

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- Not in Anger, Mighty God**

CW 423

1. Not in anger, mighty God, Not in anger smite us.  
We must perish if your rod Justly should requite us.  
We are naught; Sin has brought,  
Lord, your wrath upon us. Yet have mercy on us!
2. Show me now a Father's love And his tender patience.  
Heal my wounded soul; remove These too sore temptations.  
I am weak; Father, speak  
Now of peace and gladness; Comfort me in sadness.
3. My dear Savior comes in grace; He will always hear me.  
I may come before his face; He is ever near me.  
He o'erthrows All my foes;  
Death and hell are vanquished, In whose bonds I languished.
4. Father, hymns to you we raise With sincere thanksgiving  
And the Son and Spirit praise With repentant living.  
Evermore We adore  
You whose love has stirred us And whose pity heard us.

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

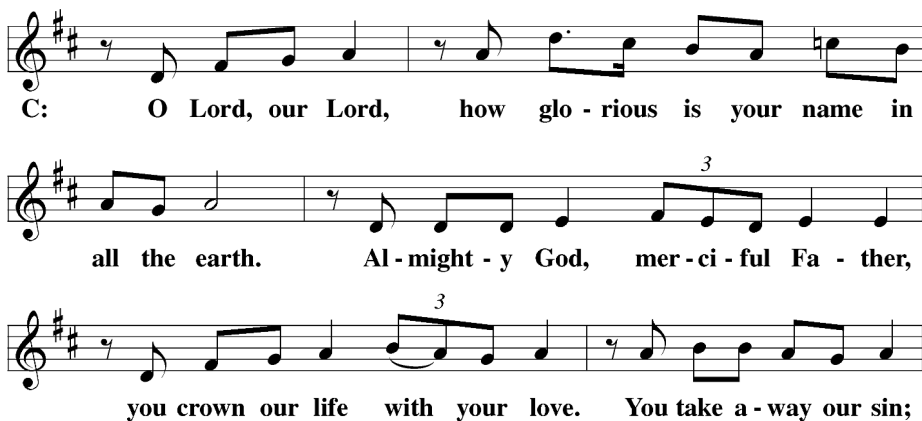


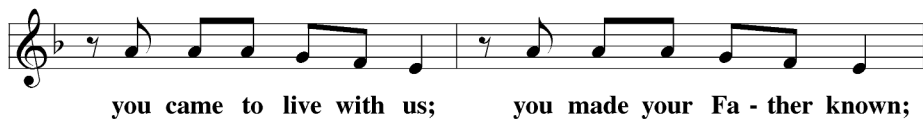
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*







how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, since you never fail to help and govern those whom you nurture in your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

### THE WORD

#### **First Lesson ----- Proverbs 9:1–10**

Wisdom has built her house.  
She has carved out her seven pillars.  
She has prepared her meat.  
She has mixed her wine.  
She has already set her table.  
She has sent out her servant girls.  
She calls from the highest point in the city,  
“Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.”  
To someone who lacks sense she says,  
“Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine that I have mixed.  
Abandon your naïve ways and live.  
Travel the road to understanding.”

Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults,  
and whoever warns a wicked person invites abuse.  
Do not warn a mocker, or he will hate you.  
Warn a wise person, and he will love you.  
Give advice to a wise person, and he will become  
even wiser.  
Teach a righteous person, and he will add to his  
learning.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is  
understanding.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 67**

CW p.91

*Refrain*

**Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

*Refrain*

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.**

*Refrain*

**Second Lesson ----- 1 John 3:13–18**

Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death. Ev-

eryone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we

also should lay down our lives for our brothers. Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can

God's love remain in him? Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

*Verse of the Day*

*Psalms 119:105, 111*

M: Alleluia. Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Yes, they are the joy of my heart. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand.*

**Gospel ----- Luke 14:16-24**

Jesus said to him, "A certain man made a great banquet and invited many people. When it was time for the banquet, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses.

"The first one told him, 'I bought a field, and I need to go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

"Another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'

"Still another said, 'I just got married, and so I am unable to attend.'

"The servant arrived and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly

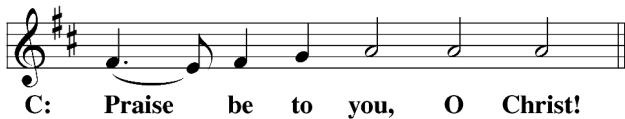


into the streets and alleys of the town, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

"The servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.'

"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, so that my house may be filled. Yes, I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.' "

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

### Hymn of the Day ----- Delay Not! Delay Not

CW 337

1. Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!  
The waters of life are now flowing for you.  
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.  
Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.
2. Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,  
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.
3. Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,  
Long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight  
And leave you in darkness to finish your race,  
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
4. Delay not! Delay not! The hour is at hand;  
The earth will dissolve, and the heavens will fade.  
The dead, small and great, in the Judgment must stand-  
What pow'r, then, O sinner, can lend you its aid?

5. Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse  
The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?  
A fountain is opened-how can you refuse?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.

**Sermon ----- Luke 14:16–24**

*Heed the Banquet Invitation*

*Confession of Faith – Excerpts from the Augsburg Confession*

M: Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible.

C: **Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are of the same essence and power.**

M: Our churches teach that since the fall of Adam, all who are naturally born are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with the inclination to sin, called concupiscence.

C: **Concupiscence is a disease and original vice that is truly sin. It damns and brings eternal death on those who are not born anew through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.**

M: Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person.

C: **There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice for all sins of mankind.**

- M: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.
- C: **The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, according to the Apostles' Creed.**
- M: Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins.
- C: **God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight.**
- M: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.
- C: **Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news.**
- M: Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered.
- C: **For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions should be the same everywhere.**

- : Concerning Baptism, our churches teach that Baptism is necessary for salvation and that God's grace is offered through Baptism. They teach that children are to be baptized. Being offered to God through Baptism, they are received into God's grace.
- C: Our churches teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper.**
- M: Our churches teach that private Absolution should be retained in the churches.
- C: Although listing all sins is not necessary for Confession. For, according to the Psalm, it is impossible. [Ps 19:12]**
- M: Our churches teach that there is forgiveness of sins for those who have fallen after Baptism whenever they are converted. The Church ought to impart Absolution to those who return to repentance.
- C: Repentance consists of two parts. One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel or the Absolution and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven.**
- M: Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacraments, without a rightly ordered call.
- C: Our churches teach that ceremonies ought to be observed that may be observed without sin. Yet, consciences are not to be burdened as though observing such things was necessary for salvation.**
- M: Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end.

- C: Our churches condemn those who teach that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.**
- M: Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. For without faith, human nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross.**
- C: It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed, and then they are able to bring forth good works.**
- M: Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor.**
- C: He is to be prayed to. He has promised that He will hear our prayer. This is the worship that He approves above all other worship.**
- M: This then is nearly a complete summary of our teaching.**
- C: As can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures or from the Church universal.**

*Offering*

*Stand.*

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*of the Gospel here and around the world.*

*Prayer of the Church*

M: Lord God heavenly Father, we give you hearty thanks that you have called us out of the darkness of spiritual ignorance through the light of your gospel, that you have called us out of the darkness of sin and eternal death to the light of eternal life through Christ, and that you have called us forth from a life of sin to a life of service freely given to you. We pray, keep us steadfast and true to our high spiritual calling. Endow us richly with the Holy Spirit, and by his grace sustain our faith, dispelling our doubts and confusion and keeping us faithful and true to your Word. Do not permit us to stray from your Word in the slightest, and help us through diligent use of the Scriptures to grow in knowledge, to abound in faith, and to be strengthened in our inner man. Enable us both by word and deed to make a good confession of our faith before the world. Direct our footsteps along the path of righteousness. Help us subdue our sinful flesh and prevent us from being dazzled by the attractions of this world. Restrain the devil and his wicked angels lest they threaten our faith and strike terror in our hearts.

Create in us humble hearts so that we daily make confession of our sins. For Jesus' sake forgive our sins and put our consciences to rest. Fill our hearts with such gratitude for your salvation that we gladly set about to bring the light of the gospel to those who are without Christ and without hope.

Keep us from all thoughts, all speech, all desires, all deeds, which do not glorify the precious name of our Savior. Cause every Christian virtue to flourish in our lives. Teach us to pray without ceasing. Through the Spirit put into our minds and hearts the things we ought to ask of you and the names of those for whom our prayers are needed. O Father, be our Strength, our Hope, and our Light. Guide and keep us through the years that remain until by grace in Christ we come to eternal life. In his name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

### *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.

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

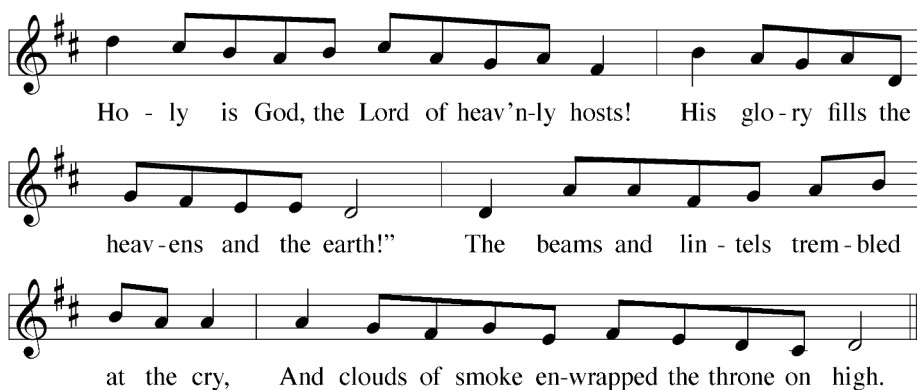
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the  
Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*

*Sanctus, CW 267*

I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it  
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,  
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were  
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.  
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly  
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;  
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the  
Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts!





Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the  
heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled  
at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

**Hymn ----- Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

CW 312

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.
6. Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7. Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



*Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

CW 215

1. Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2. When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls And pearly gates behold,  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong And streets of shining gold?
3. Oh, when, thou city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend?  
Where evermore the angels sing, The Sabbath has no end.
4. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand,  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
5. O Christ, do thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love  
That I may see thee and adore With all thy saints above.



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