

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

30 September 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text*)



*Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you, **
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.

Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

*I was glad when they | said to me, **
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!
*For my brothers and com- | panions' sake **
I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
I will | seek your good.

*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.

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you, **
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.

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according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 122:1, 7*)

*I was glad when they | said to me, **
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

*Peace be with- | in your walls **
and security within your | towers!

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²“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, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet 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. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:(1-3) 4-9

¹I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ²that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and

all knowledge— ³even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁴so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁶God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

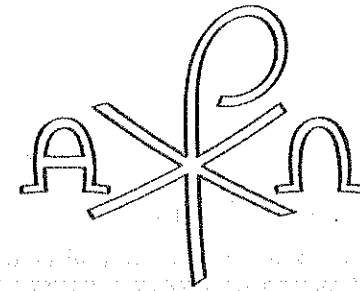
³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?” ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Right Hand. The One sitting there exercises God's Power and Majesty to the fullest extent. This invitation thus represents the Divine Exaltation of the Christ's human nature. When God's Son, begotten from eternity and co-equal with the Father, assumed our human nature, He communicated all His Divine Attributes to that nature, just as a king who marries a humble maiden makes her a queen by virtue of that marriage.

- Note the way Jesus asks the question: not "How can David's Son be his Lord?" That might seem more logical to modern minds, but the Psalm clearly establishes the Messiah's Lordship over David. But here Jesus asks: "How is He his Son?" This exposes the Pharisees' terrible error: they presumed the Messiah to be merely human: David's son—and only that. Even as they stood Face-to-face with The God-Man Himself, their stubborn unbelief blinded them to His Deity—which David had clearly prophesied in the inspired Words of his Psalm.
- Even as Jesus quotes YHWH's astounding pledge to put His exalted Messiah's enemies (see Psalm 2) under His feet, the obstinate defiance of the men He faces reveals them to be among those very enemies. Into the souls of these Pharisees, The Words of David's Psalm burned, silencing their partisan questions (Romans 3:19). Convicted, they would not yield. This sets the stage for Jesus' terrible woes of the following chapter.
- From The Law question of the Pharisees, Jesus turned to The Gospel that He Himself is—God in human flesh, come to save us. Just a few days after speaking these words Jesus accomplished that salvation through His suffering, death and resurrection. In and from this Son of David we find forgiveness for all those times we have failed to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. St. Paul would later explain: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by The Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3). And so the Spirit teaches David, and David teaches the Pharisees and us, that David's promised Son is also David's Lord.



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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Paul Nus

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text
— I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalm:

Psalm 34:8-22 (antiphon: v. 19) — Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 — Serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul

Gradual:

Psalm 122:1, 7 — I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1(1-3) 4-9 — I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus

Verse:

Psalm 116:1 — Alleluia. I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Alleluia.

MATTHEW 22:34-46 ESV

Author and Date:

Author and Date: The Holy Spirit caused Matthew the tax-collector to write the words of this Gospel around AD 50. Jesus spoke the teaching recorded here on the Monday of Holy Week, after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His cleansing of the temple (21:1-17).

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in The Law?"

- Psalm 2:2 prophesied this "gathering together" of the Pharisees in the vicinity of the Temple court. They saw an opportunity to use Jesus' popularity against the Sadducees, and determined upon a single question to be put to Him. In the Hebrew Bible the rabbis counted 613 commandments to the Jews from God — 248 positive and 365 negative. Since some seemed to conflict with one another, their teachers argued over which ones should take precedence for a dutiful Jew. Some emphasized circumcision; others the sacrifices; still others the Sabbath laws. Would Jesus side with the Pharisees against the Sadducees?
- If Jesus elevates one of God's commandments, He would seem to be neglecting all the rest, failing to hold God's entire Law as highly as He should. In His Sermon on the Mount (5:17-20), Jesus had already asserted that not even the smallest letter or least stroke of a pen can disappear from God's Law by any means.

³⁷ 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. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all The Law and the Prophets."

- Jesus' simple and direct answer quotes Deuteronomy 6:5, but His quote does not exactly match any of the Hebrew or Greek Old Testament manuscripts we have today — they say "might" where Jesus says "mind" (Mark's Gospel includes both words). The sequence surely indicates a "psychology" of man as conceived by God Himself. The very repetition of the word "whole" in each of the three phrases gives it emphasis: God will have no mere part; He permits no small corner to remain closed to Him; He allows no division or subtraction from His Lordship. This "love" is precisely that which Luther uses to explain each of God's Ten Commandments. Jesus declares that all the other commandments and regulations Moses gave to the Jews must be weighed and gauged by our love for God alone.
- The "likeness" of the second great command extends the full extent of this same love from God through ourselves to every encounter with our fellow man — identified in proximity as our "neighbor". Everything written in the Hebrew Scriptures to the Jews hangs suspended upon these two commandments; take them away, and the rest fall in a heap, losing purpose, meaning and significance. These two commandments expose our need for The Gospel. The

New Testament shows that only those who believe in Jesus and His work on their behalf can fulfill these two commandments to any degree.

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?"

- The Pharisees' question sought to advance their own selfish, earthly agenda, but here Jesus sincerely aims to lead His hostile enemies toward the Truth and to save them. In essence this was the same question Jesus had already posed to His own band of disciples (16:13-16). When Peter answered correctly, Jesus told him that human power hadn't revealed The Truth to him, but His Father in heaven.
- Multitudes had just thronged about Jesus with palm branches to welcome Him into Jerusalem as "The Son of David". The Pharisees knew that in this question Jesus was confronting them with his own personal identity. Luther sees a natural connection between the Pharisees' question about the greatest commandment and Jesus' question to them about God's greatest human agent on earth (Psalm 110).

They said to Him, "The Son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My Right Hand, until I put your enemies under Your feet.' ⁴⁵ If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

- David's Psalm 110 is so clear and complete that every believing Jew must at once see and accept it. Even the Christ-denying Jews of modern times recognize Psalm 110 as describing the Messiah. And the pure and mighty love which Jesus has just highlighted in His answer to these Pharisees now moves Him to win even skeptical Jews to faith through the Holy Scriptures. Every Jewish child would readily have responded to Jesus' question with the same answer: "David's". Matthew opened his Gospel by clearly establishing Jesus' legal lineage as David's son.
- David said that *Adonai* ("my Lord") is the one who sits at the right hand of YHWH, whose enemies are made his footstool, who wields the rod of strength from Zion. Note that Psalm 110 and Jesus' quotation not only identify David's son as his Lord, but clearly distinguish *Adonai* from YHWH — Old Testament evidence of distinct Persons within the Godhead. Here One Person speaks to Another. Jesus carefully notes that David spoke "in the Spirit" — a reference to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. No Jew in Jesus' day ever objected when hearing mention of the Father, the Son of God, and the Spirit of God. Here Jesus also underscores the Inspired Divine Authority of Holy Scripture.
- From this phrase in Psalm 110, the Jews took this present imperative durative command and location, "Be sitting at my right," and combined them to produce a Hebrew Messianic title: *Sheblimini* — the Power and Majesty of God's

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and **WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** has resumed! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 10/01 Betty Krueger 10/02 Mary Fredricks 10/03 Kellie Boutin 10/04 Mary Davis, Mike Gundlach 10/05 Peggy Saddler, Larry E. Hammond 10/06 Kathy Lundquist

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 10/02 Jared Blackwell, Jeri Dush 10/05 Allie Theesen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 10/04 Ron & Susan Fullerton

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex September 23-November 3, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

LWML FALL RALLY - Sunday, Sept. 30th at 1:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Hastings. \$5 for registration, Mary Ann Niemoth will tell of her mission in Africa. Ingathering will be donations to purchase solar lights for Africa.

BUCKET: L.W.M.L. collecting for Gift Cards for Seminary Students now through Wednesday, Oct. 31. Diane Gundlach

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: Now Collecting dry goods, canned food, and non-perishable items until Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018. Boxes are on 1st floor Education, Narthex, & Fellowship Hall. Thanks For Your Support Carol Krause

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY Saturday, Oct. 6th - 8:00am-8:00pm please pre-register if you would like to attend or help serve the refreshments and meal. The noon meal (paid for by LCEF funds). Join Us! Joan Primrose

LIFE CHAIN: Sunday Oct. 7th at 2-3:00p along Burlington Ave. and also 2nd Street in Hastings. Please line up by 1:45p Barbecue for Wellspring Pregnancy and Health Care Center in Hastings, on Sunday, October 7 from 11 to 1:30p at Adams County Fairgrounds (old activities building). Enjoy lunch and make a donation for pro-life!

LIFEQUOTE "My hope and prayer and encouragement to each of you is to see people of all abilities as God sees them. Each of His children is beloved and valued. Each is uniquely gifted so that the work of God may be displayed—through every season of life." *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

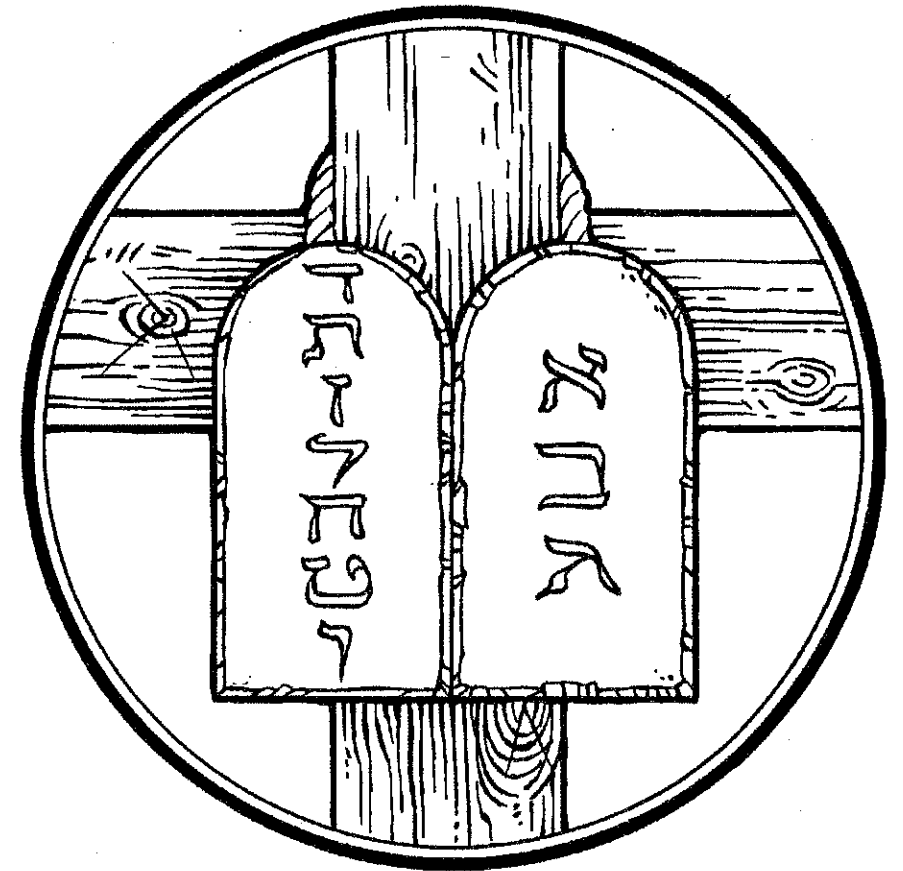
EDUCATION & EDIFICATION...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: Responding to the Roman Catholic Case for a Celibate Priesthood, The Birth of Moses, Stealing, Bearing False Witness and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 18)

1 Corinthians 1:4 - "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." The grace of God and thanksgiving go together. When God gives to us, thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it's not only the grace given to us that causes us to give thanks, but even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us.

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September 30th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Chuck Theesen Expecting + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan Holy Matrimony + Roger & Julie (Klatt) Volk + Matt & Andrea (Hesterman) Simianer Divine Call + Pastor Mackay & family Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Sandy Nissen + Jean Thom + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress Health Issues + Carol Smith + Randy Russell Cancer + Barbara Clasan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus Mackay
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Sept: Laurie S., Tonda W. Oct. Shannon B., Jeanne Buck
 Ushers: 8:00am Craig W., Malachi, Matthias, Micah M. 10:30am Walt L., Mike N.
 Elders: 9/30 Don N. 402-460-6430 10/07 Wes C. 402-984-4650
 Bus Drivers: 9/30 Gary O. 402-469-9797 10/07 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	160	<u>YTD Avg Weekly Attendance</u>	150
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,141.00	<u>Jan-August Income</u>	\$ 104,302.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-August Expense</u>	\$ 132,221.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 8/31/18</u>		\$	192,260.00

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 30th	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		
Tuesday, October 2nd	9:30am	Bible Study		
Wednesday, October 3rd	5:30pm	Meal	6:00pm	Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship	7:30pm	High School Youth
Saturday, October 6th	8:00am	Engage Your Community Registration		
	8:30am-3:00pm	Workshop		
Sunday, October 7th	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34-46). The Law requires you 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 "love the sojourner" (Deut. 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

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Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
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