

**Pentecost 24**  
**November 18, 2018**  
**8:00 a.m. Communion Service**



**First English Lutheran Church**  
**Spencer, Iowa**  
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## ***Prelude, Ringing of the Bells***

***Opening Hymn*** - LSB # 821 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

## ***Welcome and Sharing of the Peace***

### ***INVOCATION***

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

**C: Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.**

**Amen.**

***Old Testament Lesson*** - Deuteronomy 6:1-9 "Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

***Epistle*** - Hebrews 9:11-22 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." <sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

***Holy Gospel*** - Mark 12:28-37 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all

your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”<sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.”<sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”<sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.<sup>35</sup> And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?”<sup>36</sup> David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.””<sup>37</sup> David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

**Hymn** - LSB # 752 “Be Still, My Soul”

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** (Inside back cover of hymnal)

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn** - LSB #851 vs 1-2 “Lord of Glory”

**Collect of the Day**

P: Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Prayers**

**Hymn Of Praise** - LSB #790 vs. 1 and 4 "Praise to the Lord"

**The Exhortation**

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**C: But as we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free.**

P: That is why our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature;

**C: that He might fulfill for us the whole law of God and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.**

P: That we might all the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith, Christ has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

**C: Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.**

P: We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death,

**C: That He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification,**

P: And, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

**C: For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His Body and drink of His Blood.**

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But, I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith and confidence in Him.

**C: Amen.**

P: I stand before you as God's ambassador and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ announce that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Communion Collect**

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

**C: With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.**

P: Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

**C: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament.**

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us. . .

**ALL:** "Our Father, who art. . ."

### **Consecration of Bread and Wine - Communion Distribution**

#### **Hymns**

AGPS # 170 "Lord of the Dance"

LSB # 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB # 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB # 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

### **Collect After Holy Communion**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you that you have again revived us with the gift of this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation in Your holy Body and Blood that we may now depart with peace and joy, knowing that we are reconciled to God; for You live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** - LSB # 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

### **Announcements and Postlude**

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

**Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you**

**join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.**