

The Divine Service

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

AS WE GATHER

How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

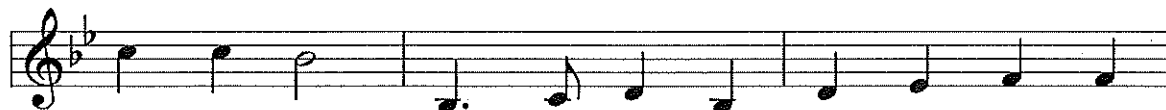
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901,, verses 1, 2, 5



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



☪ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader: ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:19-22

Reader: ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁰ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

VERSE 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

VERSE 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

CHORUS

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

VERSE 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

VERSE 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

SERMON

"Acts 2 Church - Apostles Teaching"

Pastor Scott Henze

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

"Jesus, the King"

Adult Choir, 11:00 AM

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful God,

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option please know that the center of the communion tray is white grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI

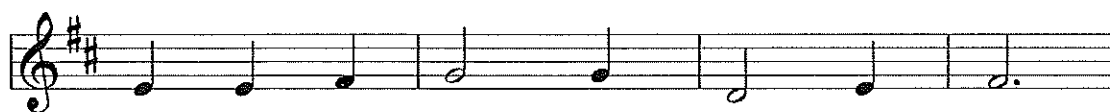
John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

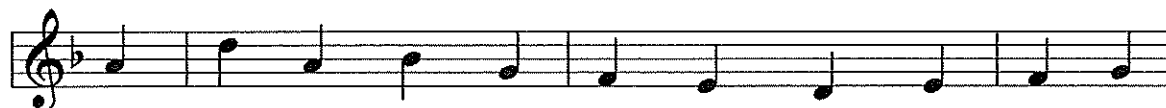


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

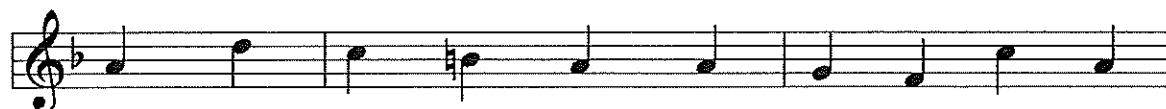
DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"O God of Mercy, God of Might"

LSB 852



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O



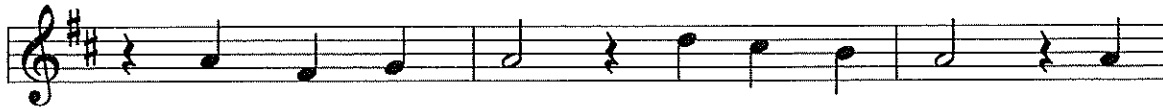
pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
world might live there - by, O hear us; for to
those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and
Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.
Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.
deed and thought May work a work for Thee.
grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!

"Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

LSB 557



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.



NUNC DIMITTIS



2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

LSB 350, Verses 1 & 4



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with a member of our prayer team.

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20).



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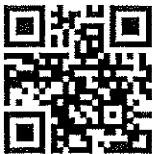
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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM



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