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**The Sunday of the Great Commandment—“Singlehearted
 Love of God in Christ”—[St. Lawrence’s Tide]—**

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***For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king;
 he will save us. Isaiah 33.22 [ESV]***

WELCOME TO FAITH! GOD’S HOUSE, YOUR HOME. Ласкаво просимо до церкви! Our promise to you is this: God’s word preached directly from the Bible, the Sacraments administered as our Lord gave them, a worship service that follows the historic practices of the Church, and a warm and friendly welcome. *We ask our visitors to sign the guest book in the entryway and to return again soon.* Our pastor is ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

ORDER OF SERVICE—Order of Holy Communion—hymnal pg. 15

THE PREPARATION

Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)

Hymn #10 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

At the final stanza, the congregation turns facing the processional crucifix

Invocation (hymnal pg. 15)

Confession/ Absolution (pg. 15-16)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us

Introit: (Psalm 106.3; Psalm 1. 1-3)

P: Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times.

C: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly,

P: Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

C: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

P: He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season,

C: Whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Gloria Patri [Glory to the Father] (pg. 16)

Kyrie [Lord] (pg. 17)

Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the Highest] (pg. 17-19)

Salutation/ Collect (pg. 19)
 P: O Lord, without You we are not able to please You. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts in all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle (1 Corinthians 1. 4-9 [EHV])

⁴I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, ⁶because the testimony about Christ was established in you. ⁷As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Gradual: (Psalm 122. 1, 7; Psalm 117.1)

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

P: Peace be within your walls,

C: Prosperity within your palaces; Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations!

C: Laud Him, all you peoples. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah (pg. 20)

Gospel— St. Matthew 22. 34-46 [EHV] (pg. 21)

³⁴When they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together. ³⁵One of them who was an expert in the law asked him a question, trying to trap him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

³⁷Jesus said to him, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: ⁴²“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

They said to him, "The Son of David."

⁴³He said to them, "Then how can David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies
under your feet?'

⁴⁵"So if David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

⁴⁶No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn: #339 [1-4] All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Sermon—Isaiah 33.22—*For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; he will save us.*

The Holy Triune God Will Save Us

1. Judge
2. Lawgiver
3. King

[Silence for meditation]

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CATECHISM REVIEW: CONFESSION

P: *What is Confession?*

C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: *What sins should we confess?*

C: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

P: *Which are these?*

C: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude,

or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Offertory

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Offering

Stewardship thought— Matthew 22:40 – *"On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for or inventing good works: God has given us roles to fill in Home, Church, and Society and that will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

The Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, in Your mercy look with favor upon us and hear the prayers we now bring before You.

Brief silence

Almighty God, bless Your Church here in this place and scattered throughout the world. Make us diligent to strive after Your commandments, but keep us from any pride in our works. Fill us with Christ's own love, that we might readily show this love to our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, give guidance, wisdom and safety to Donald, our president; Andrew, our governor; and to all who make and judge our laws. Bless all civil servants as they carry out their offices, and protect them in the line of duty. Grant them courage to bring justice for the widow, the orphan, the sojourner and all those of whom the wicked would take advantage. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You know how Satan prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour Your children. By the power of Your Word and Spirit, protect and defend those who are under Satan's attacks. Send Your holy angels to be with them, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank You, Father, for Your delight in giving us all good gifts. Continue to bless us in both body and soul. Grant us wisdom to use our possessions as wise stewards who love and serve our neighbors, and continue to pour out upon us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Continue to be merciful to all those who are suffering under the burden of any illness or ailment of body, soul or spirit especially those of our

congregation and our loved ones. Strengthen them and remind them that You will sustain them guiltless and forgiven even to the end. Heal them according to Your will, and bless all the hands that care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all knowledge, You know more than we do the things that we need. Grant that we would be strengthened this day by Your Son's Body and Blood, that with love toward one another we would meet whatever challenges the week to come holds with faith toward You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and all things and whatever else we need, we place into Your hands, O Father, for You have instructed us to call upon You. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

Preface	pg. 24-25
<i>Sanctus</i> (Holy)	pg. 26
The Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution	pg. 27
<i>Agnus Dei</i> (Lamb of God)	pg. 28
<i>The Distribution of our Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith</i>	

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. St. John tells us that the way we know love is that Christ laid down His life for us. [1 John 3. 16]. St. Paul tells us that whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we are proclaiming Christ's death [1 Cor. 11.26]. Therefore, by God's definition, our reception of Holy Communion is a proclamation of love. That is a beautiful truth. Out of love for God's Words and for God's people, it is also our practice to determine confessional oneness of those partaking of the Lord's Supper. Therefore we practice closed communion and invite to this holy Sacrament members in good standing of this or another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

<i>Nunc Dimittis</i> (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving	pg. 29
Salutation/ Benedicamus/ Benediction	pg. 31
Hymn: #339 [5-7] All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	

The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves
Silent Prayer

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday— Newsletter Deadline	Bible Study [Revelation]	6 pm
Thursday—Bible Study [Revelation]		9.30 am
28 October--Circuit Reformation Festival at Zion, Owego		9.30 am
29 October—Fifth Sunday Dinner		after service

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Virginia Butler, Dan and Jean Fraser, Jonna Holden, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl.



EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1. 4-9 Communion with Christ is, in turn, the basis for communion among Christians (Acts 2.42; 1 Jn 1.3). In drawing people into communion with his Son as members of his body, God draws them into a close and deep relationship with one another. From the outset, Paul is reminding the Corinthians that their "communion" (1 Cor 1.9) in Christ rules out all factionalism and individualism (1. 10-11). Paul would have no time for the modern attitude that "my Christianity is something between me and my God". [G. Lockwood]

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 22. 34-46 Jesus refers only to that fact that David, Ps. 110.1, calls Him his Lord: If, then, David He says, calls Him Lord, how is He his Son? It sounds strange and is contrary to nature that a father calls his son a lord, that he also becomes subject to him and serves him. Now, David calls Christ his Lord, and such a Lord to whom God Himself says: Sit at My right hand... that is, Be equal with Me, known and adored as very, true God; for on God's chair or at His right hand no other may properly sit; Hew is so jealous that He will permit no one else to sit as His equal with Him as He says in Isaiah 48.11. [Luther]

PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, we are indeed poor, miserable sinners. We know Your will, but are too weak to fulfill it. Flesh and blood is too strong for us. The devil, our tiresome enemy, gives us no peace. Therefore we pray that You would pour Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that with firm faith we may keep ourselves with Your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort ourselves with His death, believe in the full forgiveness of all our sins through Him and so, here on earth, live a holy life according to Your will and in obedience to You, and, in the end, by Your grace through Christ, die a blessed death. Amen.





[Moses Receives The Law]

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Matt. 22:34–46 (Oct. 15)

“From Him and through Him we receive all that we have. He has all power and authority with the Father because by nature He is God’s Son. But since He is true man, and therefore belongs to us, being a child of Adam no less than we are but without sin, He has bestowed authority and all His power upon us as a gift. After all, we are His brothers, having the same nature, destined to be fellow heirs with Him (Rom. 8:17).” LW 13:236