

# The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 31, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #570: Just as I Am, without One Plea

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalms 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

L: God is in His holy habitation;

C: **[He] settles the solitary in a home.**

L: The God of Israel—He is the one

C: **who gives power and strength to His people.**

L: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered;

C: **and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!**

L: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

C: **they shall be jubilant with joy!**

L: O God, when You went out before Your people,

C: **in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.**

L: Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

C: **God is our salvation.**

**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.**

L: God is in His holy habitation;  
C: **[He] settles the solitary in a home.**  
L: The God of Israel—He is the one  
C: **who gives power and strength to His people.**

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.  
L: Let us pray.

C: **And also with you.**

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, You have driven me today away from the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills

Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Hymn #744: Amazing Grace

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

***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 from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

**Heavenly Father, You have poured out the Holy Spirit on Your church that the Body of Christ may be built up through the many and various gifts Your Spirit gives. Grant that we may receive our God given time, talents, and treasures with thanksgiving and faithfully put them to use for the good of our neighbor and the advancement of Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .

. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei (sung)

*John 1:29*

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Distribution Hymns

1. #628: Your Table I Approach

2. #611: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

3. #761: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

4. #632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

## Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

*Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

P: Let us bless the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

P: 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 + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #565: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ (Tune: #912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone)

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