FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

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



AS WE GATHERJesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find "another law waging war" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "desire to do what is right," but we are not able to do so because "nothing good" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "Thanks be to God," therefore, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," who delivers us from "this body of death" (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "righteous and having salvation" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us "free from the waterless pit," and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we "labor and are heavy laden," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "wise and understanding," but by the "gracious will" of God the Father, whom "the Son chooses to reveal" in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 684 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary



INVOCATION

- **P** 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 103:15-19; antiphon: Psalm 103:8

- The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
- **P** to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
- The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

 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. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark* 10:47

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **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.



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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 – Zechariah 9:9-12 – The coming of Zion's King

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

SECOND LESSON - Romans 7:14-25a - Release from the law of sin

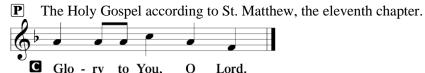
¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

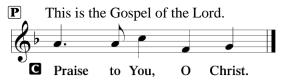
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 11:25-30 – The Father revealed in the Son



²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



8 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 699 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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SERMON – You, to Whom the Son Chooses to Reveal the Father – Matthew 11:25-30

We welcome seminarian Jeff Arnold as our guest preacher today.

8 am - APOSTLES' CREED

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.

10:30 am & 5 pm - NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

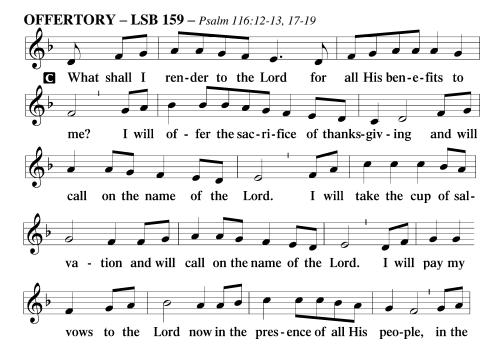
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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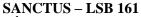


8 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 10) and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (pages 14-15).

+ + + SACRAMENT + + + beginning at LSB 160

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 ... evermore praising You and singing:





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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

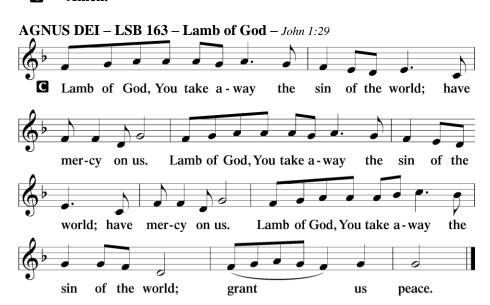
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

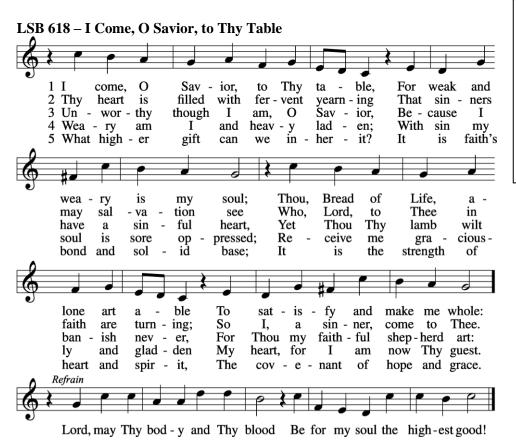
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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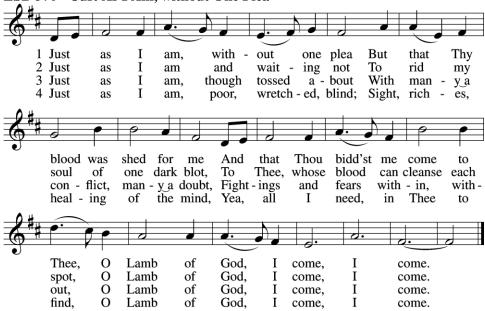
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Distribution Notes:

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 570 - Just As I Am, without One Plea



- Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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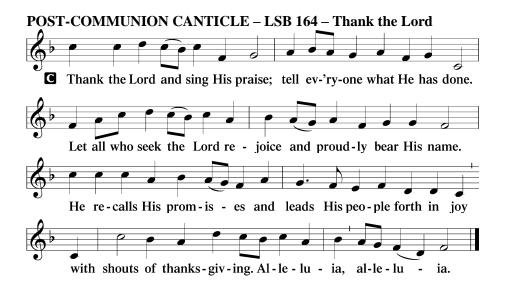
5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

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.





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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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TODAY

• 9:15am Sunday School & Bible class (upstairs)

Tuesday, July 11

- 10:00am Fellowship Ministry Team
- 6:30pm **PPC**

Wednesday, July 12

- 6:30am Breakfast Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount (Cloverleaf South Restaurant)
- 6:00pm School Board

Friday, July 14

• 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (home of Alice Hawkins)



Thursday, July 20 (11am) JOY Group

Carpool from church for lunch at Cedar Creek Eatery (*Martinsville*). **Sign up** on the JOY Group clipboard across from the Library.

Sunday, August 20 (3-5pm) Church Picnic

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