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WITH THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting 1



A WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME to all who gather in the Lord's House today. You have joined with the seen and unseen host of God, around the throne of the Lamb, to be served by the Triune God through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! Therefore, the entire Liturgy places God at center stage as He acts towards His people through the Word and Sacraments to bring His gifts of life and salvation. That is why the Liturgy is called "Divine Service" - it is God's Service to His people! This service reaches its fulfillment in the Lord's Supper or Sacrament of the Altar.

Those who are sent as *"laborers for his vineyard"* (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear *"the burden of the day and the scorching heat"* on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that *"he may be found"* (Is. 55:6), *"have compassion"* and *"abundantly pardon"* (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, *"whether by life or by death"* (Phil. 1:20), by *"fruitful labor"* (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are *"worthy of the gospel"* (Phil. 1:27).

Prayer before Worship

Lord God, heavenly Father: We beseech You so to guide and direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may not exalt ourselves, but humbly fear You, with our whole hearts hear and keep Your Word, and keep the day of rest holy, that we also may be sanctified by Your Word; help us, first, to place our hope and confidence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who alone is our righteousness and Redeemer, and, then, so to amend and better our lives in accordance with Your Word, that we may avoid all offenses and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Your grace in Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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| P | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the pastor |
| C | designates the parts of the liturgy spoken or chanted by the congregation |
| ✠ | designates the parts of the liturgy where the sign of the cross may be made |
| △ | designates a hymn that ends with a Trinitarian stanza; please stand for the final stanza |

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



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 fortune'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.

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Stand

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19-20

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8-9

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.



✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16 antiphon: Psalm 116:17

The 116th psalm is a psalm of thanks in which the psalmist is joyful and gives thanks that God has heard his prayer and has rescued him from distress of death and the anguish of hell. Like several other psalms, it speaks of the deep spiritual affliction, of which few people know.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 278]



A I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

C What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant*
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You
have | loosed my bonds.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

A I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** 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** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** (Sung) **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** (Sung) **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (Sung) **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

A Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Epistle

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the

Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Sung)

John 6:68

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twentieth chapter.

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



For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the

eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (Sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come (Verses 1,3,5,6,9,10)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

Sermon

Stand

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition:

After the final petition:

P let us pray to the Lord:

... one God, now and forever.

C Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

**Offering (YOU MAY PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES IN THE
BACK OF THE NAVE AS YOU ARE LEAVING.)**

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

- C** (Sung) **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.
C (Sung) **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C (Sung) **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C (Sung) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

- C** (Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C (Sung) **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (Sung)

John 1:19

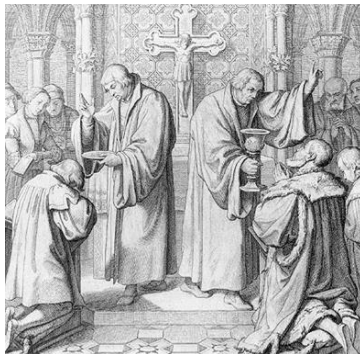
**☞ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Dear Visitors and Friends: As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine.

For this reason the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." **If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for your understanding.**



742 For Me to Live Is Jesus



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
 2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
 3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



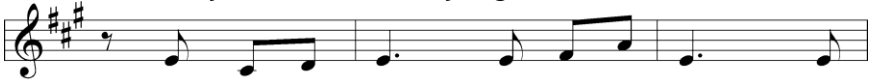
So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
 And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
 My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
 And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
 A slumber soft and still,
 No doubts to vex or haunt me,
 Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
 When death shall come to me,
 I fall asleep believing
 And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Stand

DISMISSAL

P The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.

C Amen.



Thank the Lord (Sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C Amen.

Benediction

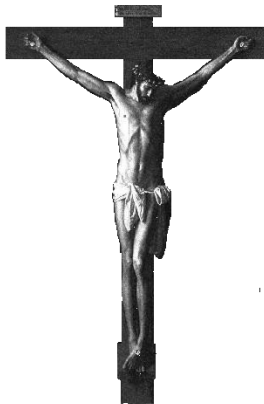
Numbers 6:24-26

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 (Sung) Amen.

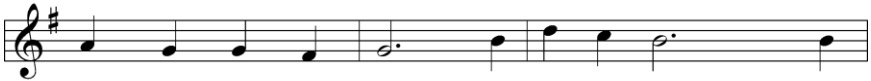


Closing Hymn

854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

The Lutheran Church retains ceremonies that underscore and support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (✠).



The fact that all do not believe the Word, or come to believe and to receive the Holy Spirit, through the Word, does not detract from the efficacy of the Gospel. So it has always been, even in the days of Christ and of John. Both of them preached and testified mightily. But how few were converted thereby, or clung steadfastly to their testimony, permitting no temptation to divert them! It is my opinion that the preaching of God's Word is just as effective and powerful today and that it bears as much fruit in our time as in the days of Christ, John, and the apostles. The sincere disciples of the Gospel have always been few in number. To be sure, many have been called (Matt. 20:16); the great multitude listens to it and can also talk a great deal about it. But few are chosen to bring forth fruit with patience, "for not all have faith" (2 Thess. 3:2). If everyone believed, no one would be persecuting the Gospel.

✠ Martin Luther ✠

