

**21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE III**

OCTOBER 25, 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 *“Thy Strong Word”* [LSB 578]

1.
Thy Strong Word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For Created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee Who Light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2.
Lo, on those who dwell in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the Light of Thy Salvation,
Breathed Thine Own Life-Breathing Breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee Who Light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3.
Thy Strong Word bespeaks us Righteous; Bright with Thine Own Holiness, Glorious now, we press toward Glory, And our lives our Hopes Confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee Who Light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4.
From the Cross Thy Wisdom Shining Breaketh forth in Conqu’ring Might;
From the Cross Forever beameth All Thy Bright Redeeming Light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee Who Light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5.
Give us lips to sing Thy Glory,
Tongues Thy Mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the Hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy Holy Name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6.
God the Father, Light-Creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung Eternally.
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
Glory, Glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity!

✠ **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 Φ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
- C** Amen.

Φ SERVICE OF THE WORD Φ

PSALMODY: *Psalm 147:1-11*



- P** ¹ God is our Ref- | uge and Strength,*
a very present Help in | trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
- L** ³ though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
- ⁴ There is a River Whose streams make Glad the Cit- | y of God,*
the Holy Habitation of the | Most High.
- P** ⁵ God is in the midst of Her; She shall | not be moved;*
- God will Help Her when | morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
- He utters His voice, the | earth melts.
- L** ⁷ The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
- the God of Jacob is our | Fortress.
- ⁸ Come, behold the Works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.
- P** ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
- He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be Exalted among the nations, I will be Exalted | in the earth!"
- L** ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
- the God of Jacob is our | Fortress.
- ¹ God is our Ref- | uge and Strength,*
a very present Help in | trouble.

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,
C 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.

P Let us pray. Almighty and Gracious LORD, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your Grace and Truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving Peace; 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: *Revelation 14:6-7*

"6Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an Eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7And he said with a loud voice, 'Fear God and

give Him Glory, because the hour of His Judgment has come, and worship Him Who made Heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.'"

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



R Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the City | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around Her, number Her | towers,*
consider well Her ramparts, go through Her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Romans 3:19-28*

"19Now we know that whatever the Law says it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20For by works of the Law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the Law comes knowledge of sin. 21But now the Righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22the Righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, 24 and are Justified by His Grace as

a Gift, through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 Whom God put forward as a Propitiation by His Blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's Righteousness, because in His Divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. 26It was to show His Righteousness at the present time, so that He might be Just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of Law? By a Law of works? No, but by the Law of faith. 28For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Law."

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: *John 8:31-36* (Please Stand)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O LORD.

"31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, 'If you abide in My Word, you are truly My Disciples, 32and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.' 33They answered Him, 'We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone.

How is it that You say, 'You will become free'? 34Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not remain in the House forever; the son remains forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED [LSB: pg. 319]

P Whoever desires to be Saved must, above all, hold the catholic Faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish Eternally. And the catholic Faith is this,

C that we worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the Substance.

**For the Father is One Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is One: the Glory Equal, the Majesty CoEternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, the Holy Spirit Uncreated;
the Father Infinite, the Son Infinite, the Holy Spirit Infinite;
the Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, the Holy Spirit Eternal.**

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

In the same way, the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, the Holy Spirit Almighty; and yet there are not three Almighties, but One Almighty.

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is LORD, the Son is LORD, the Holy Spirit is LORD;
and yet there are not three LORDS, but one LORD.**

Just as we are compelled by the Christian Truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and LORD, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or LORDS.

**The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but Begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but Proceeding.**

Thus, there is One Father, not three Fathers; One Son, not three Sons; One Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are CoEternal with each other and CoEqual, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for Everlasting Salvation that one Faithfully Believe the Incarnation of our LORD Jesus Christ.**

Therefore, it is the right Faith that we Believe and Confess that our LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

**He is God, begotten from the Substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the Substance of His mother in this age;
Perfect God and Perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; Equal to the Father with respect to His Divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**

**Although He is God and man, He is not two, but One Christ:
One, however, not by the conversion of the Divinity into flesh, but by the Assumption of the humanity into God;
One altogether, not by confusion of Substance, but by Unity of person.**

**For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is One Christ,
Who Suffered for our Salvation, Descended into hell, Rose again the third day from the dead,
Ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.**

At His Coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

**And those who have done Good will enter into Eternal Life, and those who have done evil into Eternal fire.
This is the catholic Faith;**

☐ whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" [LSB: 656]

**1.
A Mighty Fortress is our God,
A Trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**2.
With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself Elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth LORD,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

3.
 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
 We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpower us.
 This world's prince may still
 Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done;
 One little Word can fell him.

4.
 The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
 He's by our side upon the plain
 With His Good Gifts and Spirit.
 And take they our life,
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our Vict'ry has been won;
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON

OFFERTORY [LSB: pg. 192]
Psalm 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]

✠ 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 ⁷Holy, 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 HYMN: "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" [LSB 782]

1.
Gracious God, You send Great Blessings New each
morning all our days. For Your Mercies never
ending, For Your Love we offer praise. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain)
LORD, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring Glory to Your Name.

2.
By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. *(Refrain)*

3.
In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. *(Refrain)*

4.
Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your Grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *(Refrain)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 "By Grace I'm Saved" [LSB 566]

1.
By Grace I'm saved, Grace free and boundless; My
soul, believe and doubt it not. Why stagger at this
Word of Promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood
taught? No! Then this Word must true remain: By
Grace you too will life obtain.

2.
By Grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works
and conduct have no worth. God in His Love sent
our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins Atone, And we are saved
by Grace Alone.

3.
By Grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down
to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own
merit That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was
Grace, and Grace Alone, That brought Him from
His Heav'nly Throne.

4.
By Grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long
as God is True, it stands. What saints have penned
by inspiration, What in His Word our God
Commands, Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on Grace—Grace through His Son.

5.
By Grace to timid hearts that tremble, In
tribulation's furnace tried, By Grace, in spite of
fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If Grace
were not my Anchor sure?

6.
By Grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus'
Promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's
condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart
is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by
Grace Alone.

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 Φ 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, Φ 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 "LORD, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" [LSB 655]

1.

LORD, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

2.

LORD Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are LORD of LORDS alone; Defend Your Holy Church that we May sing Your Praise Eternally.

3.

O Comforter of Priceless Worth, Send Peace and Unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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)