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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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Matthew 18



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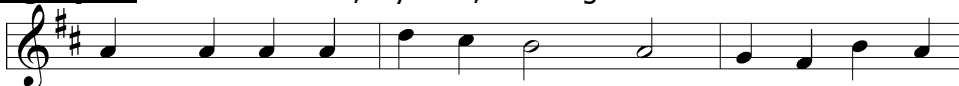


## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LSB 793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

**P** It is God who executes judgment,

**C** **putting down one and lifting up another.** Psalm 75:6-8

**P** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,

**C** **And he who humbles himself will be exalted.** Luke 14:11

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**C** **we are a disobedient people who have forsaken Your ways and chosen the desires of our own hearts over the will of your Word.**  
**P** In thought, word, and deed we have sinned against You and against each other, done what is evil, and failed to do what is good.  
**C** **In pride we have sought to repair our sinful condition and have failed.**  
**P** We are sorry for all our sins, and we pray You to forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, asking You to send also Your Holy Spirit,  
**C** **that we may amend our sinful lives and live to the praise of Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**  
**P** Be comforted, dear people, for the Lord has heard Your cry for mercy and forgiven You for the sake of Your Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C** **Amen.**

## $\text{†}$ Service of the Word $\text{†}$

### Psalm 103:8, 11-12

- L** The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
**C** **slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
**L** For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
**C** **so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;**  
**L** as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
**C** **so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**

### Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

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

## Hymn of Praise

## "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with  
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His  
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament

*Genesis 50:15-21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them,

“Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**School Choir** (8:15am)

“Lord, Be Our Light”

**Epistle**

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Children Message**

*-Children of all ages are welcome to approach the altar at this point-*

**Sermon Hymn**

"O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,  
 6 For us He rose from death a - gain;  
 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;

That God, the Son of God, should take  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;  
 For us He sent His Spir - it here  
 The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.  
 To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

**Sermon**

"Am I in the Place of God?"

Genesis 50:19

*Vicar Adam Hiles, Pastoral Student*

## 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.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at  
[www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving),  
or mail to 202 E. Fifth St, Royal Oak, MI 48067



## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn (during offerings)

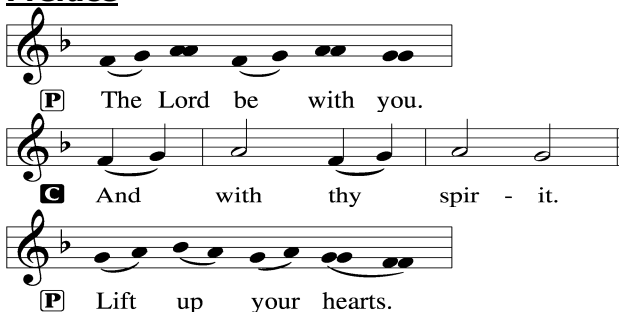
## Prayer of the Church

*-The 11:00am service will continue with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-*

## † THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.





**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 195*



**C** 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, bles - 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**

*Mt. 6:9-11*

**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 Words of Our Lord**

*Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Co. 11:23-25*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**Distribution Hymn**

**"What Is This Bread"**

*LSB 629*



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	Un -	der	the
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv -	en	and	set	free!	I	do
					be -	lieve



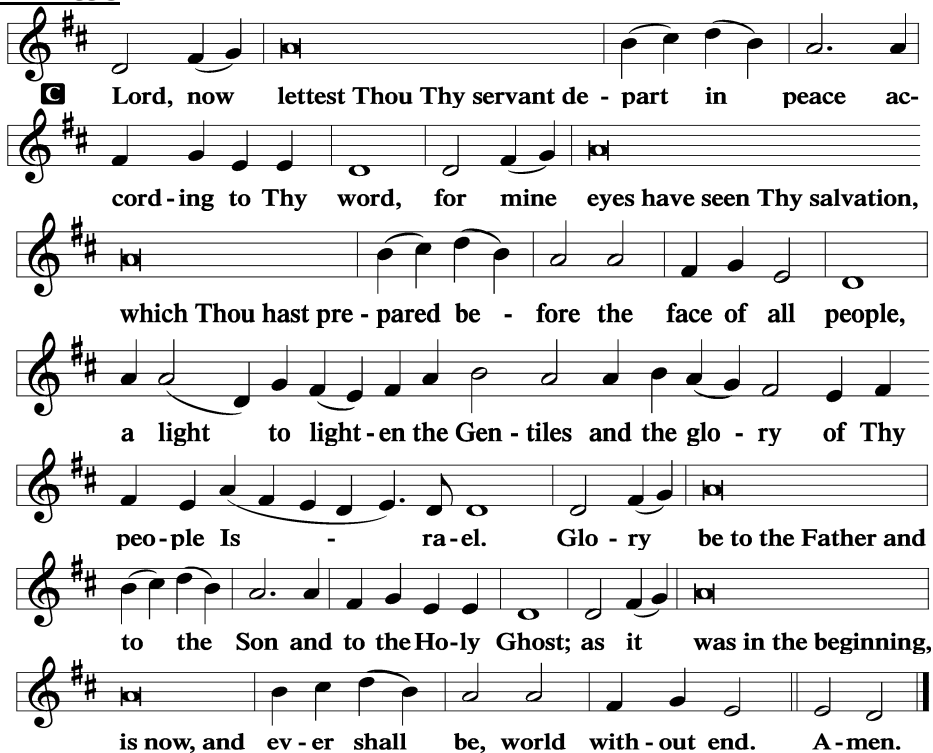
This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

## 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Benediction

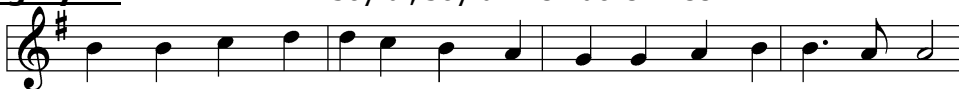
*Num. 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- G** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

### Serving us in Worship

Preacher	Vicar Adam Hiles
Liturgist	Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul, School Choir
Altar Guild	Johanna Schurrer
Readers	815-Chris Schultz
	1100-Terri Brockmiller Rasmussen
Elders	815-Bryan Harris, Vicar Adam Hiles
	1100-Mike Rasmussen

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