#### October 23, 2022

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



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Divine Service:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Sundays

Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30 am Young Adult Sunday School 10:45 am (Grace Hall) +

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#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2022

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**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church 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 to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

**PRELUDE**"Allegro from the Sixth Cello Sonata"arr. R. Parks"The Lord, My God Be Praised"arr. L. Smith

#### WELCOME

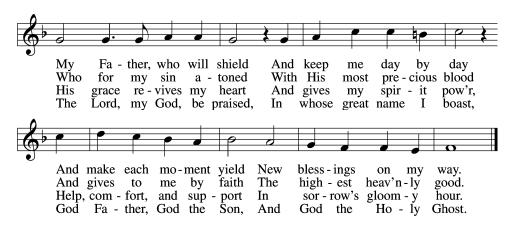
#### Stand

HYMN

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

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1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en; 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en. 3 The Lord. my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  $\wedge$  4 The Lord. my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing, My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en; The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en, The Spir - it, whom the Son love In to me has giv - en. То whom the heav'n - ly Their laud and praise are host giv - ing.



# INVOCATION

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word and Supper, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and action, we are unworthy of the grace we receive. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Received into the certainty and security of His eternal kingdom, be assured that you belong to Him—He is your Father, and you are His children! 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 +

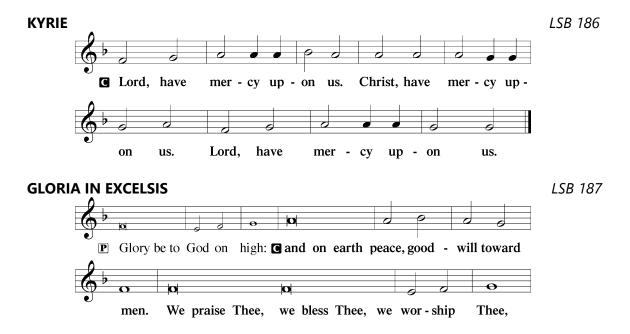
#### INTROIT

Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3

- **P** When I am afraid,
- **G** I put my trust in You.
- P In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,

**G** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

- P I must perform my vows to You, O God;
- **G** I will render thank offerings to You.
- P For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
- that I may walk before God in the light of life. 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** When I am afraid,
- **G** I put my trust in You.



O O 0 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 0 O 10 0 O O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 10 0 O  $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O O 0 O Lord God, Lamb of God, of Son the Father, 0 O 0 0 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. ο 0 0 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. ο O O Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - $\rho$ 0 0 0 0 6 O For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. on us. ο O O Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho ly Ghost, O 0 0 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen. Genesis 4:1-15 The Word is read **A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God. 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 The Word is read... **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Stand

# VERSE

- P Alleluia. Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,
- **G** for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

The Word is read...

# **P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray

- **(**) and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve.
- **P** Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom,
- **C** that, as Your children, we may love and trust in You all our days;

# Sit

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

# EPISTLE

Luke 18:16b

Luke 18:9-17

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



## SERMON

#### Stand

# THE FIRST ARTICLE

### Creation

**P** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- **P** What does this mean?
- **C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for all the children of God, members of His heavenly kingdom, and also for all others whose needs are known to the Lord, that they may experience the certainty of His promises and blessings in their lives.
- A Gracious Father, we are richly blessed to come unto Jesus at His gracious invitation and to be assured of our identity as Your children and members of Your eternal kingdom. Inspire in us a dedication to the priorities of Your kingdom, O Lord, that we may dedicate ourselves to worshiping You and to making Your love known to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear Your children pray!
- ▶ Loving Savior, many things in this world distract us from Your Word and draw us away from spending time in Your presence. Renew us, dear Jesus, by the Word that we have heard this day and by the Supper we will soon receive. Remind us of Your forgiveness for our trespasses and restoration for our brokenness that, with hearts and hands lifted to You, we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Your will for Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

### hear Your children pray!

A Your Word instructs us, sovereign Lord, to lift before You our leaders and all those who serve in positions of authority among us. Grant Your blessing to all who make, administer, and judge our nation's laws. Protect those who lay down their lives for

their fellow citizens. Uplift those who are weary and downtrodden in their daily lives that they may find joy in the roles they have in their families, communities, and congregations, knowing that their labor in the Lord is never in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,

# G hear Your children pray!

P Healing Savior, Your ministry on earth included bringing heaven's touch to many who were afflicted with pain and suffering. Each of us has upon our hearts and minds people in need of healing mercies this day, and, for these and for all others who are sick, hurting, and undergoing procedures, we ask for Your special care and healing touch to be extended. [Today we pray especially for . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

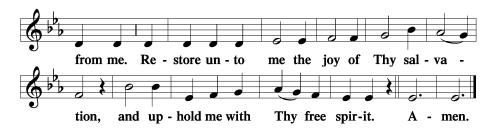
# G hear Your children pray!

A Into Your hands of mercy, faithful Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Him who invites us to experience the certainty of faith that belongs to members of His heavenly kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

#### Sit OFFERING



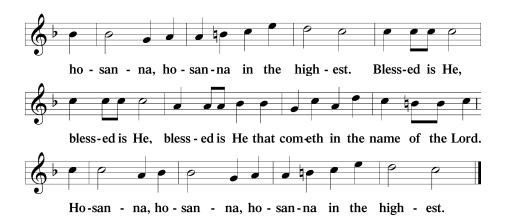


+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **G** It is meet and right so to do.
- 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. At Jesus' gracious invitation, we, Your children, come unto Him and receive the assurance that You have made us members of Your eternal kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

 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

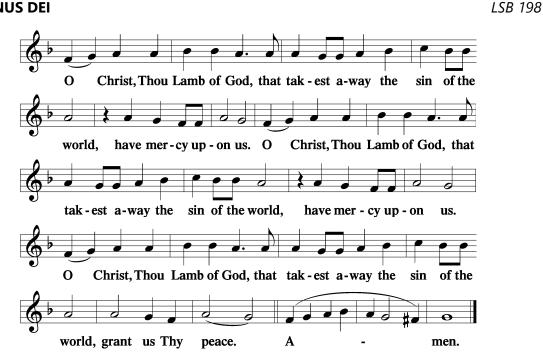
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 + 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 always.
- C Amen.

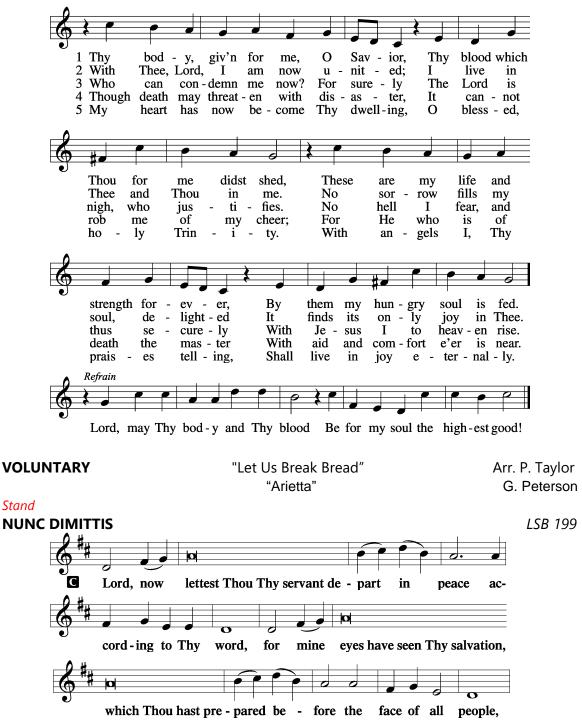
# **AGNUS DEI**



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"





# **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- Let us pray. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's work to save us that we may live securely as children in Your heavenly kingdom; 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 Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,
- **G** for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a bode. 2 Be - yond my high - est joy Ι prize its heav'n - ly ways, love Your Church, O 3 I God. Your saints ev in 'ry land, 4 For them my tears shall fall: For them my prayers cend: as -Your То Zi - on 5 Sure as truth shall last, shall be giv'n The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood. sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise. Its the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand. Dear as For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

arr. D. Lasky

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