

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota**

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 23, 2018**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Hymn of Invocation: “With the Lord Begin Your Task”**

**LSB 869**

- 1       With the Lord begin your task;  
          Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
          Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,  
          And when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes;  
          Be to Him commended.
  
- 2       Let each day begin with prayer,  
          Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev’ry care;  
          He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
          Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter’s might,  
          With His presence cheer you.
  
- 3       With your Savior at your side,  
          Foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide,  
          And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose  
          In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows  
          How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run,  
Toward the promise pressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere  
While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun  
Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Your praise forever.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

**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.

## Confession of Sins

**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.

## Forgiveness of our Sin (Declaration of Grace)

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Entrance Psalm (Introit)

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

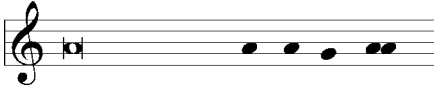
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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

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

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## Lord, Have Mercy! (Kyrie)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



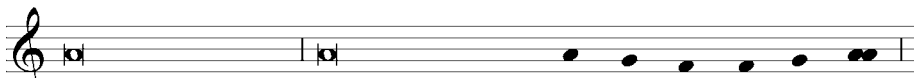
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



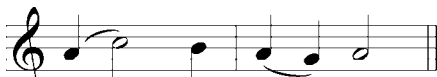
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



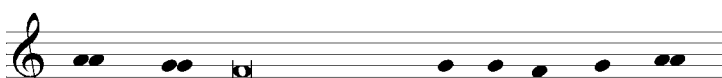
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and




hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -




lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



## Greeting and Prayer of the Day (Salutation and Collect)



**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith 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.



## Old Testament Reading:

## Jeremiah 11:18-20

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”  
But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading from a New Testament Letter (Epistle):

**James 3:13–4:10**

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “I Will Sing Praise”

**Adult Choir**

### Common Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day: “All Depends on Our Possessing”

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- 1 All depends on our possessing  
God’s abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.

- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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## Sermon

### Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

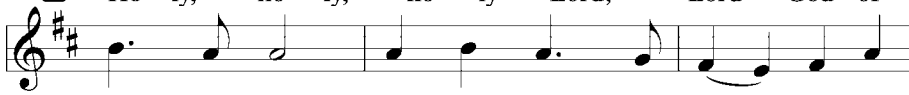
#### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

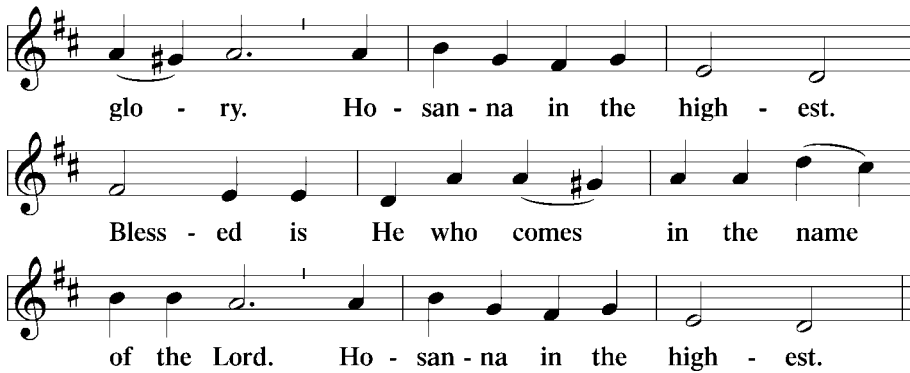
#### Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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

**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.

### 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

#### The Lord's Peace (Pax Domini)

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



**C** A - men.

## Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns:

### “What Is the World to Me”

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- 1      What is the world to me  
          With all its vaunted pleasure  
          When You, and You alone,  
          Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
          You only, dearest Lord,  
          My soul’s delight shall be;  
          You are my peace, my rest.  
          What is the world to me!
  
- 2      The world seeks to be praised  
          And honored by the mighty  
          Yet never once reflects  
          That they are frail and flighty.  
          But what I truly prize  
          Above all things is He,  
          My Jesus, He alone.  
          What is the world to me!

3       The world seeks after wealth  
          And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
          Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
          Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
          What is the world to me!

4       What is the world to me!  
          My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
          My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
          My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
          What is the world to me!

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### **“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”**

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1       Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
          A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev'rything,  
          Your portion shall remain.

2       He is your treasure, He your joy,  
          Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
          Your shield and great reward.

3       Why spend the day in blank despair,  
          In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care;  
          He makes your burdens light.

4       Did not His love and truth and pow'r  
          Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour  
          Turn dreaded ills away?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

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### Dismissal (Nunc Dimittis)

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Prayer (Collect)

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

## The Lord's Blessing (Benediction)

**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.

## Closing Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
  
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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