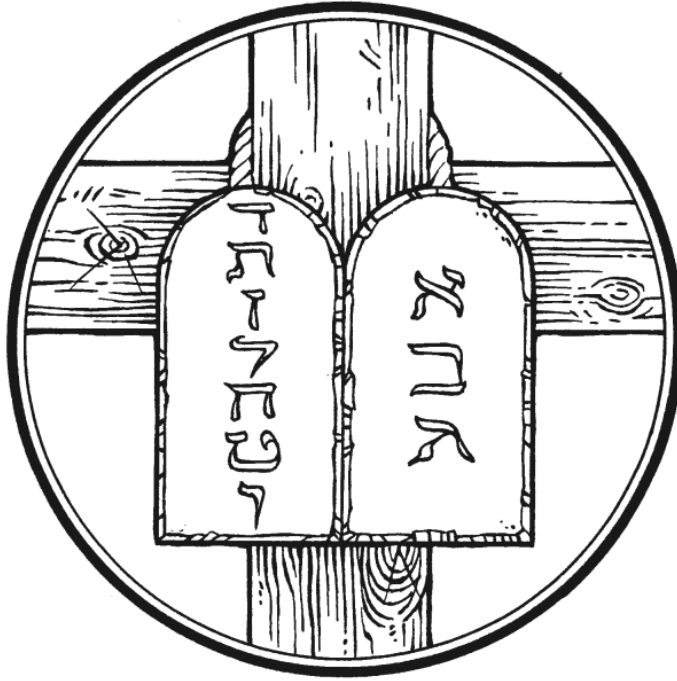


Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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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Prelude: Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr by Johann Gottfried Walther
Hymn of Invocation: 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

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."



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 - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P Let the working of Thy mercy direct our hearts, O Lord, we beseech Thee, for without Thee we are not able to please Thee; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

In those days Moses spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "What does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it. The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold

fast, and take oaths in His name. He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7



I was glad when they said | unto me,*
“Let us go into the house | of the LORD.”
“Peace be with- | in thy walls,*
and prosperity within thy | palaces.”

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:4–8

Brethren: I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 116:1a



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

Alleluia. I | love the LORD, because He hath | heard my voice. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: The Pharisees gathered together and came to Jesus. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about

the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 402 The Only Son from Heaven

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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:

745 In God, My Faithful God /

581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands /

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage /

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence /

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee /

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Postlude: Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr (BWV 1115) by Johann Sebastian Bach

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: II Corinthians 6:11-16a; Matthew 13:24-30, 36b-43

Hymns: 514-516-515-791

Looking forward to next Sunday (Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity)

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

Hymns: TLH 260(printed)-797-610-609/611/622/658/666-805

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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.

