

18th

Sunday after Pentecost

October 1st, 2023

Divine Service Three

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AS WE GATHER

Among the flags of the fifty states of the United States, one of the most distinctive is the flag of Rhode Island. It is a simple design featuring a golden anchor on a field of white, surrounded by thirteen golden stars which commemorate the fact that Rhode Island was the thirteenth of the original colonies to become a state officially. There is just one word on the flag: hope. The likely inspiration for the inclusion of this word is from Hebrews: “We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul” (Hebrews 6:18–19). The founders of the colony of Rhode Island were hopeful of finding a place of refuge to express their Christian faith freely in their times. In our time, we also are people of Christian hope, as well as people abiding in faith who are given to charity in Christ’s name.

Opening Hymn: LSB #704 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit  
Kyrie  
Gloria in Excelsis  
Salutation and Collect of the Day

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6  
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O word of God  
incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on  
high,  
O Truth unchanged,  
unchanging,  
O Light of our dark  
sky:  
We praise You for the  
radiance  
That from the  
hallowed page,  
A lantern to our  
footsteps,  
Shines on from age to  
age. LSB 523:1

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Old Testament Reading  
Gradual  
Epistle

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32  
Psalm 91:11; 103:1  
Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day: LSB #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Sermon

Offertory  
Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface  
Sanctus

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Lord’s Prayer  
The Words of Our Lord  
Pax Domini  
Agnus Dei

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Distribution  
Distribution Hymn: LSB #549 & LSB #696

Nunc Dimittis  
Thanksgiving

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LSB 200

Benedicamus  
Benediction

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Closing Hymn: LSB #848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

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