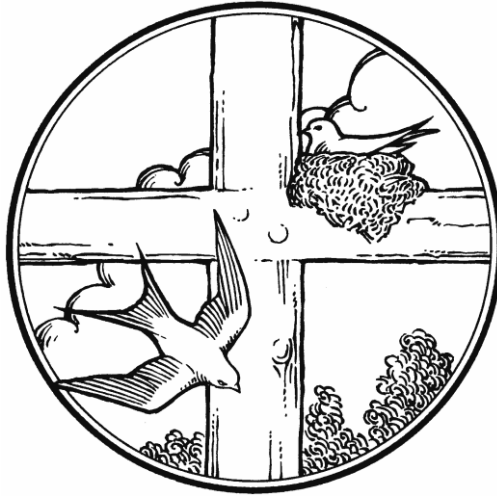


# *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

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We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve  
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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**

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 are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures, this congregation, and the Lutheran Church~Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to speak with Pastor Mercer.

## 719 I 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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## Confession & Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**



## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So 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.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And 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.” <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>For 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.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The 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.

### Gradual



## Epistle *Galatians 5:25—6:10*

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>1</sup>Brothers, 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. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**      *Matthew 6:24–34*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[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. <sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>Look 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? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But 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? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

## 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good



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.

## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

## “Hear Our Prayer”

## Offering, Special Music

## “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Adult Bell Choir

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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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.**

## Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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

#### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

#### Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution Hymns

### 752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der  
fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let  
dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His  
be-for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-  
noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



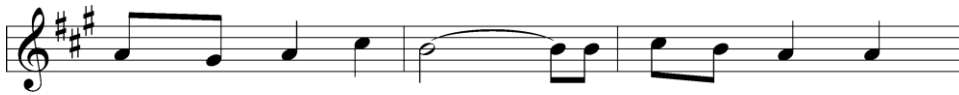
Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.  
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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## 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found.  
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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## 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,  
 in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:  
 in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,  
 in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness  
 com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y  
 I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the  
 To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in  
 E-ven there I'll sleep se-cure. Though my flesh a-



treas-ures man-y? I have one worth  
 con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism  
 font I've trav-eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance  
 waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-



more than an-y That brought me sal-  
 did re-lease me In a dear for-  
 come un-rav-eled, And, a-gainst your-  
 bright-ly flash-es: Bap-tism has the  
 tin-ues prais-ing: I am bap-tized



va-tion free Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!  
 giv-ing flood, Sprin-king me with Je-sus' blood?  
 tyr-an-ny, God, my Lord, u-nites with me!  
 strength di-vine To make life im-mor-tal mine.  
 in-to Christ; I'm a child of par-a-dise!

## 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion 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 Amen.**

## Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## 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 Amen.**

## 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

## **Divine Shepherd Calendar**

### **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Divine Worship Service  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School

### **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

11:00 am Midweek Service  
5:15 pm Family Dinner  
5:45 pm Confirmation, Wednesday School

### **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study  
5:30 pm Bell Choir  
6:30 pm Adult Choir

### **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **LWML Mite Sunday**

9:00 am Divine Worship Service  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School  
12:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved for Event

### **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Divine Worship Service  
10:30 am **VOTERS MEETING**

**Next Elders Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**Next Church Council Meeting: October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**Next School Board Meeting: October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**Next Worship Planning Meeting: October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm**

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