Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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"We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus. We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve others."

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Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

A prayer before Worship

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

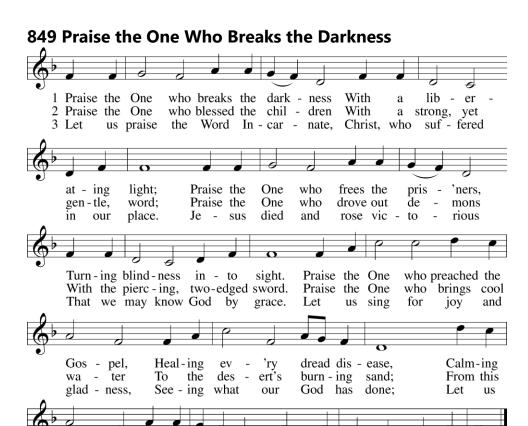
The Lord's Supper

speak with Pastor Mercer.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth 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 Jesus invites to His table those who trust 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.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to

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Invocation & Exhortation

storms, and feed-ing thou-sands

Well comes liv - ing wa - ter,

praise the true Re-deem-er,

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

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Praise

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Quench-ing thirst in

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the One who makes us one.

Bread of peace.

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- 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.

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

Absolution

- 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.



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion* who | seek my life!

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice* and be | glad in you!

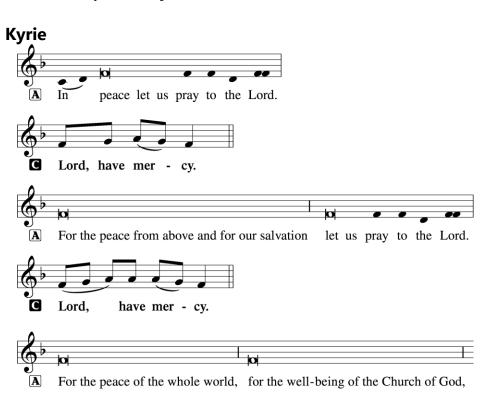
You are my help and my de- | liverer;*
O Lord, do | not delay!

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.

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This Is the Feast Refrain

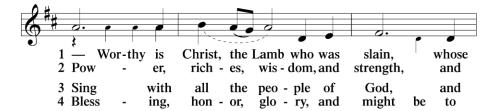
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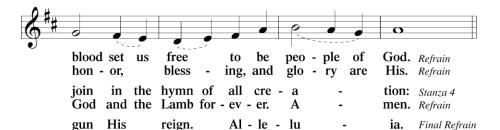


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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:17–24*

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. ²²Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

Gradual



I will bless the Lord at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Mark 7:31–37*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for

us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church Offering, Special Music

"Hear Our Prayer"

Brooks Buhler



Preface



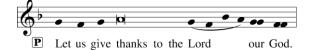


C And al - so with you.





C We lift them to the Lord.



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

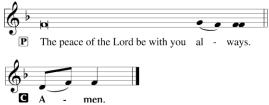


Lord's Prayer

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





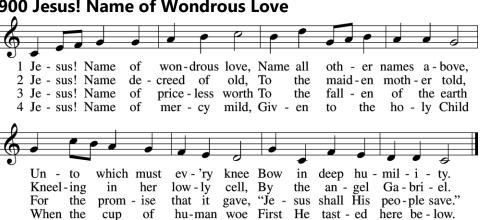




Special Music Brooks Buhler

Distribution Hymns





5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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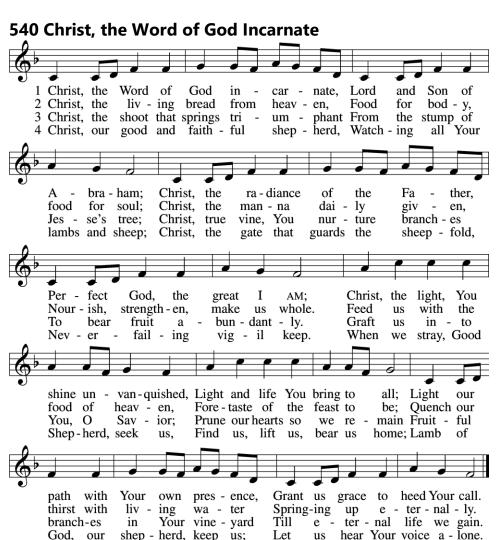


5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
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And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

D6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

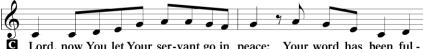
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5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

D6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!





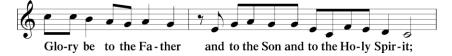
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prefilled.



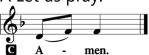






Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.



Benediction







Divine Shepherd Calendar

Sunday, September 7th

Rally Day

9:00 am Divine Worship Service

10:30 am Potluck, please bring a side dish to share!

Monday, September 8th

6: 00 pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th

11:00 am Midweek Service 5:15 pm Family Dinner

5:45 pm Confirmation, Wednesday School

Thursday, September 11th

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

5:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Adult Choir

Saturday, September 13th

7:30 am Rusty Restorations

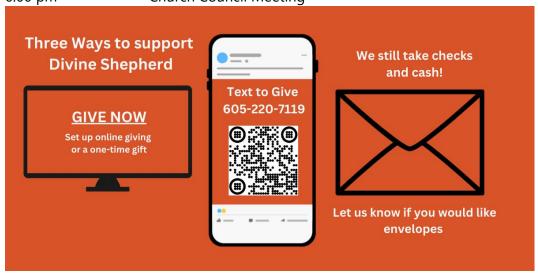
Sunday, September 14th Food Pantry Sunday

9:00 am Divine Worship Service

10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School

Tuesday, September 16th

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting



Important Dates and Information

Rally Day 2025

Today, there will be a meal after the service. Elders will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. *Please bring a side dish to share!*

One More Bell Ringer Needed!

We are looking for one more person to join the Bell Choir. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. You don't need to read music to play! Beginners are welcome! Please contact Connie Rathert at 605-431-0191 for more information.

Next School Board Meeting: Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm

Next Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00 pm

Next LWML Meeting: Saturday, September 20th at 9:00 am



Prayer Requests

To those who mourn: The Rohrbauck Family, The Portlock Family, The Roling Family

To those sick or suffering: Carson Phillips, Betty (Pastor Dennis's Mother), Judy Uecker, Wade Geigle (Fawna's dad), Denny Mather, Rod Olson (Candice Thorson's brother in law), Dusty Van Balen's Family, Ron Johnson, Sharon Mayer, Chris Burg, Bob Mayer, Dianne Gardner (Sarah Gardner's Mother), Jane (Sister of Doug Hill), Darlene Wahl, Colton Hedeen, Weston Wright, Dave Lundin, Laura Felkey, Davis Dathe, Lyle Larson, Jolene Seering (Randy Kramer's sister), Walt Ricker, James (Bill and Susie Venohr's grandson), Pastor Birtell, Todd Suckut, Lyle Larson, Joy (Friend of Doug & Max Hill), LeAnne Dyer, Jim (Relative of Danni Reher), Sherry Rice (Peggy Severson's sister), Marna Wolf (Max Hill's mother), Colleen Phillips, June (Andrew Wagner's Grandmother) and all struggling with depression, mental illness, and other concerns.

Our shut-ins: Jerry Nelson, Laura Felkey, and Candice Thorson.

Our Ministries & Missionaries: The ministry of Evergreen Lutheran on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Barb Rebenstisch in Taiwan, Rev. Dan Jastram & family in Asia, Rev. Jonah Domenichelli & family in Germany, and Divine Shepherd Schools. **All those serving in the military:** Connor McLane (Pastor Randy & Vonda's nephew). Jaden Weber, Col. Robert Grass (Son of Rob Grass). Fric Tobin, Tyson

nephew), Jaden Weber, Col. Robert Grass (Son of Rob Grass), Eric Tobin, Tyson Freeman (Dale & Mary Heidelberger Grandson), Matt Steiner (Marilyn Suckut's Grandson), Nicholas Carver (Leota Quam's grandson), Chris Brandt (Doug & Cheryl's son), Cody Horton (Mel & Bobbi Geidel Grandson), Mike Reiprich, and Brad Halvorson (Nate's son)

*Please contact the church office if any information needs to be updated

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