

THE OFFICE OF MATINS + 10 A.M.
20 SEPTEMBER 2020 + THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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WELCOME!

Now hosting Outdoor Worship per Los Angeles County Health Order. Please join us on Sunday at 10 a.m.! **Please keep your masks on at all times and remember to social distance.** This will continue until another directive is given. Please note the Announcements beginning on page 18.

If you plan to watch online, Pastor's sermon will be posted online in the usual places early Sunday morning. As usual, the hymns are linked in blue, as we know that music and hymnody are very much a part of Lutheran worship, so just click on the links and sing along.

There are other links in blue which are to additional devotional materials, so do check those out, too.

Hymn

719 | **Leave All Things to God's Direction**



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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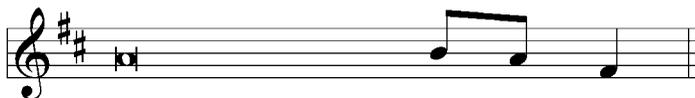
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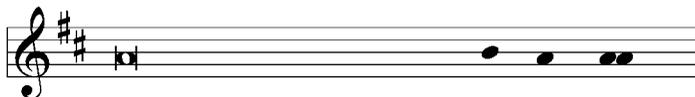
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon



L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

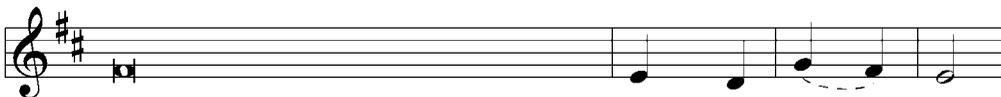


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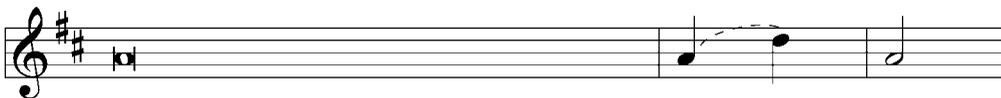
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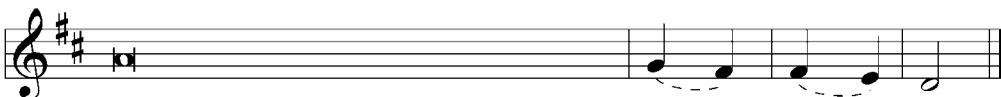
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 - 2 For the Lord is a great God
 - 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 - 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 - 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



- 1 The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.

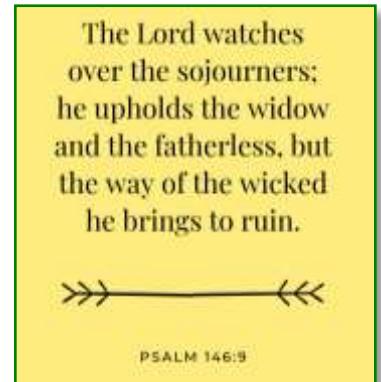


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalms

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 9

- P** The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.
- P** Praise | the LORD!*
- Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- C** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- P** Put not your trust in | princes,*
in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.
- C** When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*
- on that very day his plans | perish.
- P** Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
- C** who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
- P** who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.
- C** **The LORD sets the prisoners free;**
the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the | righteous.
- P** The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.
- C** **The LORD will reign for- | ever,***
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!
- A**ll: **Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit**
As it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.





1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



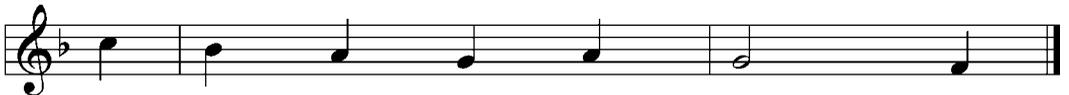
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield - me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

- 5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,

My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.

- 6 What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

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Readings

Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent,



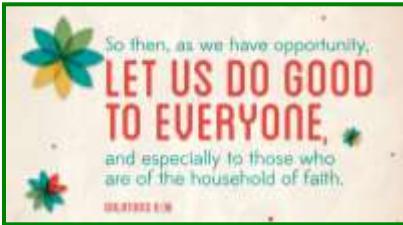
neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Galatians 5:25–6:10



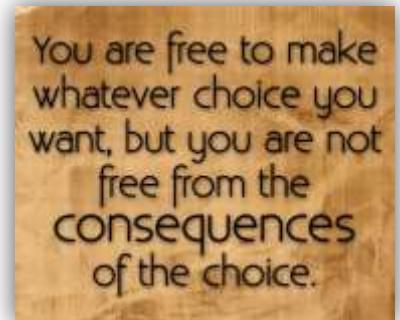
²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 6:24–34

²⁴[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.



³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sermon

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Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

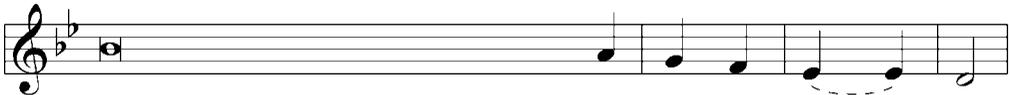
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Te Deum

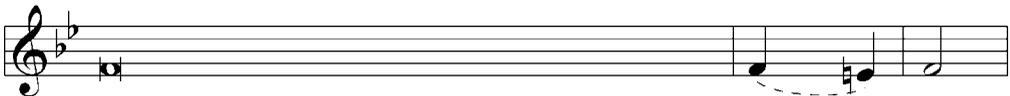
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- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



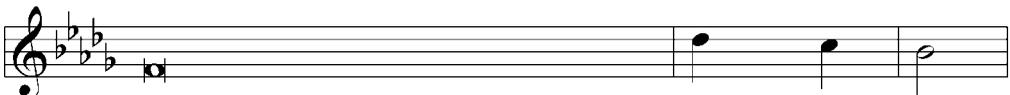
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



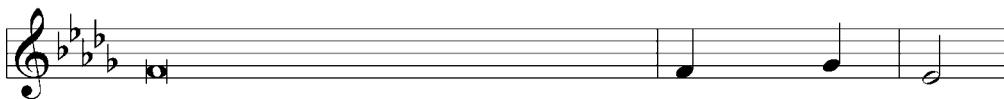
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



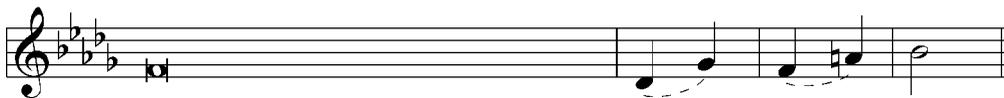
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



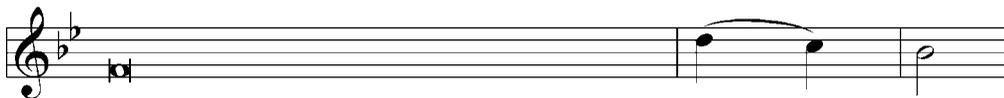
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



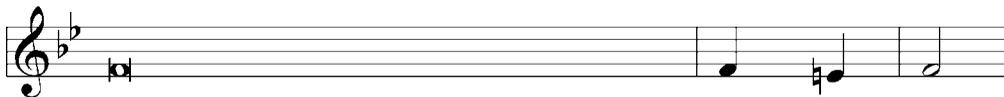
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



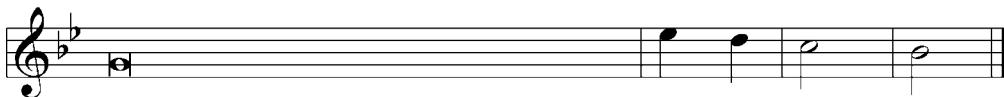
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collects

Salutation

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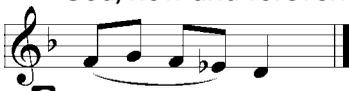
P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

- P** O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer".

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, be gracious to us, Your baptized children, for temptations and anxieties surround us. Gladden our souls with the good news of Your Son's perfect life and sacrificial death for our salvation. Strengthen us in the

faith, and fill us with Your Spirit, that we might trust in You for all things temporal and eternal. Lord, in Your mercy,

- ❏ Heavenly Father, show Your abundant mercy to all those whom You have called to preach Christ and Him crucified. According to Your gracious will, grant faithful pastors to all vacant congregations, and restore to service those pastors without a congregation to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, grant opportunities for honest and faithful labor to all, especially to the unemployed, and give us all contentment and joy as we carry out our daily tasks. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to the president, the Congress and the Supreme Court of the United States; to the leaders of our states and localities; and to the rulers of the world, that they would seek peace, promote life and protect the weakest among us. Guard and protect those who serve in our armed forces and emergency services, that they may serve with integrity and return home safely. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, give ear to our prayers for the sick, the suffering, the lonely, the shut-in, the depressed, the dying and all those in any need *especially Abai, Alice, April, Bethany, Carmen, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Philip, Rex, Rodgers, Susan, Susie, and Tom*. Be merciful and gracious to them, and strengthen them in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, grant that all who partake of Your Son's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar today would do so in repentance and faith, and to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Heavenly Father, according to Your will, and in Your time, You call Your children to rest from their labors. Receive our thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, and grant that we, who walk as yet by faith, may join them in their holy rest, until that day when You raise us incorruptible and immortal. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ❏ **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

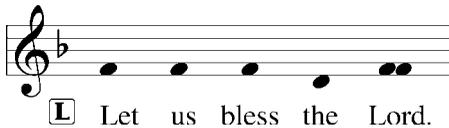
P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous 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.



Stand

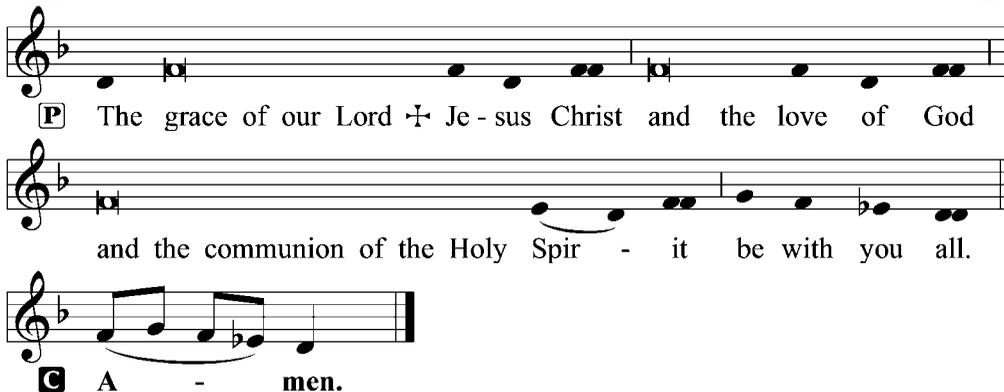
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Benediction

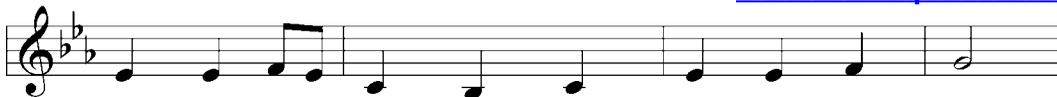
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Sit

Hymn

738 [Lord of all Hopelessness](#)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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["Amani ya Bwana"]

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

Confession

- P** Do you confess to almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you confess to our merciful Father that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you confess that you justly deserve His temporal and eternal punishment?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you pray God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, to be gracious and merciful to you?
- C** Yes.



Absolution

- P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
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 Spirit.
- C** **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."

P The peace of the LORD be with you always. **C Amen.**

Sit



Remain seated for the Distribution of the Lord's Body and Blood

Distribution

P Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **R Amen.**

P Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **R Amen.**

Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life ✝ everlasting.
Amen.

You may now help in "packing up" or return to your vehicle.

✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠



Worshipping in the out-of-doors does not negate the need for social distancing. While on-site at TGS, please keep your masks on and remember to social distance.

Synod Sentences for **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust



“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar

of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

Prayer for the Week

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Ways to Give

In Person: Drop in Plate on Sundays

By Mail: Send to Church Office

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Celebrations this Week

The Feast of St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist - 21 September

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Birthdays

24: Jocella

26: Jod

What God Ordains is Always Good

Samuel Rodigast (1649–1708) wrote today's Office Hymn (LSB 760) presumably for the man who wrote the tune, Severus Gastorius (1646–1682) when he was sick and desired a hymn for his funeral. It contains Christ's teachings clearly, especially the Holy Gospel from St. Matthew 6.



St. Paul says that we should teach and admonish one another with hymns (Colossians 3.16). This hymn teaches and admonishes to consider the providence of God. Since we know God as our friend and Father through Jesus, we know that

he will provide for us and take care of us in every circumstance. Singing this hymn exercises our faith as we consider the fourth petition (give us this day our daily bread), and the third petition (Thy will be done). This hymn asserts that no matter what happens (joy or woe), "Someday I shall see clearly / That He has loved me dearly," and that "No poison can be in the cup / That my Physician sends me." It changes our anxieties about the present and future into confident expressions of faith in God's goodwill towards us in Christ. (-)

LLL/LHM Virtual Fall Event

From the event website: Join together September 26 to learn from LHM leaders! You will have the chance to hear about featured products and programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries as well as attend a *Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age* training session. Registration for this virtual event is [here](#).



A Stewardship Thought for Trinity XV



Matthew 6:25 – “(Jesus said), ‘Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.’ ” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermon for Trinity XV

Thus now it is with the word, “serve.” For it is not forbidden to have money and



possessions, as we cannot get along without them. Abraham, Lot, David, Solomon and others had great possessions and much gold, and at the present day there are many wealthy persons who are pious, in spite of their riches. But it is one thing to have possessions and another to serve them; to have mammon, and to make a god out of it. Job also was wealthy, he had great possessions and was more powerful than all who lived in the East, as we read in the first part of the book of Job: yet he says, in Job 31:24-25: “If I have made gold my hope, and said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; have I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much?” (-)