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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, A. D. 2023

Divine Service

Hymn titles marked (Δ) = *Stand for the doxology*

PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen

Johannes Brahms

WORD OF WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn 576

INVOCATION ✕ EXHORTATION

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord, we begin this by examining ourselves, confessing our sins and rejoicing in the forgiveness won for us on the cross and celebrated in the resurrection of our Lord. It is proper for us to examine ourselves, for this sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled by their sins and who humbly confess their sins and fear God's wrath, as well as hunger and thirst for the righteousness that fills the human spirit that only God can provide. We begin by hearing His Word, reciting from Psalm 32.

PSALM

Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon, v. 1

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

CONFESSION OF SINS ✕ ABSOLUTION

P And now I ask you, in the presence of God, who searches the heart:

Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

C I do so confess.

P Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

- P** Do you sincerely repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?
- C I do so repent.**
- P** Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.
- P** Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
- C I do so believe.**
- P** Truly you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- P** Do you promise that by the power and aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?
- C I do so promise.**
- P** Truly you should so promise, for Christ our Lord says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).
- P** Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?
- C I do so believe.**
- P** Truly you should so believe, for Christ our Lord, on the evening of the first Easter, told His disciples: "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven" (John 20:23a).
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

HYMN FOR PEACE

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Hymn 434, st. 3

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

After the Reading:

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Our God Is Love

Hal Hopson

Choir

Our God is love, and all the saints God's image bear below;
The heart inspired with love for God With love for all will glow.
Teach us to love each other, Lord, as we are loved by you;
May hatred for each other cease, Our spirits, Lord, renew,
Heirs of such truth and common bliss, Our hopes and fears the same,
With bonds of love our hearts unite, With mutual love inflame.
Teach us to love each other, Lord, as we are loved by you;
May hatred for each other cease, Our spirits, Lord, renew. O Lord, renew.

(Thomas Cotteril, 1779-1823, alt.)

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-10

After the Reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

After the Reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

Apostles' Creed

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HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Hymn 601

SERMON

The Importance of the Church

Matthew 18:1-20

OFFERING

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

Dietrich Buxtehude

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. *How do you know this?*

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. *Are you sorry for your sins?*

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?*

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. (Romans 6:21, 23)

5. *Do you hope to be saved?*

Yes, that is my hope.

6. *In whom then do you trust?*

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. *Who is Christ?*

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. *How many Gods are there?*

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?*

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?*

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?*

From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. *What are the Words of Institution?*

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."

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*

Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?*

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ✠

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

Distribution	<i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive</i>	Hymn 609
	<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	Hymn 611
	<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	Hymn 618
	<i>Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior</i>	Hymn 619

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

The Collect ends:

- P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

<u>CLOSING HYMN</u> (Δ)	<i>Almighty Father, Bless the Word</i>	Hymn 923
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>POSTLUDE</u>	<i>Fuga</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
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