

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” Carla Barrows, Organ
by Jeffrey Blersch

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WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” LSB 844

Lord of all nations, grant me grace
To love all people, ev’ry race;
And in each person may I see
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.

Break down the wall that would divide
Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side.
My neighbor’s good let me pursue;
Let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.

Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak
Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be,
Help me forgive, rememb’ring Thee.

With Thine own love may I be filled
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where’er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION

- 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.

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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “How Majestic Is Your Name” LSB 978

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
 O Lord, we praise Your name.
 O Lord, we magnify Your name:
 Prince of Peace, Mighty God,
 O Lord God Almighty.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:22-34

R The New Testament Reading is from the 17th Chapter of Acts.

R ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and

everything. ²⁶And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “In Him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed His offspring.”

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them. (ESV)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 146

- R** Praise the Lord!
- C** Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- R** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
- C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- R** Put not your trust in princes,
- C** in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- R** When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
- C** on that very day his plans perish.
- R** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- C** whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth,
- R** the sea, and all that is in them,
- C** who keeps faith forever;
- R** who executes justice for the oppressed,
- C** who gives food to the hungry.
- R** The Lord sets the prisoners free;
- C** the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
- R** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- C** the Lord loves the righteous.
- R** The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
- C** but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.
- R** The Lord will reign forever,
- C** your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!
- C** 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.

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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 Haley Davisson, Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries

CHORAL ANTHEM “God Is So Good” Sanctuary Choir & Trinity Bells
by Douglas E. Wagner

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He’s so good to me!
He answers prayer, He answers prayer,
He answers prayer, He’s so good to me!
The Lord is good and ever blesses us;
The wonders of His works proclaim His greatness.
He loves and cares for us, He’s always at our side;
The Lord is good, we are His own.
The Lord is good and ever blesses us;
The wonders of His works proclaim His greatness.
He loves and cares for us, He’s always at our side;
The Lord is good, we are His own.*

*I love the Lord, I love Him so,
I love the Lord, I love Him so,
I love the Lord, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He's good to me!
God is so good!*

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MESSAGE Pastor Michael P. Dorn

MESSAGE RESPONSE "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" LSB 980

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of His friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out Himself for them. **Refrain**

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are nearby and far away. **Refrain**

These are the ones we will serve;
These are the ones we will love;
All these are neighbors to us and You. **Refrain**

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet:
This is the way we will live with You. **Refrain**

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MUSICAL OFFERING "Out of Darkness" by Jason W. Krug. Trinity Bells

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PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

☞ 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** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Praise the Almighty” LSB 797, vs. 1, 3, 5

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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