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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2017

HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, 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 Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation - #537

"Every Morning Mercies New"

+ The Invocation – pg. 46ff (*stand*)

+ Versicles & Responses

+ INTROIT

Ps. 143:1–2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
*Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.*
**Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!**

+ The Confessional Address or Exhortation – pg. 47
+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution – pg. 47-48

+ The Collect for the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

+ The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Hymn - #324, v. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

+ Sermon – “Joseph, a Picture of Jesus”

Genesis 50:19-20

- I. In forgiving his brothers
- II. In preserving many people alive

+ The Offertory – pg. 22 (*stand*)

+ The Offerings

- **Sanctuary Choir** (8:00 a.m.)
“Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

+ The Prayer of the Church

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pg. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

- #652** “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”
- #385** “Now I have Found the Firm Foundation”
- #309** “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving – pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 30

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus – pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #309 (7:00 p.m.)
“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

September 17: 2 Chron. 36:1–23; Col. 4:1–18; **18:** Neh. 1:1–2:10; 1 Tim. 1:1–20; **19:** Neh. 2:11–20; 4:1–6; 1 Tim. 2:1–15; **20:** Neh. 4:7–23; 1 Tim. 3:1–16; **21:** Neh. 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Tim. 4:1–16; **22:** Neh. 7:1–4; 8:1–18; 1 Tim. 5:1–16; **23:** Neh. 9:1–21; 1 Tim. 5:17–6:2.