# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Communion Service



#### **BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LC-MS**

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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.

(10:30 AM) Bell Anthem

"Come, O Almighty King"

arr. Bill Ingram

#### Welcome

Hymn Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827

(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**

- 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,

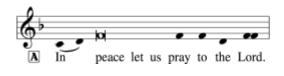
# renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

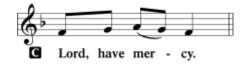
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

#### **⅓** SERVICE OF THE WORD **⅓**

# **Kyrie**

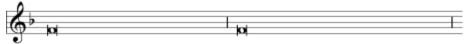






A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



# **Gloria in Excelsis**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



■ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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

  Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

(Sit)

Psalm 27:1–9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
  I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- You have said, "Seek my face."
  My heart says to you,
  "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

(10:30 AM) Anthem

"We Are Yours, Lord"

by: Price/Besig

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

#### **Epistle**

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

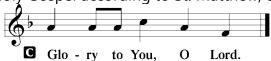
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#### Alleluia and Verse



# Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found

others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(Sit)

Hymn Salvation unto Us Has Come

**LSB 555,** sts. 1–6

Sermon

(Stand)

**Nicene Creed** 

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

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.

#### **Prayers of the Church**

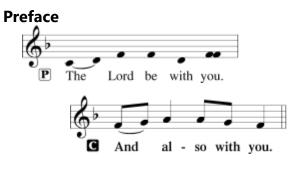
(Following each petition, congregation responds "hear our prayer")

#### Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

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

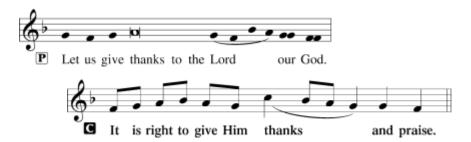


### **☆ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ☆**

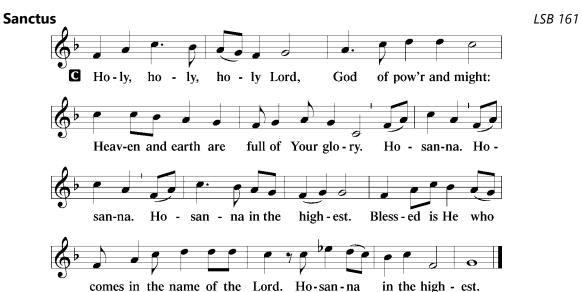








P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, 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**

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C 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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## **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,

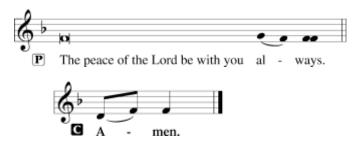
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

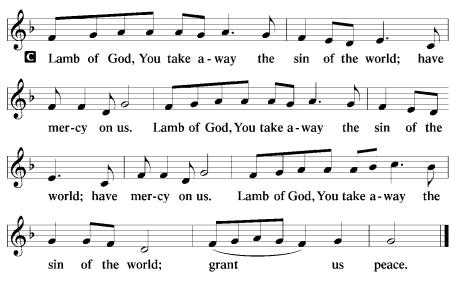
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Pax Domini**



#### **Agnus Dei**



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#### **Distribution Hymns**

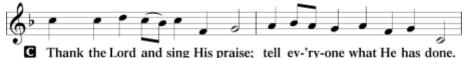
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ LSB 769

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Amazing Grace LSB 744

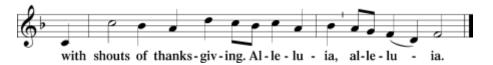
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#### **Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord**









#### **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.

**G** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- 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.
- C Amen.

(Sit)

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LSB 555, sts. 7-10

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#### **SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

Organist/Music Director: Kim Woller

**Choirs:** (10:30 AM) Adult Choir & Bell Choir

**Lay Readers:** (7:00 PM) Sue Graf

(8:00 AM) Floyd Wondisford

(10:30 AM) Rick Krause

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

(8:00 AM) Jack Welter & Dennis Kutz

(10:30 AM) Sean Malone & Craig Butzlaff

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

(8:00 AM) Team 1 – Saeger Team (10:30 AM) Team 2 – Sutton Team

**Acolytes:** (8:00 AM) Cameron Herried

(10:30 AM) Kaitlyn Butzlaff

Altar Guild: Lynn Wachholz & Maribeth Saeger

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