The Divine Service

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2022

AS WE GATHER

Why does the world around us and the life we live not look anything like the reality Jesus talked about? Why is there no significant difference between the lives of those who call themselves Christians and the rest of the world? What kind of witness can we be in this world if we simply look the same as everyone else? If we are a poor representation of who God is, then what needs to change? What can we do? Rather than shrugging it off, isn't it time to change our perceptions about the followers of Jesus Christ? Today, we are putting God's words into practice>. Lord lead us in the life You have made for us!

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

REMEBRANCE 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:

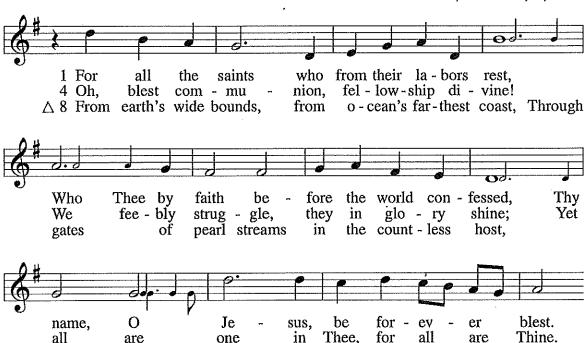
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake

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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "For All the Saints" LSB 677, verses 1, 4, 8





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GREETING

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Pastor:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion

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Ghost:

of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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People: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

Let us pray. Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.



THE EPISTLE

James 1:19-25 NIV

Reader:

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-29 NIV

Pastor:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the seventh chapter.

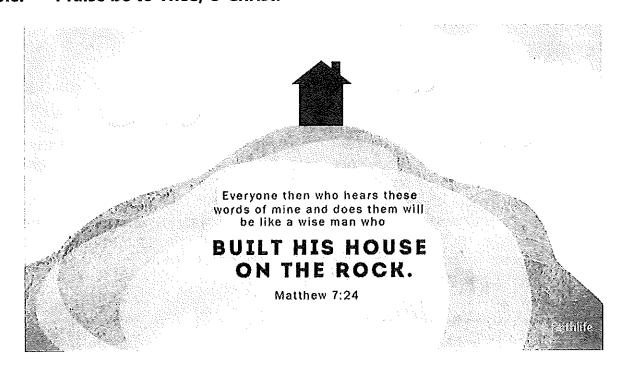
People:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Pastor: **People:**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

"10,000 Reasons"

CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

VERSE 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

VERSE 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

VERSE 3

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

ENDING

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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SERMON

"RLC- Yes That's For Me"

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

"Amazing Grace"

Adult Choir, 8:30 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.

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.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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;



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 Thing is the kingdom and the nower and the

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

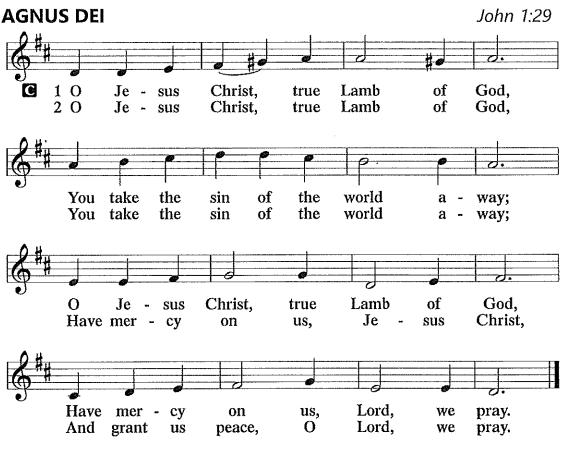
Pastor:

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.



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"





NUNC DIMITTIS



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



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.

OUR PERSEPECTIVE SHOULD BE TO VIEW GIVING AS A PRIVILEGE RATHER THAN AN OBLIGATION.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).





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