
HYMNS

OPENING HYMN	<i>TLH #324 - Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (st. 1-5)</i>
HYMN (after the Creed)	<i>TLH # 371 - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>
HYMN (after General Prayer)	<i>TLH #372 – Through Jesus' Blood and Merit</i>
DISTRIBUTION HYMN	<i>TLH #315 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: *Ephesians 4:7-14*

Gospel: *Matthew 9:9-13*

from the Large Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar

To be sure, it is true that those who despise the Sacrament and live in an unchristian way receive it to their hurt and damnation. Nothing shall be good or wholesome for them. It is just like a sick person who on a whim eats and drinks what is forbidden to him by the doctor. ⁷⁰ But those who are mindful of their weakness desire to be rid of it and long for help. They should regard and use the Sacrament just like a precious antidote against the poison that they have in them. Here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin. It contains and brings with it God's grace and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.

⁷¹ So you have, from God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, from yourself, you have your own distress, which is around your neck. Because of your distress this command, invitation, and promise are given. This ought to move you. For Christ Himself says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." In other words, He means those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh, and of the devil. ⁷² If, therefore, you are heavy laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and receive refreshment, comfort, and strength. ⁷³ If you wait until you are rid of such burdens, so that you might come to the Sacrament pure and worthy, you must stay away forever. ⁷⁴ In that case Christ pronounces sentence and says, "If you are pure and godly, you have no need of Me, and I, in turn, no need of you." Therefore, the only people who are called unworthy are those who neither feel their weaknesses nor wish to be considered sinners.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Wed., Sept. 24 - Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun., Sept. 28 - Bible class, 9 AM

- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Trinity 15)