



Shepherd
OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship
September 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

Presiding Minister: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Congregation: **Amen**

Presiding Minister: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presiding Minister: God, our comforter,

Congregation **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

Presiding Minister: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Congregation: **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” ELW 660

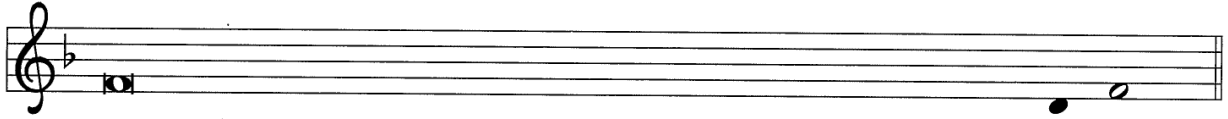
Presiding Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

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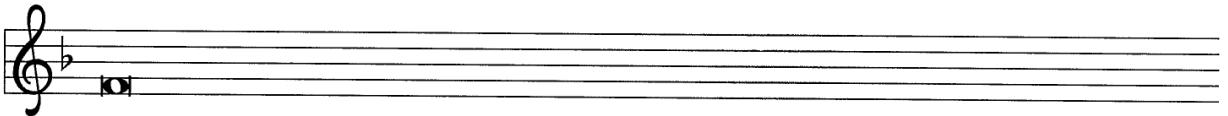
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



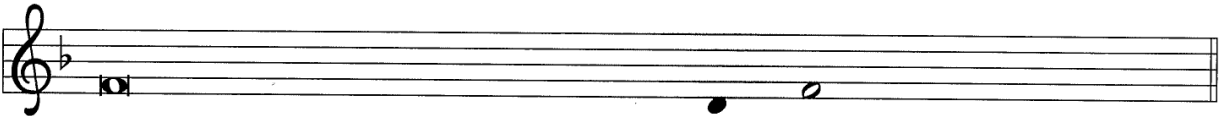
For the peace from above, and for our salvātion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



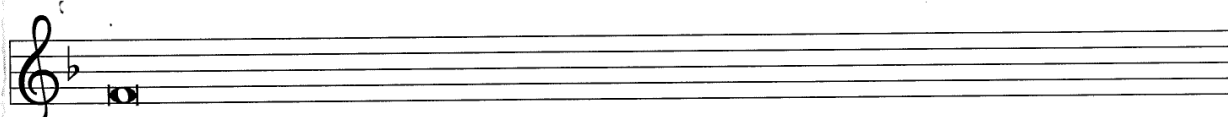
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” ELW 833

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

READING

Reader: The Reading today is James, chapter 3, verses 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM

Reader: The Psalm today is Psalm 116, verses 1-9

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Preacher: The Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord...**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE (*Congregation sits*)
Pastor Curt Gerald

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God's Work Our Hands" (Screen)

THE APOSTLES CREED:

Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. (*Each prayer concludes: ...Lord in your mercy.*)

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Presiding Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **“Peace be with you.”**

VISION & OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

PREFACE

Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the first block, using quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS

"In the Singing" ELW 466

"Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Presiding Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Congregation: **Amen**

PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Congregation: **Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

Presiding Minister: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE