



“THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

John 17:17

Allowing God's Word to shape  
how we view the world around us



**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 2-3, 2022**

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**Weekend Worship Services:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*(We rise)*

### **WE BEGIN IN SONG**

(Saturday)                    “ In Christ Alone” / “Here I Am to Worship”

(Sunday)                    “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

**LSB 685**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

*Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess  
our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the  
Lord,*

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,*

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

*(Many tasks are easier to accomplish when people work together.)*

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*(Everyone who makes up God's church have been given just the right gifts necessary to accomplish God's will.)*

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*(We rise)*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the



Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”  
“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Pastor: Together, as God’s People, united in faith by Jesus, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:*

**People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**    “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”    **LSB 686**

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

### **THE MESSAGE**    “Do You Believe in Miracles?”    Pastor Chris Ryan

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:*

**All:      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.**

## **AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in preparation for coming to our Lord's Holy Supper, we confessed our sins at the beginning of our service. God has heard our prayer for forgiveness and has given us a meal by which we receive forgiveness: the Lord's Supper. As we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, we are connected with the finished work of the cross, we are forgiven, and we are given fresh opportunities to take Him up on His gracious offer.*

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**LSB 198**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## **SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"  
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"  
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

**LSB 738**  
**LSB 761**  
**LSB 784**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

## **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

*(We rise)*

### **WE CLOSE IN SONG**

(Saturday)

“King of Kings”

(Sunday)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**LSB 850**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your Kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your Kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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