

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

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## Divine Service III

Hymn: *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

*LSB 590*

### Confession and Absolution

Exhortation (p.184)

*Kneel or stand as you are able*

Corporate Confession (p.184)

*Stand*

### Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 (LSB 27) (responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Stand*

Alleluia (p.190)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p.191)

## *Sit*

Office hymn: *Salvation unto Us Has Come*      *LSB 555, stz 1-5*

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

***Stand***

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

***Sit***

Distribution of the Sacrament

*Hymns:*

*Your Table I Approach*

*LSB 628*

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

*LSB 729*

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*LSB 781*

***Stand***

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: : *Salvation unto Us Has Come*

*LSB 555, stanzas 6-10*

## Announcements

### In our Prayers:

- The people of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida who are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Sally
- The people of California and Oregon, still battling wildfires that have destroyed many homes and taken several lives.
- Dorothy Sprotte, diagnosed with a brain tumor

Bible Study resumes today at both congregations after the service. We resume our study of Exodus where we left of in March.

Confirmation Begins on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 6:30pm at St. John. As in years past, we will switch the location to Bethlehem in January.

St. John's Annual Harvest Dinner will be on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4-6:30pm. There will be only carry out and delivery this year, no dining in.

Bethlehem Bonfire and Mortgage Burning Saturday October 10, 2020 at 6:00pm A sub in a sack with chips, cookies and water will be provided. Lemonade packets will be available. **Sign-up sheets are available at both churches.** Please sign up by Sunday September 27, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene at 715-383-0259. Thank you! Bethlehem Outreach and Capital Campaign

Harvest Supper October 3, 2020 Signup sheets for workers, helpers etc. are on the counter in the Narthex, some of members are signed up but check and find a spot/day which you can help. **Donation slips will be available are in your mailboxes, for Meat donations put in the collection plate in an envelope marked meat donation. Thank You**

Tickets are available today give them to your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers etc. Encourage them to volunteer to take meals along for people who would usually come to the dining hall.

**In Person Sunday School began today at St. John.**

If you chose to get lessons at home they will be mailed/delivered during the week We will be meeting in our classrooms at 9:15am and dismissing at 10:15am.

We Serve the King of Kings! Mary

**Upcoming Voters Meeting:**

**Sunday, October 11** Dual Parish Voters meeting to pass the 2021 Dual Parish Budget **at Bethlehem at 4:30pm**

**Sunday, October 18 After services** - Beth Voters Mtg. at 9:15am

**Sunday, October 18 After Services** - STJ Voters Mtg. at 11:45am

**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:**

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 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 in 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 to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

## Teaching Points

**Crucifix:** A Middle English term derived from the Latin, meaning "fastened to a cross." A crucifix is a cross that bears the image of the crucified Christ, pointing to the reality of the One who came in the flesh to be the Savior of the world.

## From the Small Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar, Part 2

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, "Given and shed \_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and \_\_\_\_\_.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the \_\_\_\_\_ written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine \_\_\_\_\_ training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has \_\_\_\_\_ in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or \_\_\_\_\_ them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Hint: The Small Catechism starts on p.321 in the LSB