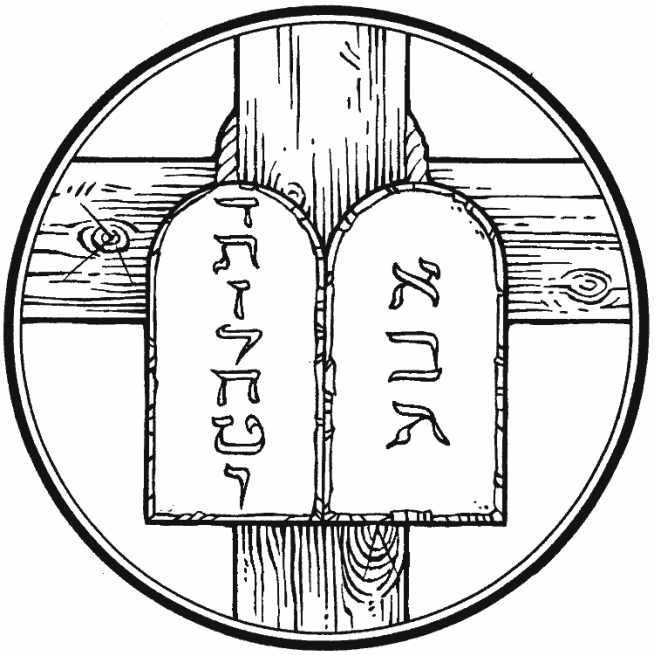


All Saints Lutheran Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 4, 2026

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).

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Communion at All Saints

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion.* Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Divine Service 3

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

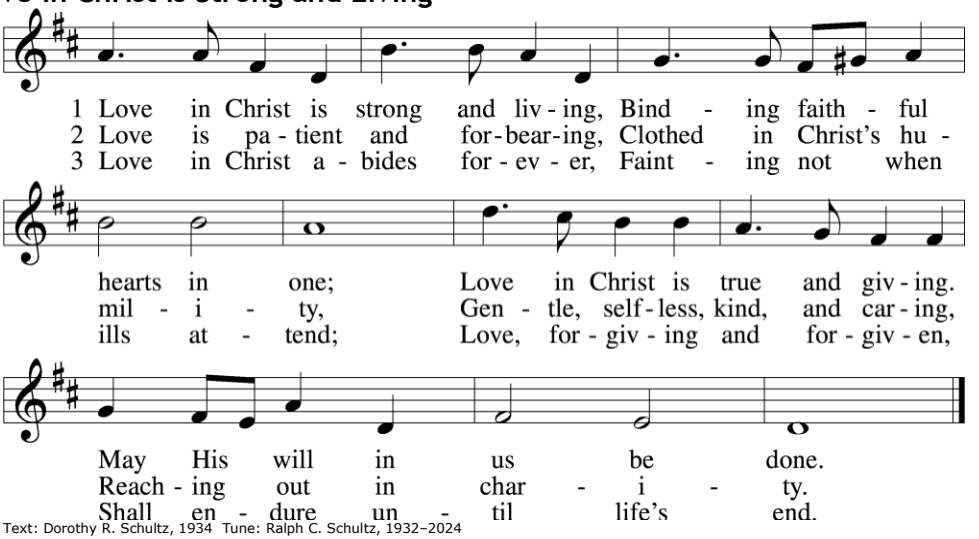
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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.**

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



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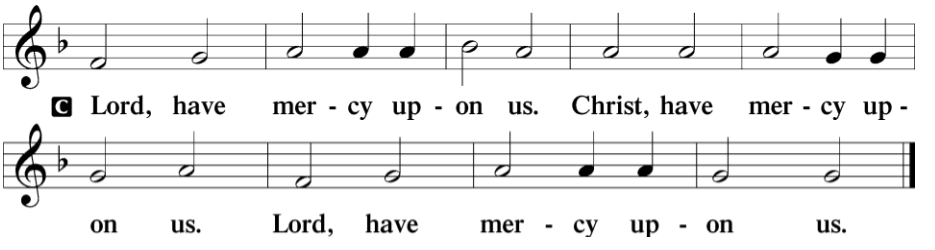
Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 122:1, 6, 8–9; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



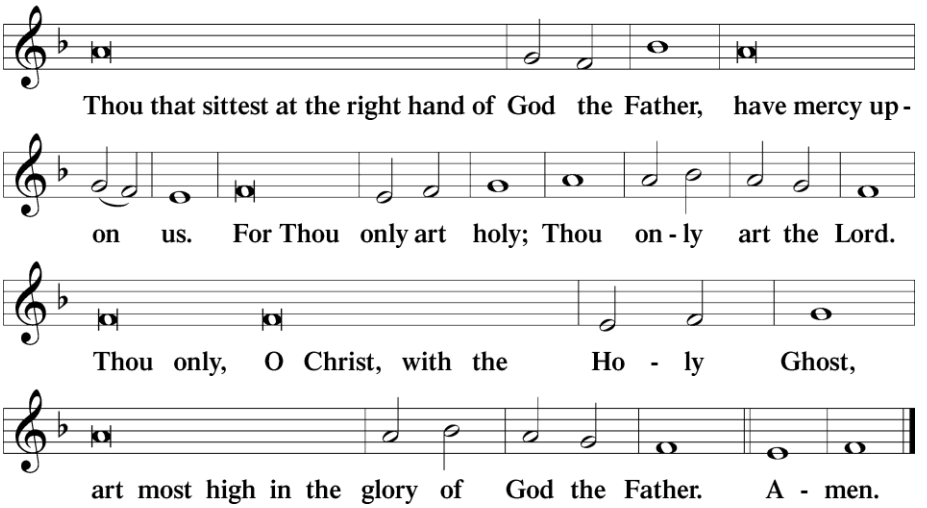
Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
May 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.
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.

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

12 “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, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am
commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and
the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 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.
16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 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. 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and
loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you
were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve
him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise. He is your
God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7



I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”
Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
2 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:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in
Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—7 so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain
you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 117:1





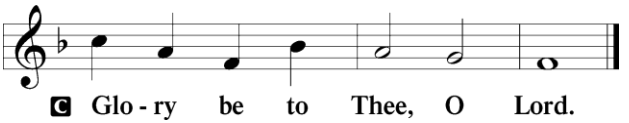
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



34When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
35And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which is the great
commandment in the Law?" 37And 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. 38This is the great and first
commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these
two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying,
"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of
David." 43He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

> 44"'The Lord said to my Lord,
> Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet'?

45If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46And no one was able to answer him a
word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

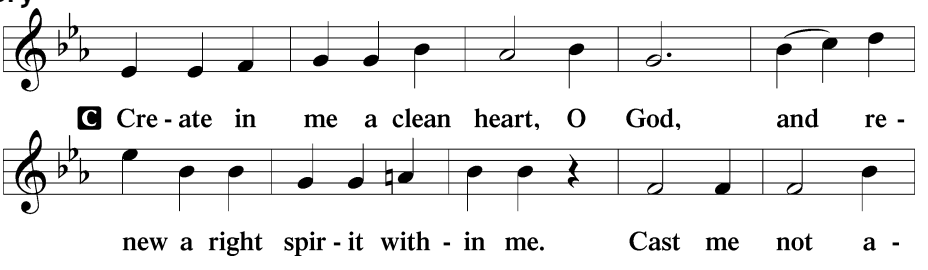
694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



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Sermon

Offertory



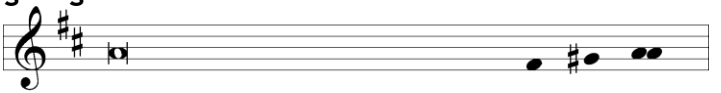


Prayer of the Church

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving





P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





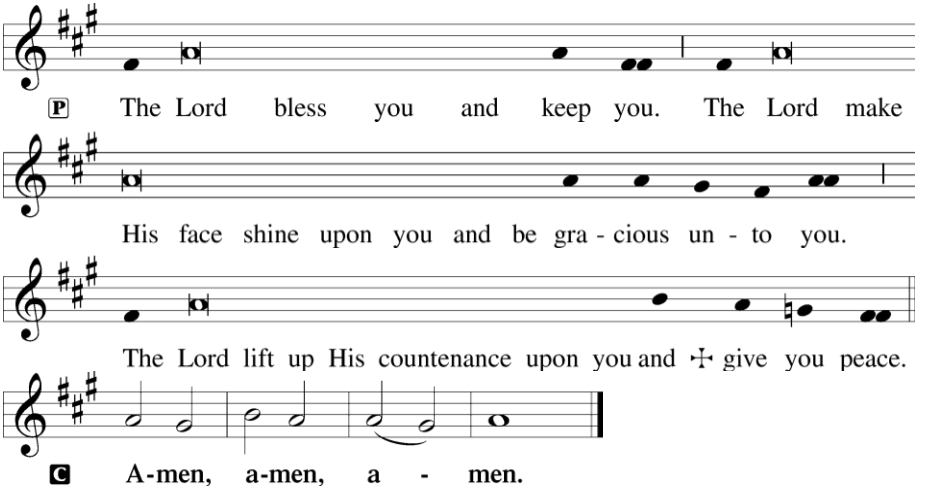


Benedicamus

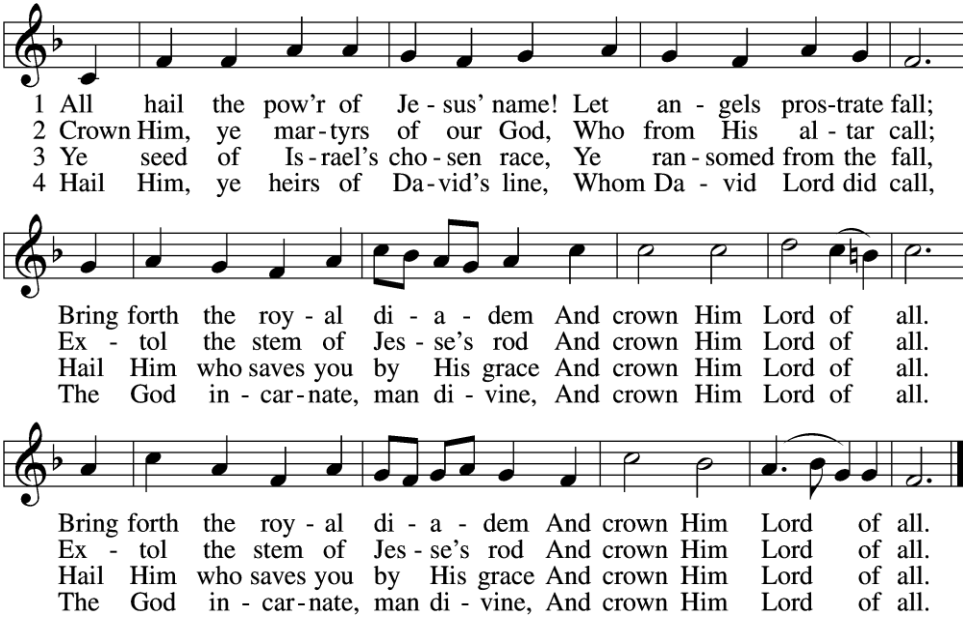




Benediction



549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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