

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 9-10, 2023**  
**St. Lawrence Tide**  
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**Prelude**

**Invocation** (*stand*) p. 213

**Confession and Absolution**

**Entrance Hymn** "To Your Temple Lord I Come" LSB 981, *soloist sts. 3, 5*

**Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy* LSB 943  
*All* **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Gloria** LSB 946, *soloist st. 2*

*All* **Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

*Solo* Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

*All* **Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** p. 214

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

**Old Testament** *Ezekiel is Israel's Watchman* Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\***  
**but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

**Epistle** *Submission to Authorities*

Romans 13:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Matthew 5:3

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Blessed are the poor in | spirit,\* for theirs is the kingdom of | heaven. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

Matthew 18:1-20

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

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Creed**

LSB 953, *soloist st. 2*

*All*        **We all believe in one true God,  
                Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
                Ever-present help in need,  
                Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
                All He made His love enfolds,  
                All creation He upholds.**

*Soloist*    We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
                Son of God and Mary's son,  
                Who descended from His throne  
                And for us salvation won;  
                By whose cross and death are we  
                Rescued from all misery.

*All*        **We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
                Who from both in truth proceeds,  
                Who sustains and comforts us  
                In all trials, fears, and needs.  
                Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
                Praise forever be to Thee!**

**Sermon** (*sit*)    "It's Not Easy Being Right"

Matthew 18:15-20

**Hymn of the Day**    "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

LSB 707, *soloist st. 3*

**Installation of Teachers** (8:00 and 10:30)

**Dedication of Prayer Garden Bricks** (8:00 and 10:30)

**Prayer of the Church** (*stand*)

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**Offering** (*sit*)

**Preface** (*stand*)

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**Lord's Prayer**

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**Words of Institution**

**Sanctus**

LSB 960

**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
the Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
with robes that filled the temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
one to the other called and praised the Lord:**

**"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

**Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 434, st. 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,**

**Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.**

**All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:**

**Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Distribution** (*sit*) "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

LSB 864

**Post-Communion Hymn** (*stand*) "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617, st. 1

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,**

**In thanksgiving bow before Thee.**

**Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish**

**Our weak souls that they may flourish:**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,**

**That our sins and sorrows did carry,**

**And Thy blood for us plead**

**In all trial, fear, and need:**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Post-Communion Collect** (*stand*)

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P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Benediction**

*congregation responds "Amen"*

**Closing Hymn** "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

LSB 867

**Postlude**

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