FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

<u>Missouri Synod</u>

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023 Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151 **10:30am – livestreamed** on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>



AS WE GATHER The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be "his treasured possession," not because of any strength in us, but solely "because the LORD loves" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "great value" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "hidden in a field," covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "at the right hand of God" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – From God Can Nothing Move Me (arr. Johann Michael Bach)

HYMN OF INVOCATION - LSB 907 - God Himself Is Present 1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him Hear the harps re - sound - ing; 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: 3 Fount of 'ry Pu - ri - fy my ev bless - ing, spir - it, ο And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His See the hosts the throne sur - round ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly, Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer it. Like the ho - ly All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in tem ple; Îy!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and ho -Wor - ship - ing be - fore You. Mav cease-less an gels, Ι \mathbf{O} He deep - est rev 'rence. а lone On His throne an - gels blend ing. Bow Your ear To us here: ly dore You. Let Your will Ev er still а -God and Sav ior; Praise His for - ev - er! Is our name Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es. Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial. Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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INTROIT – Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- **C** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works
- Glory in his holy name;let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- **C** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! 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. Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy - Mark 10:47

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- \mathbf{P} For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Deuteronomy 7:6-9 - In His steadfast love, God keeps His promises

⁶"You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

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

GRADUAL – Romans 11:33, 36

A Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

C For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON - Romans 8:28-39 - We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13:44-52 – The parables of the hidden treasure, pearl of great price, and catch of fish P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirtheenth chapter.

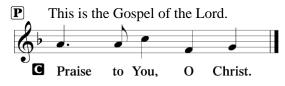


⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 713 - From God Can Nothing Move Me



That day of bliss divine,

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SERMON – More than Conquerors – Romans 8:28-39

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

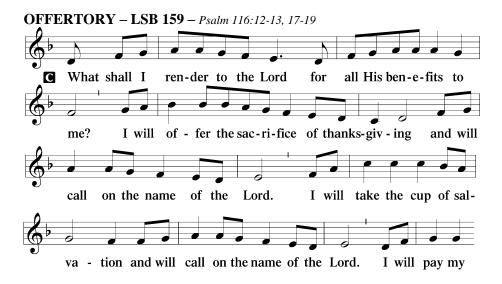
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; 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.

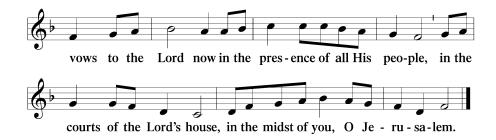
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OFFERING – From God Can Nothing Move Me (arr. Christopher Ahlman)





ササナ SACRAMENT ナナナ beginning at LSB 160

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe**, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

PREFACE

- **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 ... evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- \mathbf{P} ... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **C** Our Father who art in heaven,
 - hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
 - 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.

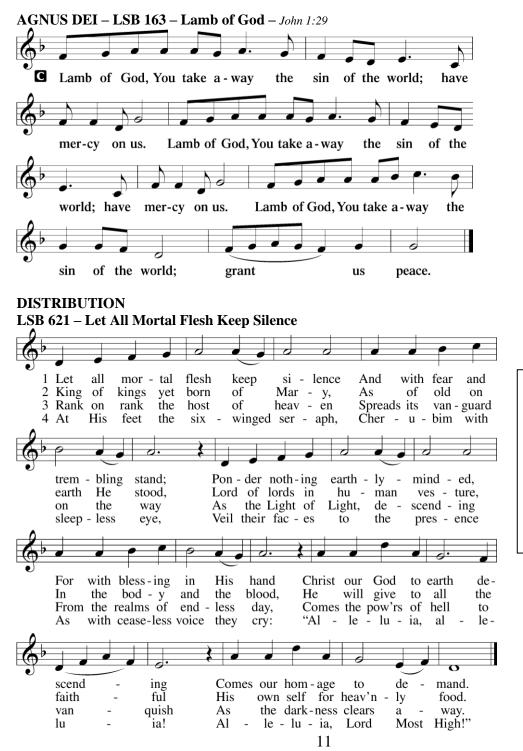
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 + 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.
- **C** Amen.



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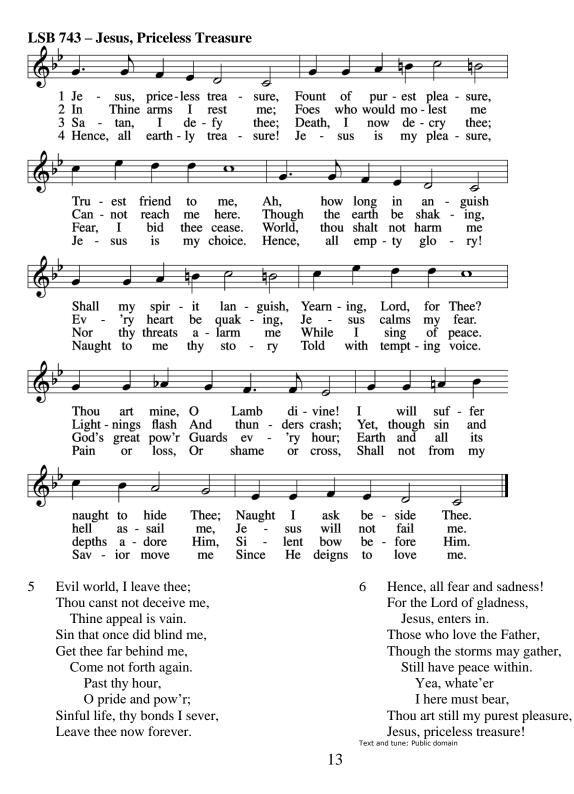
If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

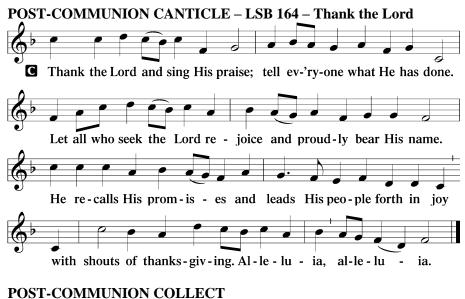
Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

LSB 644 – The Church's One Foundation
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op-pressed, 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,
She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth. By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

8 am – FAREWELL and GODSPEED FOR DEANNE BROWN

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.





SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – From God Can Nothing Move Me (arr. Johann Gottfried Walther)

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the church staff in thanksgiving for **Deanne Brown** and her service among us, as she moves to northern Indiana to be close to family.

TODAY

11:45am Confirmation Orientation and Family Pitch-in

Tuesday, August 1

- **5:00pm** Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit (University Lutheran)
- 6:15 & 7:20pm Men's Softball season opener double-header (Field 4) All games are at Twin Lakes and free to attend. Weather hotline: (812)349-3610

Wednesday, August 2

First official day of new Preschool Year

Sunday, August 6 Christian Education Sunday

- 8 & 10:30am Christian Education Milestones: 3rd graders & 7th graders
- 9:15am Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible study •
- 11:40am 3rd graders and parents meet with Pastor Edwards Bible preview (Grand Hall)
- 6:00-8:00pm FLY (Back-to-School Bash) •

ECUC Sunday, August 13 Noon-2:30pm Jesus Company Kick-off Party

Wednesday, August 16 10:00-11:00am Men's & Women's fall Bible studies begin

Thursday, August 17 JOY Group - Meet at church at 11:00 am for lunch at the Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus. Sign up on the JOY Group clipboard across from the Library.

Saturday, August 19 9:30-11:00am Preschool Open House

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