

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30 - October 1, 2023
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Prelude

Invocation (*stand*)

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Confession and Absolution

Introit *He Heals the Brokenhearted*

Ps. 147:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.**

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy"

LSB 944 (Russia)

All **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Solo Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

All **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Gloria "Angels We Have Heard On High"

LSB 368, vv. 1-2 (France)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (*spoken*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Soul Who Sins Shall Die*

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his

life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

Epistle *Lights in the World* Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Matthew 28:18

Alleluia. Alleluia.

All authority in heaven and | on earth* has been giv- | en to me.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *The Parable of the Two Sons*

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Sermon (*sit*) "A Tale of Two Sons"

Matthew 21:23–32

Hymn of the Day "What Wondrous Love"

LSB 543, *soloist st. 2* (United States)

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

Offering (*sit*)

Offertory (*stand*)

"Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789, sts. 1, 3 (tune: Sco

Solo Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

All **Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

Preface

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Sanctus

LSB 960 (Germany)

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 958 (Mexico)

Congregation sings refrain:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Thy name be hallowed, Thy name be hallowed,
Heavenly Father.**

Words of Institution

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Agnus Dei

LSB 635, sts. 4-5 (Spain)

Solo O Lamb of God, my faithful, loving Savior,
You I embrace in faith and holy love;
Grant me the strength to show by my behavior
A life now hidden in Your reign above,
A life now hidden in Your reign above.

All **Heavenly Bread, my life and benediction,
This cup You give can take away each ill.
Come and relieve my soul from all affliction;
Calm ev'ry sigh until my heart is still,
Calm ev'ry sigh until my heart is still.**

Distribution (*sit*) "Come, Let Us Eat"

LSB 626 (Liberia)
congregation sings lines marked "All"

Nunc Dimittis (*stand*)

LSB 211 (Finland)

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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congregation responds "Amen"

Closing Hymn "Lutheran Women, One and All"

tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
(tune: England)

All **Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.**

Solo Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.

All **Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope and love
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.**

Postlude