Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

► 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.

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "mercy on your fellow servant" and "forgive your brother from your heart" (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "stand before the judgment seat of God," we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "I will provide for you and your little ones" (Gen. 50:21).

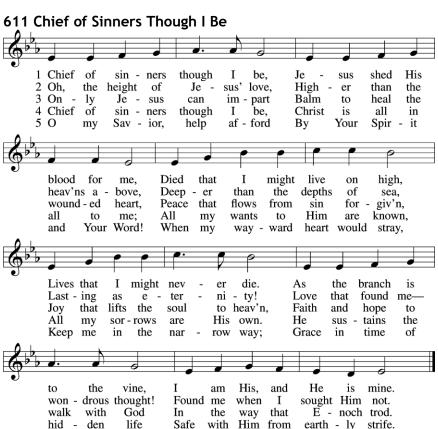
Prayer before Worship

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.

- 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



INVOCATIONMatthew 28:19-20

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

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- In the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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- 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 143:1-2; antiphon: Psalm 143:9

The 143rd psalm is a psalm of prayer. The psalmist prays for grace and forgiveness of sins, in the terror of his conscience. ... But here the psalm shows that grace provides deliverance, not the judgment before which no one alive can stand. Of this all the ancient histories and works of the Lord also give witness.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 339]



- A Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

 I have fled to you for | refuge!
- Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
 In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,* for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

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 Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

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 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 (sung) Amen.

Sit

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.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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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.

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Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

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.

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

ALLELUIA

(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, '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.
- (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.



Sermon

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 ▼

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.



hymns are sung as needed









5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Stand

DISMISSAL

- 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.
- C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS — Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

(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.



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

BENEDICTIONNumbers 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.
- c (sung) Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

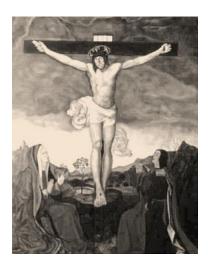




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The Lutheran Church has always retained ceremonies that support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy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



The servant owes 10,000 talents, but the Lord forgives him. Now it does not harm him. He is not bound to pay or make satisfaction. The debt is no longer a debt. By what means? By means of remission. But when he does not forgive his fellow servant the 100 denarii, the head of the household again demands the whole debt (Matt. 18:23 ff.). Thus we are not free from debts if God wants to deal with us according to what is right and not in accordance with mercy. But if we seek to be forgiven, believe, and forgive our brother, all our transgressions are forgiven, even if they are debts. But if I want to be proud and boastful, the debt is there again.

+ Martin Luther +

To go out of sight is a Hebraism that occurs frequently in Holy Scripture, in Jonah (1:3), in Job (1:12), as well as in Matt. 18:28: "The servant went out of the sight of his master and came upon one of his fellow servants." "To go out of sight" means nothing else than to turn away from obedience or to deny or neglect it.

+ Martin Luther +