

✠ Divine Service ✠

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Proper 18]

September 7, 2025

SETTING THREE, pp. 184-202

[P = Pastor; C = Congregation]

Hymn of Invocation *In Adam We Have All Been One* **LSB 569**

[STAND]

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

Invocation **LSB 184**

Confession and Absolution **LSB 184**

Psalm 1 [PSALM IS SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY]

P: ODD VERSES

C: EVEN VERSES

Psalm *Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6*

P: ¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates
day and night.

P ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its
season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C: ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives
away.

P ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in
the congregation of the righteous;

C: ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the
wicked will perish.

Kyrie **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis **LSB 187**

Salutation and Collect of the Day **LSB 189**

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him
up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and
follow Him, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen

Readings of Scripture **LSB 190**

[SIT]

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you
obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today,

by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His
commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and
multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are
entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will
not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I
declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in
the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call
heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you
life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your
offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding
fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the
land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,
to give them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *[Psalm 34:9,19]*

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing!

C: **Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle Reading *Philemon 1-21*

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our
beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow
soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I
remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith
that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every
good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy
and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints
have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in
Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer
to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ
Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in
my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very
heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might
serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I
preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness
might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is
why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back
forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—
especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the
Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive

me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

[STAND]

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate His own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

Sermon

[STAND]

Offertory

LSB 192

[SIT]

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

—after each petition of the Prayer the following response is spoken—

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

—the Prayer of the Church concludes—

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

C: **Amen.**

COMMUNION STATEMENT: The Lord's Supper is celebrated by 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. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 194

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

[SIT]

Distribution Hymns

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

[STAND]

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

Benediction

LSB 202

Departure Hymn

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554