

# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

October 20, 2024

**Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**  
*God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing  
His Word Against All Evil*

In our struggle against Satan we are ourselves called upon to take up the spiritual armor which God has given us: His Holy Word and Blessed Sacraments; faith and prayer! To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “Go; your son will live” (St. John 4:46-54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). “Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” And what wonderful blessing the LORD has prepared for His people! The spiritual blessing describes in Is. 25:6-9 echo throughout Holy Scripture; and they are heavy with grace and rich with comfort.

**Readings for Next Sunday:**

**Reformation Sunday**

[transferred from October 31]

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7  
Epistle of the Day: Romans 3:19-28  
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 11:12-15

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*Si iniquitates observabis Domine*  
“If You should mark iniquities, O Lord”

**Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**  
**Divine Protection Sunday**

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional  
Hymn **"When in the Hour of Deepest Need"** #615

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 184

### The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

The whole world is in Your power;

**O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay You.**

For You have made heaven and earth;

**You are LORD of all!**

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

**who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Confirm to Your servant Your promise,

**that You may be feared.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread,

**for Your just decrees are good.**

Behold, I long for Your precepts;

**in Your righteousness give me life!**

(Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

**Gloria Patri, Kyrie** p. 186

**Gloria in Excelsis** p. 187

**Salutation** p. 189

**Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity** – O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Isaiah 25:6-9**

[Praise to the LORD]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

### Gradual

Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
**in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

**from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

(Ps. 90:1-2)

Epistle of the Day **Ephesians 6:10-17**

[Being able to stand against the wiles of the devil]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Holy Gospel of the Day **St. John 4:46-54**

[Jesus heals the nobleman's son from afar]

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**Nicene Creed** p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day  
**"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"** #607

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

**The Service of the Sacrament** p. 194

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"** #636

[We rise] **Doxology** #805

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving,** p. 199

**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction** p. 201

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"Onward, Christian Soldiers"** #662