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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 1, 2023





18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Service

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Divine Service 3 * No Communion

* = all stand

PRELUDE

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

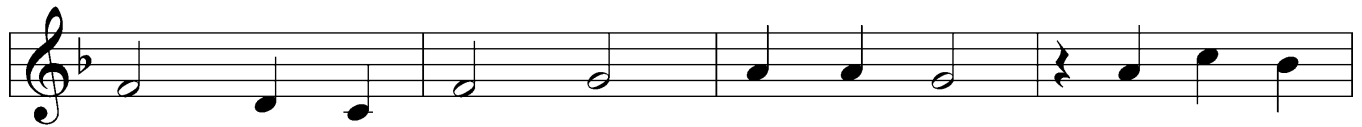
James Engel

SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 a.m.)

812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
 alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
 pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
 sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
 we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
 on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord unto us all.

C: Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.
He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.
He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.
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.

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie

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The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (F major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

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.

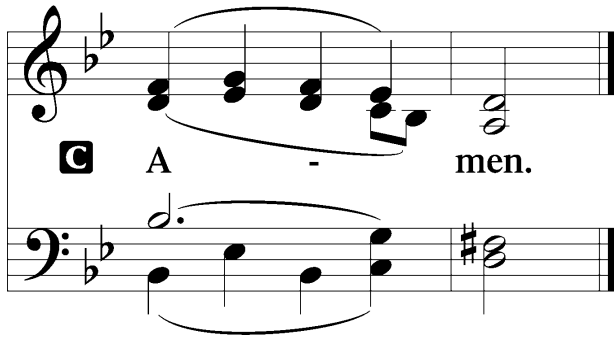
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (Instrumental)

“*In Adam We Have All Been One*”
(meditation: LSB 569 v. 1-4) Timothy Schmidt

Psalm 25:1-10 (chanted responsively by whole verses)

¹To you, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame;*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

**⁴Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; *
teach me | your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my sal- | vation; *
for you I wait all the | day long.

**⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love, *
for they have been | from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions; *
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

**⁸Good and upright | is the LORD; *
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in | what is right, *
and teaches the humble | his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness, *
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.**

**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.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

VERSE BY VICAR

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*Matthew 21:23–27*

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel of the Lord. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." are written below the treble staff. The music begins with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3, followed by a half note chord of G2 and B-flat2, and then a quarter note chord of G2 and B-flat2. The bass line follows a similar pattern, starting with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3, followed by a half note chord of G2 and B-flat2, and then a quarter note chord of G2 and B-flat2.

Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

Sermon

“HUMAN PRIDE ON TRIAL”

10-1-23 TEXT: Matthew 21:23-27

LITURGICAL DAY: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Christ receives His authority by the will of the Father.

- I. **WE, LIKE THE LEADERS OF JERUSALEM CONSTANTLY CHALLENGE JESUS' AUTHORITY. [v 23]**
[A. We, like the Chief Priests and the elders of the people, are stuck between Heaven's gifts and the “wisdom” of the world.” vv 25b-27b]

- II. **JESUS' AUTHORITY REMAINS A PUZZLE TO THOSE WHO REJECT THE GIFTS OF HEAVEN, AS THE LEADERS OF JERUSALEM REJECTED JOHN'S PREACHING. [v27b]**

- III. **BUT THOSE WHO ACCEPT HEAVEN'S GIFTS DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER. [vv 25b, 28-32]**

CONCLUSION: A contrite heart and a heart of faith are the gifts of Heaven by which Christ makes known His authority.

ATTENDANCE 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.

G Amen.

Stand
Offertory

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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

(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

“Verso in G Minor”

Domenico Zipoli

Stand

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, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Jay Gallagher, Madisen Lemke, Arlesa Tarver, Amy Johnson, Kandie Darmody, Larry Miller, Deborah Stratmoen, Ed Punt,
Edith Eisenbraun, Lynlee Kocurek, Kay Brueckner, Barbara Craun

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
- * The Victims of the Fire in Maui, Hawaii; earthquake in Morocco
- * Pray for Rain

Military Service Members & their Families

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

Police and Firefighters

Birthdays

Peter Brueckner	10/1	Richard Geisler	10/1
Joanie Eisenbraun	10/3	Mike Stecker	10/3
Celia Huntley	10/4	Jacqui Taptto	10/4
Andrew Hartman	10/6	Brett Hollandsworth	10/6

Anniversaries

Peter & Kay Brueckner

Years

10/3/1959

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Missions

The Rev. Andrew and Megan Fedder serve the Lord through The LCMS as career missionaries based in Bucharest, Romania. As a pastor and theological educator, Andrew works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and with Lutheran congregations throughout the Balkan-Mediterranean subregion, including those in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Italy. In this capacity, he serves as a pastor to the Romanian, Bulgarian and Greek members of this Lutheran mission.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**☐ 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.

Prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C A - men, a - men, a - men.

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

POSTLUDE

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Robert J. Powell