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Divine Service III
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
September 21, 2025

Good morning and welcome to the House of the Lord.

We pray: May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.



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 ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 92:1–5; antiphon: Matthew 9:13b, c

P: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.

C: For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C: and your faithfulness by night,

P: to the music of the lute and the harp,

C: to the melody of the lyre.

P: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

P: How great are your works, O LORD!

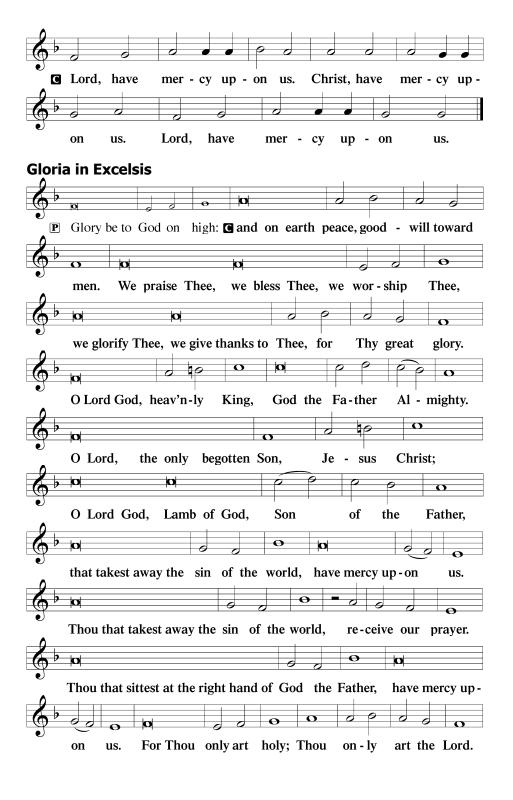
C: Your thoughts are very deep!

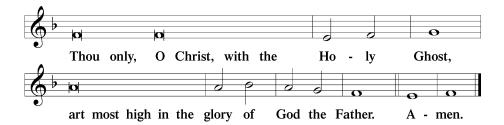
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.

C: For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Kyrie





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

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

⁸ But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

 1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go to the exiles, to

your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GoD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse

Matthew 9:13

"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Epistle

Ephesians 4:7–16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

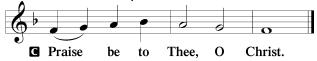
Matthew 9:9-13

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



⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

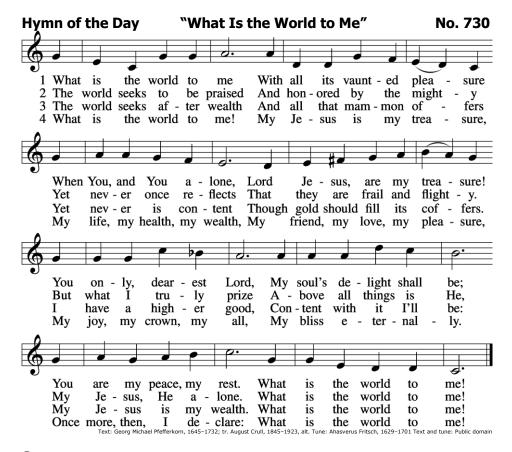


Nicene Creed

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.



Sermon

Stand

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

C: Amen.

Offertory





Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church - After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

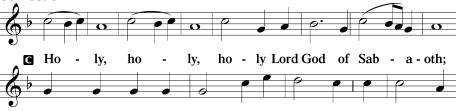


P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

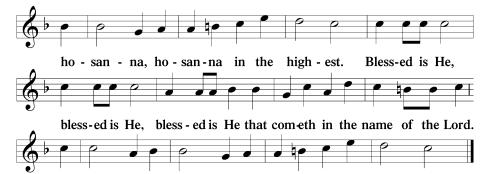


P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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 closed 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





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.

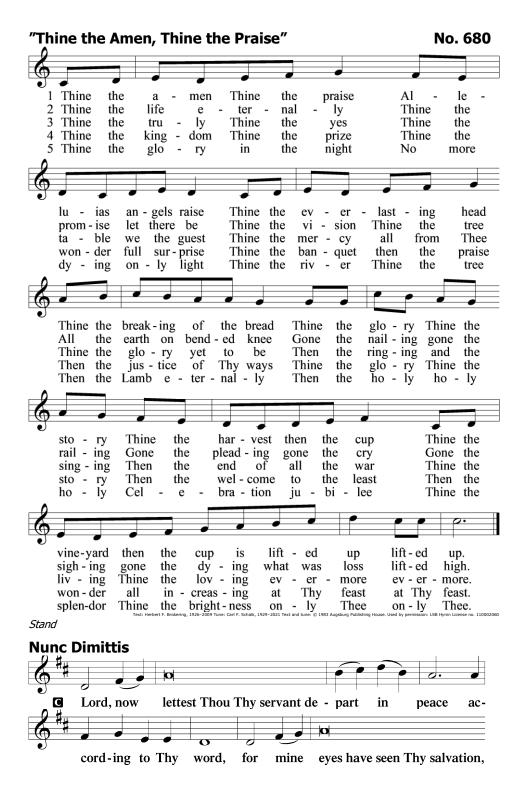
6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us

Are gifts He loves to give;

All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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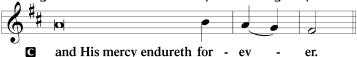






Thanksgiving

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



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



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.





Mission Update - Ann Headrick

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- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Larry & Rose Anstine in honor of Hadley's Birthday
- ➡ IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith, Barb Sweet, Marty Villers, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Mark Uphoff & Carol Welton (family of Marilynn Marrs), Terry Krueger, Marsha Seals, Duane Oestmann, The Twin Rivers Staff & Colleen.

Sunday School Teachers are needed for:

September 28th October 26th November 23rd December 14th

December 28th

Please consider signing up for one or any of these dates!



Trinity is having Game Night on September 26th at 6:30 pm, and are inviting Redeemer to join them. You can bring a game and a snack to share. Meet in the basement at Trinity in Winfield.

Next Arkalalah Float meeting is Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will vote on the skirt banner and discuss progress. We still need volunteers to help. Please come to the meeting and/or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please talk to Eric Snider.

Join us for a morning of fun and fellowship with our **Ladies Bingo Breakfast Brunch, October 4**th – **9:30 to 11:30 am.**Consider inviting a friend, coworker, or former member of Redeemer.

We have invited Trinity members to attend as well.

To assist Sarah, Joelyn, and Ann, please sign-up and include the number of people you will be bringing. We want to be sure we have enough food. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up before Thursday, October 2nd.

There are two things we need assistance with from the congregation:

- 1) We are hoping for donations of small prizes for each round of bingo, such as homemade crafts or cards, food items, new items under \$5 that anyone might enjoy, or even gift cards.
- 2) We also can benefit from the donation of a few breakfast casseroles, fruit bowls, pastries, and juice.

If you can donate any the above please indicate so, on our sign-up sheet.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1-7

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 pm Catechism Class

7:30 pm Youth Group

THURSDAY: 7:00 pm Adult Instruction Class

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with 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: Aaron O'Donnell & Eric Snider

Altar Committee: Teresa Holloway, Terri Snow, Joyce Feasel

Greeter: Teresa Holloway

STEWARDSHIP

September 14, 2025 – Worship – 57

Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94

Home Budget Offering - \$1393.00

Reimbursement from Trintiy - \$1890.61

Shekels for a Seminarian - \$6.00 Missions - \$20.00