

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 2023**

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

“Whoever humbles himself like this child  
is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”  
Matthew 18:4

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

How is Jesus an example of humility?

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”**

**LSB 554**

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,  
Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,  
The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev’ry heart confess Your name,  
Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more!

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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.

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



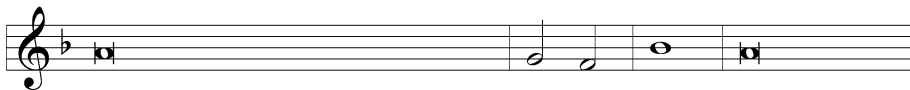
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

## Gloria Patri

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**☩ 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.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:28–39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**☩** This is the Word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

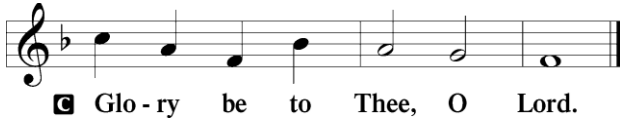
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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:44–52*

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



<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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



## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Hymn of the Day: “Be Still, My Soul”**

**LSB 752**

- 1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.
- 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## **Sermon**

## Offertory

LSB 192



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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 saying:



## Sanctus

LSB 195



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **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; 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

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

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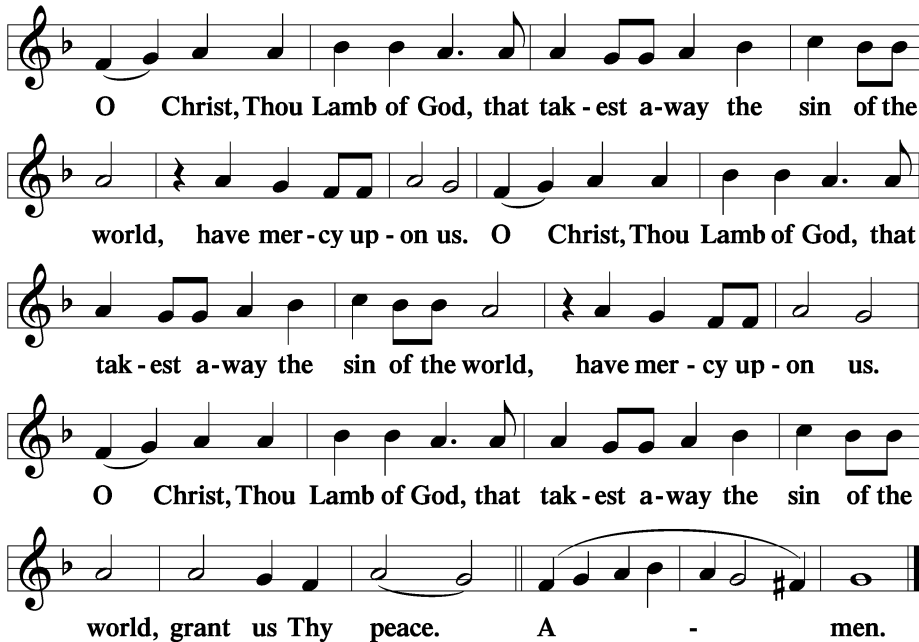
☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☑ A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymns:

### “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646

- 1 Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God’s own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv’lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God’s name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,  
Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy,  
Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others,  
Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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## **“When Peace, like a River”**

**LSB 763**

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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# “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

LSB 716

- 1 I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God’s own sending.  
When in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 And death pursues me all the way,  
Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
He takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death’s strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today  
As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way,  
They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay  
When heav’nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm’d by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan’s pow’r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav’nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God’s good healing shall allay  
All suff’ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav’n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav’nward all the way.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

- 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.

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Closing Hymn: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

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| 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,<br>Never alone.<br>Waking, sleeping, I am with you;<br>You are My own.<br>In My love’s baptismal river<br>I have made you Mine forever.<br>Go, My children, with My blessing—<br>You are My own.                        | 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br>Closer to Me;<br>Grow in love and love by serving,<br>Joyful and free.<br>Here My Spirit’s power filled you;<br>Here His tender comfort stilled you.<br>Go, My children, fed and nourished,<br>Joyful and free. |
| 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,<br>At peace and pure.<br>Here you learned how much I love you,<br>What I can cure.<br>Here you heard My dear Son’s story;<br>Here you touched Him, saw His glory.<br>Go, My children, sins forgiven,<br>At peace and pure. | 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you<br>And give you peace;<br>I the Lord will smile upon you<br>And give you peace:<br>I the Lord will be your Father,<br>Savior, Comforter, and Brother.<br>Go, My children; I will keep you<br>And give you peace.    |

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