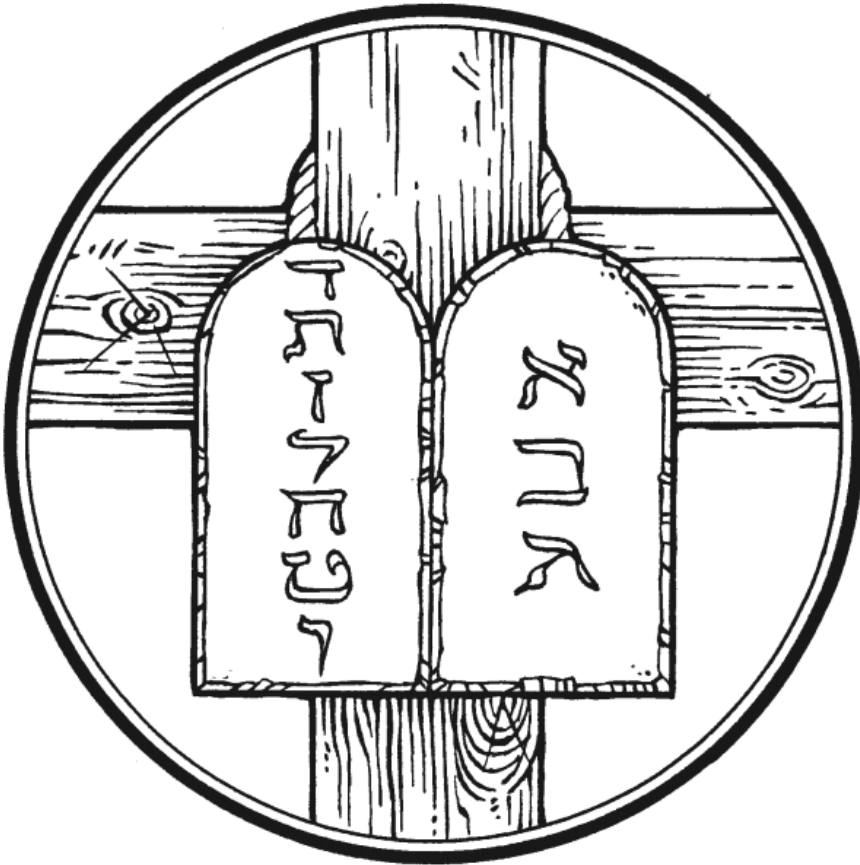


# Wednesday of Trinity XVIII

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The picture shows the first 10 letters of the Hebrew alphabet on two tablets. The tablets hang on the cross; showing that by the cross of Christ the Law has been fulfilled.

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## Hymn of Invocation: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Order of Worship: p. 184

### Introit

*Psalm 122:1; antiphon: Sirach 36:16–17a*



Grant peace, O Lord, to them that | wait for Thee:\*

and let Thy prophets be found | faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy | servants,\*

and of Thy people | Israel.

I was glad when they said | unto me,\*

"Let us go into the house | of the LORD."



**G** 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.

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### Kyrie - Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

**P** O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, grant that the Working of Thy mercy may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### First Lesson

*II Corinthians 6:11–16a*

Brethren: We have spoken openly to you, O Corinthians. Our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

### Alleluia



**A** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36b–43*

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ” And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

**Offertory** *p. 192 ff*

**Prayer of the Church** **℟** let us pray to the Lord: **℣** Lord, have mercy.

**Preface - Agnus Dei** *p. 194 ff*

**Distribution Voluntary: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*

**Hymn to Depart: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us**

## **Looking Forward to Sunday [Festival of the Reformation (observed)]**

Lessons: Isaiah 44:21-23; Ephesians 4:22-28; Matthew 9:1-8

Hymns: EL-HB 274(printed)-582-555-954-TLH 259(printed)-TLH 260(printed)/658/865/627/607-656

## **Looking Forward to Next Wednesday**

Lessons: II Thessalonians 2:15–3:5; Luke 5:33-39

Hymns: 578-658-692-TLH 259

## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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