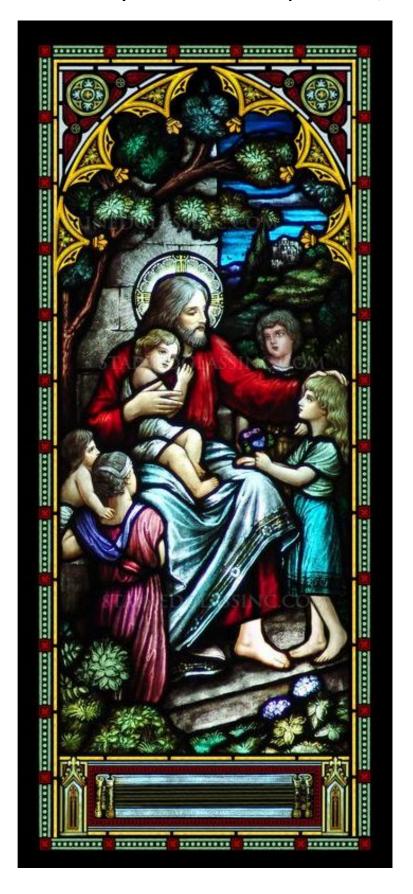
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 10, 2023





15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m. Services Lutheran Service Book Page 184 Divine Service 3 Order of Holy Communion

Hermann Schroeder

PRELUDE "Praeludium"
SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD
ANNOUNCEMENTS
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 a.m.)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Insert)

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.

A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo-rious crown in heav'n.

Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.

We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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.
- 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,
- 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.
- 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

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

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How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!
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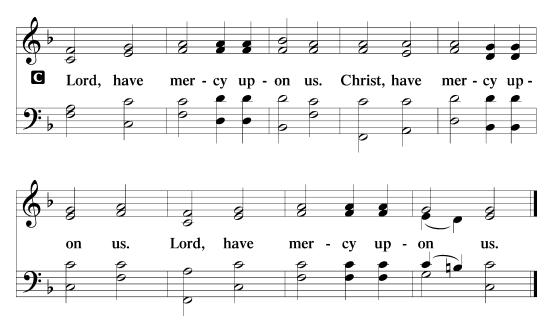
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It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

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.
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How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!

Kyrie LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187



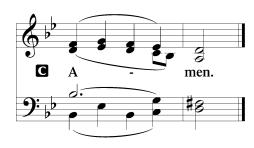




Salutation and Collect of the Day



O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

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

Psalm 32:1-7 (chanted responsively)

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<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
   whose sin is | covered.
<sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
   and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.
<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
  through my groaning | all day long.
<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy up- on me;*
   my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.
<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,
   and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
   and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly
   offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
  they shall not | reach him.
<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;
   you preserve me from | trouble;*
  you surround me with shouts of de- liverance.
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.
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Epistle Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Alleluia LSB 190



VERSE BY PASTOR



Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1–20

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



¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹ For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he

rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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: 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.

Sit

844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



TITLE OF THE SERMON:

"JESUS IS AMONG US!"

TEXT: Matthew 18:1-20 DATE: 9-10-23 LITURGICAL DAY: 15th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Jesus explains what it looks like to be a disciple in his church.

- I. BEING HUMBLE IS THE WAY TO BE GREAT
 - II. RECEIVING CHILDREN IN HIS NAME
 - III. CUTTING AWAY TEMPTATIONS
 - IV. REJOICING IN FINDING THE LOST SHEEP
- V. DEALING WITH SIN THROUGH LAW AND GOSPEL

CONCLUSION:

Luther's Small Catechism: The Office of Keys and Confession

What is the Office of the Keys? It is the peculiar power which Christ has given to His Church on earth, to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners, but to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written? Thus writes the holy evangelist John, chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 192



Sit

Offering

(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates as they are passed down the pew)

We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings

to the church in one of four ways:

- 1. Place your offerings in the offering plates that are passed down the pew
 - 2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office
 - 3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office
- You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.
 - 4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here

VOLUNTARY Stand

"Bow Down Your Ear, Almighty Lord"

Thomas Gieschen

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Prayer of the Church

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, email, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Arlesa Tarver, Amy Johnson, Kandie Darmody, Larry Miller, Gary Brosowske, Deborah Stratmoen

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries

 * Pray and Thanks for Rain

 * The Victims of the Fire in Maui. Hawaii
 - Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Ricardo Bitanga, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

Police and Firefighters

Birthdays

Tabitha Baughman 9/12
Rachel Phan 9/13
Avery Thomale 9/13
Denise Brinkoetter 9/14

<u>Anniversaries</u> <u>Years</u>

Richard & Annette Geisler 9/10/1977 46
Dale & Brenda Hartman 9/12/1980 43

Missions

Gary and Sue Kessler serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church, (LCMS) in Belize. In this role, Gary manages the LCMS' construction projects in the country and coordinates the short-term teams that come to serve there. Meanwhile, Sue oversees religious education at Little Lambs Preschool in the Valley of Peace community and teaches English classes.

Preface LSB 194



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

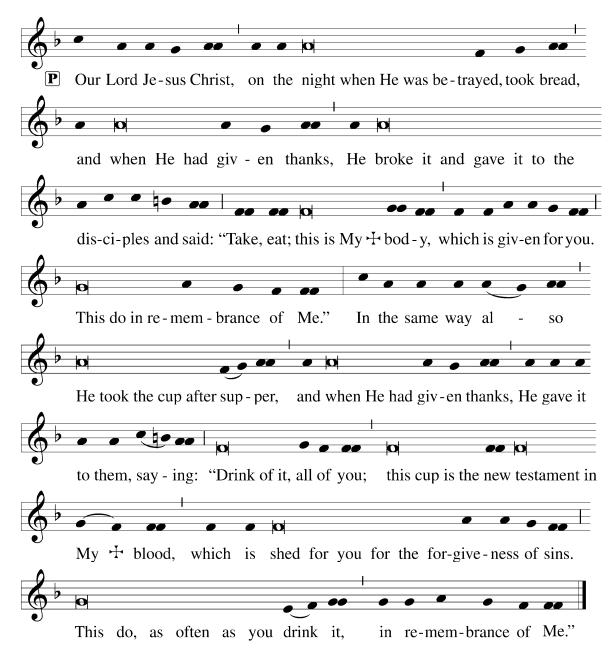
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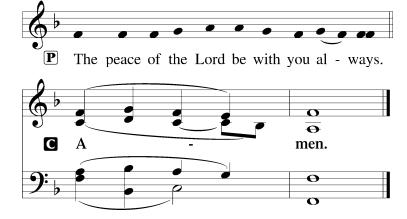
Lord's Prayer LSB 196



The Words of Our Lord LSB 197



Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

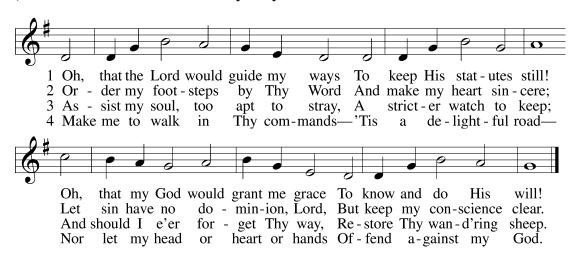
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



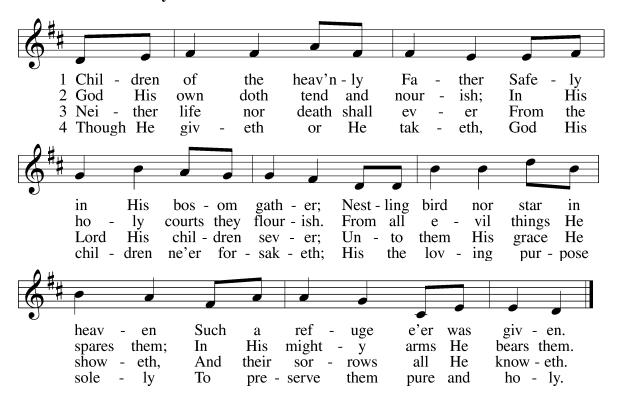
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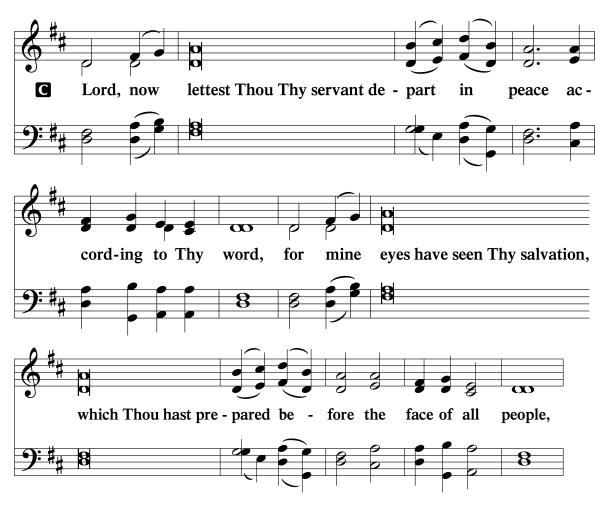
797 Praise the Almighty



725 Children of the Heavenly Father

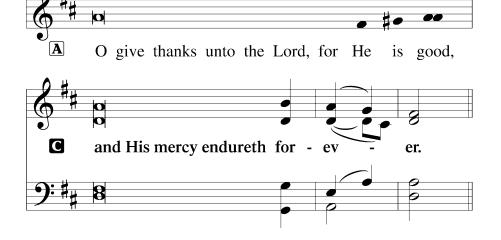


Nunc Dimittis LSB 199





Thanksgiving LSB 200



A Let us pray.

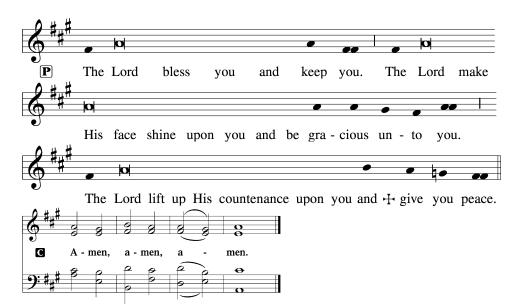
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



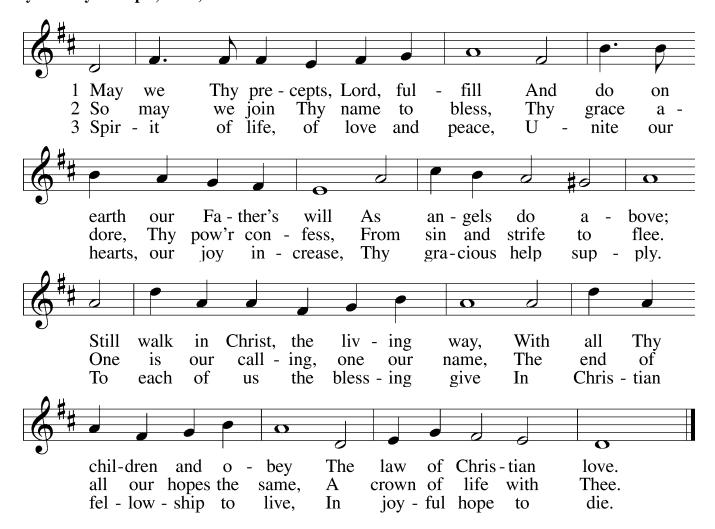
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698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



POSTLUDE

"Lord, to You I Make My Confession"

Kimberly Kondal Patterson