

September 29, 2024  
18th Sunday after Trinity



If the Son sets you free, you will be

**FREE**

**INDEED**



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**Hymn: TLH #545**

*"The Morning Sun is Brightly Beaming"*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** ♪ Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Based on Psalm 143*

- P** O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cries for mercy, and in Your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring Your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. Answer us quickly, O Lord; our spirits fail. Do not hide Your face from us, for we have put our trust in You. Show us the way we should go, for to You we lift up our souls. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God.
- C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim Your name; I have foolishly listened to the devil's lies only to be crushed with guilt and shame.**

*Moment of silence for private confession.*

- P** Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of Your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C** **Yes, I believe.**
- P** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus 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. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**Response: TLH #141** *"Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains"*

**C** ♪ **Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,**

**An all-sufficient ransom paid. O matchless price! His precious blood  
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.**

**Amazing goodness! Love divine!**

**Oh, may our grateful hearts adore The matchless grace nor  
yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!**

## The Introit

Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; Liturgical Text

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, and let your prophets be proven faithful.
- C** **Hear the prayer of your servants, according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.**
- P** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- C** **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!**
- P** For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- C** **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

## The Gloria Patri

WS #775:5-6

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

**C** ♪ **Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.**

**Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

## Deuteronomy 10:12-21

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,<sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?<sup>14</sup> Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.<sup>15</sup> Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.<sup>16</sup> Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.<sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.<sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.<sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.<sup>20</sup> You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.<sup>21</sup> He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge--<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you--<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the

end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

**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 of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #289**     *"The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"*

### **Matthew 22:34-46**

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a

second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?" <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**“Who Am I?”**  
&  
**“Who Is Jesus?”**

**The Offertory**

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*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

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**C** *♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

**Hymn: TLH #59:1-3, 6**

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** ✠

**The Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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**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 His peace.

**C** *♩ Amen, amen, a – men.*

**Hymn: TLH #399**

*“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”*

**Call Meeting Today** – We will be having another call meeting today following this morning's service. If you are a voter, please stay for this important meeting. And also, please pray that the Lord would lead another pastor to serve here!

**Rodebaugh Move** – It is looking increasingly likely that Pastor Rodebaugh and family will be moving to Okabena, MN at the very beginning of November, with October 27<sup>th</sup> being Pastor's last Sunday here.

**Margaret "Maggie" Wulff** was called to her eternal rest on the evening of Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with her daughter Beth by her side. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."* (Psalm 116:15)

Maggie's funeral service will be held this coming Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, at 3:30 pm. If you are able to attend, the church address is:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
12345 Manchester Road  
St. Louis, MO 63131

**In Our Prayers** – Please keep the family of Jack Mayhew in your prayers. Some of you might know Jack in various ways as he was very active across the synod for many years. Jack was called to his eternal rest this past Monday afternoon.

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO and has **accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Jim Naumann has **received and accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert **will be installed** at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

-Psalm 119:105

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**Mon Luke 7:36-50** The sinful woman recognizes her sin and loves her Savior from sin. The Pharisee, on the other hand, who does not view himself as "a sinner" (v39), shows much less appreciation for forgiveness.

**Tues 2 Corinthians 7:6-10** The apostle is thankful to learn of the Corinthians' godly sorrow, because such sorrow produces repentance which appreciates Christ's forgiveness and salvation.

**Wed Jeremiah 17:5-10** The prophet compares those who trust in mankind (vv5-6) with those who trust in the Lord (vv7-8) and points out that the Lord can see the difference (vv9-10).

**Thurs Matthew 15:21-28** A Canaanite woman seeks the help of Jesus for her daughter, and trusts Him even when He appears unwilling to help. His answer: her daughter was healed at that very hour.

**Fri 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7** Paul commends the Thessalonians for their God-pleasing walk, and encourages them to continue. Forgiveness is not a license for uncleanness, but a reason to love and honor God.

**Sat Acts 9:32-35** The Lord can heal eight years in an instant. And when Peter heals paralyzed Aeneas in the name of the Jesus Christ, people in the whole region who see Aeneas turn, not to Peter, but to the Lord!