

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

*Non-Communion Service*

Christ  
DIED  
and lived again,  
so that he  
might be  
LORD  
of both  
the dead  
and the  
living.

Romans 14:9, 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.

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### Hymn

### Entrust Your Days and Burdens

LSB 754

*(Stand)*

### Invocation

**P** 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.

**C** **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.

**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 †

Kyrie

DS3, LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

LSB 946

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## Psalm

103:1–12

**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**

**P** who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C** **who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**P** who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C** **The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

**P** He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**C** **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

- P** He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- C** **He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- C** **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the

servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

*(Stand)*

### Alleluia and Verse

*DS1, LSB 156*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21–35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

*(Sunday)*     **Children's Message**

**Hymn**            **Come Down, O Love Divine**

**LSB 501**

**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 Hymn)*



## Offertory Hymn I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
His right hand em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

## Lord's Prayer

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all vices and so strengthen us by Your grace that by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

### *(Thursday)* **Luther's Evening Prayer**

**G** **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**

**G** **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.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

**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.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**Hymn**

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

**LSB 793**

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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) Lee Roloff  
(8:00 AM) Guy Stoltenburg  
(9:30 AM) Joy Ward

**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) Addy Best

Thank you to

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