# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 17 September A♣D 2023



### OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL JUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Missouri Synod

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#### PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS.

Visitors, welcome to Our Savior! Please take a moment to sign our guestbook on the stand in the narthex before you leave. We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

#### This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

#### **4 THE DIVINE SERVICE 4**

10:30am

#### THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession as it passes.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

745 In God, My Faithful God

#### **♣** THE PREPARATION **♣**

In the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit.

St. Matthew 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

Kneel if you desire and are able

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124.8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**PSALM 32:5** 

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\maltese$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

#### \*THE SERVICE OF THE WORD \*

THE INTROIT

PSALM 86:1A, 2B, 3; PSALM 86:4, 6, 15A, 16



|Bow down | thine ear, O / LORD, hear me:

O thou my God, save thy servant that trust- / eth in- thee.-

Be merciful un- / to me, O Lord:

for I cry un- / to thee- daily.

Rejoice the soul of / thy servant:

for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift / up my-soul.-

Give ear, O LORD, unto / my prâyer; and attend to the voice of my / suppli-cations.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, / and gracious, O turn unto me, and have mer- / cy up-on me.

Give thy strength unto / thy servant, and save the son / of thine- handmaid. Glory be to the Father / and to the Son and to the / Holy- Spirit; as it was in the / beginning, is now and will be for / ever.— Amen.

|Bow down | thine ear, O / LORD, hear me:

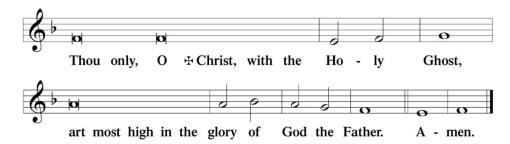
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#### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SIT

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 KINGS 17:8-16

In those days: The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." And as she was going to get it, he called to her and

said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' " So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 118:8-9



It is better to trust in / the LÔRD than to put / confi-dence in man.

It is better to trust in / the Lôrd than to put confi- / dence in- princes.

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 5:25—6:10

Brethren: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will

have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 57:7



Al- / leluia!

- / Alle-luia!

My heart is fixed, O God, / my heart <u>is fixed</u>: I will sing and give praise. / Alle-luia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 6:24–34

The Lord be with you.



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



# At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### THE 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, 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 H life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good
THE SERMON

STAND



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SIT

#### THE OFFERING

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

STAND

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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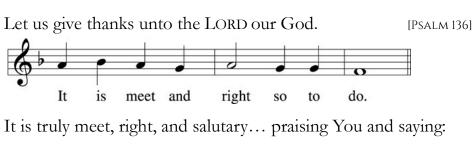
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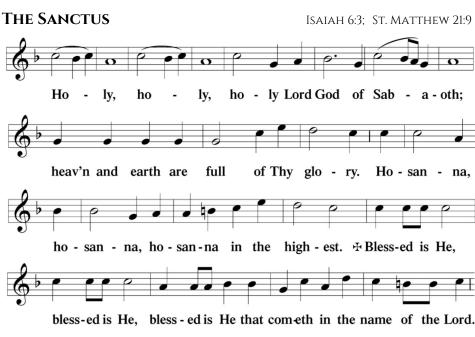


Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]







Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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 \( \mathbb{H} \) us from evil.

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

**THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT** ST. MATTHEW 26:26–28; ST. MARK 14:22–24; ST. LUKE 22:19–20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–25

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.

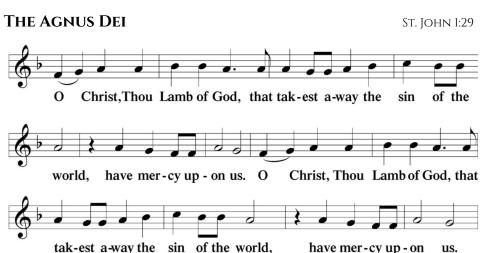
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY & BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

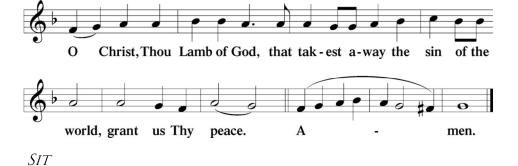
#### THE PAX DOMINI

St. John 20:19

The # peace of the Lord be with you always.







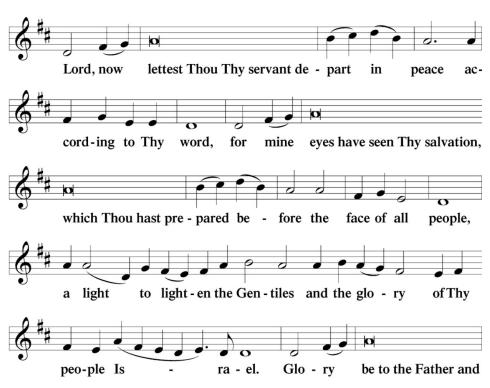
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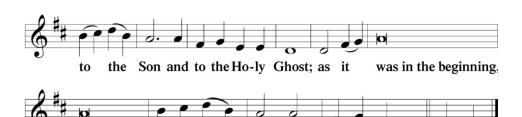
719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens 730 What Is the World to Me

STAND

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32





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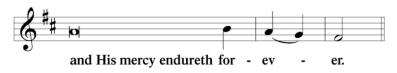
#### THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

A-men.

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

is now, and ev-er shall



Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech 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.



THE SALUTATION

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#### THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

#### THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and # give you peace.



#### THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes.

Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in # peace.



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