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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE I
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 17)
August 29 & 30, 2026

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at all three services this weekend. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “In Thee Is Gladness” LSB 818, sts. 1-2

INVOCATION

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

C. Amen.

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.

P. Let us 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.

P. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

KYRIE (*spoken*)

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, sts. 1 & 5**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who

weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” *(continued...)*

²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L. This is the Word of the Lord
C. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN FOR THE GOSPEL “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” sts. 1-2

1. O the_ deep, deep, love of_ Je_sus, Vast, un_meas_ured, bound_less, free,
Roll-ing_ as a might-y_ o_cean In its_ full_ness o_ver me.
Un-der_neath me, all a_ round me, Is the_ cur-rent of Your_ love;
Lead-ing_ on-ward, lead-ing_ home_ward To my_ glo-ri-ous rest_ a-bove.
2. O the_ deep, deep love of_ Je_sus, Spread His_ praise_ from shore_ to shore!
How He_ lov-eth, ev-er_ lov_eth, Chang-eth_ nev_er, nev_er-more;
How He_ watch-es o'er His_ loved ones, Died to_ call them all His_ own;
How for_ them He in-ter_ced_eth, Watch-eth_ o'er_ them from_ the throne.

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his

life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CREED – The Second Article

P. I believe in Jesus Christ... What does this mean?

C. I believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

NICENE CREED (*See inside back cover of hymnal or screens*)

TITHES & OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” *LSB* 688, sts. 1-2

SERMON *The Rev. Alex Slotter*

HYMN “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” *LSB* 688, sts. 4-5

(10:30 ONLY) BACKPACK BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT *LSB* 160 (*Spoken*)

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also 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.

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

SANCTUS *LSB* 161 (*Sung*)

C. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

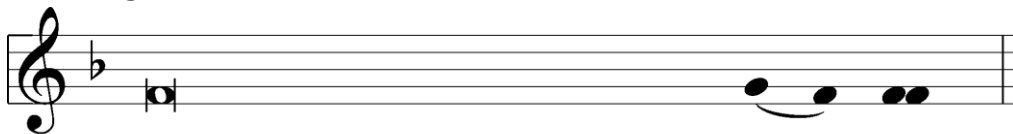
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**WORDS OF OUR LORD****PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PRAYER

P. O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God" LSB 163 (Sung)

C. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425, sts. 1-4

"I Surrender All" sts. 1-4

1. All to Je-sus I sur-render, All to Him I free-ly give;
I will ev-er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai-ly live.
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all: All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

(continued...)

2. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Hum-bly At His feet I bow;
World-ly plea-sures all for-sak-en, Take me, Je-sus, take me now.
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all: All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.
3. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly Thine;
Let me feel the Ho-ly Spir-it, Tru-ly know that Thou art mine.
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all: All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.
4. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my-self to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and pow-er, Let Thy bless-ings fall on me.
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all: All to Thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.
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“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” sts. 1-2

1. I am weak but Thou art strong, Je-sus, keep me from all wrong_;
I'll be sat-is-fied as long_ As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Chorus: Just a clos-er walk with Thee. Grant it, Je-sus, if you please___;
Dai-ly walk-ing close to Thee___ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be!

2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I fal-ter Lord who cares_?
Who with me my bur-den shares?___ None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Chorus:

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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” LSB 698, sts. 1-2

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P. Let us pray... one God, now and forever.



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.



HYMN “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” sts. 1 & 3

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Chorus: Lean-ing, lean-ing, Safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
Lean-ing, lean-ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Chorus:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Hymn of the Day: Our hymn of the day, *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*, is a good reflection on our Gospel reading. Christ gives us the command to follow him in verse 1 and reminds us that we are to take his example for our guide through suffering. Verses 2-4 describe the life of Christ for our imitation. Christ displayed a godly life, so should we (vs. 2). Christ was humble, we ought to walk humbly as well (vs. 3). Christ withstood all temptation; he teaches us to do the same (vs. 4). Finally, the hymn closes in verse 5 with an exhortation to pick up our crosses and follow Christ.

A Word: In our Old Testament reading, the prophet Jeremiah complains that God has treated him deceitfully, like a brook that fails (dries up in summer heat, which is when you need it the most). God responds by promising to make Jeremiah like a wall of bronze that can't be broken down. The Christian life is similar to Jeremiah's. Christ warns us that we must carry a cross as we follow him. But we also have the promise of eternal life that will never fail those who follow Jesus in faith.

Paul describes the Christian life for us in Romans 12 using a large number of proverbs, such as "Never be wise in your own sight." The summary of all virtue and wisdom is this, "Let love be genuine." That is easier said than done, but we continue to grow in love as we follow our Savior who is God's love toward us.

Pastor Alex