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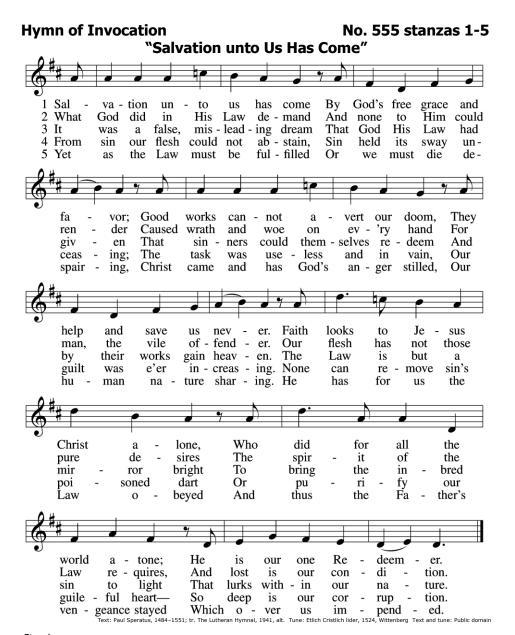
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Divine Service III Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023



Stand

Confession and Absolution

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.

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

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: 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.
- P: 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 \(\mathbf{Y}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

Service of the Word

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Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: v. 17

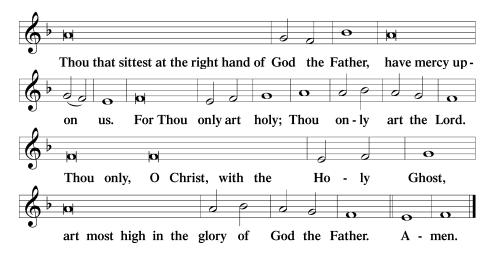
- P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
- C: and call on the name of the LORD.
- P: What shall I render to the LORD
- C: for all his benefits to me?
- P: I will lift up the cup of salvation
- C: and call on the name of the LORD.
- P: Precious in the sight of the LORD
- C: is the death of his saints.
- P: O LORD, I am your servant;
- C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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.

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C: and call on the name of the LORD.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



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

C: Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse

Psalm 34:9, 19

"Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

Epistle

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand



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



¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16So the last will be first, and the first last,"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \maltese of the world to come. Amen.

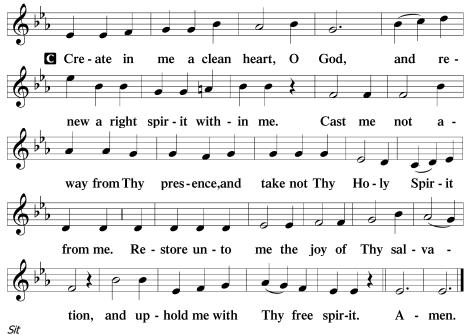
Sit



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

C: Amen.





Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



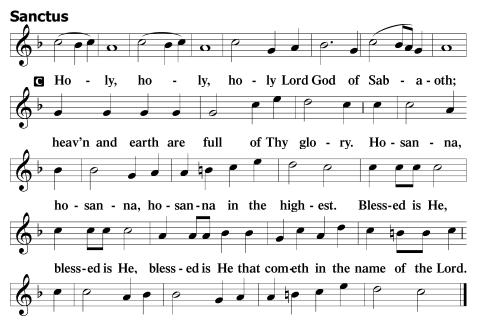
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. **Lord's Prayer** *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

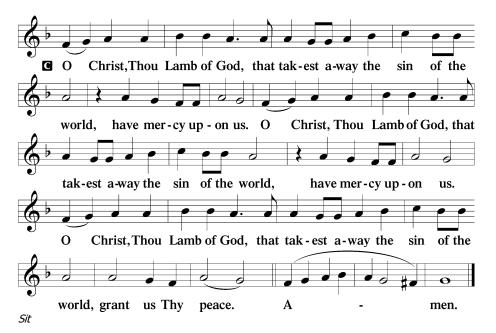
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



THE DISTRIBUTION As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.

Distribution Hymns





- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num-bered claim,

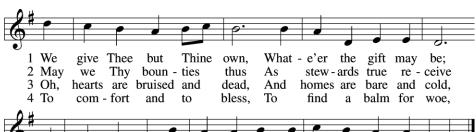


Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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"Give Thee But Thine Own"

No. 781



All we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give! And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold. To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- And we believe Thy Word, 6 Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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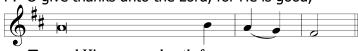






Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ♣ give you peace.





THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Duane & Pattie Oestmann in honor of Family Birthdays.

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Stephanie Anderson, Marty Villars, Barbara Elliott, Dean Harp, Marcia Cales, Pat Brown (Michele Zimmerman's Aunt), Ira Walker (Joyce Holloway's brother-in-law), Buni Snyder, Art O'Donnell, CJ Beck (Eulonda's nephew), Deanna Hegedus, Shirley Tharp, Sharon Regnier (former member)

Ladies of the Congregation – Diane Glasgow, president of the **Trinity Lutheran Church LWML** has extended an invitation to the Ladies of Redeemer to attend their Salad Supper on **Monday**, **September 25**th **at 5:30 pm.** You have the option of bringing a salad but are welcome without one.

Please pick up your

Congregational Self-Evaluation Tool (C-SET) to fill out and return to help the Call Committee know what your ideas of characteristics should our next Pastor have. If you need explanation of any of the question, please contact one of the Elders.

This takes some time to fill out, but it is your opportunity to "voice" your opinion. Please return your C-SET by October 31st. Please hand it to one of the Elders or Cathy in the office.

If you want the complete packet Pastor Panzer gave us for the call process talk to Cathy in the office.

INFO: Pastor Meyer from Trinity Lutheran in Winfield will be our vacancy pastor. Pastor Meyer will be available for any Pastoral Care, but will not be here on Sunday mornings. Vicar Nash Ringquist will be leading worship at Redeemer on the Sunday of each month, beginning October 1st. Worship leaders are being scheduled for the rest of the month.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Eric Snider

Altar Committee: Joyce Holloway, Rose Anstine, Patty Tharp

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>

September 17, 2023 - Worship – 45

Budget Needs Weekly - \$2,932.62

Home Budget Offering - \$1440.00