## Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

A BIBLICAL, CONFESSIONAL AND TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION IN THE CHICAGO REGION COMMITTED TO MINISTERING TO SINNERS WITH THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 30, 2020

# ► DIVINE SERVICE ► Setting 1



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.

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this "theology of the cross," Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic "theology of glory." But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we "live peaceably with all" (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we "rejoice in hope," and we are "patient in tribulation" and "constant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

## **Prayer before Worship**

God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor
- C 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
- designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza

## ♣ PREPARATION ♣

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION



INVOCATION

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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.

Matthew 28:19-20

- 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,
- 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.
- **G** Amen.



## ▼ Service of the Word ▼

#### Introit

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: Psalm 37:4

The 37<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of comfort that teaches and exhorts us to have patience in the world and warns us, especially, against envy. For it is vexing and painful to the weak in faith when things go so well for the godless and the opposite happens to those who fear God. ... The message is: Learn to have endurance. Take your heart to God and do not let yourself be vexed. Do not become envious, or curse, or with evil to fall, or murmur, or look at them with hatred. Let these people go and commend them to God.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 92]



- A Delight yourself | in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
- Commit your way | to the LORD;\* trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\* and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\* fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices.

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 Delight yourself | in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**KYRIE** — Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

(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 Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (sung) Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,

for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

#### Gradual

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



**Epistle** Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live

peaceably with all. 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; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Stand

#### ALLELUIA

(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- **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.





**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 let us pray to the Lord ... one God, now and forever.

C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

▼ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ▼

#### PRFFACE

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 № 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.



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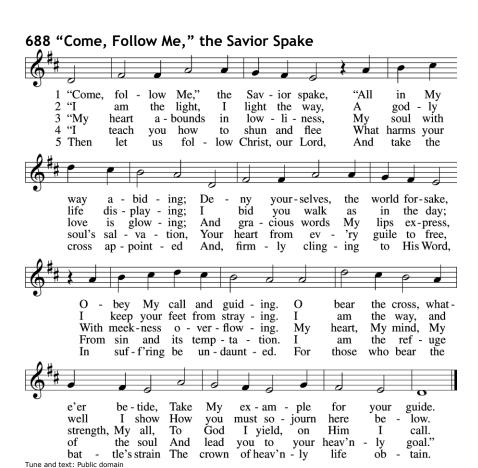
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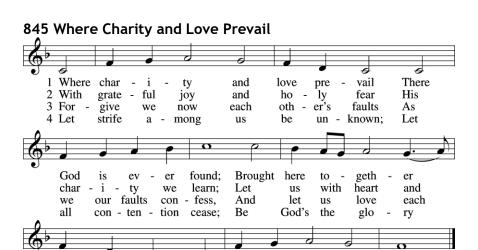
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#### DISMISSAL

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- The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.
- 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,
- **C** (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P 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**

## 861 Christ Be My Leader



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## **▼** Soli Deo Gloria **▼**

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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 (%).





Enthusiasm clings to Adam and his descendants from the beginning to the end of the world. It is a poison implanted and inoculated in man by the old dragon, and it is the source, strength, and power of all heresy, including that of the papacy and Islam. Accordingly, we should and must constantly maintain that God will not deal with us except through His external Word and Sacrament. Whatever is attributed to the Spirit apart from such Word and Sacrament is of the devil.

But human nature does not want to be content with the usual doctrine and Word of the Gospel or to be satisfied with the sacraments which have been handed down through the Son of God and the apostles and have been propagated through their successors; but it demands something special. Then the devil comes and speaks with you.

Therefore, unless you will be able to reply:

"This is what God's Word says, you say things contrary to the Word. Get behind me, Satan! (cf. Matt. 16:23)" you will be overthrown immediately.

+ Martin Luther +