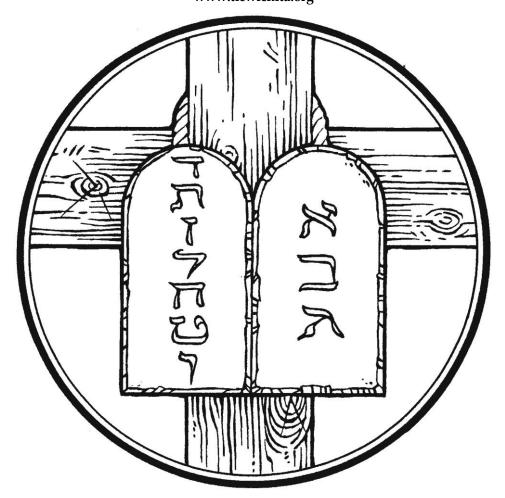
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Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

+ Sunday of the Great Commandment +

October 8, 2023

IN LIFE AND DEATH, CHRIST FULFILLS THE LAW OF GOD

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the sojourner" (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).

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);
- tonfess 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 "<u>Christian</u> 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 ~ *Praise The Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*

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 \triangle *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,
- 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.
- 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 ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Ps. 122:1, 6, 8–9; antiphon: Liturgical Text



- P Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for You,* and let Your prophets be proven | faithful.
- Hear the prayer of Your | servants,*

 according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your | people.
- **P** I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the Lord!"

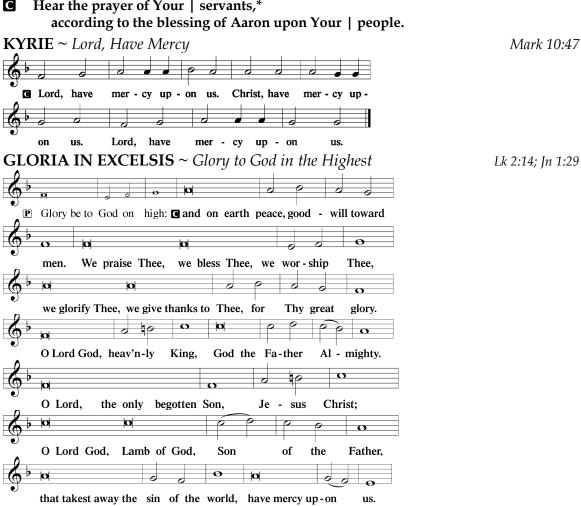
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

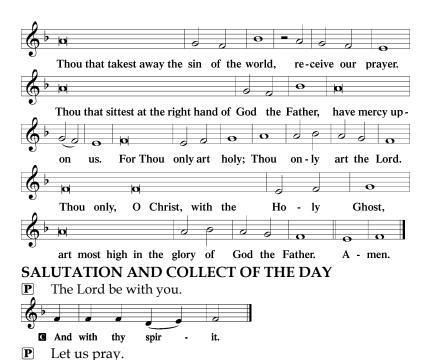
May they be secure who | love You!

- For my brothers and com- | panions' sake* \mathbf{P} I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"
- For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God,* \mathbf{C} I will | seek Your good.
- 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

- Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for You,* P and let Your prophets be proven | faithful.
- Hear the prayer of Your | servants,* C





O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Ps. 122:1, 7

A I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the Lord!"

Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge − ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you − ² so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA



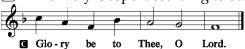
Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

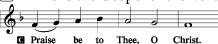
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴"'The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'? ⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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;

*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 + of the world to come. Amen.

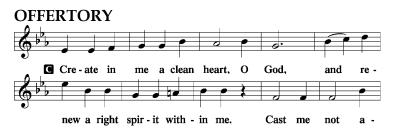
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HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

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SERMON

Stand



Psalm 51:10-12



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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.

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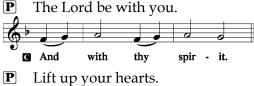
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





Colossians 3:1

2 *Timothy 4:22*

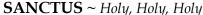
We lift them up un to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

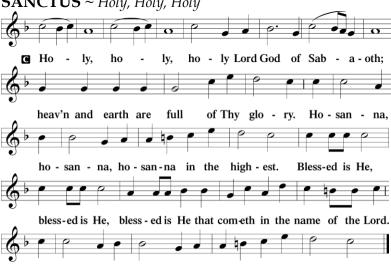
Psalm 136



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:



Isaiah 6:3. Matthew 21:9



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

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."

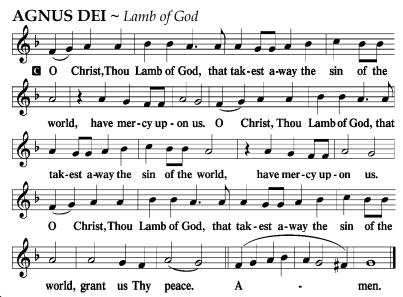
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the

→ Lord be with you always.





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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 ~

| Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart | 708 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| O God, My Faithful God | 696 |
| All Hail The Pow'r of Jesus' Name | 549 |
| Where Charity and Love Prevail | 845 |

Iohn 1:29

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.

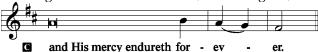
Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

Luke 2:29-32



THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

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



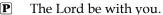
A Let us pray.

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.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1





A Bless we the Lord.



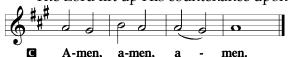
BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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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.



 \triangle Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

CLOSING HYMN ~ *The Lord, My God, Be Praised*

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