FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023 Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151 **10:30am – livestreamed** on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this "theology of the cross," Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic "theology of glory." But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we "live peaceably with all" (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we "rejoice in hope," and we are "patient in tribulation" and "constant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – This Is the Spirit's Entry Now (arr. James L. Brauer)

10:30 am - BAPTISMAL HYMN - LSB 594 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – LSB 268 – Kywren Ezra Perry

After the baptism, the service continues with the Salutation and Collect of the Day on page 5.

HYMN OF INVOCATION - LSB 692 - Praise to You and Adoration

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1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,
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From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
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And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your
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joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.
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INVOCATION

- \mathbf{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.
- **C** 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.
- **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.
- P 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 37:5-7; antiphon: Psalm 37:4

- *Leader* Delight yourself | in the LORD,* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
 - C Commit your way | to the LORD;* trust in him, and | he will act.



- *Leader* He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,* and your justice as the | noonday.
 - Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
 fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!
 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.
 Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
 and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy - Mark 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- A 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 - Jeremiah 15:15-21 - "I am with you to save you and deliver you."

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me. and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

GRADUAL – Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

- A Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
- C Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

SECOND LESSON - Romans 12:9-21 - "Overcome evil with good."

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

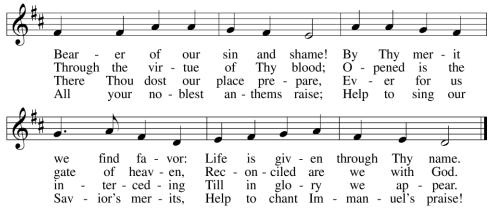
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 16:21-28 – Losing life and finding it in Christ P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter. G Glo - ry to You, O Lord. ²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."





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SERMON – The Solid Rock and the Stumbling Block – Matthew 16:21-28

8 am – NICENE CREED

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.

5 pm – 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **A** ...one God forever.
- **C** Amen.

OFFERING - Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (arr. Paul Soulek)



10:30 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (*page 10*) and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (*page 15*).

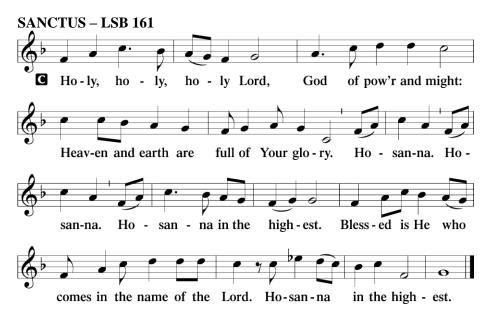
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+++ SACRAMENT +++

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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **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 will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; 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.

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."

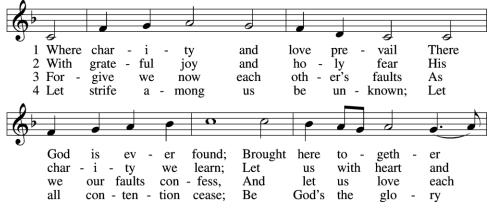
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

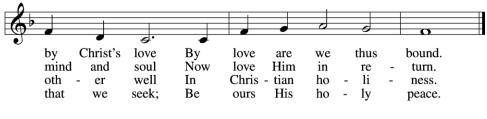


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Anthem – Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness (arr. Carl Schalk) Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy thy praises render Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded. High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth. Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him; For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal. Haste to ope the gates before Him, Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee. Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit! Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing. In the battle well nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted, For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.	If you need gluten-free wafers, please let one of the pastors know. Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing <i>a</i> <i>trace amount of</i> <i>wine</i> , is available in the center of the tray.

LSB 845 – Where Charity and Love Prevail





5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one. 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.

The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

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All glory to the One Who lavishes such love; The triune God in love Assures our life above. His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

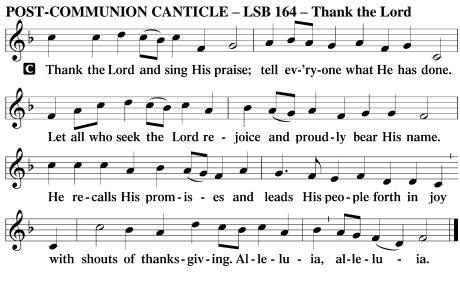
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LSB 566 – By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain: As long as God is Why doubt it not. this word of prom - ise? stag - ger at His worth. God in love our Re - deem - er. have no sent sin. Was it be - cause bear our of your own mer - it true. it stands. What saints have penned by in spi - ra - tion, Has Scrip-ture false - hood taught? No! Then this word must ev - er Christ Je - sus. to this sin - ful earth: His death did for our That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our will life true re - main: By grace vou too ob - tain. sins And by a - lone. a - tone. we are saved grace a - lone. That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne. grace on grace-grace through His Son. God done De - pends has

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
 - By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 - The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

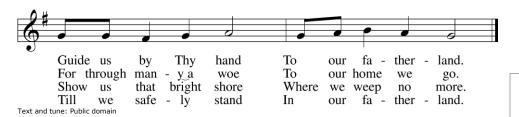
C Amen.

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.

HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 718 - Jesus, Lead Thou On





SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - Jesus, Lead Thou On (arr. John Blackburn)

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TODAY

- 9:15am Special medical missions presentation by Dr. CR Powell
- 6:00pm FLY (Blind Man Challenge)

Monday, September 4 - Church office & Preschool closed

Tuesday, September 5

- 10:00am Fellowship Ministry Team
- **5:00pm** Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit (ULu)
- 5:15-6:00pm First Steps in Music (birth to age 4)
- 6:15-7:00pm Children's Choir (age 5 to 3rd grade)
- 6:15 & 7:20pm Men's Softball (Twin Lakes, Field 1)

Wednesday, September 6

- 10:00am Men's & Women's fall Bible studies
- **7:00pm Senior Choir** (4th grade through adults)

Friday, September 8 – Sojourn House 5K

Wednesday, September 13 – Lunch & Learn

Saturday, September 16 Hoosiers Outrun Cancer

Sunday, September 17 – Voters' Meeting

Sunday, October 1 – Church Picnic

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