

## THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

### Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 10:12–21*

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but 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 keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

### Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing

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### Holy Gospel: *Matthew 22:34–46*

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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### ✠ 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).*

# The Eighteenth Week after Trinity

October 11, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2020

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

**Introit** *(Sing to the Tune of C)*

**☩ Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,  
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.**

**Hear the prayer of your | servants,  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.**

**I was glad when they | said to me,  
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”**

**Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!  
May they be secure who | love you!**

**For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”**

**For the sake of the house of the | Lord our God,  
I will | seek your good.**

**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.**

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## Prayers of the Church

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

**P** Almighty God, bless Your Church here in this place and scattered throughout the world. Fill all who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ with His love, that they might strive diligently to love You, one another and all their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, enrich all pastors in Christ in all speech and knowledge, that they would preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ’s institution. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You know how Satan prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour Your children. By the power of Your Word and Spirit, protect and defend those who are under Satan’s attacks. Send Your holy angels to be with them, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Generous Lord, we thank You for Your delight in giving us all good gifts. Continue to bless us in both body and soul. Grant us generous hearts, that we would support Your ministry and mission among us and around the world with our tithes and offerings. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Father, give guidance, wisdom and safety to Donald, our president; Doug, our governor; and to all who make and judge our laws. Bless all civil servants as they carry out their offices and protect them in the line of duty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Loving God, continue to be merciful to all those who are suffering under the burden of any illness or ailment of body, soul or spirit especially .... Strengthen and heal them, according to Your will, and bless all the hands that care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

## Divine Service

*Setting One*



### Preparation

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