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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9AM SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN (*Sat. Only*) **“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

LSB 816

BAPTISMAL HYMN (*Sun. Only*) **“God’s Only Child I Gladly Say It”**

LSB 594 vs.1 - 3

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR *Eli Donavon Birgholtz*

LSB page 268

BAPTISMAL HYMN **“God’s Only Child I Gladly Say It”**

LSB 594 vs.4-5

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

(*Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”*)

Tune LSB 744

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

People: **and to those upright in heart.**

Pastor: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

People: **the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

Silence for self-examination

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

GLORIA (Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing") *Tune LSB 380*

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| 1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space,
God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of natures laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love,
God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" | 2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall,
Loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free,
Recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" |
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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Mighty God, Your love once called a people and made them Your chosen instrument from which You would bring forth Your Son. Grant to us the same love and grace that we might be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

‡ **WORD** ‡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalms 125

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Leader: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

People: lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Leader: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

All: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evil-doers! Peace be upon Israel! 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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:28–39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:44–52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542

SERMON

“The God That Works”

Romans 8:28–39

CREED

(Sung to the melody "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise")

Tune LSB 802

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.
2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.
3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise.

People: Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation.

Pastor: Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift.

People: Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth.

Pastor: Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments.

People: Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace.

Pastor: Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers.

People: Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Pastor: Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially* . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special Petitions ending in...“Lord, in Your mercy,”),

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves.

People: Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

****5:30PM SATURDAY ****

HYMN

“His Banner Over Me Is Love”

AGPS 118

1. I’m feasting at His banqueting table; His banner over me is love. I’m feasting at His banqueting table; His banner over me is love, I’m feasting at His banqueting table; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
2. He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love. He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love, He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
3. He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love. He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love, He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
4. I’m my beloved’s and He is mine; His banner over me is love. I’m my beloved’s and He is mine; His banner over me is love, I’m my beloved’s and He is mine; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
5. He lifts me up to the heavenly places, His banner over me is love. He lifts me up to the heavenly places, His banner over me is love, He lifts me up to the heavenly places; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
6. One way to peace through the power of the cross, His banner over me is love. One way to peace through the power of the cross His banner over me is love, One way to peace through the power of the cross; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.

EVENING PRAYER

LSB page 297

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Pastor: Joyous light of glory:

People: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

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**† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †
(9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS*(Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy")**Tune LSB 507*

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory
 Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;
 God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**AGNUS DEI***(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")**Tune LSB 702*

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
 You bore the sinner's load
 To buy our peace:
 Now risen and enthroned,
 With life and glory crowned,
 To all the lost and found
 Please grant Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**HYMN***"His Banner Over Me Is Love"*

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2. He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love. He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love, He placed my feet on the firm foundation; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
3. He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love. He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love, He is the vine and we are the branches; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
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5. He lifts me up to the heavenly places, His banner over me is love. He lifts me up to the heavenly places, His banner over me is love, He lifts me up to the heavenly places; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.
6. One way to peace through the power of the cross, His banner over me is love. One way to peace through the power of the cross His banner over me is love, One way to peace through the power of the cross; His banner over me is love, His banner over me is love.

HYMN

“Pass It On”

AGPS 196

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.
That’s how it is with God’s love, Once you’ve experienced it.
You spread His love to everyone; You want to pass it on.
 2. What a wondrous time is spring, When all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing; The flowers start their blooming.
That’s how it is with God’s love, Once you’ve experienced it.
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring; You want to pass it on.
 3. I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I’ve found.
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you’re bound.
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, And I want to pass it on.
- I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, And I want to pass it on.

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HYMN

“O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, You have richly fed us the holy gifts of Christ’s body and blood in this bread and wine. Keep us by Your Spirit’s power that we not depart from Christ but be brought into the eternal joy of Your kingdom and into the blest reunion of the saints before Your glorious presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

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LSB 922

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

Rick Melius
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9:00AM SUNDAY

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Sarah Peterson
Organist

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Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
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