



*Then Jesus Told His Disciples,*

IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME,

*Let Him Deny Himself*

AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS

*And Follow Me.*

MATTHEW 16:24

**Welcome to  
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## ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

September 3, 2023

**Warm greetings to you**, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

**Guests:** If you are a guest worshipping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.

**Everyone, both guests and members,** are asked to fill out the attendance card found in the pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave the service.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you wish to commune for the first time at St. Paul's, please speak to Pastor or an usher before the service.

**Prelude** *"Listen, God is Calling"* A. K. Organ  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

### **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book – page 151  
Divine Service Setting One with Communion

## Hymn of Invocation

*"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"*

LSB #908

### Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Confession

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.**

### Our Catechism Moment ~Commandments 1-3

#### The First Commandment

P You shall have no other gods.  
*What does this mean?*

C **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all  
things.**

#### The Second Commandment

P You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
*What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not  
curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by  
His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray,  
praise, and give thanks.**

#### The Third Commandment

P Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
*What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not  
despise preaching and His Word, but hold it  
sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**All** 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.

### **Absolution**

**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 (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Service of the Word**

#### **Introit**

*Ps. 37:5-7; antiphon Ps. 37:4*

**P** Delight yourself in the LORD,

**C** and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**P** Commit your way to the LORD;

**C** trust in him, and he will act.

**P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**C** and your justice as the noonday.

**P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**C** fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

**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** Delight yourself in the LORD,

**C** and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise ~ This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

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

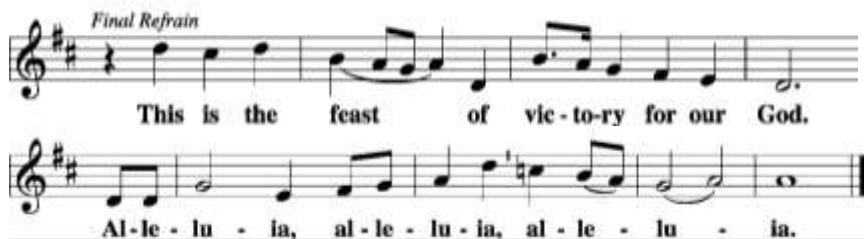
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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*



## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. <sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 12:9-21*

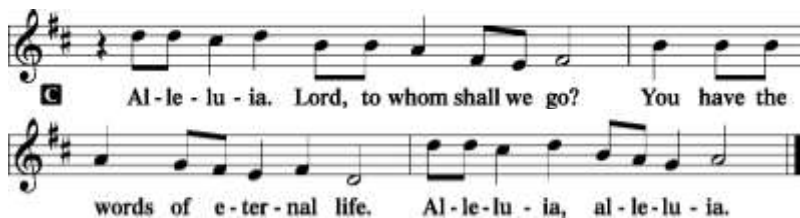
<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (*please stand*)



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:21-28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(be seated)*

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

LSB #655

## Sermon



## Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

**All** 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 men 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 worshiped 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.

*(be seated)*

## Presentation of the Offering and

**Musical Offering** *"If You but Trust in God"* J. Weber

## Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

**P** Lord, in your mercy, **C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** (*please stand*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus

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 have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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.

C **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**All 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### **Agnus Dei**



### **Distribution (be seated)**

*(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)*

*The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)*

### **Distribution Hymns**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

LSB #621

*"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*

LSB #851

### **Thank the Lord (please stand)**

**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 Collect

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this precious gift, and we ask You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Benediction

**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 (+) give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      *"Christ Be My Leader"*

LSB #861

### Silent Prayer

*(be seated)*

**Postlude** *"God of Grace & God of Glory"* J. Weber

*"Soli Deo Gloria"*

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