Welcome!

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 26, 2025 - 10:00am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



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The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

From the very beginning following the creation of humanity, the Lord made His people managers, or stewards, of His good and perfect creation. Even in our imperfect world since the fall into sin, the duty and privilege to manage all God gives is still humanity's role and responsibility. As we strive to faithfully uphold the responsibilities given, we realize it often takes sacrifice. Cain and Abel's offerings caused different responses from the Lord and led Cain to a sinful response. Paul faithfully managed the gift of the Gospel to the ends of the earth to the end of his life, even as he was "poured out as a drink offering" (2 Timothy 4:6). In today's Gospel, Jesus' parable is a call to humility in our stewardship and in our service as a faithful response to His grace. Through it all, Christ's sacrifice compels our humble sacrificial living and giving in response to all we have been given.

Order of Worship

Divine Service, Setting Two with Holy Communion

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♣ Preparation ♣

OPENING HYMN

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

LSB 791

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make. We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3. O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto. Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 4. For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.

 His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.
- ∆ 5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

LSB 268

Austin James Shonce, son of Michael and Shelby Shonce is baptized this morning.

Austin's sponsors are: Stephen Shonce and Allison King.

Elder: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

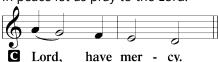
OPENING SENTENCESPsalm 32:5; 124:8

- P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, approaching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- Since the fall into sin in the Garden of Eden, humanity has turned away from Your will and ways. We have followed our own selfish desires. From Cain's murder of Abel to Paul's unjust imprisonment for proclaiming and confessing Your name to our own misguided perceptions of self-righteousness in the name of faith, sin has continued to be present in our thoughts, words, actions, stewardship, and lives. Recognizing our waywardness and sinfulness, we come to You, O almighty God, merciful Father.
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Even in our sinfulness, God does not leave us in our fallen state nor give us the punishment we deserve. To a guilty Adam and Eve, He promised One who would bruise the head of the serpent. To a guilty Cain, He gave a mark that would spare attacks on his life. To Paul, a persecutor of Christians as Saul and a converted witness to the power of a living Savior, who faced the wrath of guilty authorities for their attempt to silence the Gospel, He brought him safely to His heavenly kingdom. To the ones guilty of haughtiness and pride, He graciously taught humbleness. To us, imperfect stewards who are guilty of sins against God and our neighbors, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.
- C Amen.

♣ Service of the Word ♣

KYRIE LSB 168

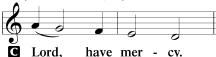
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



THIS IS THE FEAST (sung)

LSB 171

- P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

 \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to \mathbf{P} pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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

(Cain and Abel)

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. 3In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." 8Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

(Paul's final words)

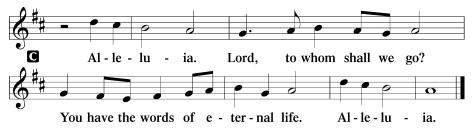
⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

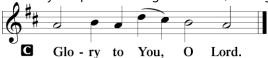


HOLY GOSPEL

(The pharisee and tax collector, and invitation as children)

Luke 18:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter. \mathbf{P}



⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." 15Now they

were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

- Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- 2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
- 5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

SERMON "The Blood Cries Out" *Genesis 4:1–15*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church. Grant Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Your people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus, and stewards to manage all things in creation and within our lives. In the stewardship of treasures, sustain us through Your Spirit that we forsake all covetous desires and the love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace. All that we possess comes from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We are Your stewards of time; give us times of refreshment and peace that we use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that we may be opened to the goodness of Your creation. Grant that we continue to find the rest for our souls at the foot of the cross through the work of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We are Your stewards of talents and abilities; bless us with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit. Continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory. Give mercy and grace to Your people in their many and various callings. Give them patience and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to their neighbor in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Father of all mercies and comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon Your servants facing trials. . . Assure all in need of Your mercy, deliver from temptations of the evil one, and give patience and comfort in times of distress. If it is Your will, give restoration of health and grace to accept all things with courage and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.

Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.
- All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C Amen.

OFFERTORY

PREFACE

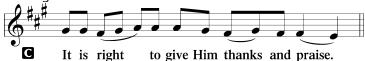
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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 ⅓ 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."

PAX DOMINI The Peace of the Lord

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI (sung) Lamb of God LSB 180

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

- 1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay; Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

- 3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Refrain

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THANK THE LORD (sunq)

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- **P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- His steadfast love endures forever.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look up<u>on yo</u>u with favor and + give you peace.



- Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended. O now be extended
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
 To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Mike and Jennifer Williams, in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary.

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