

**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DIVINE SERVICE III  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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)

OPENING HYMN: *“All Christian Who Have Been Baptized”* ..... [LSB: 596]

**1.**  
All Christians who have been Baptized,  
Who know the God of Heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The Name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has Done,  
The Gifts He Gives to ev’ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

**2.**  
You were before your day of birth,  
Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
None good, without exception.  
For like your parents’ flesh and blood,  
Turned inward from the Highest Good,  
You constantly denied Him.

**3.**  
But all of that was Washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

**4.**  
In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once Sacrificed  
And freely for us Suffered.  
For here the Flood of His Own Blood  
Now makes us Holy, Right, and Good  
Before our Heav’nly Father.

**5.**  
O Christian, firmly hold this Gift  
And give God thanks Forever!  
It gives the Power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you Whole  
And then in death completes you.

**6.**  
So use it well! You are made New—  
In Christ a New Creation!  
As Faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His Glorious Robe of Righteousness  
Bestowed on you Forever!

**✠ 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. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*  
**C** Amen.

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 27:1-9*



- P** <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*
- The LORD is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,\*
- my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.
- C** <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\*
- though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.
- <sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*
- that I may Dwell in the House of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the Beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His | Temple.
- P** <sup>5</sup> For He will hide me in His Shelter in the day of | trouble;\*
- He will Conceal me under the Cover of His Tent; He will lift me high up- | on a Rock.
- <sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and 'will offer in His Tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*
- I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.
- C** <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*
- be Gracious to me and | answer me!
- <sup>8</sup> You have said, | 'Seek My face.'\*
- My heart says to You, 'Your face, LORD, | do I seek.'
- P** <sup>9</sup> Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in | anger.\*
- O You Who have been my Help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my Sal- | vation!
- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*
- The LORD is the Stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

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.
- C** And with thy spirit. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** LORD God, Heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your Abiding Grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

**C** LORD, **✠** Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**Amen.**

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

*“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have Compassion on him, and to our God, for He will*

*Abundantly Pardon. <sup>8</sup> For My Thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My Ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are My Ways higher than your ways and My Thoughts than your thoughts.”*

**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: *Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

*“I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the LORD by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the Word without fear ... <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ,*

*for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the Faith of the Gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your Salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 20:1-16* (Please Stand)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O LORD.

*“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a Master of a House who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for His Vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, He sent them into His Vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour He saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them He said, ‘You go into the Vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, He did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour He went out and*

*found others standing. And He said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to Him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the Vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the Owner of the Vineyard said to His foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also*

received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the Master of the House, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and You have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But He replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no

wrong. Did you not agree with Me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to Me? Or do you begrudge My Generosity?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

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

APOSTLES' CREED..... [LSB: pg. 192]

**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  $\diamond$  Everlasting.  
Amen.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"..... [LSB: 827]

1.  
Hark, the voice of Jesus Calling,  
'Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and Harvests waiting—  
Who will bear the sheaves away?'  
Loud and long the Master Calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
'Here am I, send me, send me?'

2.  
Some take up His task in morning,  
To their LORD responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday,  
Others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting,  
Some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty  
That God's Word so richly yields.

3.  
For as rain and snow from heaven  
Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower,  
Giving bread to those who toil;  
So the LORD sends forth His Promise,  
Words of Life and Joy and Peace—  
Never void to Him returning,  
Bearing Fruit with great increase.

4.  
Hearken to the LORD Whose Coming  
Marks the time when Grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers  
He in Glory shall Descend.  
Soon the night, the Final Harvest;  
Soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His Grace has garnered  
Shall enjoy His Sabbath Peace.

SERMON

OFFERTORY ..... [LSB: pg. 192] *Psalms 51:10-12*

**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]

$\diamond$  SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT  $\diamond$

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

**P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the LORD.

Colossians 3:1

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

Psalm 136

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  $\Phi$  and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

SANCTUS  $\approx$  *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.*

**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]

**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  $\Phi$  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  $\Phi$   
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  $\approx$  *The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 197]

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

John 20:19

AGNUS DEI  $\approx$  *Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 198]

**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: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" ..... [LSB: 555]

1.  
Salvation unto us has come  
By God's Free Grace and Favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ Alone,  
Who did for all the world Atone;  
He is our One Redeemer.

2.  
What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.

3.  
It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves Redeem  
And by their works gain Heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

4.  
From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.

5.  
Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our  
human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's Vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

7.  
Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your Call rings out, 'Come unto Me!'  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your Precious Name,  
My Faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

9.  
Faith clings to Jesus' Cross Alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its Fruits True Faith is known,  
With Love and Hope increasing.  
For Faith Alone can Justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that Faith is living.

6.  
Since Christ has Full Atonement made  
And brought to us Salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this Foundation.  
Your Grace Alone, dear LORD, I plead,  
Your Death is now my Life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

8.  
The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the Cross, trust Christ, and Live; The  
Law no Peace can ever give,  
No Comfort and no Blessing.

10.  
All Blessing, Honor, Thanks, and Praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God Who Saved us by His Grace;  
All Glory to His Merit.  
O Triune God in Heav'n above,  
You have Revealed Your Saving Love;  
Your Blessed Name we Hallow.

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]

- 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]

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

*Psalm 107:1*

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

- P** Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutary  
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.  
**C** *(Sung)* And with thy spirit.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Bless we the LORD.  
**C** (Sung) **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 103:1]

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  $\Phi$  give you Peace.  
**C** (Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "LORD, of All Hopefulness" [LSB: 738]

1.  
LORD of all Hopefulness, LORD of all Joy,  
Whose Trust, ever childlike,  
No cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your Bliss in our hearts,  
LORD, at the break of the day.

2.  
LORD of all Eagerness, LORD of all Faith,  
Whose Strong hands were skilled at the plane  
and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give  
us, we pray, Your Strength in our hearts,  
LORD, at the noon of the day.

3.  
LORD of all kindness, LORD of all Grace,  
Your hands swift to Welcome,  
Your arms to Embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your Love in our hearts,  
LORD, at the eve of the day.

4.  
LORD of all Gentleness, LORD of all Calm,  
Whose voice is Contentment, whose  
Presence is Balm: Be there at our sleeping, and  
give us, we pray,  
Your Peace in our hearts,  
LORD, at the end of the day.

## 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)

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