

# *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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## 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

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**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.

**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.

## Introit

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me:

**O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord:

**for I cry unto Thee daily.**

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant:

**for unto Thee, O lord, do I lift up my soul.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**☩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**☩** Glory be to God on high: **☩** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray: O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church : and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.”” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*Galatians 5:25—6:10*

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption,

but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 6:24–34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

#### 745 In God, My Faithful God

- 1 In God, my faithful God, I trust when dark my road;  
Great woes may overtake me, Yet He will not forsake me.  
My troubles He can alter; His hand lets nothing falter.
- 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not despair.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock nothing moves me.  
To Him I will surrender, To Him, my soul's defender.
- 3 If death my portion be, It brings great gain to me;  
It speeds my life's endeavor To live with Christ forever.  
He gives me joy in sorrow, Come death now or tomorrow.
- 4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
You suffered death to save us Because Your love would have us  
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness When ends this life of sadness.
- 5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.  
Dear Lord, we all adore You, We sing for joy before You.  
Guide us while here we wander Until we praise You yonder.

## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☩** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### [ Offering ]

### Prayer of the Church

#### Preface

*LSB 194*

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

**☩** Lift up your hearts.

**☩** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**☩** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**☩** It is meet and right so to do.

**☩** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**☩** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us † from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**¶** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

**¶** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **☩** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

**☩** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



## Distribution

### 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
    And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
    And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
  
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
    These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
    O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.
  
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure  
    In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
    And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.
  
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness  
    Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
    And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.
  
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
    That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
    Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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### **633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the  
sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the  
foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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### **738 Lord of All Hopefulness**

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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### **726 Evening and Morning**

- 1 Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace, and gladness, Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,  
Thine eye observes us, From danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

- 2 Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;  
As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.
- 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;  
Though billows tower, And winds gain power,  
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e'er increasing And peace never ceasing:  
These shall I treasure And share in full measure  
When in His mansions God grants me a place.
- 4 To God in heaven All praise be given!  
Come, let us offer And gladly proffer  
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
He well receiveth A heart that believeth;  
Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**☩** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**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. **C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
    Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
    Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
  
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
    He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
  
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
    Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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## TRINITY XV

Anxious Bondage vs. Faith in Christ – “*You cannot serve God and money*” (Matthew 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God – that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 5:25–6:10).

True faith and confidence of the heart is directed toward the one true God and clings to Him alone. He says, “See to it that you let Me alone be your God, and never look about for another.” In other words, “Look to Me for any good thing that you lack. Come to Me for it. And whenever you suffer misfortune or distress, reach out to Me and hold on to Me. I, and I alone, will satisfy your need and help you in every trouble. Only do not ever let your heart cling to or depend on anything or anybody else.

– Large Catechism