# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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# ► DIVINE SERVICE ► Setting 3



A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

By the Gospel of "the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever" (Rom. 9:5), we are "the children of God" (Rom. 9:8), "not because of works but because of him who calls" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "listen diligently" and "hear, that your soul may live." By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "an everlasting covenant" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food" (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "said a blessing," broke the loaves "and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces," there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

# Prayer before Worship

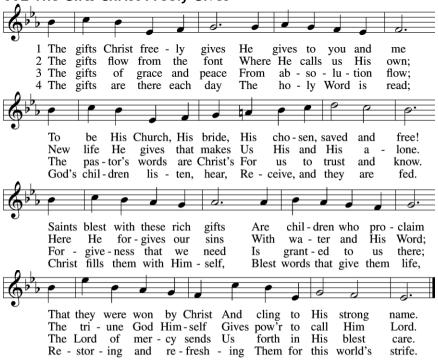
Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Prosper the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Grant them seasonable weather that they may gather in the fruits of the earth in abundance and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

- **P** designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor
- designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the congregation
- designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made
- $\triangle$  designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza

## ♣ PREPARATION ♣

### HYMN OF INVOCATION





- The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
   Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
   The body and the blood
   Remove our ev'ry sin;
   We leave His presence in
   His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
  The triune God in love Assures our life above.
  His means of grace for us
  Are gifts He loves to give;
  All thanks and praise for His

All thanks and praise for His

Great love by which we live!

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**INVOCATION** Matthew 28:19-20

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

In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- P 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P 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.

## **HOLY ABSOLUTION**

John 20:19-23

P 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 ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C Amen.

## ▼ Service of the Word ▼

## Introit

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: V. 1

The 105<sup>th</sup> Psalm is a psalm of thanks in which the people of Israel give thanks for all the miracles of old that God had done from Abraham on, until they were brought into the land of Canaan. The psalmist recounts them all one after another. He concludes as Moses did (Deuteronomy 9:4-6), noting that God had not done such wonders on account of their goodness or merit, but for the sake of His covenant and promises that He had spoken to Abraham. How pious they really were and what they truly deserved is shown in the psalm,

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 248]



- A Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;\*
  make known his deeds among the peoples!
- He spread a cloud for a | covering,\* and fire to give | light by night.

They asked, and he | brought quail,\*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.

He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;\* it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,\* and Abraham, his | servant.

So he brought his people | out with joy,\* his chosen ones with | singing.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

A Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;\*
make known his deeds among the peoples!

(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** — Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- (sung) And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** (sung) **Amen.**

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 55:1-5

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **Gradual** Romans 11:33, 36

A Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

**Epistle** Romans 9:1–5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from

Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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

Stand

### **A**LLELUIA

C (sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 14:13-21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **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 life + of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day





# Sermon

Stand



**OFFERTORY** Psalm 51:10-12

(sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

# OFFERING (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES IN THE BACK OF THE NAVE AS YOU ARE LEAVING.)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition: After the final petition:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy: ... one God, now and forever.

C Hear our prayer. Amen.

## ▼ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ▼

### **PREFACE**

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- (sung) It is meet and right so to do.

#### PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

(sung) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is ℍe, blessed is ℍ He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P 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.

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

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

# **PAX DOMINI** — The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C (sung) Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** — Lamb of God

John 1:29

(sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

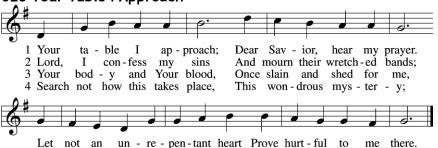
**Dear Visitors and Friends:** As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. Thank you for your understanding.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

hymns are sung as needed





Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

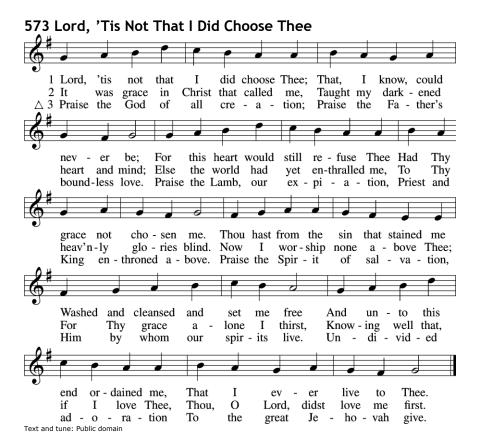
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
  To thank You day and night
  For Your true body and true blood,
  O God, my peace and light.

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# 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread







#### Stand

### DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting.
- C Amen.



(sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

- P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
- (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (sung) Amen.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (sung) And with thy spirit.
- P Bless we the Lord.
- (sung) Thanks be to God.

**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.

(sung) Amen, amen, amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**



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The Lutheran Church has always retained ceremonies that support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (\*).



Does not St. John the Baptist, whose beheading by Herod we observe today, shame and amaze us all? We must be amazed that so great a man-no greater was born of woman [Matt. 11:11]—the special friend of the bridegroom [John 3:29], the forerunner of Christ, greater than all the prophets [Matt. 11:9], should have been put to death, not after a public trial, not on a false charge (as in the case of Christ), not for the sake of the people. No, he perished in a dungeon, for the sake of a dancing girl, the daughter of an adulteress! The ignominious death of this one saint, as well as the vile and shameless surrender of his life into the hands of the vengeful adulteress, should make every one of our evils light. Where was God, that he could look at such things? Where was Christ, who heard it and was completely silent [Matt. 14:13]? This man died as if unknown to God, man, and all creatures. Compared with such a death, what sufferings have we to boast of? Rather, what sufferings have we which we should not be ashamed of? In what light will we appear with our unwillingness to suffer, next to this man who endured such a shameful and undeserved death, and whose body was insulted by his enemies after his death?

+ Martin Luther +