

**September 22, 2024**

*The Eighteenth  
Sunday  
After Pentecost*



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# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**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. (The purple cup is grape juice.) It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

"The Clarion Call"

L. Smith

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

setting: J. Weber

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**LSB 633 sts. 1-4**



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** O God, save me, by Your name,
- C** and vindicate me by Your might.
  
- P** O God, hear my prayer;
- C** give ear to the words of my mouth.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

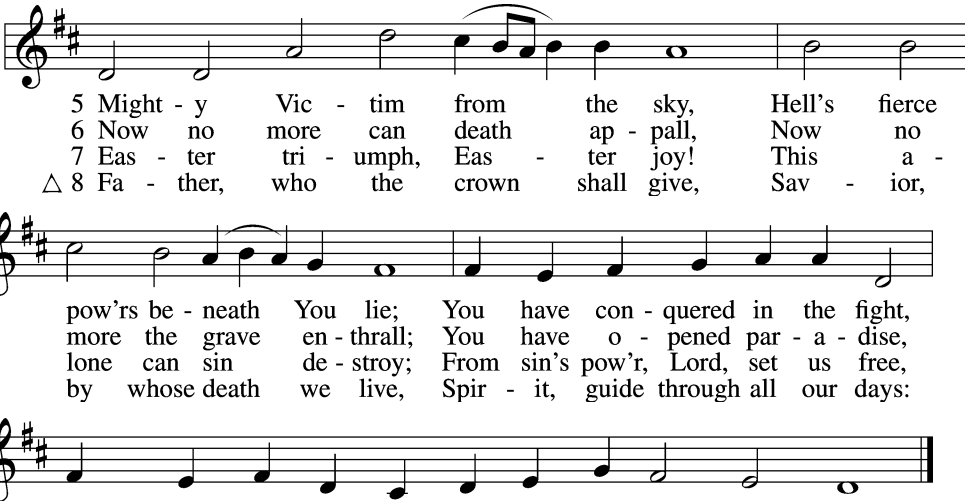
- P** Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
- C** **Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.**
  
- P** In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.
- C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633 sts. 5-8



5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce  
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no  
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,  
pow'rs be - neath You lie; You have con - quered in the fight,  
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,  
lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:  
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,
- G** **grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18–20

The Word is Read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 54; antiphon: v. 4*



O God, save me, | by your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men | seek my life;\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;\*  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for | it is good.  
For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

## THE EPISTLE READING

*James 3:13-4:10*

The Word is Read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Jeremiah 15:16a*

- P** Alleluia. If anyone would be first,
- C** **he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 9:30-37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is Read...

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

*Sit*

**HYMN**

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

**LSB 851**



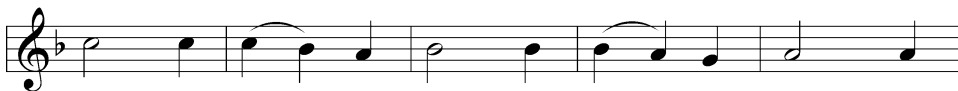
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## SERMON

*Stand*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (*please see insert*) Mary & Marion Hopkins,

Or

## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** The Introit appointed for today includes comforting words that we will use to guide our prayers today.
- A** Let us pray for ourselves and the church around the world.
- C** **Guide and protect us and Christ's whole church to proclaim the Gospel. We dearly want all people to hear the Good News.**
- P** Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.  
Let us pray for people in power through politics, those in businesses growing and distributing the resources of this world, armed forces protecting and defending us, and others who provide opportunities to use the talents You have given to us.
- C** **Work faith in their hearts, O God, so that they may meet the needs of all people in peace, and we may follow their lead in serving You.**
- A** Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.  
Let us pray for those who make and adjudicate the laws of our country and others.
- C** **Turn the hearts of those who seek to harm us or our nation and work against peace around the world, O God. Let us see Your justice.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.  
Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [including . . .], that God would heal, restore, and comfort them according to all His good plans for them.
- C** **Grant doors of opportunity for health care professionals, first responders, and us, that we may work together with them for the good of those for whom we pray.**
- A** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.



Finally, let us pray for all who oppose our gracious God.

**C** **Open the hearts of our enemies, O God, and all who oppose Your reign of love, so that they may know Your grace and mercy.**

**P** Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

**C** **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. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

"Draw Me Nearer"

arr. H. DeCou

### MISSION MINUTE

VBS in the Dominican Republic

Erika Gray

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** 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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

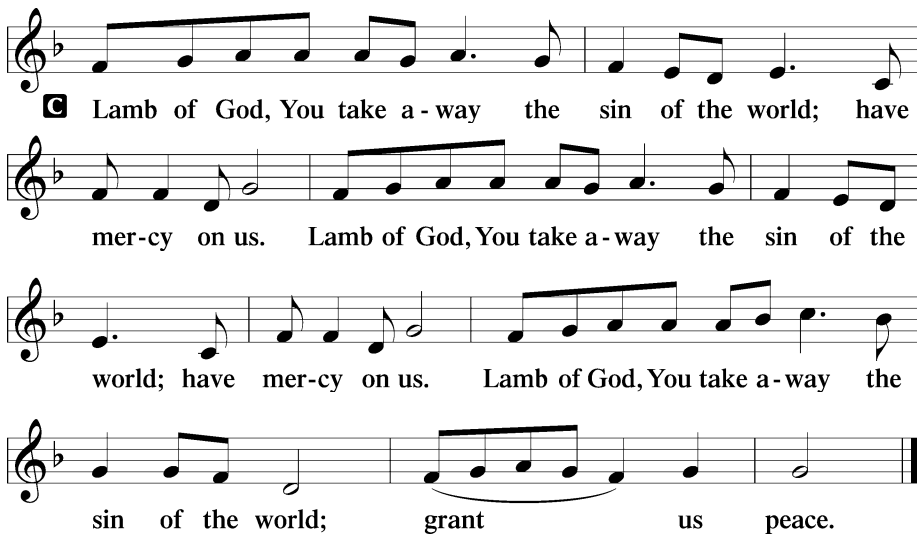
## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

**LSB 623**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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**VOLUNTARY**

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

setting: P. Bouman

Stand

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**LSB 165**



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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** 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** Amen.

## HYMN

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

LSB 920

1	Forth	in	the	peace	of	Christ	we	go;
2	King	of	our	hearts,	Christ	makes	us	kings;
3	Priests	of	the	world,	Christ	sends	us	forth
4	Christ's	are	our	lips,	His	Word	we	speak;
5	We	are	the	Church;	Christ	bids	us	show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us "

arr. R. Blake

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