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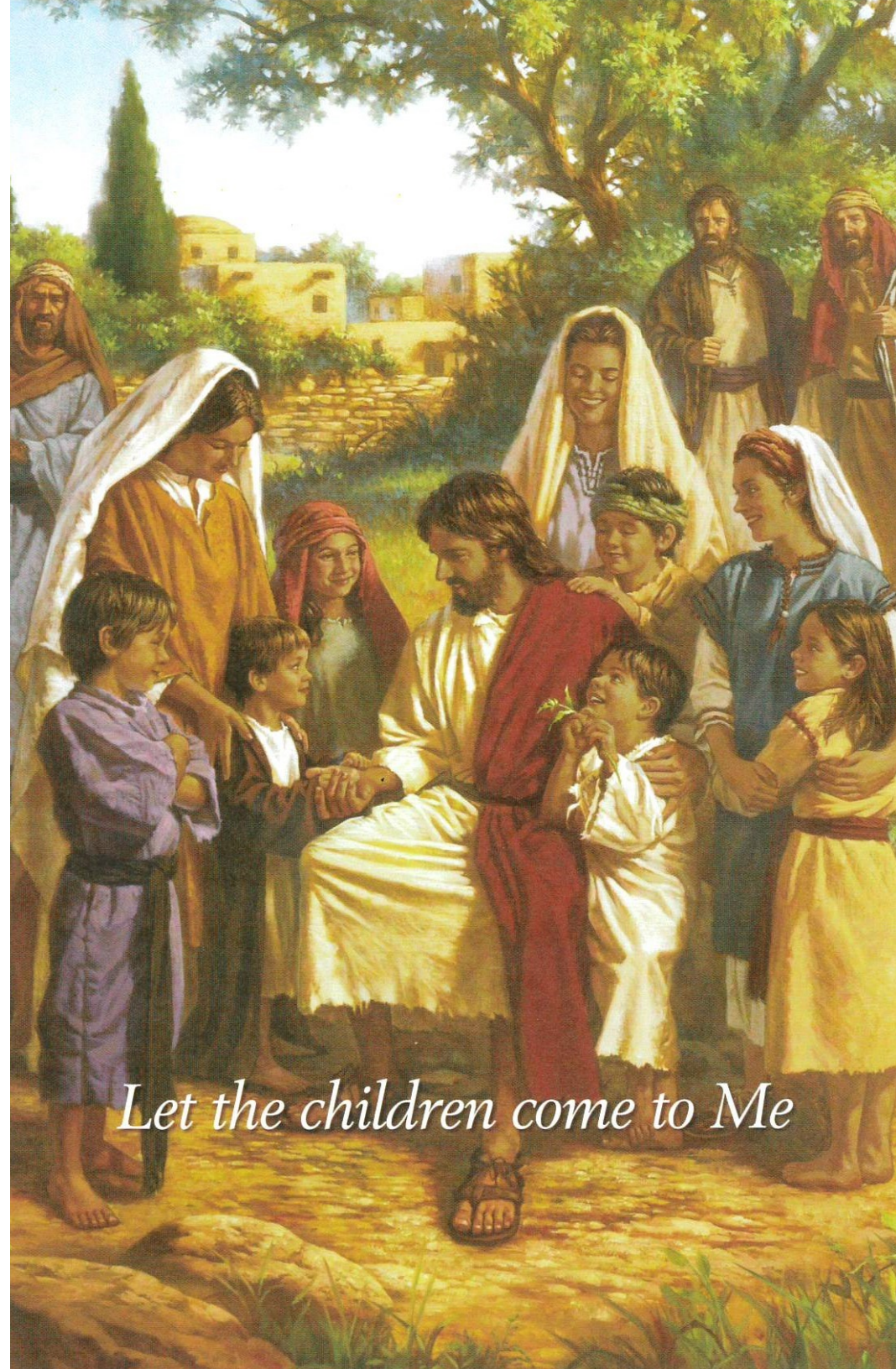
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SAFE TRAVELS:
Sue Brooks



Let the children come to Me



About the Cover: Though certainly loved by their parents, children during the time of the Gospels were not looked to as role models for spiritual life or the kingdom of heaven. Children are dependent on others for everything. But it is their dependence that Jesus points to as the key component of faith. While recognizing our dependence on the Lord for everything, we see a Savior who welcomes us with open arms into His kingdom, won by His cross and resurrection.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service October 3, 2021
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Thoughts as we gather:

Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church

Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. *"It is not good that the man should be alone"* (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, *"the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs,"* which *"he made into a woman"* and brought *"to the man"* (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that *"a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh"* (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. *"What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate"* (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself *"through suffering,"* that He might bring *"many sons to glory"* in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10).

PRELUDE: Sing Halleluia to the Lord *Miskimen Sisters*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

LWML SUNDAY

LWML Sunday is October 10, 2021. *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly . . . As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace* (1 Peter 4:8, 10). Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather in worship under the theme "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," in celebration of LWML Sunday 2021 on October 10. The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Our LWML looks forward to a time of sharing with you the wonderful missions of the LWML—God's ministry around the world through mites, service, and prayer.

ALTAR WORKERS NEEDED

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to set-up and clean-up the Communion elements as we partake of the Lord's Supper. Someone is needed for each time we have Communion which is every Sunday and several special days throughout the year. Thank you, Kathy Benzow and Eunice Harris.

TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. but please get here around 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. before we close the gates at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed—thank you in advance for your help!! Please sign-up on the Trunk or Treat sheet in the Narthex. If you would like your trunk decorated for Trunk or Treat, please contact Judy Meadows. Candy is needed! Please bring it and place it in the box in the Narthex.

THANK YOU

Thanks and thoughts of appreciation for everyone in the congregation who prayed for me. ~Joe Yancho

BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO Bible Study on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, or Sunday, October 10, 2021. We will resume classes on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, and Sunday, October 17, 2021

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

There will be no youth confirmation class on Monday, October 11 as the office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (10/03) 9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Worship
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sun. (10/10) 9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Worship
LWML Sunday

ATTENDANCE:

09/26/2021 9:00 a.m. 70

OFFERING:

Needed weekly: \$ 3,737.00

Received 09/26/21 \$ 2,694.00

Short \$ (1,043.00)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

605 Father Welcomes

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly

through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,

Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

**Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies
in the gate.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

October 3 – Proper 22

Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of creation ...” In recent years, our country – along with most all the (formerly) Christian nations of Europe – has lost its way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Mark Amer

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, October 10, 2021 are:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 104:27-35 (antiphon: v.24)

James 5:(1-12) 13-20

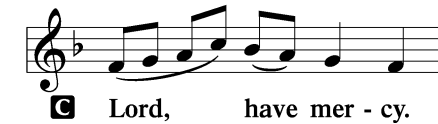
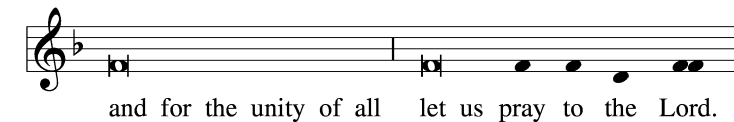
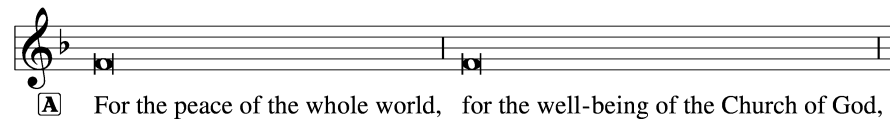
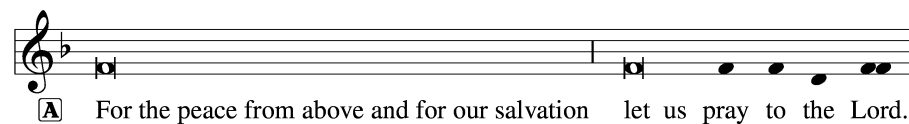
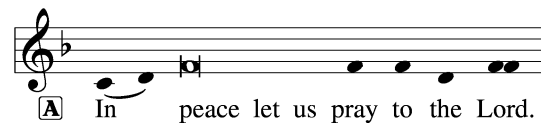
Mark 9:38-50

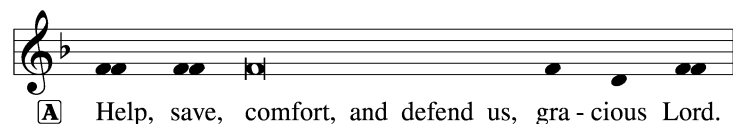
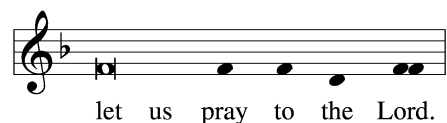
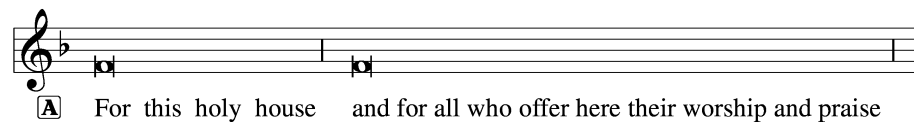
**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

KYRIE

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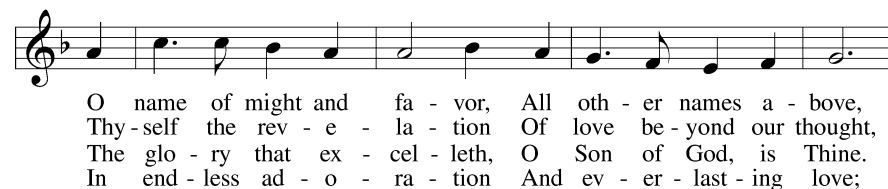
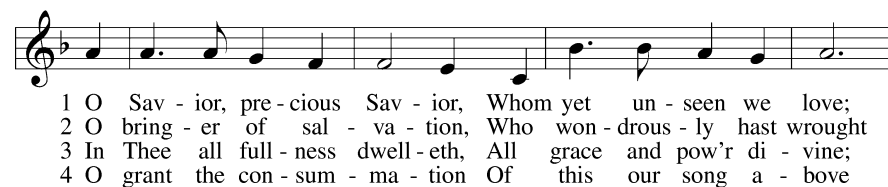


THIS IS THE FEAST

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527 O Savior, Precious Savior



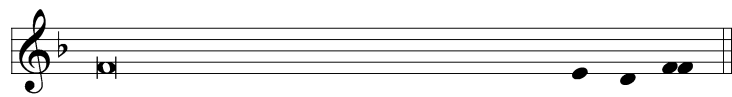
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BENEDICTION

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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 A - men.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
 and flesh of my flesh;
 she shall be called Woman,
 because she was taken out of Man.”

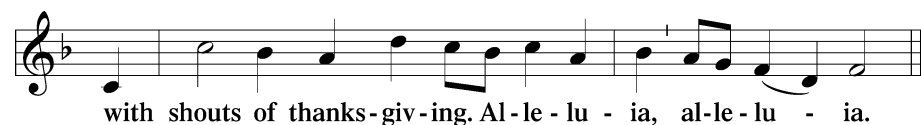
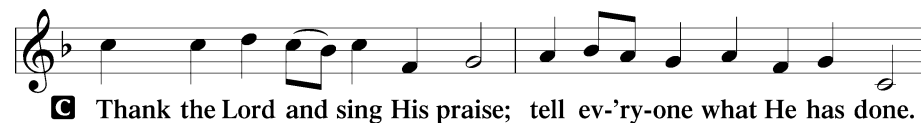
²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THANK THE LORD

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 128; antiphon: v. 1

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in His ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
**your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.**

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.

⁵**The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!**

⁶May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:1-13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for Him?

⁷You made Him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned Him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under His feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. ⁹But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in Him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given Me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

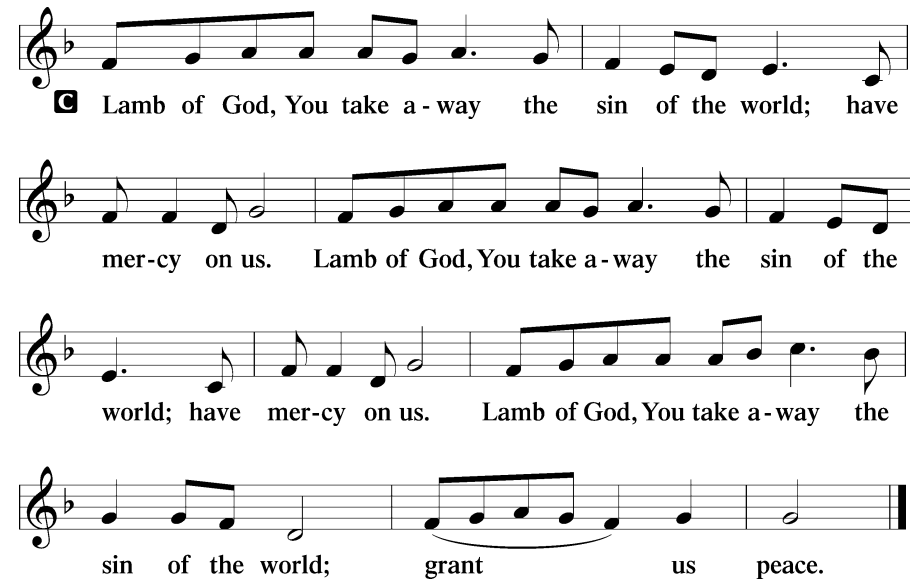


²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. ¹¹And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

AGNUS DEI

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Sit

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC: On Eagles' Wings

Miskimen Sisters

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

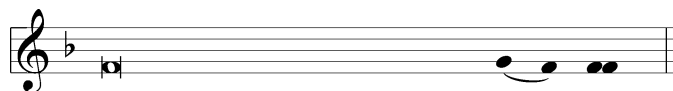
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

¹³And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

863 Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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SERMON TEXT: Hebrews 2:1–13 (14–18)

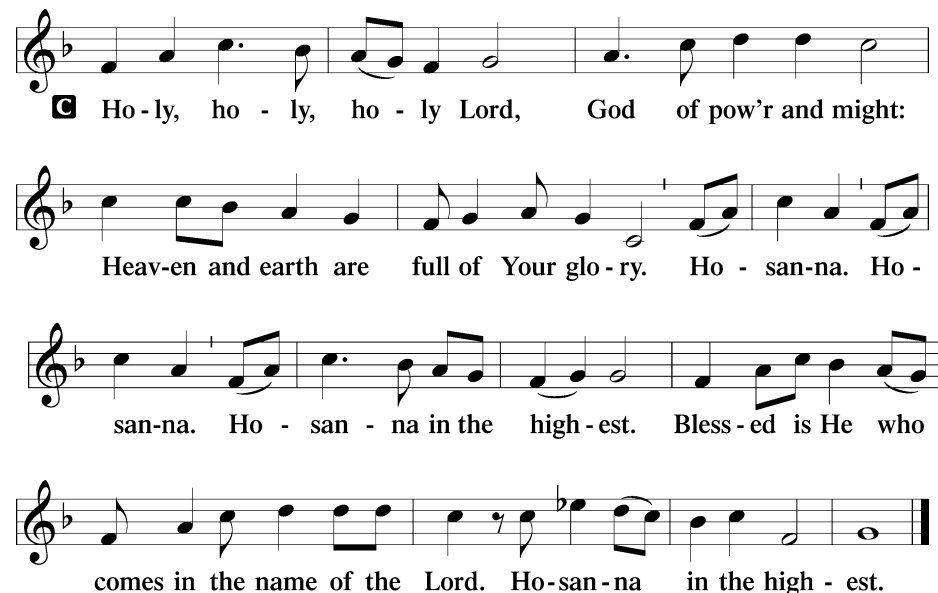
SERMON THEME: Neglecting a Great Salvation

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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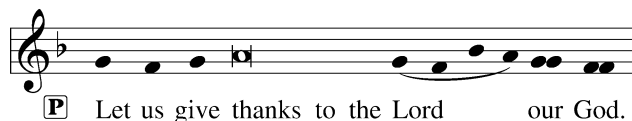
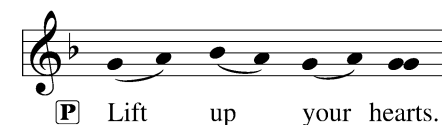
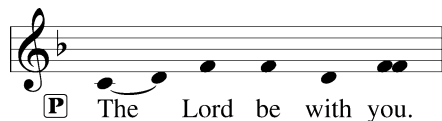
Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but 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, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

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[C] 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
[C] Lord, have mercy.

[P] For the Spirit's help to receive the kingdom of God in humble repentance like little children, that we may enter it in the joy of His forgiveness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

[C] Lord, have mercy.

P For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may pay closer attention to God's Word, lest we drift away from it and neglect the great salvation it reveals to us in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the engaged, the newly married and those who have shared many years together, that the Lord, who joins man and woman together in a reflection of His eternal love so that they are no longer two but one flesh, would bless them with even more of His love, to live together in it with joy their whole lives long, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism, that they would continue to bring them to Christ faithfully in the Divine Service, so that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For eyes of faith, that when we do not see everything subject to Jesus, yet we would see Him crowned with glory and honor at Your right hand and so believe that nothing is outside of His control, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For _____ and all others who suffer in body or mind, that they would take comfort that God has made the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering, and so in all their trials they may put their trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who eat and drink Christ's body and blood today, that the Lord would deepen us in the truth that Christ has made us bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, and so not doubt but believe that He will hold fast to us forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.