



# **Traditional Worship Service**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.**



(Hymns are from the *Lutheran Service Book*)

**PRELUDE**      “Trio on Nearer to the Heart of God”      Portman

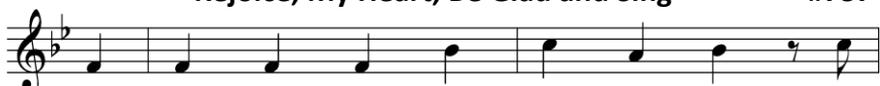
## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

### OPENING HYMN

(Please Stand)

#### “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

#737



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A  
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your  
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of  
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when  
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.  
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.  
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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 in 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.**

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.**

### **THE INTROIT**

Psalm 116:1-9

P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord; "O Lord, save me!"**

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**C: The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.**

P: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

P: that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**A: 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.**

# KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



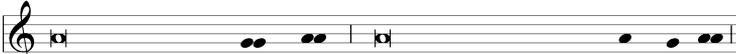
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



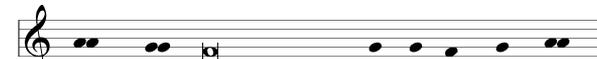
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**A** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

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; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

**Isaiah 50:4-10**

P: The Old Testament Reading for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost is from the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 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. 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. 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. 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. Who

among you fears 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE**

**James 3:1-12**

P: The Epistle Reading is from the third chapter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 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. 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! 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. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 9:14-29**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 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." 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." 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. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 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." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 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." 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." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN “Away from Us!’ the Demon Cried” #541**

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

1 “A - way from us!” the de - mon cried  
 2 But Je - sus spoke with God’s own pow’r;  
 4 Drive out the doubt that cri - ples faith;



When Christ, the Lord, drew near. "Our dark, dis - or - dered  
 "Come forth!" was His com - mand; For e - vil can - not  
 Ex - pel our pride and greed That we, from pow'rs that



world is lost When You, the Light, ap - pear!"  
 bear the Light Nor sin the Truth with - stand.  
 threat - en us, May, by Your grace, be freed.

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**MESSAGE**      ***"Who is My Adversary?"***      Pastor Milton Berner

**VOLUNTARY**    (5:30)      ""  
                          (8:30)      ""

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

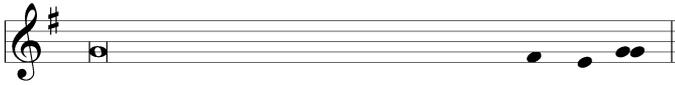
**THE PRAYERS**

**P:** Lord, in your mercy...  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

## BENEDICTION



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**C** A - - - men.

## CLOSING HYMN “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” #765



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

## POSTLUDE “The Lord God Ineffable” Paxton