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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 – #4

“God Himself Is Present”

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Congregation shall say or chant:



Y: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

R: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Y: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

R: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er

shall be: world with-out end. A - men.

Introit *Ps. 105:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 105:1*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

*Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**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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make known his deeds among the peoples!*

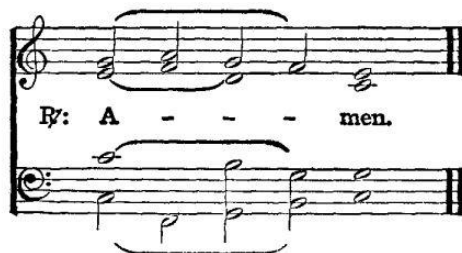
The Confessional Address Confession and Absolution

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

I now ask you before God, Is this your sincere confession, that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose, by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost, henceforth to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: Yes.

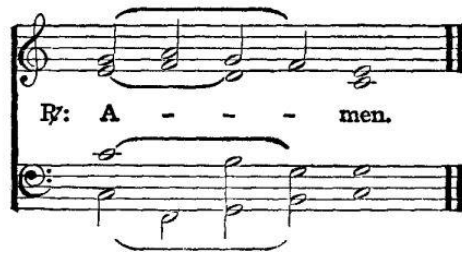
Yes

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 Ghost.



The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

The Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44:52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #604

“Great God, What do I See and Hear?”

Sermon – “God’s Dragnet”

Matthew 13:47-50

- I. The parable explained.
- II. The parable applied.

The Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and
 take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
 Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

The General Prayer

The Preface:

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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;

R: For Thine is the king-dom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

R: A - - - - - men.

The Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. . . . A - - - - - men.

Communion Distribution

Hymn #314 – “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Hymn #371 – “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness:

Hymn #605 – “The World Is Very Evil”

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

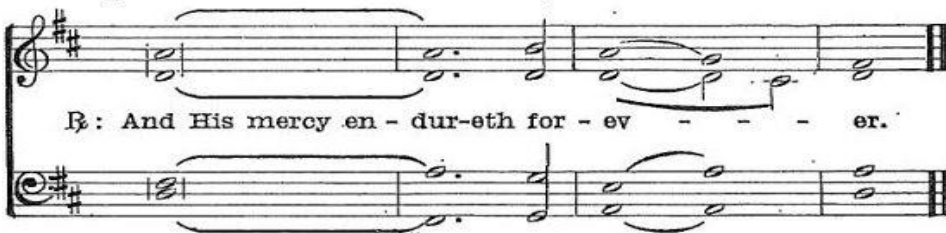
a Light to light - en the Gen-tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end.. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

The Post-Communion Collect

O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness didst send Thine only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank Thee that for His sake Thou hast given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we Beseech Thee not to forsake Thy children but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reignth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



R: A - - - - - men.

V: The Lord be with you.

B: And with thy spir - it.

V: Bless we the Lord.

B: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

B: A - men, A - men, A - men.

Closing Hymn - #605 (7:00 p.m.)

“The World Is Very Evil”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

DAILY READINGS: July 30: 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; 31: 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27; August 1: 1 Sam. 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23; 2: 1 Sam. 17:20–47; Acts 26:24–27:8; 3: 1 Sam. 17:48–18:9; Acts 27:9–26; 4: 1 Sam. 18:10–30; Acts 27:27–44; 5: 1 Sam. 19:1–24; Acts 28:1–15

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