



Welcome to  
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*By the love of Christ,  
our vision is to work together,  
reaching out to all people,  
through the Gospel,  
in our various activities and events.  
As we encourage each other to worship  
and grow in God's Word,  
we will be a Christian influence  
in our community.*

*October 8, 2023  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Stewardship Sunday Service 1)  
Preacher: Rev. Paul Schneider*

## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

**We welcome all who gather here today!** We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children:** Families with children are very welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

**Pew cards:** Guest and Members, please fill out a Guest/Member card located in the pew rack. The card can be placed in the offering plates at the back of the church.

**If standing is difficult** feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

### About our celebration of Holy Communion

We celebrate The Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, our Lord gives to us not only bread and wine, but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not baptized, instructed about communion in an LCMS congregation, or are in doubt and yet desire to receive Holy Communion, are asked to first speak with the Pastor or elder.

Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Grape juice is offered in the center of the trays. Gluten-free wafers are available.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35, 26:26-29, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

## Greeting

- P** Peace be with you.  
**C** And also with you

## Divine Service - Setting Four LSB 203

### Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn

### 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Stand on vs. 4



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

### *Refrain*



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.

*Stand*

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**C** **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** The stone that the builders rejected

**C** **has become the cornerstone.**

- P** This is the LORD's doing;  
**C** it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- A** 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** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**C** for his steadfast love endures forever!

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

**Genesis: 1:26-2:3**

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

*“Take My Life”*

**Epistle**

**Colossians 1:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

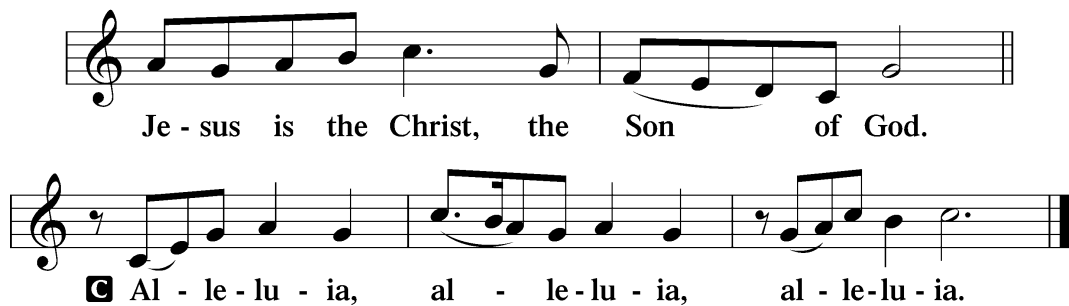
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**





## Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25–34

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>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? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## 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.

*Sit*

## Pre-Sermon Hymn

### 784 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

## Sermon

## Post- Sermon Hymn

### 754 Take My Life and Let It Be



4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall  
treasure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

## Stand

## Prayer of the Church

### Prayer Response

After each segment:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### **After prayers:**

**P** In the name of Jesus we pray the prayer He has taught us.

### **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;  
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.

*Stand*

### **Benedicamus**

**LSB 212**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Closing Hymn

### 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

## Closing Statement

- P** We go to live for Jesus.
- C** We go to share His love.

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