

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
**JULY 26, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

**PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:** *“LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

**BEFORE WORSHIP:** *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *“I Love Your Kingdom, LORD”* ..... [LSB: 651]

**1.**  
**I love Your kingdom, LORD,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.**

**2.**  
**Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav’nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.**

**3.**  
**I love Your Church, O God,  
Your saints in ev’ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.**

**4.**  
**For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv’n  
Till toils and cares shall end.**

**5.**  
**Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv’n  
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav’n.**

**✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠**

INVOCATION..... [Pg. 167]

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*[Matthew 28:19b, 18-20]*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ..... [LSB: pg. 167]

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

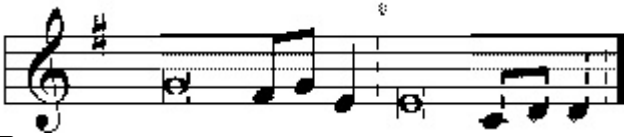
**C** **Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You I thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION ..... [LSB: pg. 167]

**P** Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His Authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

PSALMODY OF THE DAY: *Psalm 119:57-64*



- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His Name; \*  
make known His Deeds among the | peoples!
- C** **Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him; \*  
tell of all His | Wondrous Works!**
- P** Glory in His | Holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
- C** **Seek the LORD | and His Strength; \*  
seek His Presence con- | tinually!**
- P** Remember the Wondrous Works that | He has done, \*  
His Miracles, and the judgments He | uttered,
- C** **O Offspring of Abraham, His | Servant, \*  
Children of Jacob, His | Chosen Ones!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be Forever. | Amen.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His Name; \*  
make known His Deeds among the | peoples!

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy [Mark 10:47]* ..... [LSB: pg. 168]

- A** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have Mercy**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have Mercy**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have Mercy**
- A** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have Mercy**
- A** Help, Save, Comfort, and Defend us, Gracious LORD.
- C** **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ≈ *This is The Feast* ..... [LSB: pg. 171]  
*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

- P** This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God. Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His. This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the Feast of Victory for our God, for the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... [Pg. 172]

- P** *Sung:* The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Almighty and Everlasting God, give us an increase of Faith, Hope, and Love, that, receiving what You have Promised, we may Love what You have Commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ✠ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 7:6-9*

*“For you are a People Holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has Chosen you to be a People for His Treasured Possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His Love on you and Chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD Loves you and*

*is keeping the oath that He Swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a Mighty hand and Redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the Faithful God Who keeps Covenant and Steadfast Love with those who love Him and keep His Commandments, to a thousand generations.”*

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ..... [Pg. 172]

**R** Oh, the Depth of the Riches and Wisdom and Knowl- | edge of God!\*  
How unsearchable are His Judgments and how inscrutable | His Ways!  
For from Him and through Him and to Him are | all things.\*  
To Him be Glory Forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 8:28–39*

*“We know that for those who love God all things work together for Good, for those who are Called according to His Purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He Foreknew He also Predestined to be conformed to the Image of His Son, in order that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom He Predestined He also Called, and those whom He Called He also Justified, and those whom He Justified He also Glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He Who did not spare His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him Graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God’s Elect? It is God Who Justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One Who Died—more than*

*that, Who was Raised—Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is Interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, ‘For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as Sheep to be slaughtered.’ <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who Loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.”*

**A** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA VERSE

**C** Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:44–52*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to you, O LORD.

*“[Jesus said:] ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like Treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding One Pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but*

*threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the Righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> Have you understood all these things?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes.’ <sup>52</sup> And He said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’”*

**P** This is the Gospel of our LORD.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" ..... [LSB: 554]

1.  
O Jesus, King most Wonderful!  
O Conqueror Renowned!  
O Source of Peace Ineffable,  
In Whom all Joys are found:

2.  
When once You visit darkened hearts,  
Then Truth begins to Shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,  
Then kindles Love Divine.

3.  
O Jesus, Light of all below,  
The Fount of Life and Fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:

4.  
May ev'ry heart confess Your Name,  
Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more!

5.  
Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express The Image of Your Own!

SERMON

NICENE CREED (Please stand as we confess our faith) ..... (Page 158)

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our Salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He Suffered and was Buried. And the third day He Rose again according to the Scriptures and Ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with Glory to Judge both the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of Life, Who Proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is Worshiped and Glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the Remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life  $\Phi$  of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [I timothy 2:1-4] ..... [LSB: pg. 175]

OFFERTORY [Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19] ..... [LSB: pg. 176]

**C** What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.  
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.  
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People,  
In the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## $\Phi$ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT $\Phi$

PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 177]

**P** The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts Colossians 3:1  
**C** We lift them to the LORD.

**P** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. Psalm 136  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (seasonal)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times...we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying::

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9] ..... [LSB: pg. 178]

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, LORD God of Pow'r and Might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... [LSB: pg. 178]

**P** O LORD, we are Your People, Chosen by Your Grace to be Your Own Possession ... Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our LORD.  
**C** Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 179]

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST ..... [LSB: pg. 179]

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD's death until He Comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*  
**C** Amen. Come, LORD Jesus. *[Revelation 22:20]*

**P** O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 179]

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 180]

**P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 180]

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. *John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "From God Can Nothing Move Me" ..... [LSB: 713]

1.  
From God can nothing move me;  
He will not step aside  
But gently will reprove me  
And be my Constant Guide.  
He stretches out His hand  
In evening and in morning,  
My life with Grace adorning  
Wherever I may stand.

2.  
When those whom I regarded  
As trustworthy and sure  
Have long from me departed,  
God's Grace shall still endure.  
He Rescues me from sin  
And breaks the chains that bind me.  
I leave death's fear behind me;  
His Peace I have within.

3.  
The LORD my life arranges;  
Who can His Work destroy?  
In His Good Time He changes  
All sorrow into Joy.  
So let me then be still:  
My body, soul, and spirit  
His Tender Care Inherit  
According to His Will.

4.  
Each day at His Good Pleasure  
God's Gracious Will is done.  
He sent His Greatest Treasure  
In Jesus Christ, His Son.  
He ev'ry Gift imparts.  
The bread of earth and Heaven  
Are by His Kindness given.  
Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5.  
Praise God with acclamation  
And in His Gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation  
Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past;  
But time we spend expressing  
The Love of God brings blessing  
That will Forever last!

6.  
Yet even though I suffer  
The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher  
And bring me great distress,  
That day of Bliss Divine,  
Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, Who is my pleasure,  
Forever shall be mine.

7.  
For thus the Father willed it, Who Fashioned us from clay;  
And His Own Son Fulfilled it And brought Eternal Day.  
The Spirit now has come, To us True Faith has Given;  
He leads us Home to Heaven. O praise the Three in One!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" ..... [LSB: 746]

1.  
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit  
I am at Peace with God.  
What, then, can daunt my spirit,  
However dark my road?  
My courage shall not fail me,  
For God is on my side;  
Though hell itself assail me,  
Its rage I may deride.

2.  
There's nothing that can sever  
From this Great Love of God;  
No want, no pain whatever,  
No famine, peril, flood.  
Though thousand foes surround me,  
For slaughter mark His Sheep,  
They never shall confound me,  
The Vict'ry I shall reap.

3.  
For neither life's temptation  
Nor death's most trying hour  
Nor angels of high station  
Nor any other pow'r  
Nor things that now are present  
Nor things that are to come  
Nor height, however pleasant,  
Nor darkest depths of gloom

4.  
Nor any creature ever  
Shall from the Love of God  
This ransomed sinner sever;  
For in my Savior's Blood  
This Love has its Foundation;  
God hears my Faithful prayer  
And long before creation  
Named me His Child and Heir.

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 181]

**P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.  
**C** Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: ..... [LSB: pg. 182]

**C** LORD, now You let Your servant go in Peace; Your Word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the Salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people; A Light to reveal You to the nations and the Glory of your people Israel. 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 183]

**P** Let us pray ... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, ☩ Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION ..... [LSB: pg. 183]

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face Shine on You and be Gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you Peace.  
**C** Amen.

1.  
LORD, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy Grace not Chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and Cleansed and set me Free  
And unto this end Ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.

2.  
It was Grace in Christ that Called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy Heav'nly Glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;  
For Thy Grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I Love Thee,  
Thou, O LORD, didst Love me first.

3.  
Praise the God of all Creation; Praise the Father's Boundless Love.  
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King Enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of Salvation, Him by Whom our spirits Live.  
Undivided adoration To the Great Jehovah give.

POSTLUDE

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:** Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD.  
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**For Blessing on the Word:** LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD.  
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