Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service I



Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Introit

Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,*

and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, hear my prayer;* give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;* they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

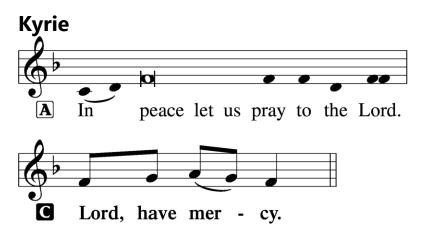
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

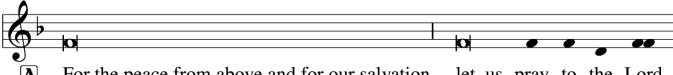
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For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



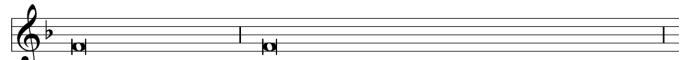


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise





Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



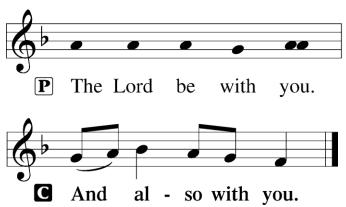
Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



Salutation



Collect

P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament 2 Samuel 22:26–34

²⁶"With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. ³²"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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Common Alleluia and Verse



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.



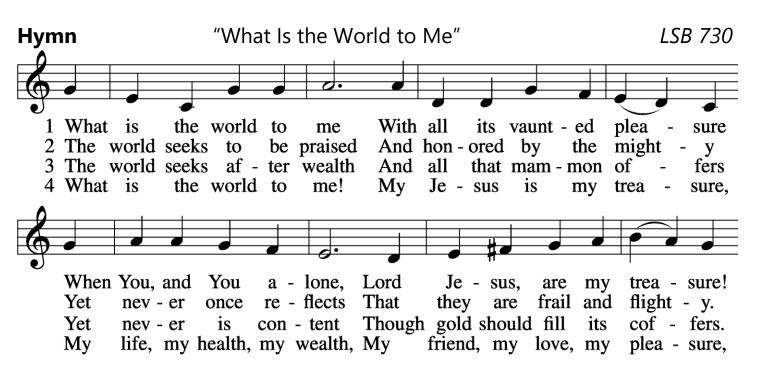
Gospel Luke 16:1–9

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

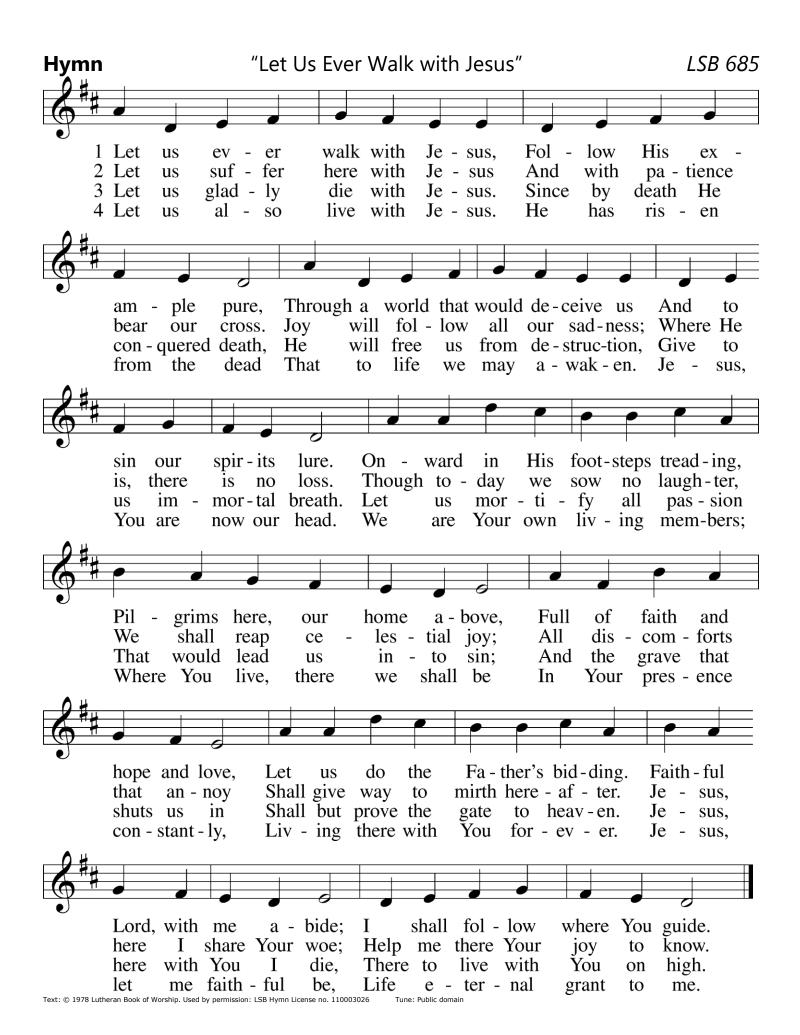
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life
→ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church



Offering Please place your offering in the plate in the center aisle as you leave.



Lord's Prayer

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.

Collect

Benediction



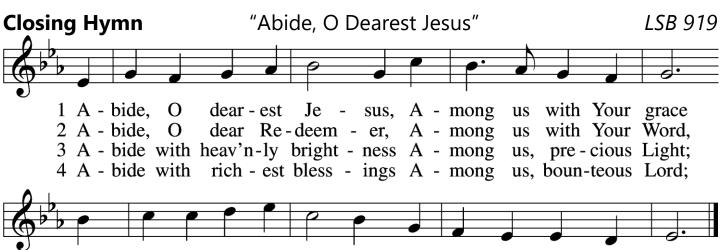
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.





That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor give place. we thus now and here - af - ter True peace and And ford. ioy af di - rect and keep From er - ror's gloom - y Your truth us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word. Let us

- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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