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Prelude: Seek Where You May to Find a Way by Jeffrey Blersch

Hymn of Invocation: 644 The Church's One Foundation

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 119:1; antiphon: vv. 137, 124a



Righteous art Thou, O LORD and upright are Thy | judgments.*

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy | mercy.

Blessed are the undefiled | in the way,*

who walk in the law | 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.

Righteous art Thou, O LORD and upright are Thy | judgments.*

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy | mercy.

Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P O Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to avoid the infections of the devil and with pure minds to follow Thee, the only God; 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.**

Sit

Prophecy

Proverbs 25:6–14

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; for it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters. Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 33:12, 6



Blessed is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
and the people whom He hath chosen for His own in- | heritance.
By the Word of the LORD were the | heavens made,*
and all the host of them by the Breath | of His mouth.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who is blessed forever and ever. Amen.

- A** The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 115:11



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

Alleluia. Ye that fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD: He is their help | and their shield. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-11

- P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited

you comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon

Offering Voluntary: Seek Where You May to Find a Way by Carl F. Schalk

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** hear our prayer.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



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.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness /
585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide /
587 I Know My Faith Is Founded /
556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice /
775 Be Present at Our Table, Lord

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 875 Father, We Praise Thee

Postlude: Praeludium, Fuge, and Ciacona in C Major by Dietrich Buxtehude

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Romans 9:30–10:4; John 12:37–43

Hymns: 912-644-728-924

Looking forward to next Sunday (Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: Deuteronomy 10:12–21; I Corinthians 1:4–8; Matthew 22:34–46

Hymns: 694-708-402-745/581/582/621/617/803-805

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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's 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 (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). 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.

