

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

10:30 AM

**UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT**
Stewardship Focus



"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

say "Peace be with you/ And also with you", be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN "Give To Our God Immortal Praise"

1) Give to our God im - mor - tal__ praise!
2) He sent his Son with__ pow'r to__ save
3) Give to the Lord of__ lords re - nown;
Sing stz. 3 in unison

Mer - cy and truth are all his ways;
From guilt and dark - ness and the grave.
The King of kings with glo - ry crown.

Won - ders of grace__ to__ God__ be - long;
Won - ders of grace__ to__ God__ be - long;
His mer - cies ev - er__ shall__ en - dure

Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
When lords and kings are known no more!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves. The first three staves correspond to the three verses of the hymn. The fourth staff is a unison instruction for the third stanza. The fifth and sixth staves contain the lyrics for the third stanza. The seventh and eighth staves contain the lyrics for the final verse. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

[P] Owe no one anything, except to love one another. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **[C]** And also with you.

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



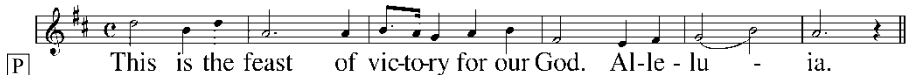
[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

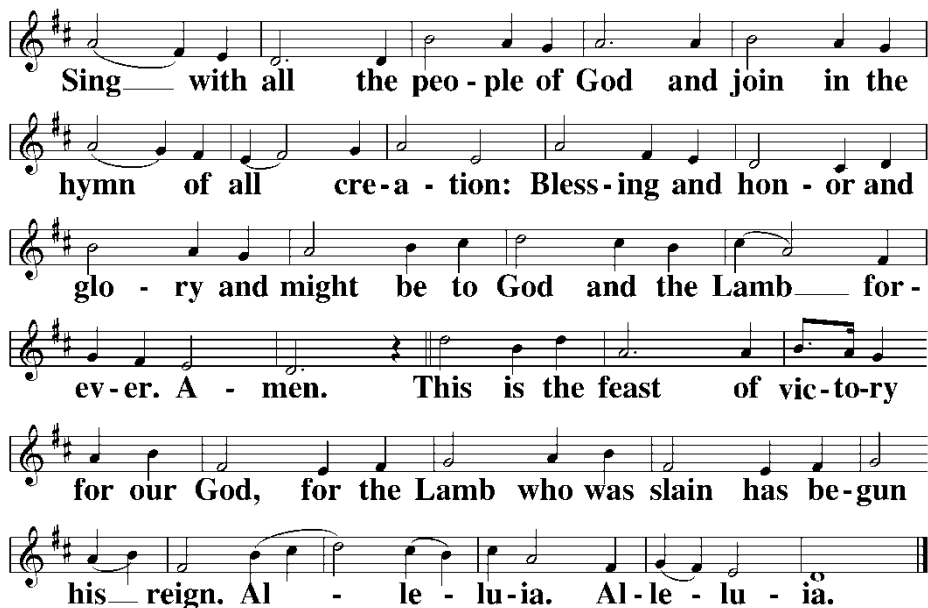


[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

[P] God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Joshua 1:1-9

[R] After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way

prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.’

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23



P The Lord is my shépherd;*
I shall not be in waít.

C He makes me lie down in green pástures*
and leads me besides still wáters.

He revives my s^oul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sáke.*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, /
I shall fear no évil;*
for you are with me; / (*breathe*)
your rod and your staff, they comfort mé.

*You spread a table before me in the →
presence of those who trouble mé;*
you have anointed my head with oil, /
and my cup is running óver.*

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow →
me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord foréver.

Stand



GOSPEL [P] The Gospel is written in Matthew chapter 6:19-34

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[P] ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

MESSAGE **“Under New Management- Kingdom Priorities”**

Stand

HYMN "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "**hear our prayer.**" The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P Let us pray. God of wisdom,

C in your Son Jesus you teach us to love one another
and to share the gifts of our lives. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving
for all you have done for us. Bring forth from us a rich yield in lives
dedicated to your service. Amen.

Stand

introduction

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
 bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.
 Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and
 give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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 indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

intro: one chord

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord
 God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full
 of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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; 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.

LAMB OF GOD

introduction

C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You may approach the altar as space is available to receive pre-packaged communion elements or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*

HYMN “I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table”

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry
2 Thy heart is filled with fer-vent yearn-ing That sin - ners may sal-
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I have a
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my soul is
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's bond and

is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a - lone art a - ble
va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turn - ing;
sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt ban - ish nev - er,
sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious - ly and glad - den
sol - id base; It is the strength of heart and spir - it,

Refrain

To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art: Lord, may Thy
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, abr.
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1 Cor. 11:23–29; Luke 22:17–20; Mark 14:22–25; Matt. 26:26–28; Psalm 130

Stand

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. [C] **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

intro: one chord

[C] Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what
 he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce
 and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and
 leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

[P] Let us pray. Lord God, you are the one for whom we have waited. We rejoice in your salvation. As you have fed us with the riches of this table, place us again in your vineyard to reap the harvest of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

[P] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C Amen.**

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised

1) O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve You to the
 2) Oh, let me feel You near me; The world is ev - er
 3) Oh, let me hear You speak - ing In ac - cents clear and

end; Re - main for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter
 near. I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing
 still A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs

and my friend. I shall not fear the bat - tle If
 sounds I hear. My foes are ev - er near me, A -
 of self - will. Now speak to re - as - sure me, To

You are by my side, Nor wan - der from the
round me and with - in; But, Je - sus, then draw
has - ten or con - trol; Now speak and make me

path - way If You will be my guide.
near - er To shield my soul from sin.
lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.

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| <p>4) O Je-sus, You have prom-ised
To all who fol-low You
That where You are in glo-ry
Your ser-vant shall be too.</p> | <p>And Je-sus, I have prom-ised
To serve You to the end;
Oh, give me grace to fol-low,
My mas-ter and my friend.</p> |
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POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion
Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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