

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*October 1, 2023*

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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*)

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### **The Order of the Holy Communion**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Hymn – #390**

“Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest”

#### *Stand*

#### **Invocation:**

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



#### **The Confession of Sins:**

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.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**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.**

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.

R: A - - - men.

**Introit:** Ps. 147:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6

*The LORD lifts up the humble;*

*he casts the wicked to the ground.*

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;**

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

*The LORD builds up Jerusalem;*

*he gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

**He heals the broken-hearted**

**and binds up their wounds.**

*He determines the number of the stars;*

*he gives to all of them their names.*

Great is our LORD, and abundant in power.

His understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked | to the ground.

### Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

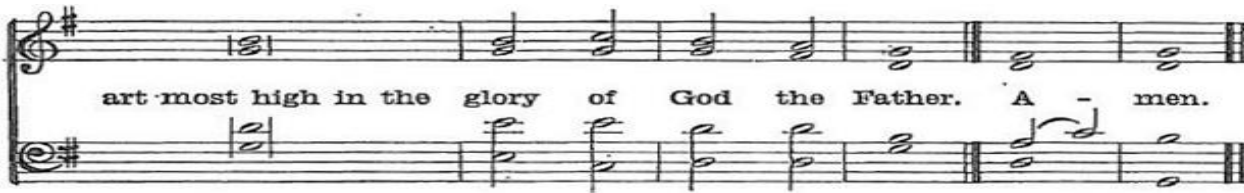
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



### The Salutation:

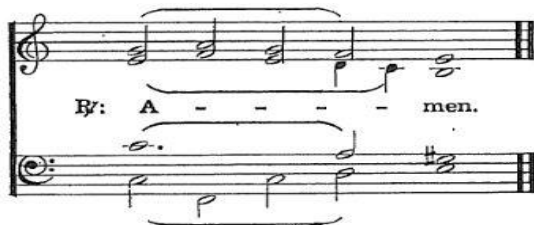
V: The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

### The Collect for The Day:

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and

a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

### **The Epistle: Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18**

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

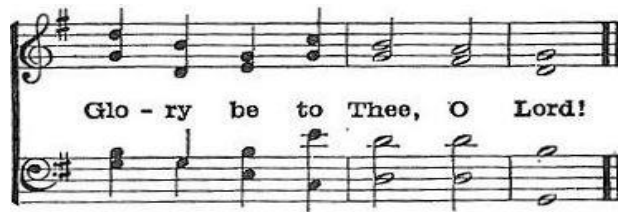
<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

*Stand*



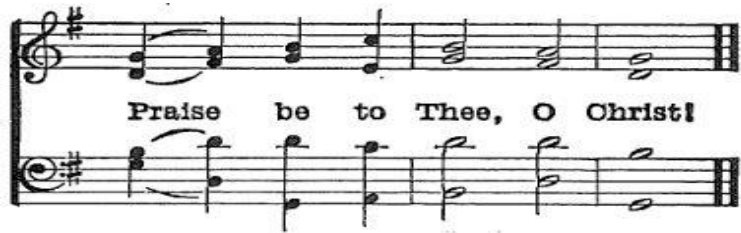
### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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.

*Sit*

## Sermon Hymn: #245

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

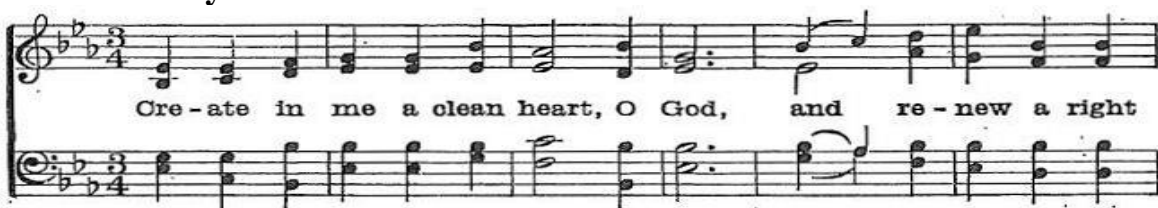
## Sermon – “God Does Not Desire Death for Us, but Repentance and Life”

Ezekiel 18:32

- I. God does not desire the death of anyone.
- II. He desires repentance and life for everyone.

*Stand*

## The Offertory



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.

*Sit*  
**The Offering**

*Stand*  
**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 musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

### 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 musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

## 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

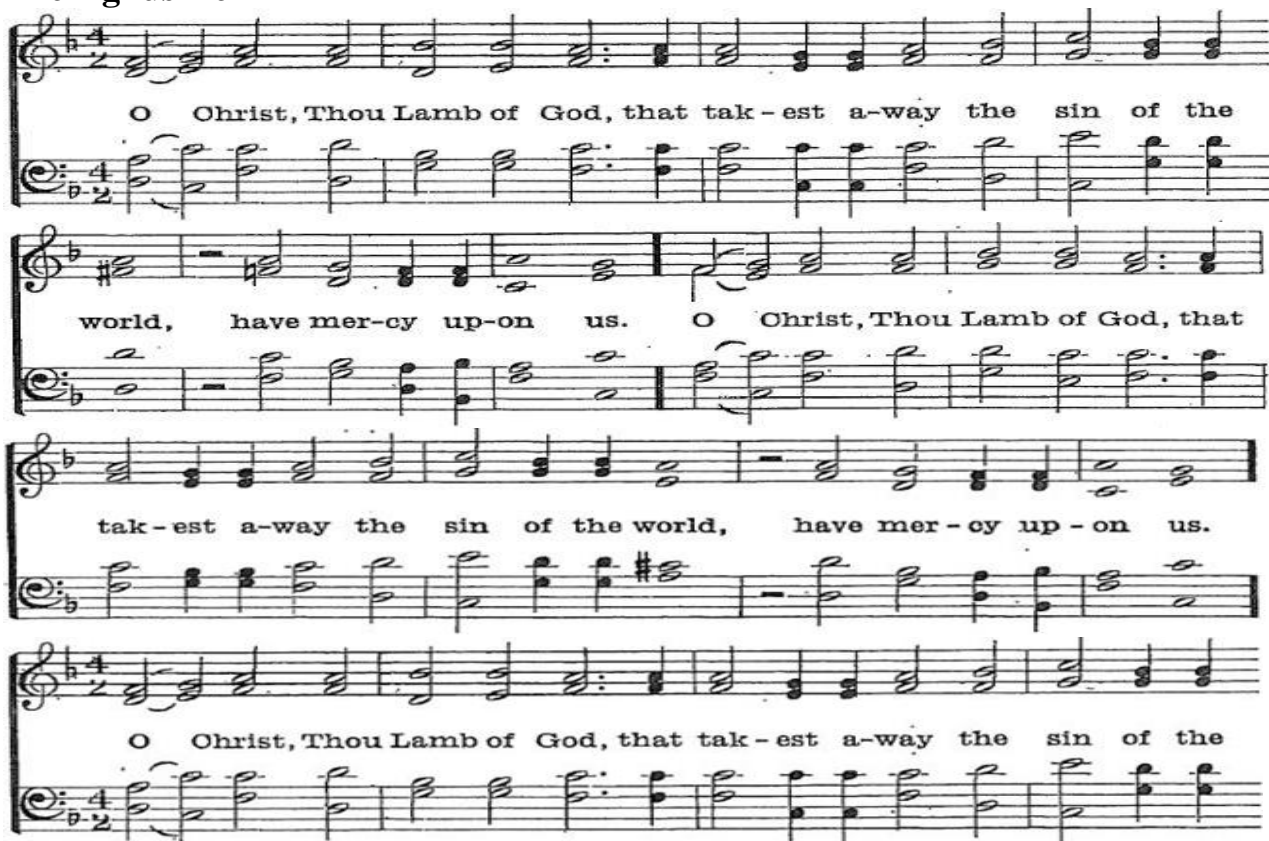
V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!



R: A - - - - - men.

The musical notation for 'The Pax Domini' consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a melodic line starting on G4 and moving through A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lower staff is a basso continuo line in G major, providing harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line. The lyrics 'A - - - - - men.' are written below the vocal line.

## 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

The musical notation for 'The Agnus Dei' is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 4/2. The lyrics are: '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.

*Sit*

**Communion Distribution**

Hymn #388 – “Just as I Am, without One Plea” (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

Hymn #321 – “O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee”

Hymn #295 – “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

*Stand*

**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

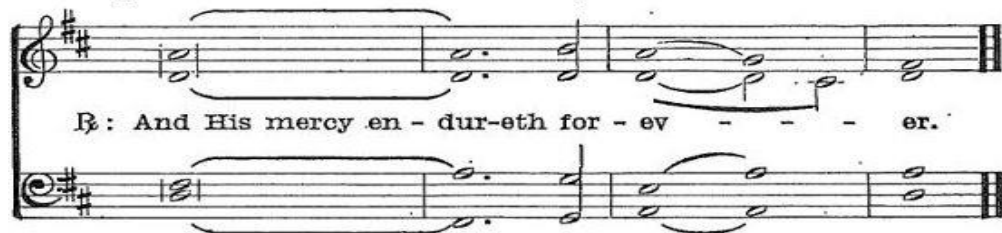
to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-



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.



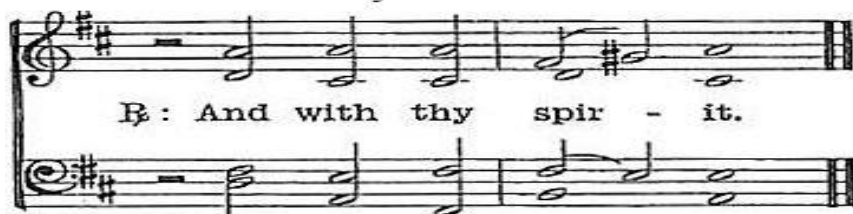
R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



R: A - - - - - men.

V: The Lord be with you.



R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Bless we the Lord.



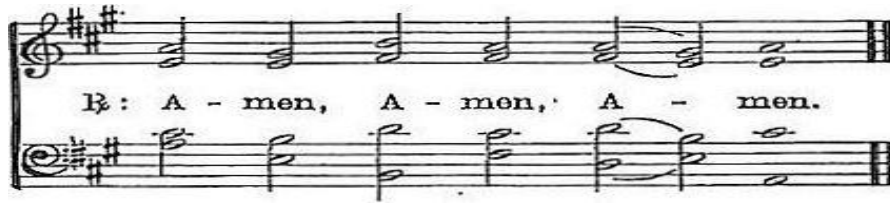
R: Thanks be to God.

## 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.



*Sit*

**Closing Hymn - #321 (7:00 p.m.)**

“O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee”

## Silent Prayer & Postlude

**DAILY READINGS:** October 1: Deut. 2:16–37; Matt. 6:16–34; 2: Deut. 3:1–29; Matt. 7:1–12; 3: Deut. 4:1–20; Matt. 7:13–29; 4: Deut. 4:21–40; Matt. 8:1–17; 5: Deut. 5:1–21; Matt. 8:18–34; 6: Deut. 5:22–6:9; Matt. 9:1–17; 7: Deut. 6:10–25; Matt. 9:18–38.

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