

# WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Nov. 14, 2018

How much more  
shall the **blood** of Christ,  
who through the  
eternal Spirit  
offered Himself  
without spot to God,  
cleanse your conscience  
from dead works  
to serve the living God?

**Hebrews 9:14**

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*"My Shepherd will supply my need."* These simple words, which paraphrase the first verse of Psalm 23, remind us that our Lord knows what we need and provides for us. In these weeks of harvesttime, we find joy in seeing how once again *"The earth has yielded its increase."* (Psalm 67:6) Although it may be easy to be thankful in the season of bountiful harvests, we are reminded in God's Word that we can be equally grateful in leaner times. Our gracious God consistently supplies our needs, leading us to affirm with the great hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt: *"God is good; His love attends me Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me."* (LSB 756:3)

### OPENING HYMN

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

**LSB 901**

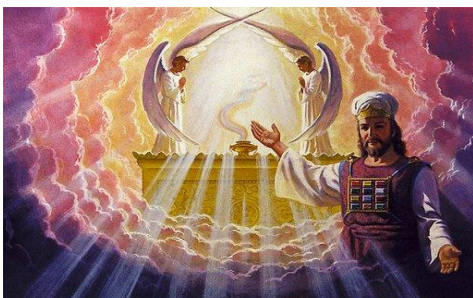
1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing

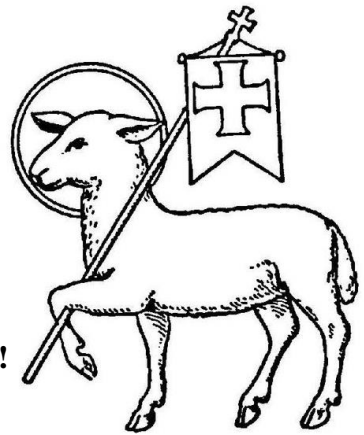
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.



## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- P** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.
- C** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- P** May the Lord give strength to His people!
- C** May the Lord bless His people with peace!



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** As children of God who desire to be at peace with our Lord, with ourselves, and with all people, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

- P** Almighty God,
- C** You speak peace to Your people; and Your salvation is near to all who fear You. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the way of peace both now and forever.
- P** God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in perfect peace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.



1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who

day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are

shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:

Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'ings Crest - ed  
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
 "Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en

God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of

gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
 Known by saints around the throne,  
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,  
 Lives to love and feed His own.  
 From His riven side forever  
 Flows the purest stream of love,  
 Love that robes us with the raiment  
 Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
 Gone the age of sacrifice;  
 Ours the time of grace and favor,  
 Ours the call to paradise!  
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
 Only You can cover sin—  
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

## THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You graciously forgive our sins and lovingly supply all our needs. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives into ways of peace with good and generous hearts as we look to You for everything both material and spiritual. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 17:8–16

- P** The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from First Kings, chapter seventeen.

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.

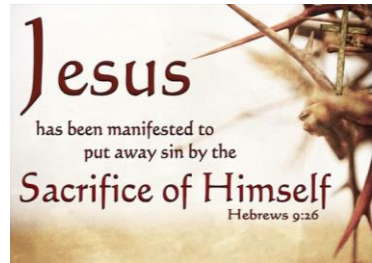


## EPISTLE READING

## Hebrews 9:24–28

**P** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter nine.

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not His own, <sup>26</sup> for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

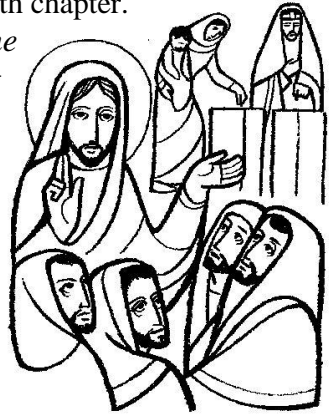


## GOSPEL LESSON

## st Mark 12:38–44

**P** The Holy Gospel according to st Mark, the twelfth chapter.

In His teaching Jesus said, *“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the market-places<sup>39</sup> and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,<sup>40</sup> who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”* <sup>41</sup> And He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup> And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, *“Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”*



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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON HYMN***"Not All the Blood of Beasts"***LSB 431**

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

**SERMON***"SIN — and the Servant to Save!"***HYMN OF RESPONSE***"Just as I Am, without One Plea"***LSB 570**

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

### KYRIE

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- P** O Lord,           **C** have mercy.  
**P** O Christ,       **C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,       **C** have mercy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

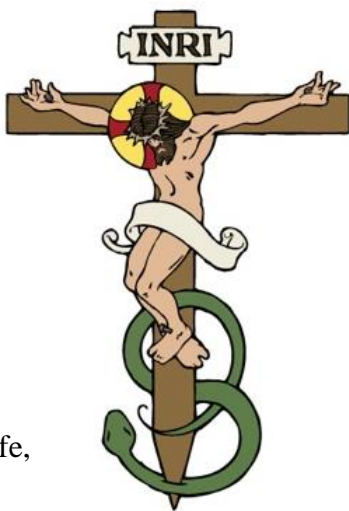
- C** Our Father who art in heaven. hallowed be Thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For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

### APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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.

### VERSICLES

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You;  
**C** for You answer me.  
**P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.  
**P** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.





- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your Name.**  
**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your Name forever.**  
**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**  
**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;      **C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{ each petition ends “...let us pray to the Lord:”

response: “*Lord, have mercy!*” }

### LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

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- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

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- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P** The Lord bless us,  
     defend us from all evil,  
     and bring us  
     to everlasting life.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SONGS BY REQUEST ...

