# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020

■ DIVINE SERVICE 
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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.

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

## Prayer before Worship

Lord God, heavenly Father, we most heartily thank You that You have granted us to live in this accepted time, when we may hear Your holy Gospel, know Your fatherly will, and behold Your Son, Jesus Christ! We pray, most merciful Father: Let the light of Your holy Word remain with us, and so govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forsake Your Word, but remain steadfast in it, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. 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





Stand

**INVOCATION** Matthew 28:19-20

The sign of the cross  $(\maltese)$  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.

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



## ▼ SERVICE OF THE WORD ▼

INTROIT

Psalm 34:4-8: antiphon: v. 1

The 34<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks, much like the preceding psalm. It offers us the history of David as an example of all the righteous so we might learn from him that God never despises the cries of His saints. Moreover, it teaches us to fear God and no one else; further, to be on our guard against false teachers, against curses, grumblings, and slander. We should have patience, bless enemies rather than curse them, wish them all good, do good to them rather than evil, and so (as much as in us lies) to live at peace with all people, whether they are evil or godly. For it is certain (the psalmist says) that the righteous will suffer many things. It cannot be otherwise. If you will be righteous, you must take up your cross and suffer. This is how it must be.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, pp. 83-84]



- A I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*

  Hi s praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\* and delivered me from | all my fears.
  - Those who look to him are | radiant,\* and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
  - This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\* and saved him out of all his | troubles.
  - The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\* and de- | livers them.
  - Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*

    Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
  - 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 I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*

  His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C (Sung) Amen.

#### **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 154

- P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- (Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

- P The Lord be with you.
- (Sung) And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Job 38:4-18

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk. or who laid its cornerstone. when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb. when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors. and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

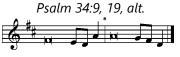
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

- **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.



**Epistle** Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

## Alleluia and Verse (Sung)

John 6:68

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 14:22-33

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Fourteenth chapter.
- (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

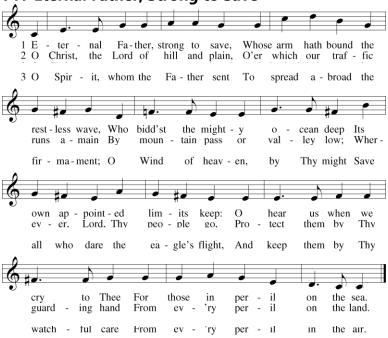
Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## **Hymn of the Day**





4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## Sermon

Stand



## **Apostles Creed**

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.

#### 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.

Hear our prayer. Amen.

**Offering** (You may place your offering in the plates in the back of the nave as you are leaving.)

Offertory Psalm 51:10-12

(Sung) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## ▼ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ▼

#### **Preface**

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (Sung) And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- (Sung) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He \* who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 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 Hobody, 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."

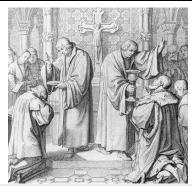
PAX DOMINI John 20:19

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

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**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.



752 Be Still, My Soul 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take Bear pa - tientguide the To 3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de - part And all 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful and re noth - ing shake; All now mys - te rious shall be bright at love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -Be still, my your main. soul; best, your heav'n - ly Friend know Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still last. Be still, my your fears. soul; Je - sus can re pay stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, Through thorn - y leads ful end. ways to joy -His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low. From His own full ness all He takes a - wav. All safe and b bless ed we shall meet at last.





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DISMISSAL

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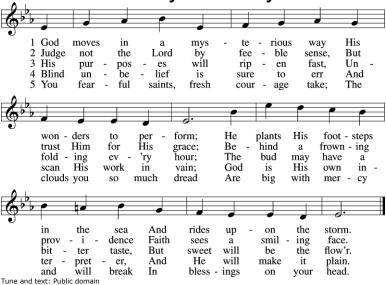
by Your great mer - cy



The end

of faith at - tain.





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

## Thank the Lord (Sung)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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.

C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

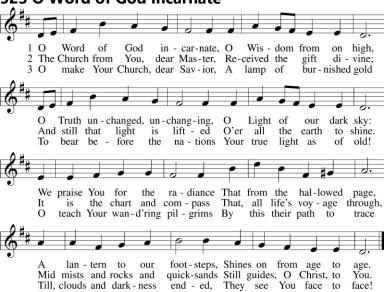
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- C (Sung) Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

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#### 523 O Word of God Incarnate



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#### ¥ SOLI DEO GLORIA ¥

The Lutheran Church retains ceremonies that underscore and 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 (\*).

But if you say, "What if I cannot believe that my prayer is heard and accepted?" I reply that faith, prayer, and all other good works are commanded so that you should know what you can do and what you cannot do. And when you find that you cannot believe [in this way] and do [what is commanded], humble yourself before God, deploring this fact, and in this way begin with a weak spark of faith and strengthen it more and more every day by exercising it in all your living and doing. For there is not a man living who does not have a full share in breaking the first and greatest commandment, i.e., the commandment to believe. Even the holy apostles in the gospel, and St. Peter in particular, were weak in faith, so that they also asked Christ and said, "Lord, increase our faith" [Luke 17:5]. And he very frequently rebukes them because they have so little faith.

Therefore, you shall not despair or let up for a moment either in prayer or in other works if you find that you do not believe as firmly as you ought and want to. In fact, you should thank God with all your heart that he thus reveals to you your weakness, through which weakness he teaches and admonishes you what your real need is, that is, to exercise and strengthen yourself in faith every day.

- Martin Luther