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*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

✠ SUNDAY OF THE WIDOW'S SON ✠

September 24, 2023

## **JESUS CALLS FORTH LIFE FROM DEATH**

*A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

### ***Communing at this Altar***

**The Lord’s Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord’s day!**

*\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.*

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord’s Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, “*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins*” (Mt 26:28);

If this is *not* your confession, or you’re seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you’d like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew. *Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood you may read “Christian Questions with Their Answers” found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.



# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

*Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184*

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ *Thanks To Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

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△ *Please stand and face the cross as it enters.*

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**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,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **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,  
**C** **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.**  
**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.  
**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5*



- P** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to You do I cry | all the day.  
**C** **For You, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\***  
**abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.**  
**P** Incline Your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,\*  
for I am poor and | needy.  
**C** **In the day of my trouble I call up- | on You,\***  
**for You | answer me.**

**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\*  
and I will glorify Your name for- | ever.

**C** For great is Your steadfast | love toward me;\*  
You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

**C** *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.

*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

**P** Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to You do I cry | all the day.

**C** For You, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on You.

### KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

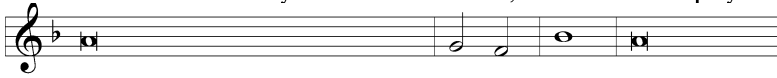
### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*

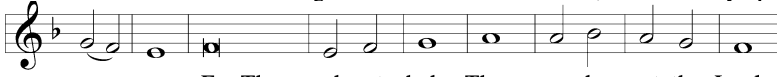
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



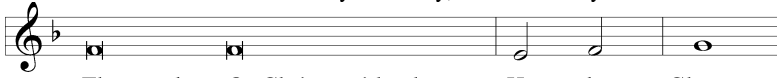
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir-it.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A-men.

Sit

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:17-24*

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Ps. 102:15-16

**A** Nations will fear the name | of the Lord,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.

**C** For the Lord builds up | Zion;\*  
He appears in His | glory.

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 3:13-21*

<sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** You who fear the Lord, trust | in the Lord!  
He is their help | and their shield.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 7:11-17*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### NICENE CREED

**C** 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;*

*\*You may genuflect in reverence of the incarnation*

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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ The Will of God Is Always Best**

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### SERMON

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**G** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

### OFFERING

*Please consider donating on-line to Trinity.*

*Or, if you prefer, please mail your offering for the strength of the Church.*

*The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.*

*The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.*

Stand

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**R** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



**R** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136



**R** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



**R** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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**

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord***

*John 20:19*

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

**A - men.**

**AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God***

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the**

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### *Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion*

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

<i>Be Still, My Soul; The Lord Is on Your Side</i>	752
<i>Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven</i>	793
<i>Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above</i>	766
<i>In Thee Is Gladness</i>	818

### *Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion*

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

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## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

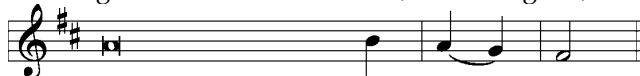


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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 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** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

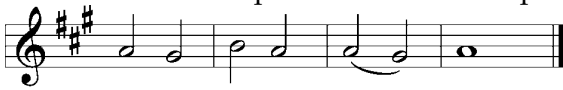


**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.*

**CLOSING HYMN ~ Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense**

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