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## *The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper*

While forgiveness is inherent in Christian discipline, today we note the work of the Christian and the Church to reach out with Law and Gospel for the sake of the fallen brother. The privilege, responsibility, and importance of this task all rest in the words from today's Gospel that follow Jesus' divine directive, "I tell you the truth..." The keys of the kingdom have been placed in our hands. It is our privilege and responsibility to bind and to loose—to be our brother's keeper—because Christ has appointed the Church to carry out that task on his behalf.

Since Jesus, the Good Shepherd, spared no pain to find the lost sheep, so Christ's Church will diligently use God's law and gospel to call the erring brother to repentance. The object is always to win the brother over. The church speaks with Christ's full authority when it declares God's judgment upon the impenitent sinner and pronounces full forgiveness to the penitent sinner.

# ✚ DIVINE SERVICE I ✚

## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

### OPENING HYMN

308 *"As Surely As I Live, God Said"*



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I  
2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What  
5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But  
forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -  
tru - ly par - don and ac - quit, And -  
you will loose, that shall be free; Un -  
his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -  
stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who  
those whose sins you do re - tain Con -  
to my Church the keys are giv'n To  
min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."  
will re - pent of sin - ful ways.  
demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
op'n and close the gates of heav'n."  
but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
Forever and eternally!

## INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

*\* Please stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

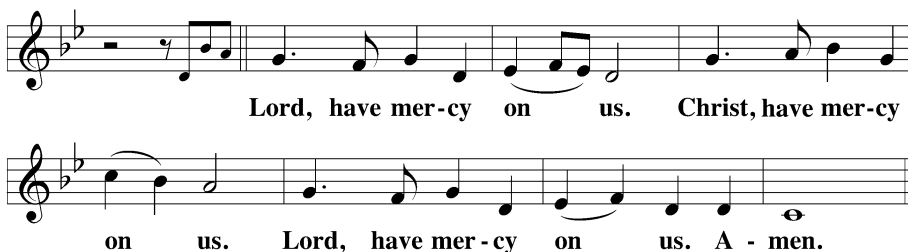
## CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*\* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## KYRIE – LORD, HAVE MERCY (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



## HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by

his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son †  
and of the Holy Spirit.

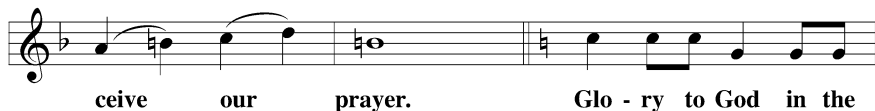
**C: Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – GLORY TO GOD** (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The musical score is written on ten staves of five-line music staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into two systems by a double bar line. The first system contains the first four staves, and the second system contains the remaining six staves. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the".

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high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
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Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
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**SALUTATION** (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*\* Please be seated.*

**THE WORD**

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

**FIRST LESSON**                      Ezekiel 33:7-11

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**              Psalm 51a

M: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

M: Have mercy on me, O God,

**C: according to your unfailing love.**

M: Wash away all my iniquity,

**C: and cleanse me from my sin.**

M: For I know my transgressions,

**C: and my sin is always before me.**

**All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

M: Against you, you only, have I sinned  
C: **and done what is evil in your sight.**

M: Surely I was sinful at birth,  
C: **sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

M: Hide your face from my sins,  
C: **and blot out all my iniquity.**

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
C: **and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**All: 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.**

**All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

## **SECOND LESSON**                  Romans 13:1-10

*\* After the reading of the Lesson:*

M: The Word of Our Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**                  Philippians 4:4                  (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL OF THE DAY**                  Matthew 18:15-20

*\* Please stand.*

*The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.*

M: The Holy Gospel for Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, according to St. Matthew, chapter eighteen.  
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**



\* After the reading of the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

\* Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 304 "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

## SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20

**NICENE CREED** (Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

*\* Please stand.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

*\* Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

490 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

*\* Please remain seated.*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked September 21<sup>st</sup> as a day to remember God's work through St Matthew, Apostle. We will recognize this minor festival in our prayers today.*

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**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 SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

## PREFACES

*\* Please stand.*

**M: The Lord be with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

**C: And also with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.** (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.** (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.**

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

\* *Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (1 Corinthians 11:26)

*Personal Prayer before Holy Communion*

*Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.*

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**    314    *“O Living Bread from Heaven”*  
    316    *“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”*

### Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON** (Luke 2:29-32)

*\* Please stand.*



The musical notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el."

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### **THANKSGIVING** (Psalm 118:1)

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** And his mercy endures forever.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**M:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day

after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### AARONIC BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

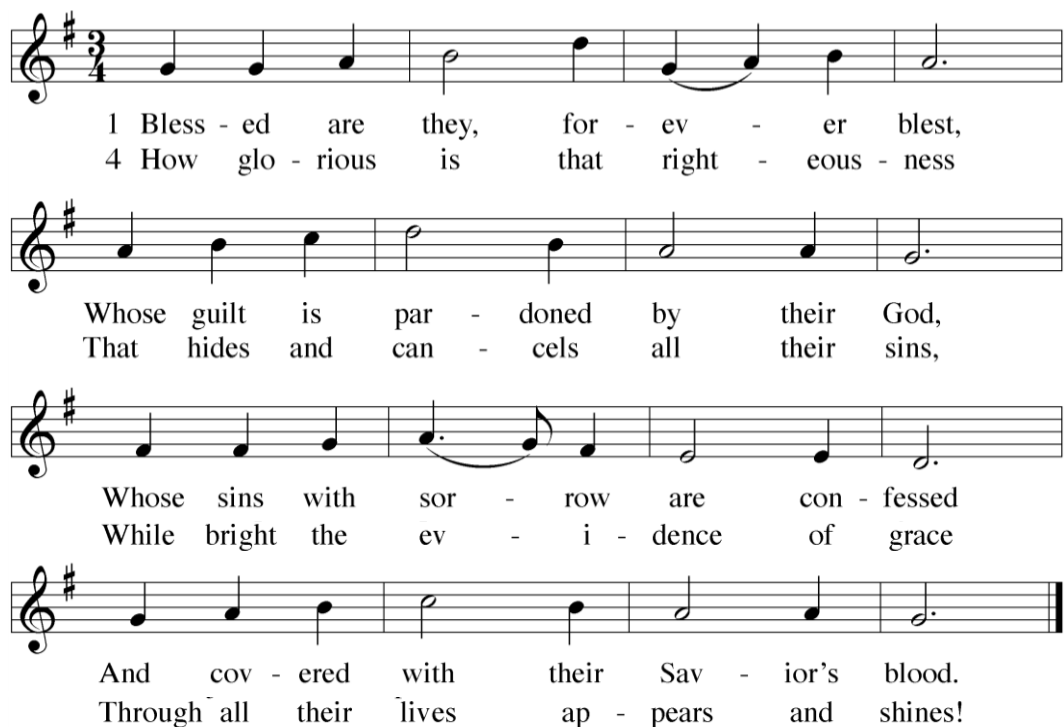
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*\* Please be seated.*

### CLOSING HYMN 383 vv 1,4 "Blessed Are They, Forever Blest"



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,  
4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness

Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,  
That hides and can - cels all their sins,

Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed  
While bright the ev - i - dence of grace

And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.  
Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

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***Personal Prayer for after Worship***

*Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.*

***Special thanks to:*** Peter Hermanson for serving as cantor and for playing the music, and Oliva Hermanson for recording the video of the service.

***Offering:*** If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

***“About the Propers,”*** a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and ***“The Congregation at Prayer,”*** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

***Thank you for joining us*** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

***Please contact Pastor Berg*** if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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