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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 56

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

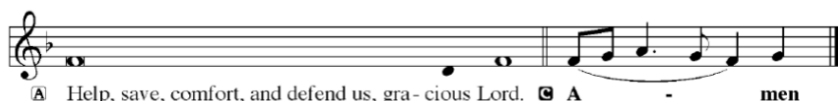
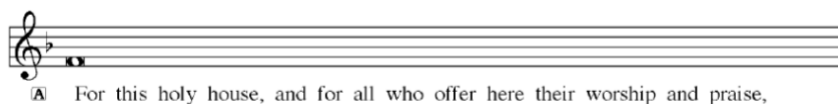
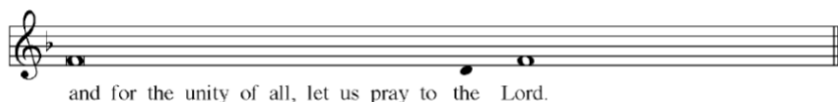
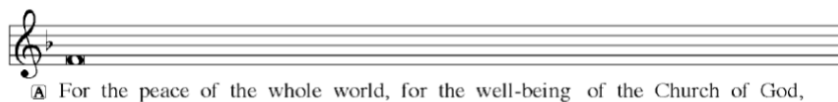
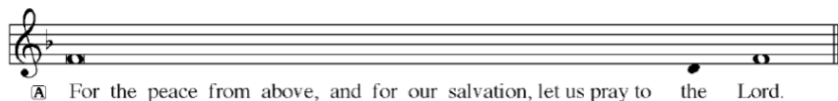
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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ("In peace let us pray to the Lord...")

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HYMN OF PRAISE ("Glory to God...") **acapella**

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-cieve our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION(acapella)


 The Lord be with you.
 
 And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:2-10

L: The First Lesson is from the 25th chapter of Proverbs.

- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
- 3 As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
- 4 Remove the dross from the silver,
and a silversmith can produce a vessel;
- 5 remove wicked officials from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through righteousness.
- 6 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
- 7 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
- What you have seen with your eyes
- 8 do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?
- 9 If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
- 10 or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.

PSALM 131

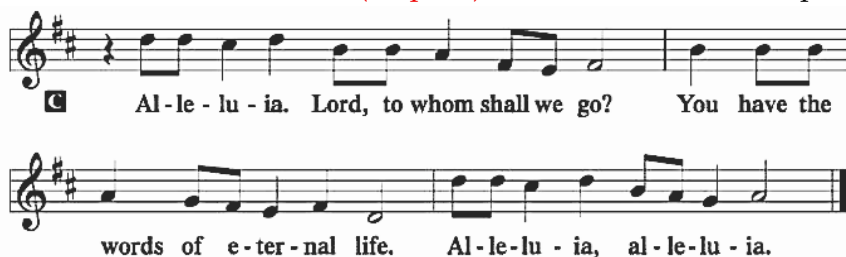
- 1 O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.**

3 O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-17

L: The Second Lesson is from the 13th chapter of Hebrews.

13 Let mutual affection continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. 10 We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. 13 Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing, for that would be harmful to you.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 14th chapter.

(acapella)



14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. 2 Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. 3 And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child[c] or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" 6 And they could not reply to this. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

(acapella)



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

"It's Not About You"

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian the Apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and
the life of the world to come Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for
all people according to their needs.

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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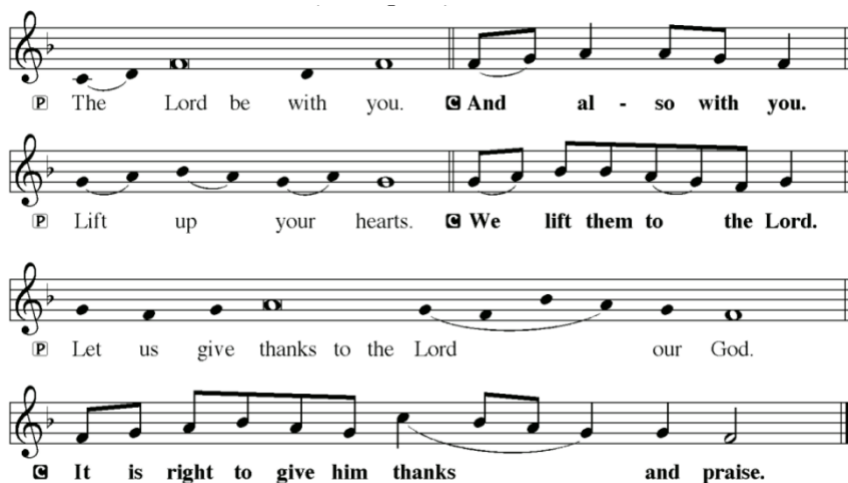
OFFERTORY/OFFERING PRAYER

("Thank You") **Guitar accompaniment**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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(acapella)



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♪ 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples

saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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L: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Turn Your Eyes

Communion Song

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

BENEDICTION & AMEN

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord made his face shine on you

And be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *Make Me a Servant* **Guitar Accompaniment**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: "We can use whatever you give. Thank you so much." May we be the example of Jesus to feed the hungry with good things.

There will not be Sunday School today.
Sept. 7th - New Year Kickoff!

"FILL THE CARRAL" school supply drive ends today. Please place donations in the "carral" in the Parish Hall. If you didn't have a chance to buy something, money donations can be put in the designated offering plate.

Get ready for Mission Festival!

Pastor Siimon from Home of Hope in Estonia will be with us on Oct. 19th!

Lunch and Presentation to follow.

Read: "We Shall Live in Heaven"

Books are \$10.00 available on the kitchen counter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2 @ 6:30 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

@ 7:00 pm – Youth/Adult Book Study - "We Shall Live in Heaven"

Sept. 3 @ 9:00 am – Morning Circle

Sept. 3 @ 9:00 am - Noon Pastor's Office Hours

Sept. 3 @ Noon – Bulletin Deadline

Sept. 7 @ 10:30 am - Sunday School Kickoff! - Join the Fun!

Those who attend receive a free Arch Book!

Sermon Title: "Following Jesus is No Cakewalk"

Next Week's Scripture Readings - Sept. 7th

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. However, all who receive this gift must first examine themselves. "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." – 1 Corinthians 11:28

Therefore, prayerfully consider the following:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- Do I repent of my sins in thought, word and behavior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally and physically present in Communion with His Body and Blood?
- Do I desire by God's power and God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him?

We believe your "Yes!" to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to Communion.

We encourage non-communing children to accompany their parents for a personal blessing. White grape juice is available.