

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE II
AUGUST 16, 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: *“God Loved the World So that He Gave”* [LSB: 571]

1.
**God Loved the world so that He Gave
 His Only Son the lost to Save,
 That all who would in Him Believe
 Should Everlasting Life Receive.**

2.
**Christ Jesus is the Ground of Faith,
 Who was made flesh and suffered death;
 All then who trust in Him Alone
 Are built on this Chief Cornerstone.**

3.
**God would not have the sinner die;
 His Son with Saving Grace is nigh;
 His Spirit in the Word Declares
 How we in Christ are Heaven’s Heirs.**

4.
**Be of good cheer, for God’s Own Son
 Forgives all sins which you have done;
 And, Justified by Jesus’ Blood,
 Your Baptism grants the Highest Good.**

5.
**If you are sick, if death is near, This Truth your
 troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus Saves
 your soul from death; That is the firmest
 Ground of Faith.**

6.
**Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O Blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and Eternally!**

✠ 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. *1John 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.

INTROIT FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



- P** The LORD is the Strength of His | People;*
He is the Saving Refuge of His A- | nointed.
- C** To You, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
- P** Hear the voice of my pleas for Mercy, when I cry to | You for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward Your Most Holy Sanctu- | ary.
- C** Blessèd | be the LORD!*
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | Mercy.
- P** The LORD is my Strength and my Shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.
- 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** The LORD is the Strength of His | People;*
He is the Saving Refuge of His A- | nointed.

✠ 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** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** And also with you.
- P** Almighty and Everlasting Father, You give Your Children many Blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your Loving-Kindness and Mercy; 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: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Keep Justice, and do Righteousness, for soon My Salvation will come, and My Deliverance be Revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to My Holy

Mountain, and make them Joyful in My House of Prayer; their burnt offerings and their Sacrifices will be accepted on My Altar; for My House shall be called a House of Prayer for all peoples.’ ⁸ The LORD GOD, Who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, ‘I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL [Pg. 172]

R Fear the LORD, | you His Saints,*
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | Righteous,*
but the LORD Delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

“I ask, then, has God rejected His People? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected His People whom He Foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ... ¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an Apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their

acceptance mean but Life from the dead? ... ²⁸ As regards the Gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards Election, they are Beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the Gifts and the Calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received Mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ Iso they too have now been disobedient in order that by the Mercy shown to you they also may now receive Mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have Mercy on all.”

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 15:21-28*

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

“Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not

be afraid.’ ²⁸ And Peter answered Him, ‘LORD, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’ ²⁹ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘LORD, Save me.’ ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little Faith, why did you doubt?’ ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God.’”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

1.
Come, my soul, with ev’ry care,
Jesus Loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.

2.
Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His Grace and Pow’r are such
None can ever ask too much.

3.
With my burden I begin:
LORD, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy Blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience Free from guilt.

4.
LORD, Thy Rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy Blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

5.
While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy Love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey’s end.

6.
Show me what is mine to do;
Ev’ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a Life of Faith;
Let me die Thy people’s death.

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED [LSB: pg. 175]

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified,
Died,
And was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness
of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life **✠ Everlasting. Amen.**

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [1 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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 Blessed are You, LORD of Heaven and earth . . . To You Alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son **✠** and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and Forever.
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 **Come**s. *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: "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed" [LSB: 627]

1.
**Jesus Christ, our Blessèd Savior,
Turned away God's wrath Forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He Saved us from the evil foe.**

2.
**As His Pledge of Love undying,
He, this Precious Food Supplying,
Gives His Body with the bread,
And with the wine the Blood He Shed.**

3.
Jesus here Himself is Sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His Judgment then you shall receive.

4.
Praise the Father, Who from Heaven
To His Own this Food has Given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into Death His only Son.

5.
Firmly hold with Faith unshaken
That this Food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for Peace and Rest.

6.
Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's High Favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him Who Died and Rose.

7.
Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And Receive My Grace and Favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.

8.
"For what Purpose was My Dying
If not for your Justifying?
And what use this Precious Food
If you yourself were pure and good?"

9.
If your heart this Truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's Guest,
Be at His Banquet truly Blest.

10.
Let this Food your Faith so nourish
That its Fruit of Love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's Wondrous Love can do.

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]

- The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart Φ in Peace.
- Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: [LSB: pg. 182]

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]

- Let us pray ... O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us Pardon and

Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 (*Spoken*) The LORD Bless you and Keep you.
The LORD make His Face Shine on You and be Gracious to you.

C (*Sung*) **Amen.**
The LORD look upon you with Favor and ☩ give you Peace.

CLOSING HYMN: “*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*” [LSB: 936]

1.
Sing praise to the God of Israel!
Sing praise for His Visitation!
Redeeming His People from their sin,
Accomplishing their Salvation,
Uprising a Mighty Horn within
The House of His servant David!

2.
God spoke by the prophets long ago,
His Promise on oath recalling—
To Abraham made in former years:
Of vanquishing foes appalling,
That those He Delivered from their fears Might
gladly and truly serve Him.

3.
You, child, will go on before the LORD
As prophet, His way preparing;
To speak on behalf of God Most High,
His Counsel of Truth declaring:
Rich Mercy and Grace for all whereby
Iniquity is Forgiven.

4.
O Bright, Rising Sun, now
Shine on us In need of Illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death And
shatter their domination.
Be Guiding our footsteps on the path Of Peace,
in Your Presence dawning!

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. (158)

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. (150)

News, Notes & Reminders

- ◆ **Reminder:** Since we are all gathering again for bible study, please remember to donate for refreshments to offset costs and expenditures as the price of cookies/snacks have increased.
- ◆ Flowers are given this week to the glory of God by Kloess.
- ◆ There are still available Sundays throughout the rest of this year for anyone who wishes to donate flowers. The flower chart is located on the bulletin board next to the church office. The price of floral arrangements has been reduced to \$70 per week.
- ◆ DOW Sewing Seeds of Faith - Items are on the DOW table at the end of the main hallway. Check it out!

Did you know? When you purchase from the following vendors, you are supporting Cross of Christ Lutheran Church.

- ◆ **Amazon Smile** - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1850377>

- ◆ **Kroger Super Markets** - “Community Awards Program”. Be sure your card is linked to Cross of Christ by visiting the Customer Service Desk.
- ◆ **Tom Thumb Super Markets** - “Good Neighbor Program”. Visit the Customer Service Desk and mention Cross of Christ to ensure the church gets points for your purchase.
- ◆ **Box Tops for Education** - Please look for, and clip, boxtops from hundreds of items throughout your favorite grocery store. Bring them with you to church and place them in box on the Usher Stand.