

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER HOLY TRINITY



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**Prayer before Worship:** O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship you in Spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that you would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

***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. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Epistle******1 Corinthians 1: 4–9***

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 gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew 22:34–46*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You O Christ**

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| <b>The Week Ahead</b><br><b>Sunday</b><br>•9:00am Bible Study<br>•10:00am Divine Service<br><b>Serving today:</b><br><b>Elder/Lector:</b> Harvard Isaak<br><b>Musician:</b><br><b>Acolyte:</b> Jeannie Hoffas | <b>Tuesday-Friday</b><br><b>Wednesday:</b><br>•Debbie's Office Hours: 1:30<br>•Bible Study: 1:00 Joel |
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|  | <b>TAKING COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH</b><br>Communing in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) means you are <b>First Baptized into the Name of the Father and the Son and The Holy Spirit</b> and <b>you have membership in The LCMS and have been prepared in this Church Body to receive Holy Communion.</b> If you have not been prepared for this, please hold off and talk to Pastor Hoffman after Church. Thank you for respecting our beliefs. |
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**In Matthew 22:34–46**, Jesus faces yet another test from the Pharisees. A lawyer asks Him which commandment in the Law is greatest. Jesus answers by summarizing the entire Law: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Every commandment depends on these two. But then Jesus turns the tables and asks them a question: “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son, is He?” When they answer, “The son of David,” Jesus quotes Psalm 110 to show that the Messiah is not only David’s son but also David’s Lord—fully human and fully divine. The Pharisees are silenced.

This passage reveals both Law and Gospel: The Law demands perfect love that we cannot fulfill, while the Gospel reveals the One who has fulfilled it for us—Jesus Christ, the Lord of love.

Because Christ has loved us perfectly, we are free to love God and our neighbor joyfully. Let His love flow through you this week—in humility, forgiveness, and mercy—so that others may see in you the living reflection of your Lord’s redeeming love.

## **Psalm 34:8–22 (ESV)**

8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

9Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

10The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

11Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

13Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

14Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

15The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

16The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

17When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

19Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

20He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

21Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

# Opening Hymn

# Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



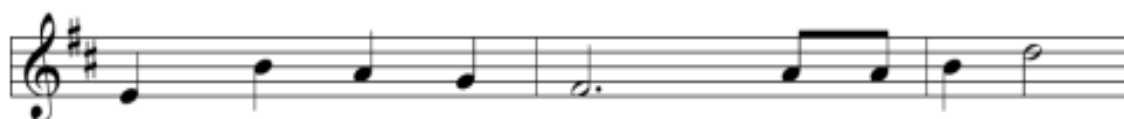
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.



## LSB 828- We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of  
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,  
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are

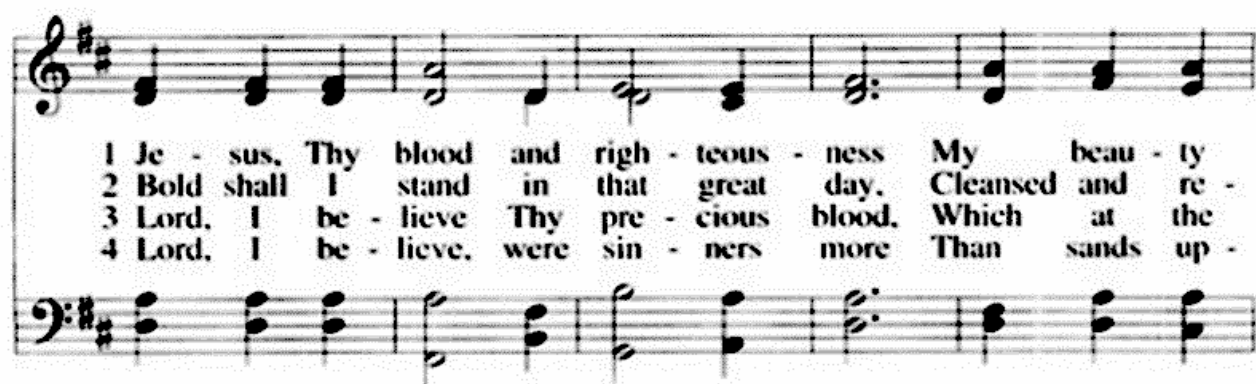


hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

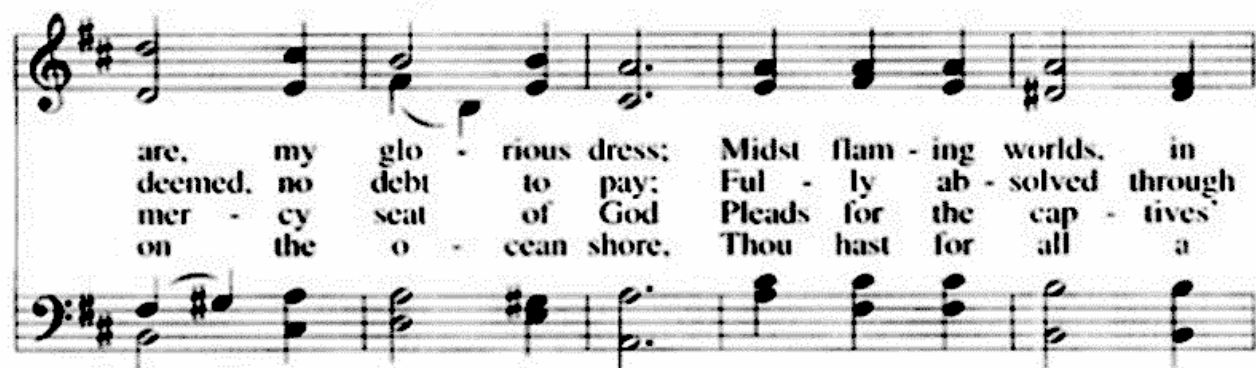
# Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.