammill (9:30 AM) Sean Malone

Elders: (7:00 PM) Chuck Boie, Jeff Driessen & Lee Roloff

(8:00 AM) Jack Welter (9:30 AM) Sean Malone

Ushers: (7:00 PM) Team 7 – Driessen Team

(8:00 AM) Team 1 – Saeger Team (9:30 AM) Team 2 – Sutton Team

Acolytes: (8:00 AM)

(9:30 AM) Kaitlyn Butzlaff



- 7:00 PM, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM