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Divine Service Setting II-Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 10, 2011
5:00 pm

Sunday, September 11, 2011
9:00 am

† **In this complex world** of mass communication we are bombarded with information. Video images flash nearly everywhere we look. Pulsating music blares at every turn. It seems there's nowhere we can go to escape the noise. **Well, here's your chance** to unplug, to step out of the world and its culture and participate in something mystical. Here we will *sing* with angels and archangels. Here we will *listen* to the voice of God through His ancient texts. Here the saints of God will *share* in the very body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This is a holy place, a holy time, a thing that we do - or, rather, that God does in and for us through His Means of Grace. **So, turn off your cell phone**, tune out the cacophony of competing voices, and log in to this moment and the message God has for you today, for He is here to meet you as He has promised.

† **We ask that those desiring to commune** be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. **Assistive listening devices** are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN God Loves Me Dearly **LSB 392**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION **LSB 167**

INTROIT

Ps. 143:1–2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9

P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

C **Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!**
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

ALL: 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.

P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

HYMN OF PRAISE- This Is the Feast

LSB 171

COLLECT

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Genesis 50:15–21*

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL (5:00)*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

P Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

DAY SCHOOL SINGS (9:00)

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

EPISTLE*Romans 14:1–12*

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord

is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will

do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

HYMN Jesus Loves Me **LSB 588**

SERMON “How Often?” *Matthew 18:21-35*

APOSTLES’ CREED **LSB 175**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy

-OR-

P Let us pray to the Lord

C Hear our prayer

C Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P ...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **LSB 176**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 177 and following**

AGNUS DEI **LSB 180**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb **LSB 740**

What Wondrous Love Is This **LSB 543**

O Bless the Lord, My Soul **LSB 814**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE-Thank the Lord **LSB 181**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT **LSB 183**

CLOSING HYMN I Lay My Sins on Jesus **LSB 606**

POSTLUDE O, For A Thousand Tongues R. Hobby