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## **+ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +**

### **Service of Prayer and Preaching**

**October 3, 2021**

**As We Gather** ~ *In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God*

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul” and to “love the sojourner” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9).

**Opening Hymn ‘The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us’**

LSB 514



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."  
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;  
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:  
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;  
 From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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## Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

*Refrain*

**■** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
he for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Reading

*Isaiah 55:1–9*

1“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
6“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
7let 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.  
8For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
9For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

### Introit

*Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*  
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.  
Glorify your name, | O Lord;\*  
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.  
Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.  
We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.  
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\*  
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.  
Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*  
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*  
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.  
Glorify your name, | O Lord;\*  
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

## Reading

*Ephesians 5:15–21*

15Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Matthew 22:1–14*

1Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ 5But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14For many are called, but few are chosen.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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 'From Eternity, O God'

LSB 411



1 From e - ter - ni - ty, O God, In Thy Son Thou  
 2 Though a - live, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good  
 3 Drive a - way the gloom - y night Of my hearts' per -  
 4 Oh, cre - ate a heart in me That in Thee, my



didst e - lect me; There - fore, Fa - ther, on life's road  
 things by na - ture. Ho - ly Ghost, change me with - in,  
 - verse re - flec - tion; Quench all tho'ts that are not right,  
 God, be - liev - eth And o'er the in - i - qui - ty



Gra - cious - ly to heav'n di - rect me; Send to me Thy  
 Make of me a new - born crea - ture; For the flesh works  
 Hold my rea - son in sub - jec - tion; Grant that I from  
 Of my sins most tru - ly griev - eth. When dark hours of



Ho - ly Spir - it That His gifts I may in - her - it.  
 ru - i - na - tion And can nev - er gain sal - va - tion.  
 Thee, with yearn - ing, Wis - dom al - ways may be learn - ing.  
 woe be - tide me, In the wounds of Je - sus hide me.

- 5 As a branch upon a vine  
 In my blessed Lord implant me;  
 Ever of my Head divine  
 To remain a member grant me.  
 Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior,  
 Be my Life and Love forever!
- 6 Faith and hope and charity  
 Graciously, O Father, give me;  
 Be my Guardian constantly  
 That the devil may not grieve me;  
 Grant me humbleness and gladness,  
 Peace and patience in my sadness.
- 7 Help me speak what's right and good  
 And keep silence on occasion;  
 Help me pray, Lord, as I should,  
 Help me bear my tribulation;  
 Help me die and let my spirit  
 Everlasting life inherit.

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## Offering



## Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

L O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

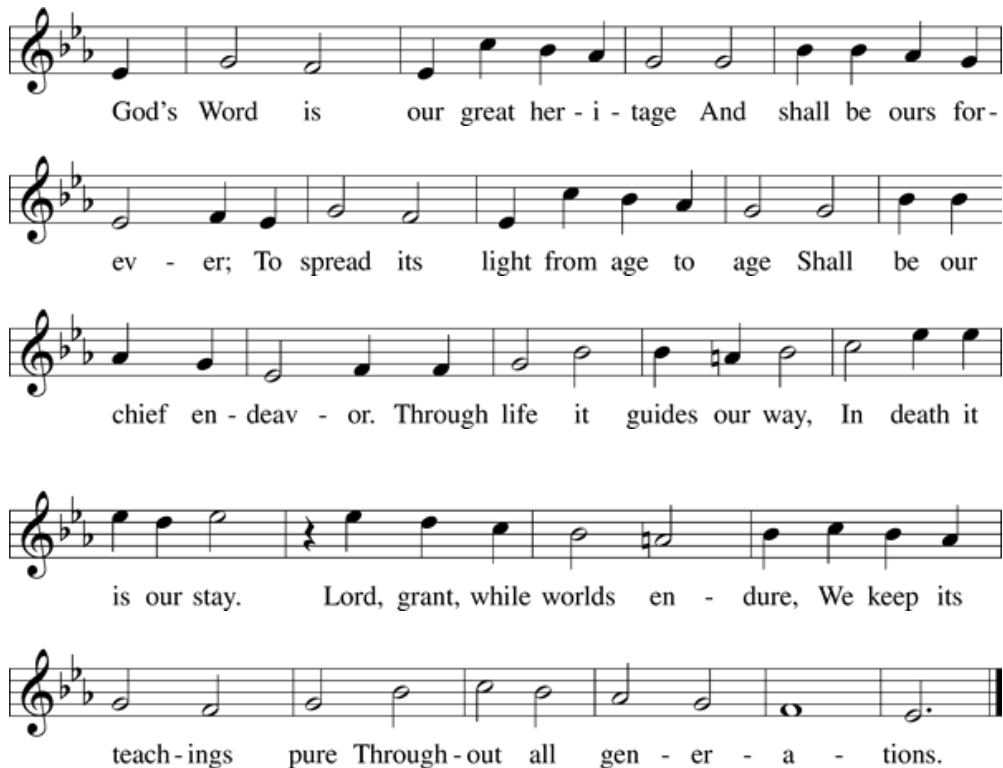
**C Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

## Benedicamus

LSB 267

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 267

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn 'Spread the Reign of God the Lord'

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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## IMMANUEL SPIRIT

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Genesis 1:1-2:3, Psalm 8, Ephesians 6: 10-17 and John 4:46-54.

**Stewardship:** 1 Corinthians 1:4 – “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.” The grace of God and our thanksgiving go together. When God gives to us, thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it’s not only the grace given to us that causes us to give thanks but even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us.

**Sunday School:** In today’s lesson, “A Call to Action,” Abram responds to God’s calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord’s appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God’s promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

**Building Healthy Families for Oct 3rd:** Did You Know: About 70% of the world is covered by oceans! You may have seen the ocean up close, flown over it, or seen pictures. God speaks of his love and forgiveness in relation to the depths of the sea. The next time you see a picture of or visit the ocean, consider this verse, and remember completely you are loved: “You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.” Micah 7:19 ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct. 10th:** Hear “Giving God Our Garbage” based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10 by Dr. Harold Ristau. Everything belongs to God and there isn’t anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn’t already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt—that He might put it all on Jesus. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**Life Quote for Oct 3rd:** “[L]ife ministry is about walking together, bearing one another’s burdens, and celebrating the lives God has given us. Life ministry is assisting the mother who is struggling in the pew with her ‘busy’ preschooler. Life ministry is encouraging the father whose unbelieving wife just left him. Life ministry is visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals for the grieving, celebrating with the newlyweds. Christ’s Church continues to bring the message of new life into each and every heart. And that is a beautiful thing!” Deaconess Rachel Geraci, former Mission and Ministry Director for Lutherans For Life ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Those who see abortion as just “another issue” and would support or encourage a woman to make such a choice fail to understand the scriptural concept of “neighbor” and have a false sense of what it means to love. Those who see both mother and unborn child as “neighbor” and take action to bring help and hope fulfill the second greatest commandment in the Law and reflect the love of Christ (Matthew 22:34-40).

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**October 30, 2021- LWML Marshalltown Zone Rally  
at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lacona.**

**Please register by October 17th.**

**Gary Thies will be the guest speaker.**

**A sign-up sheet is on the entryway table.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week**

Tuesday...Steve Haase

Wednesday...Tanner Sittig

**Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Today...Finn McDonough

Monday...Pam Haase

Friday...Kris Gilman

**Celebrating Anniversaries This Week**

Friday...Richard & Esther Huedepohl

*We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.*

**5th/6th Grade Confirmation Memory Work for Oct 6**

*Baptism: Which is that Word of God?*

**7th/8th Grade Confirmation Memory Work for Oct 6**

*Lord's Prayer: 2nd Petition & Meaning*

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

For the week of September 26, 2021

Attendance	50
Communion	35
General Fund	\$4015.00
Missions	\$25.00

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today	8:00am	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	18th Sunday after Trinity
		Missions: IDE Student Aide
		LWML Sunday/Noisy Bucket
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
		Greeter: Korth
		Usher: Keith Thorpe
		Servers: Tammy Smith/Cindy Cloyed
		Acolyte/Crucifier: Sloane/Finn
		Elder: Steve Haase
Mon/Tues		Pastors' Conference, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Wed.	10:00am	Windsor Manor
	4:00-5:30pm	5th/6th Grade Confirmation
	5:30-7:00pm	7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thurs.	11:00am	Bible Study
	1:00-3:00pm	Pastor in class
Fri/Sat		Confirmation Retreat, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Next Sun.	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	19th Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Kracht
		Usher: Terry Stanek
		Servers: Robin M./Miriam S.
		Acolyte/Crucifier: Kaitlynn/Lauren
		Elder: Joel McDonough

## Voters' Assembly October 17th

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

**4.3.1 Definition:** Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

**4.3.2 Reception:** Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution

*LWML Pledge: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.*