

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DIVINE SERVICE III
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 9:00 A.M.

THEME OF THE DAY: Words, shaped by the Holy Decrees of God, rightfully Teach, Admonish, and Bless. When instruction is thoroughly informed by the Word of God, people turn from darkness and walk in the Light. Jesus, the Word Incarnate, was Confessed to be the True Teacher, able to cast out demons. In response to unwavering Faith, Christ has Compassion and rebukes an unclean spirit. Our tongues let loose cursing and pain; Christ’s Words unleash Truth and healing.

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)

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

OPENING HYMN: *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*..... [LSB: 901]

1.
Open now Thy Gates of Beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him Who answers prayer.
Oh, how Blessèd is this place,
Filled with Solace, Light, and Grace!

2.
Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a Heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy Temple now!

3.
Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy Seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4.
Thou my Faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy Gift Divine,
Howsoe’er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o’er me Shine
As my Guiding Star through life,
As my Comfort in all strife.

5.
Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy Will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy People Feed.
Here of Life the Fountain Flows; Here is Balm for all our woes.

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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD.
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 ☩

INTROIT: *Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

R ¹ I love the LORD, because | He has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | Mercy.
² Because He inclined His | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on Him as long | as I live.

C ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the Name | of the LORD:*
'O LORD, I pray, Deliv- | er my soul!'

R ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and | Righteous;*
our God is | Merciful.
⁶ The LORD Preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, He | Saved me.

C ⁷ Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt Bountifully | with you.
⁸ For You have Delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;

R ⁹ I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.
¹ I love the LORD, because | He has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | Mercy.

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.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray ... LORD Jesus Christ, our Support and Defense in every need, continue to Preserve Your Church in Safety, Govern Her by Your Goodness, and Bless Her with Your Peace; † Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4–10

“The LORD God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a Word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The LORD God has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the LORD God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My

face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He Who Vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. ⁹ Behold, the LORD God helps Me; who will declare Me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹¹ Who among you Feels the LORD and obeys the voice of His Servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light Trust in the Name of the LORD and rely on his God.”

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

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: James 3:1–12

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among

our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our LORD and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.”

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: *Mark 9:14–29*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Ninth chapter. **P** **Glory be to Thee, O LORD.**

“When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked them, ‘What are you arguing about with them?’ ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered Him, ‘Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.’ ¹⁹ And He answered them, ‘O Faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me.’ ²⁰ And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, ‘How long has this been happening to him?’ And he said, ‘From childhood.

²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.’ ²³ And Jesus said to him, ‘If you can! All things are possible for one who Believes.’ ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I Believe; help my unbelief!’ ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘You mute and deaf spirit, I Command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’ ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, ‘He is dead.’ ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, ‘Why could we not cast it out?’ ²⁹ And He said to them, ‘This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.’”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

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

CREEDAL STATEMENT: NICENE CREED (*Please stand as we confess our faith*) [LSB: pg. 190]

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: *“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”* [LSB: 820]

1.
**Sing praise to God, the Highest Good,
The Author of Creation,
The God of Love Who understood
Our need for His Salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

2.
**What God’s Almighty Pow’r has made,
In Mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the Kingdom of His Might
All things are Just and Good and Right:
To God all praise and glory!**

3.
**We sought the LORD in our distress;
O God, in Mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with Peace to cheer us.**

**For this we thank and praise the LORD,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!**

4.
He never shall forsake His Flock,
His Chosen Generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His Own, His Chosen Band:
To God all praise and glory!

5.
All who Confess Christ's Holy Name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His Pow'r proclaim
Aloud the Wondrous Story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He Alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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.

OFFERING

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 ⁷ 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]

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: “*My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*” [LSB: 820]

1.
My soul, now praise your Maker!
Let all within me bless His Name
Who makes you Full Partaker
Of Mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev’ry weakness,
Renews your life within;
Whose Grace and Care are Endless
And Saved you through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

2.
He offers all His Treasure
Of Justice, Truth, and Righteousness,
His Love beyond all measure,
His yearning Pity o’er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His Anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His Compassion nigh;
And High as Heav’n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has Loved us,
He puts our sins away.

3.
For as a tender father
Has pity on His Children here,
God in His arms will Gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o’er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

4.
His Grace remains Forever,
And children’s children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never
Who in True Fear shall seek His Love.
In Heav’n is fixed His Dwelling,
His Rule is over all;
O hosts with Might Excelling,
With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him Forever Reigning,
All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining.
My soul, O praise the LORD!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*Jesus Comes Today with Healing*” [LSB: 620]

1.
Jesus comes today with Healing,
Knocking at my door, Appealing,
Off’ring Pardon, Grace, and Peace.
He Himself makes Preparation,
And I hear His Invitation:
“Come and taste the Blessèd Feast.”

2.
Christ Himself, the Priest Presiding,
Yet in Bread and Wine abiding
In this Holy Sacrament,
Gives the Bread of Life, once broken,
And the Cup, the Precious Token
Of His Sacred Covenant.

3.
Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior Holy,
Blood and Body, Giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from Heaven,
Who to bitter death was Given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4.
God Descends with Heav’nly Power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His Pledge Receiving,
I accept His Grace, Believing
That I taste His Love Divine.

5.

Let me praise God's Boundless Favor,
 Whose Own Feast of Love I savor,
 Bidden by His Gracious Call.
 Wedding Garments He Provides me,
 With a Robe of White He hides me,
 Fits me for the Royal Hall.

6.

Now have I found Consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to Heal the troubled soul.
 God, my Shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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 ☩ give you Peace.
C *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal" [LSB: 533]

1.
Jesus has Come and brings Pleasure Eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End; Godhead,
Humanity, Union Supernal, O Great Redeemer,
You come as our friend! Heaven and earth, now
proclaim this Great Wonder: Jesus has Come
and brings Pleasure Eternal!

3.
Jesus has Come as the Mighty Redeemer. See
now the threatening strong one disarmed! Jesus
breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners Triumphant,
unharm'd. Satan, you wicked one, own now
your master! Jesus has Come! He, the Mighty
Redeemer!

2.
Jesus has Come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear. See
Him burst through with a voice as of Thunder!
He sets us Free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the Place of His Honor.
Jesus has Come! Hear the roll of God's
Thunder!

4.
Jesus has Come as the King of all Glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His Great Pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the Heavenly Story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His Love! Take the Crown He has for
you! Jesus has Come! He, the King of all Glory!

POSTLUDE

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.*