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Sunday, October 1, 2023 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #380 "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose

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380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You



Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 27: The congregation will sing "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" as shown. Reprinted, recorded and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670 and #R-101103. All rights reserved.

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The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

Choir:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

When enemies o'ertake me, and evil surrounds me, my faith shall endure, my faith shall endure! (Antiphon)



Choir:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all my life, to see the beauty, to learn and grow. To see the beauty, to learn and grow. (Antiphon)

Know me and teach me and lead me thro' this life. Know me and teach me and lead me thro' this journey of life. (*Antiphon*)

I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait and remain strong. I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait and remain strong.

(Antiphon)

Choir

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

From The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation (CGA981).

Text: Psalm 27, paraphrase John A. Behnke.

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SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:18b-27

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia! (Jeremiah 15:16 cf.)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he

did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."



BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door. Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #390 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

Text: Paul Speratus (1484-1551)

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Salvation unto Us Has Come



6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: Es IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

SERMON STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, we give You humble thanks for instituting the estate of holy marriage and for the blessing of family. Grant that these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society and especially within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Remember, O Lord, those who will receive Your true body and blood from this altar. Prepare us to receive them worthily in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the faithful who lived and died in Christ. Grant that at the last we, too, may be joined with them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, grant that, in Christ, we may seek You while You may be found and call upon You while You are near, forsaking all wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts. Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C:** Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **C: Amen.**

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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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND

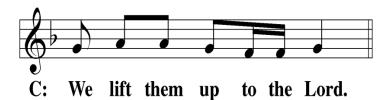


THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



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DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#420 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

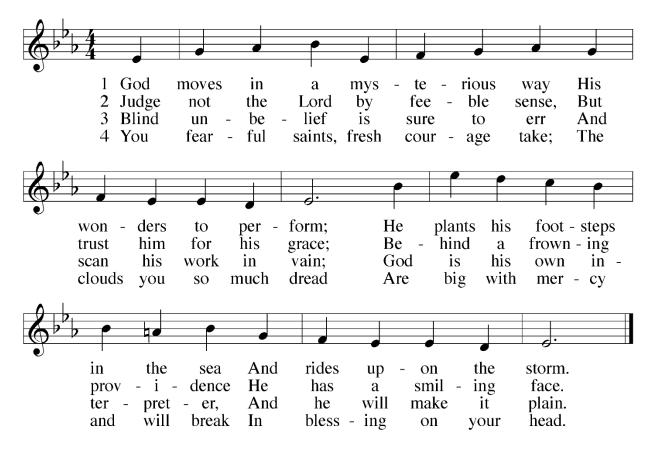
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#339 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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God Moves in a Mysterious Way



Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800, abr., alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) The CL Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615.

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Today Your Mercy Calls Us

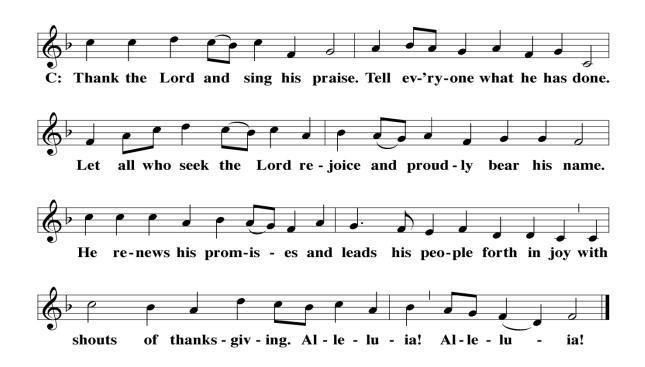


Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: Anthes (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Tuesday – 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship, Trustees

8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland

Ushering – Team 3

Altar Flowers are donated to the glory of God and in honor of the 56th wedding anniversary of Anthony and Ingrid Schimizze.

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School resume today, right after church. Sunday School meets in the preschool room in the school building. Adult Bible Class is held in the church basement.

LWMS Fall Rally: The Alpha Circuit Fall Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, MI. Saturday October 7th. The featured speaker will be Pastor Mark Luetzow, the President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS). He will be presenting on the MLS Taste of Ministry program. This is a great opportunity for all church members to learn more about our Synod High School and the work they are doing! Men, women, and older children are welcome to attend. Trinity Lutheran is located at 195 E Michigan Ave, Saline MI. 48176. Registration will begin at 9:00 am, fellowship and light breakfast until 9:30 am. Our presentation will begin at 9:45 am. For those staying for the business meeting, please bring a sack lunch. We hope to see many of you there!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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October Update

In partnership with families and Association churches, HCA exists to provide each student with a quality Christ-centered education preparing them for lives of service now and for eternity.

Hawk for a Day

On Friday, October 13, HCA will be hosting our Hawk for a Day for 7-8th grade students. Students get a chance to attend classes, meet the teachers, interact with other students, and see what high school is like. If you know a 7-8th grade student who might be interested in attending, please email Neil Schliewe at nschliewe@hopehawks.org

Trunk or Treat

HCA is hosting a trunk or treat for the community on October 16th from 5-7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Come for a Visit

If you haven't been to Hope Christian Academy in a while, come check us out. We've made a number of improvements to the facilities and are excited about our educational focus on Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and being Christ-centered. Come for an event or visit our website at www.hopehawks.org

Join HCA's Mailing List

Go to www.hopehawks.org and click on "Sign up for Newsletter" or call or email the school office. (Phone: 734-525-0160; Email: mail@hopehawks.org)

Upcoming Dates

Oct 13 - HCA Hawk For a Day (Grades 7-8) (10:30-2:30)

Oct 15 - HCA Conference of Congregations Meeting (2pm)

Oct 16 - HCA Trunk or Treat Event (5-7pm)