



September 12/13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Callahan

Pastoral Greeting

Hymn of Invocation *Where Charity and Love Prevaill* LSB 845



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

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 Υ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit (Sung by the Choir 8 AM)

- P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!
- C **Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
- P Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.
- C **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 forever. Amen.**
- P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge!

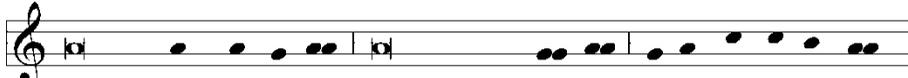
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



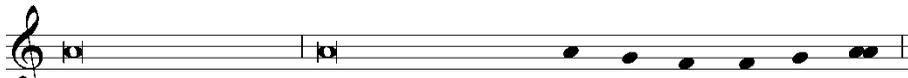
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



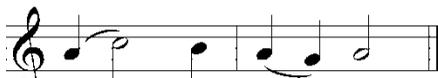
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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.**

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.**

Small Catechism – The Ten Commandments - *The Fourth Commandment*

C **Honor your father and your mother.**

D What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

Epistle: 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.**

Alleluia and Verse (5 PM)

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

'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.

Hymn of the Day *Come Down, O Love Divine* LSB 501

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,

And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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Sermon

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Genesis 50.15-21 / Pent 15 A / Sep 13, 2020

Grace, *Mercy and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus*

Christ!

Forgiveness is hard. In his Small Catechism discussion of the Lord's Prayer, Pastor Luther says when we forgive others it shows we truly believe God has forgiven us (#227). And that can be the problem. It is difficult sometimes to truly believe God has forgiven me, let alone believe in the forgiveness this fellow sinner standing in front of me is offering.

"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" (v 15).

This verse says a lot more about Joseph's brothers than it does Joseph. The brother's words are a window into their hearts showing us what is going on there. When the men begin to fear Joseph will pay them back for the evil they have done it tells us how they would respond if the situation were reversed and the brothers had the upper hand the way Joseph does today.

Verse 15 also shows us the brothers are struggling under a tremendous burden of guilt. The sting and shame of their sin, the horrible things they did to Joseph 30 or more years ago, are still weighing them down like a big rock on a rope hung around their necks for them to carry through life. In short, the men hold on to their

guilt because they don't truly believe God has forgiven them. In the Small Catechism's teaching on confession we learn from Psalm 32 that only the truly repentant receive the forgiveness of sins.

The fact that the brothers are still burdened by guilt and fear also casts a shadow of doubt whether they have ever been truly repentant over all the evil they have done to their brother Joseph. As we all know, there is an enormous difference between being truly sorry and being 'sorry I was caught'. Joseph's brothers are caught. The tables have turned. The brother they thought they murdered has come back to life and now holds their lives in his hands.

The fear and the burden of the brother's un-forgiven guilt drive them to sin against Joseph again. Their sin is two fold: first they lie and second they injure their brother by not believing his kindness to them the last 17 years has been genuine.

The lie is the story they make up about their father's command for Joseph to forgive them. Dad had plenty of to speak these words to Joseph if he had wanted to. Joseph and Jacob were very recently together as Jacob gave blessings to Joseph and his children on his death bed. The command to forgive isn't necessary because Jacob can see Joseph has forgiven everyone already!

And that's why Joseph weeps in verse 17. His brothers, the ones who sold him into slavery and covered their sin by lying to their father, find it impossible to believe Joseph's kindness to them for the last 17 years is genuine. They think Joseph is as shallow and unforgiving as they are and it breaks Joseph's heart.

// But there remains another window we need to look through. This one reveals the heart of Joseph in all he says and does for his brothers. The incredible miracle of Joseph's heart is that their is no

baggage, no rock of anger or revenge hanging around his neck.

While the brothers have been struggling under their crushing burden of guilt all these years, Joseph is free. Joseph let it all go and it helped him even more than it helped his brothers.

Just to refresh our memories. As a young teenager, Joseph was stripped naked and sold to a band of foreign, Ishmaelite traders who sold Joseph to a man in Egypt. As a direct consequence of trying to honor God in his work and life, Joseph wound up spending several years in prison. The best years of Joseph's life were wasted, down the drain and horribly traumatic. It is nothing short of a miracle that Joseph has been able to let all that go.

The miracle of course, is God's forgiveness. Because Joseph truly believes God has forgiven his own sin, Joseph is able to let go of his anger and bitterness toward his brothers and forgive them.

Remember, Joseph holds all the power here. He is the second most powerful man in the world. 17 years earlier his brothers showed up on his doorstep starving and out of work. Joseph gave them food, clothes, jobs and homes and he did it all without expecting anything in return. He did not exact any revenge or penalty and with each act of grace toward his brothers, Joseph's own righteous anger and bitterness evaporated into the desert air and disappeared.

Because he has experienced first hand the miraculous power of God's forgiveness for his own sins, Joseph, this incredibly powerful man who is like a 'god' to his brothers, holding their lives in his hands, says this: *"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"* (v 19-20).

These words are the window into Joseph's heart.

Despite all his earthly authority, wealth and power, Joseph humbles himself and refuses to play God for even a moment. Many people, many Christians, would think Joseph justified if he punished brothers. But Joseph leaves their punishment up to God. As the Holy Spirit says in Romans 12, *"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"* (Ro 12.19).

But there is more going on in Joseph's heart than just forgiveness. Joseph's words in verse 20 are nothing short of extraordinary, *"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"* (v 20).

When Joseph looks back on all the suffering and trauma in his life he doesn't feel sorry for himself and cry 'woe is me'. No! Joseph sees his personal history and the life in which it takes place as all belonging to God. Every event, good, bad, and in between. Every breath and heartbeat belong to God and serve his purpose. *"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"* (v 20). What an incredible confession of faith!

Finally, all Joseph's kindness, whether to Pharaoh when he saved him from famine and the loss of his kingdom, or to his brothers when he gave them food, jobs and security. All Joseph's choices to use his talents and authority to be a blessing to others, is a Gospel sermon. Joseph's extraordinary forgiveness, backed up by deeds of mercy, is nothing less than a Gospel invitation for everyone to believe

in God, receive the joy of His saving forgiveness and live the unburdened life of the redeemed of God!

In his commentary on this verse, Pastor Luther writes, "Mercy is greater than sin" (Vol 8). Well said. God wins the victory over sin by His mercy of forgiveness won for us on the cross of Jesus Christ.

Joseph was sinner like us. Joseph was forgiven by God's Grace and chose to live in that grace. Joseph's life, although far from perfect, nevertheless points us to the life of our Savior, Jesus.

Like Joseph, Jesus was sold by His brothers for a handful of coins. Jesus was condemned by sinful men and after the trauma of the cross He spent three days in the prison of the grave. Like Joseph, Jesus the Messiah sees His life as serving God's greater purpose. Even though His brother Israelites meant evil against Him, God meant His suffering and death on the cross for good, to bring it about that

many people should be kept alive, not just for a few years in Egypt, but for an eternity in glory.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when you forgive, especially when you forgive those people who intentionally and maliciously hurt you, you, like Joseph and Jesus preach a Gospel invitation with your life. Everyone who sees will know there is a God in heaven who forgives sinners, takes away all their baggage and makes them whole.

More than that, when you, like Joseph and Jesus, forgive the toxic, evil, malicious people in your life, you yourself will see the proof of God's Holy Spirit at work and dwelling in you. The very Spirit of God which is your down payment, your guarantee of God's living and loving saving Grace for *you*. Amen.

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus! Amen.

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Apostles' Creed

**C 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.**

Installation of Governing Board Officers

Prayer of the Church

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Prayer of the Church / Pent 15 A / Sep 13, 2020

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

Brief silence

Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Lord, You have shown great compassion to us; teach us to show such compassion to others, that we may welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation. Help us to serve the refugee seeking safety, and give us opportunity to share Your gifts with those who live in poverty and want. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give the hearers willing ears to hear and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the peoples, and open all nations to the voice of Your Word. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

[Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive Your own Son's body and blood

with humility and faith, and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in this communion. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***]

Blessed Father, You know our weakness of body and soul.

HEALING

Jack, Roy, Gloria, Helen's granddaughter, Sandi, Gary, Darlene, Diana, Jo, Leone, Muriel, Norbert, Ellen, Shirley, Dottie, Sy, Josephine,

COMFORT

Eric, who is struggling

All who are affected by the pandemic: physically, emotionally, financially

PETITIONS

end to the fires and protection for those who fight them

Students & teachers (safety and a good school year)

Sara & Leigh (need jobs)

Confirmands

An end to the pandemic

an end to the riots and peace

blessing and protection for those who protect us

healing for our nation

renewal for Mount Olive

THANKSGIVING

Answered prayer

..... Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes and offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom. *Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

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Choral Anthem *Christ Is the World's Redeemer (see back page) LSB 539*

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Offertory



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

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Lord's Prayer

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

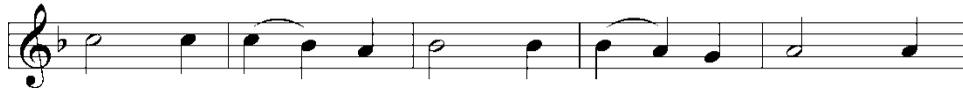
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For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



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Postlude *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* Smith

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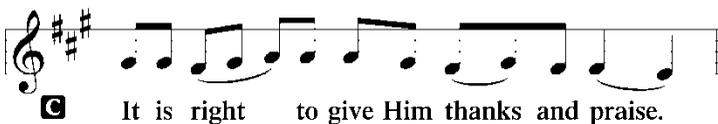
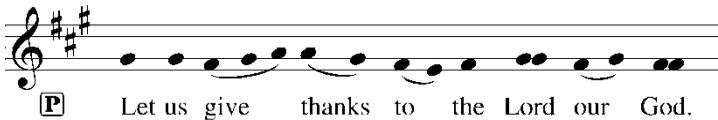
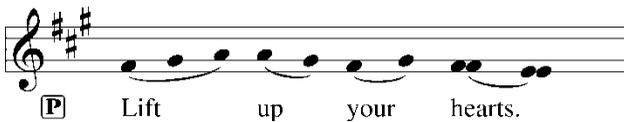
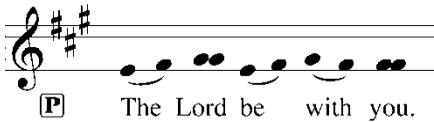
Service of the Sacrament



Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion 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 drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Preface



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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

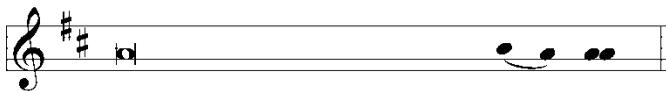
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



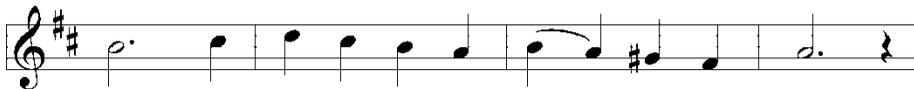
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \bar{T} in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple; A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

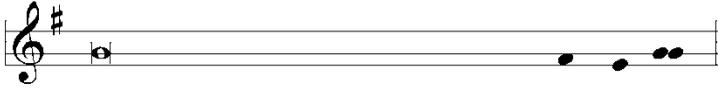
A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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



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 A - - - men.

Hymn to Depart

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Postlude *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* Smith

Announcements

- Special Voter’s Meeting Sunday, 1:00, online
- Volunteers: Ushers, greeters, stuffers, light maintenance, teachers (check in with the office)
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Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Karen Montross (5, 8)

Praise Band and Instrumentalists (10:45)

Elder – James Stewart (5), Joe Stibrich (8), Keith Einspahr (10:45)

Altar Guild – Natalie Sowl, Jane Dunn, Diane Van Stone



Our flowers are given by Brian and Kathy Pelepchan for Alissa's birthday.

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What Does This Mean? Sundays 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall



Junior and Senior Youth
Sunday School will resume on
Sunday, September 20 in the
Youth Room



Confirmation Classes
resume Tuesday, September
22 at 6:30 PM and will meet
weekly on Tuesdays.

Hymn of the Month

Beginning in September, 2020, we will be featuring a hymn each month which may not be as familiar as other hymns. Our Chancel Choir will be singing them earlier in the month and they will be used as a congregational hymn later in the month.

For September, the hymn is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #539 – Christ is the World's Redeemer. The text for this hymn is attributed to St. Columba, who lived from 521 – 597

AD. He was an Irish abbot and missionary evangelist credited with the conversion of Scotland to Christianity. The text expresses God's work of redemption of mankind. Stanza 1 describes Christ as our redeemer who loves us, the source of all truth, our armor, the Lord of all creation, and our life in this world and the next. Stanza 2 describes the image of Christ surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, while stanza 3 tells the story of how Christ won victory over sin, death and the devil. Stanza 4 is doxological, that is, it praises the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The tune use for this hymn is called MOVILLE, named after Movilla Abbey in County Down, Ireland, whose school St. Columba attended. It is an adaptation of a traditional Irish folk song melody.

Source: Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns, Volume 1, Concordia Publishing House 2019

539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
 Δ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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