

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**DIVINE SERVICE III**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "From All that Dwell Below the Skies" ..... [LSB: 816]

**1.**  
**From all that dwell below the skies**  
**Let the Creator's praise arise;**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Let the Redeemer's Name be sung**  
**Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**2.**  
**Eternal are Thy Mercies, LORD;**  
**Eternal Truth attends Thy Word.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia! Thy praise shall**  
**sound from shore to shore Till suns**  
**shall rise and set no more. Alleluia,**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**3. ▲**  
**All praise to God the Father be, All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia! Whom with the Spirit we adore**  
**Forever and Forevermore: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

✠ **SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** ✠

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*) ..... [LSB: pg. 184]

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

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

EXHORTATION ..... [LSB: pg. 184]

**P** Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the LORD. *[Hebrews 10:22]*  
**C Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

CONFESSION OF SINS ..... [LSB: pg. 184]

**P** O Almighty God, Merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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 and Merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

ABSOLUTION ..... [LSB: pg. 185]

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the Command of my LORD Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*  
**C Amen.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

PSALMODY: *Psalm 103:1-12*



**R** <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
 and all that is within me, bless His | Holy Name!  
<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
 and forget not all His | Benefits,

**C** <sup>3</sup> Who Forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
 Who Heals all your dis- | eases,  
<sup>4</sup> Who Redeems your life | from the pit,\*  
 Who Crowns you with Steadfast Love and | Mercy,

**R** <sup>5</sup> Who Satisfies | you with Good\*  
 so that your youth is Renewed like the | eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD Works | Righteousness\*  
 and Justice for all who | are oppressed.

**C** <sup>7</sup> He made known His ways to | Moses,\*  
 His acts to the People of | Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD is Merciful and | Gracious,\*  
 slow to anger and abounding in | Steadfast Love.

**R** <sup>9</sup> He will not | always chide,\*  
 nor will He keep His Anger For- | ever.  
<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
 nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

**C** <sup>11</sup> For as high as the Heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
 so Great is His Steadfast Love toward those who | fear Him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
 so far does He remove our transgres- | sions from us.

GLORIA PATRE ≈ *Glory be to the Father* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]

**C** (*Sung*) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]

**C** LORD, have Mercy upon us.  
Christ, have Mercy upon us.  
LORD, have Mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ ..... [LSB: pg. 187]

**P** Glory be to God on High,  
**P** and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. **O** LORD God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. **O** LORD, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; **O** LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have Mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD. Thou only, **O** Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... [Pg. 189]

**P** (Sung) The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all Godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in Faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, **✠** Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 50:15-21*

*“When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.’<sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this command before he died,<sup>17</sup> ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when*

*they spoke to him.<sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, ‘Behold, we are your servants.’<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?<sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for Good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.<sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.’ Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.”*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

**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 14:1-12*

*“As for the one who is weak in Faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.<sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.<sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.<sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own Master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the LORD is able to make him stand.<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.<sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the LORD. The one who eats, eats in honor of the LORD, since he gives thanks*

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

*to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the LORD and gives thanks to God.<sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.<sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the LORD, and if we die, we die to the LORD. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the LORD’s.<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be LORD both of the dead and of the living.<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the Judgment Seat of God;<sup>11</sup> for it is written, ‘As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”*

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68* ..... [LSB: pg. 190]

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:21-35* (Please Stand)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, **O** LORD.

*“Peter came up and said to [Jesus], ‘LORD, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.<sup>23</sup> Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.<sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.<sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him,*

*‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’<sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’<sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and*

reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had Mercy on your fellow servant, as

I had Mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his Master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also My Heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not Forgive your brother from your heart."

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (Please stand as we confess our faith) ..... (Page 191)

**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 of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" ..... [LSB: 606]

1.  
I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The Spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and Frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To Wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His Blood most Precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2.  
I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All Fullness Dwells in Him;  
He Heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does Redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3.  
I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline. I love the Name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the LORD;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His Name abroad is poured.

SERMON

OFFERTORY ..... [LSB: pg. 192]  
*Psalm 57:10-12*

**C** (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [I Timothy 2:1-4] ..... [LSB: pg. 193]

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Sung) ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

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

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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... 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.

SANCTUS ≈ Holy, Holy, Holy ..... [LSB: pg. 195]

**C** <sup>7</sup> Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 196]

**P** (Sung) 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 197]  
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** "Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: 'Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' In the same way also

He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ‘Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new Testament in My ☩ Blood, which is shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 197]

*John 20:19*

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

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 198]

*John 1:29*

**C** (*Sung*) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Hymns: “*At the Name of Jesus*” ..... [LSB: 512]

**1.**  
At the Name of Jesus  
Ev’ry knee shall bow,  
Ev’ry tongue confess Him  
King of Glory now.  
’Tis the Father’s Pleasure  
We should call Him LORD,  
Who from the Beginning  
Was the Mighty Word.

**2.**  
At His voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of Light,  
Thrones and bright dominions,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the Heav’nly orders  
In their great array.

**3.**  
Humbled for a season,  
To receive a Name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back Victorious  
When from death He passed;

**4.**  
Bore it up Triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the Central Height,  
To the Throne of Godhead,  
To the Father’s breast,  
Filled it with the Glory  
Of that Perfect Rest.

**5.**  
In your hearts enthrone Him;  
There let Him subdue  
All that is not Holy,  
All that is not True;  
Crown Him as Your Captain  
In temptation’s hour;  
Let His Will unfold you  
In its Light and Pow’r.

**6.**  
Christians, this LORD Jesus  
Shall return again  
In His Father’s Glory,  
With His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of Glory now.

**7.**  
Glory then to Jesus, Who, the Prince of Light, To a world in darkness  
Brought the Gift of sight; Praise to God the Father; In the Spirit’s Love  
Praise we all together Him Who Reigns Above.

“*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” ..... [LSB: 685]

**1.**  
Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His Example Pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our Home above,  
Full of Faith and Hope and Love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful LORD, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You Guide.

**2.**  
Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap Celestial Joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your Joy to know.

**3.**  
Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by Death He conquered death,  
He will Free us from destruction,  
Give to us Immortal Breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the Gate to Heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on High.

**4.**  
Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has Risen from the dead  
That to Life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our Head.  
We are Your Own Living Members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your Presence constantly,  
Living there with You Forever.  
Jesus, let me Faithful be,  
Life Eternal grant to me.

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

**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.

NUNC DIMITTIS ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** (*Sung*) LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING ..... [LSB: pg. 200]

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good,  
**C** (*Sung*) and His Mercy endureth Forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

**P** Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory Gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would Strengthen us through the same in Faith toward You and in fervent Love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

**P** Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

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

**C** *(Sung)* And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the LORD. *[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** *(Sung)* Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ..... [LSB: pg. 202]  
*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The LORD Bless you and Keep you.  
The LORD make His Face Shine upon you and be Gracious unto you.  
The LORD lift up His Countenance upon you and ☩ give you Peace.

**C** *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “*Before You, LORD, We Bow*” [LSB: 966]

1.  
**LORD of Glory, You have Bought us  
With Your Lifeblood as the Price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That Tremendous Sacrifice;  
And with that have Freely Given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your Own unsparing hand.**

2.  
**Grant us hearts, dear LORD, to give You  
Gladly, Freely of Your Own.  
With the Sunshine of Your Goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.**

3.  
**Wondrous Honor You have Given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your Own Mysterious Sentence,  
'You have done it all to Me.'  
Can it be, O Gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
'Give as I have Giv'n to you'?**

4.  
**LORD of Glory, You have Bought us  
With Your Lifeblood as the Price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That Tremendous Sacrifice.  
Give us Faith to Trust You Boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your Graces,  
With Your Love our Love Renew.**

POSTLUDE