

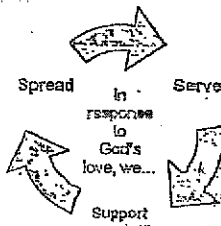
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – Sometimes it is helpful to unpack the meaning of “churchy” words that we may not encounter too often outside of worship. One of these types of words is “vindicate.” Vindicate can be defined as “to free from allegation or blame” or “to clear someone of blame or suspicion.” Today’s Old Testament Reading uses this word. It says, “He who vindicates me is near” (Isaiah 50:8a). The Lord, through His Son, Jesus, has not only freed us and cleared us, but He’s also with us. When we have doubts about the Lord’s presence, remember that He who vindicates you is near. When we struggle with illness, remember that He who vindicates you is near. When the future is uncertain, remember that He who vindicates you is near.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Sun of My Soul”

by E. L. Ashford

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯**OPENING HYMN**

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,

(continued)



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. All who confess Christ's holy name,
 Give God the praise and glory.
 Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
 Aloud the wondrous story.
 Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
 For God is God, and He alone:
 To God all praise and glory!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 116:1-2

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *I love the Lord, because He has heard*
- C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** *Because He inclined His ear to me,*
- C** **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENES

- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
 - C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- (Silence for meditation and reflection)
- P** *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
 - C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead**

us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 31:14 –16; antiphon: Ps. 31:24

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C all you who wait for the LORD!

P But I trust in you, O LORD;

C I say, "You are my God."

P My times are in your hand;

C rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

P Make your face shine on your servant;

C save me in your steadfast love!

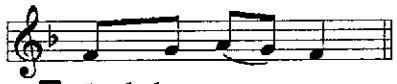
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C all you who wait for the LORD!

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



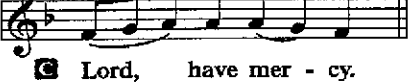
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



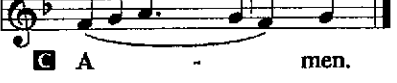
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, at times we fear that You are far away from us. Forgive us for doubting Your presence, and give us confidence that our redeemer and vindicator is always near; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Isaiah 50:4-10

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:1–12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♫ ALLELUIA VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♫ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tune My Ears to Hear Your Mercy

[choir sings v. 1 alone; cong. joins on v. 2 & 3.]

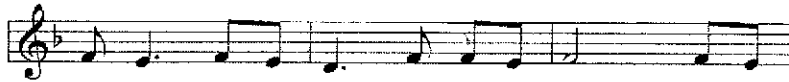
Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein

1 Tune my ears to hear Your mer - cy, Trust - ing
 2 Teach my tongue to tell of wis - dom That can
 3 Train my feet, that I may fol - low, Trac - ing

in Your Ho - ly Word. O - pen wide my heart to
 on - ly come from You. When de - ceiv - ers jeer and
 where You walked be - fore. Guide my path and keep me

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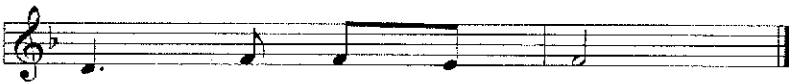
lis - ten To the Gos - pel un - de - terred. When the
 threat - en, Keep my words up - right and true When the
 stead - y Past the trial and grave in store. When the



Word made flesh de - scend - ed, Heal - ing deaf and mut - ed
 Word of life was dy - ing And the dev - il spat dis -
 Word of truth a - wak - ened, Turn - ing death in - to a



souls, He ful - filled the proph - ets' vi - sions Writ - ten
 grace. Pur - est blood flowed, tes - ti - fy - ing: Christ took
 lie, He de - clared my case ac - quit - ted— Sa - tan's



in the sa - cred scrolls.
 on the sin - ner's place.
 ver - dict to de - fy!

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SERMON "HE WHO VINDICATES IS NEAR"

Isaiah 50:4-10

- I. We often face uncertain paths in life.
- II. No matter where we are, or what we face, the God who vindicates us is with us.

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

by Jeffrey Blersch

♩ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 116:4-5

- P** *We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful." Father in heaven, as we hear of the suffering and humiliation described by Isaiah, we remember Jesus' great sacrifice on our behalf. In times of persecution for the sake of bearing Christ's name, remind us that You are with us and Your grace sustains us. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!*
- C** **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P** *Father in heaven, James reminds us that the tongue is a powerful part of our body, and our words can do great harm or good. Give us Your Spirit that we would not lie, betray, slander, or hurt with our words, but instead use them to defend our neighbor and praise Your name. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!*
- C** **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P** *Father in heaven, Your Son cast out demons and bestowed healing with just His Word. According to Your will, restore and give wholeness to those who are suffering, [especially . . .]. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!*
- C** **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- P** *Father in heaven, You care for all of Your sheep. Work through us to reach out in love to those among us who are straying from Your fold. Restore them so that together we might be fed by Your Word and Sacrament in the holy flock of Your Church. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!*
- C** **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

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- P** Heavenly Father, give us faithful hearts with which to receive Your Son's body and blood at Your Table. Grant that it strengthen and sustain us in the one true faith. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!
- C** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.
- C** Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



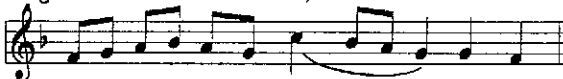
- C** And al - so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them to the Lord.

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



- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

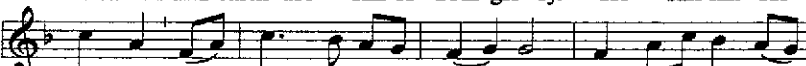
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into the world to be the Servant who would provide vindication for His beloved. Because of His great love for us, we can be confident that He is near even to the end of the age. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



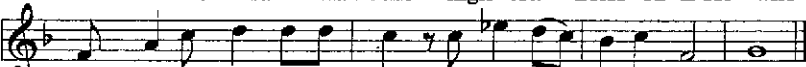
- C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your Son to be the Servant who gave us His body and blood on the cross to win our vindication. We give You thanks that You now feed us with His same body and blood as we remember, and receive the benefits of, the sacrifice our Savior made on our behalf. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of

Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

G *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.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

G And also with you.

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

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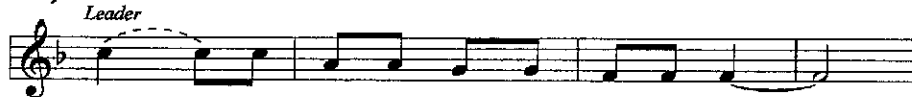
Lamb of God

G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

♩ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

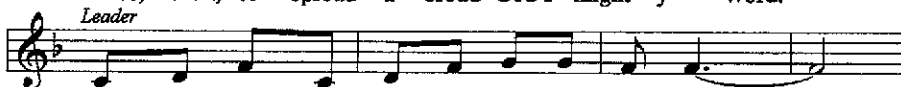
Come, Let Us Eat



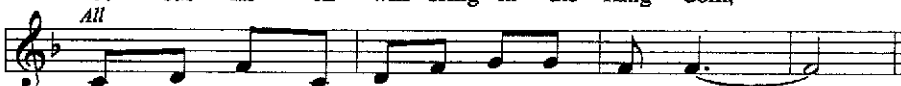
1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



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 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,

(continued)



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5. O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

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O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



- 1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - full!
- 2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
- 3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
- 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
- 5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our

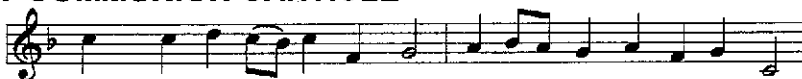


ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
 ty - de - parts, Then kin - dies love di - vine.
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You gave Your Son to become true man to suffer and die for our vindication. Give us confidence in knowing that the One who vindicated us is always near; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 116:1-2

P I love the Lord, because He has heard

C my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because He inclined His ear to me,

C therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.

(continued)

Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hur - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow”

by E. L. Ashford

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

September 23: ***“Come, Lord Jesus”***; Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, Guest Speaker
 In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16)

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