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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Education Sunday

September 12, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Now that Daylight Fills the Sky

Charles W. Ore

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.**

**Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life,
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to set forth Your praise, to hear Your Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ, and sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

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. (1 John 1:8-9)

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I 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.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 155

This Is the Feast

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all Creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and
the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
*Alleluia. Refrain***

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

L: The first reading for the Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost is from chapter fifty of Isaiah.

God sustains and vindicates His people.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Seek Ye First

Hymnal p. 712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

And His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you.

Seek and ye shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,

But by ev'ry word

That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia!

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SECOND READING

James 3:1–12

L: The second reading is from chapter three of James.

The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise and sing)*

Hymnal p. 157

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark, chapter nine.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shepherd of Tender Youth

Hymnal p. 864

**Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing And here our children bring
To join Your praise.**

**You are the holy Lord, O all subduing Word,
Healer of strife. Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace You so might save our race
And give us life.**

You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast

**Of holy love; And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain; Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.**

**O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.**

**So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Le P'ing"

Robert M. Thompson

OFFERING SONG(*please rise and sing*)

Hymnal p.192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Thy Strong Word

Hymnal p. 578

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,

Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of Thy salvation,

Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath. *Refrain*

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;

**Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess. *Refrain***

**From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light *Refrain:***

**Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.**

**Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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POSTLUDE

From God Can Nothing Move Me

Ralph C. Schultz

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

HOME COMMUNION: Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Home communions are available after worship and at the church office Monday through Friday 9am-Noon. Please write on the clipboard to whom you are taking communion.

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