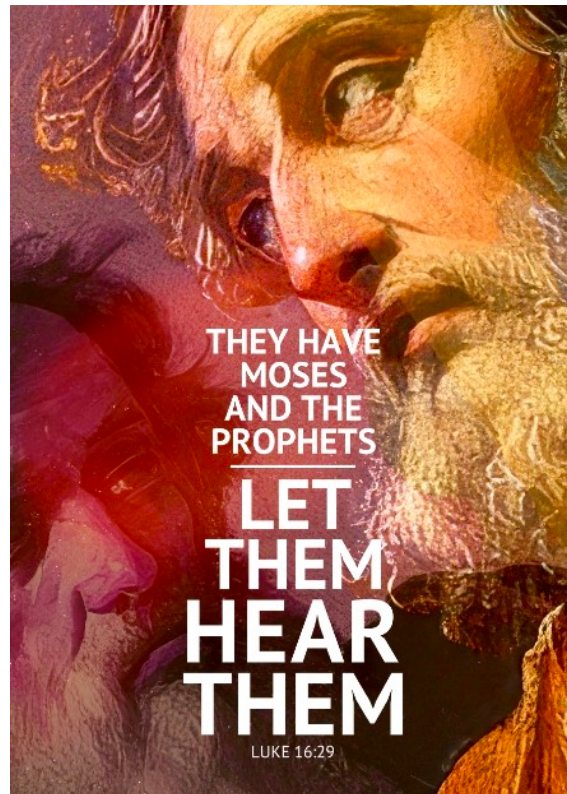


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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion: We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell — Prelude — Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 261 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.**

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

ALL: **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.**

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: 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.

C: [Sung] **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation) Psalm 119:73-75; antiphon: v. 76

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.

C: **Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.

C: **I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

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

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you! **C:** **And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) – **O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Epistle Reading – 1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with "Hallelujahs!"*)

P: He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

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.

Sermon Hymn *TLH 40 "The God of Abraham Praise"*

**The God of Abr'ham praise; All praised be His name
Who was and is and is to be And still the same!
The one eternal God, Ere aught that now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all tho't His timeless years!**

**The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r.
And Him my only Portion make, My Shield and Tow'r.**

**He by Himself hath sworn,--I on His oath depend,--
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, To heav'n ascend;
I shall behold His face, I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.**

**△ The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!--I join the heav'nly lays--
And might and majesty are Thine And endless praise. Amen.**

The Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 16:19-31

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

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: *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns *TLH 395 "O God, Thou Faithful God"*

O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing,

Who good and perfect gifts In mercy art bestowing,

Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within

A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin!

Grant Thou me strength to do With ready heart and willing

What-e'er Thou shalt command, My calling here fulfilling;

To do it when I ought, With all my might, and bless

The work I thus have wrought, For Thou must give success.

O, let me never speak What bounds of truth exceedeth;
Grant that no idle word From out my mouth proceedeth;
And then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,
My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I offend the weak.

If dangers gather round, Still keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross When life is dark and cheerless;
And let me win my foe With words and actions kind.
When counsel I would know, Good counsel let me find.

And let me with all men, As far as in me lieth,
In peace and friendship live. And if Thy gift supplieth
Great wealth and honor fair, Then this refuse me not,
That naught be mingled there Of goods unjustly got.

If Thou a longer life Hast here on earth decreed me;
If Thou through many ills To age at length wilt lead me,
Thy patience on me shed. Avert all sin and shame
And crown my hoary head With honor free from blame.

Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
Do Thou my soul receive That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting-place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

And on that solemn Day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand, Thyself my slumbers breaking.
Then let me hear Thy voice, Change Thou this earthly frame,
And bid me aye rejoice With those who love Thy name. Amen.

TLH 429 "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile, And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30

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

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 475 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou Bearer of th'eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

△ **O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn #261: Scripture: John 8:31; Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort; Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word; Author: Martin Luther, 1541; Tr.: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Tune: "Geistliche Lieder"; Wittenberg, 1543.

Hymn # 40: Scripture: Exodus 3:6; The God Of Abarham Praise; Author: Thomas Olivers (. 1770, cento); Tune Yigdal; Source: Hebrew Melody, 17th Century.

Hymn #395: Text: 1 Kings 3:5; O Gott, du frommer Gott; ; Author: Johann Heermann, 1630; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.; O Gott, du frommer Gott; "Newvermehrtes Gesangbuch"; Meiningen, 1693.

Hymn #429: Scripture: Psalm 18; Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, O Herr; Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart; Author: Martin Schalling, (c. 1567); Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1863, alt.); Tune: Herzlich lieb hab' ich dic, O Herr; Composer: Bernhard Schmid's "Orgelbuch" Strassburg, 1577.

Hymn # 475: Scripture: Psalm 148; Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones; Author: John A. L. Riley (1906); Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen; Source: "Geistlich Kirchengesang", Cologne, 1623.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Sept. 29th:** Psalms 43-44
- **Tuesday, Sept. 30th:** Psalms 45-46
- **Wednesday, Oct. 1st:** Psalms 47-48
- **Thursday, Oct. 2nd:** Psalms 49-50
- **Friday, Oct. 3rd:** Psalms 51-52
- **Saturday, Oct. 4th:** Psalms 53-54
- **Sunday, Oct. 5th:** Psalms 55-56

"Hence it comes that the Psalter is the book of all saints, and everyone, in whatever case he is, finds in it psalms and words that fit his case and suit him exactly, as though they were put thus for his sake only, so that he could not put it better himself, or find better words, or wish for better. And this, too, is good; for when these words please a man and suit him, he becomes sure that he is in the communion of saints, and that it has gone with all the saints as it goes with him, since they all sing one song with him."

Martin Luther, *Preface to the Psalter*

Continue with us in the corporate reading of the Psalter over these next few months. Following the plan above, we are able to read through all the Psalms before the start of Advent on November 30th with about a week to spare. If you have not yet started, there is still time!

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.