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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

At church, worship folders will still be available for those who need them. Worship notes will be available for those wishing to use the hymnals.

Masking is encouraged when entering and exiting the church building. Social distancing is still recommended. Feel free to remain masked during the service if so desired.

These Emails, videos and other posts on Facebook will continue.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Serve***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; □ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ▭ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website:
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Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 20

The Humbled Servant
September 18 & 19, 2021

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I LSB 151

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 908 *“Lord, Open Now My Heart To Hear”*

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e’er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

D 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.**

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

How did Jesus serve us?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!
- C **But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."**
- P My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C **Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!**
- 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,
all you who wait for the LORD!

What can our God do for us?

KYRIE LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A 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 mercy.**
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Gloria In Excelsis” LSB 154*

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,

C **grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

What do we ask God to do for us?

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 11:18–20*

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

What does God do for us?

PSALM

P ¹O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

C ²**O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P ³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.

C ⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

P ⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

C ⁶**With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

P ⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

What has God done for us?

EPISTLE *James 3:13—4:10*

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

What the Lord do for us?

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

What has Christ done for us?

Highlight (underline) all the words and phrases that describe serving God and others.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought us”

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the _unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness

Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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SERMON “Greatness in Reverse” *Mark 9:30–37*

Introduction

We understand that we live in a fallen world. Sin and evil, troubles and dangers surround us at all times. Yet, we do see the influence of Christianity in the world, in our society and in our culture. People still sacrifice and serve one another. And the world, our society and our culture recognizes these qualities as heroic and to be celebrated. For example: I am a fan of football, NFL, Canadian, college, high school and peewee. The Walter Payton Award is given to the NFL player that has shown great compassion, sacrifice and service to their community. It reflects the character of Walter Payton and how his family wants us to remember him. The influence of Christianity upon our culture is shown in that they reflect the same characteristics of Christ.

I. Sacrifice

Jesus is walking with His disciples and discussing with them what was about to take place in Jerusalem. He tells them that He is going to be offered up and be put to death. But three days later He will rise again.

The disciples understood what Jesus meant by dying. They didn’t understand His rising again on the third day. They may have thought that He was going to die in battle. Great men have

died in battle. They have lead the charge and perished in the fight. They have given their lives for a cause or for the freedom people so greatly seek.

They did not associate the sacrifice Christ will make as payment for the sin of the world. They didn't see Christ carrying their sin and suffering the wrath of God for them. Peter had even argued with Christ on this point. Jesus said to him that his thinking was not in line with what the Father in heaven wanted Jesus to do.

Christ did go to Jerusalem. He sacrificed Himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The world in its unbelief will sometimes give Jesus credit for dying for what He believed. Others will just say it is an unfortunate event in the life of an innocent man. We remember Him as our Lord and Savior. We honor Him by remembering and calling on this sacrifice as the means by which we were saved and reunited with our Father in heaven.

II. Service

The disciples got into an argument over who was the greatest. They may have understood that Jesus may die. Their argument is who would follow in His place. Who was the greatest among them to be the next leader and command the troops?

Christ knew about what they were arguing over. He takes a child and places into their midst. It was to illustrate what He meant when He said, "He who wants to be the greatest must be a servant to all."

Children were important to the Jewish people. They were considered a blessing and God's way of showing favor to them. Yet, it was beneath a man, a teacher to have a child in their presence. Children were to be keep at bay, a distance from the great teachers of the day.

Christ showed His compassion for all people by placing this child in the midst of the disciples and then taking the child up in His arms. He pointed out that doing just this, or giving them a cup of water, one would receive a prophet's reward. One who would welcome a child is actually welcoming the Father in heaven. Besides, isn't it the Father we want to impress and receive recognition from for our great acts of charity, selflessness and sacrifice?

So, doing something so menial, so simple, so humbling, as to serve a child, is considered great in the eyes of God. Luther wrote that the handmaiden who changes the diapers of a child has done a greater work than all the popes and cardinals in the land.

We acknowledge and so does the world the service people offer to help and better the lives of others. It is recognized and celebrated. Some do it out of love and charity. Others do it for recognition and publicity. The Lord will judge their hearts.

Conclusion:

It is important that we as believers in Christ see more than an example here in Christ. This is the divine nature of God in having compassion upon this world. He sent His Son Jesus Christ who

possessed the same divine compassion for the world. He sent His Son to serve Him, His Father, and the world that He created.

The characteristic, the mind of God, this same compassion to sacrifice and serve others is given to us as the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts through the Word. He creates a faith in Christ within us that produces fruit. And in this fruit produced within us is the desire to sacrifice and serve others.

Our sinful pride, our sinful nature that desires to be god and rule over others battles against the compassion Christ creates in our hearts. Our fallen nature limits us and the needs of others overwhelm us. This is why we continue to go to Christ repenting of our sin and asking Him to increase within us the sacrificial and servant like attitude He possesses and has shown to us.

Yes, the world recognizes the sacrifices of people and their service to others. We glorify Christ for moving our hearts to desire to sacrifice and serve others in gratitude for what Christ has done for us.

T AMEN T

APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P Using the promptings of James in the Epistle, let us pray for the nations around the world,
the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place.
Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to
hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.**

C Move them to find joy in humble service.

P Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.

C Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.

P Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.

C Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.

P Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.

C Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.

P Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.

C Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.

P Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [*especially . . .*], O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.

C Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.

P Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.

C Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.

P Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;

C through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN LSB 783 “Take My Life And Let It Be” sts. 1, 4, 6

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN LSB 620 *“Jesus Comes Today With Healing”*

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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HYMN LSB 809 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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HYMN LSB 730 *“What Is The World To Me”*

- 1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects

That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

- 3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

- 4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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THANK THE LORD LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

BENEDICTION LSB 166

- 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 T give you peace.**
C Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 677 "For All The Saints"

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

D 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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