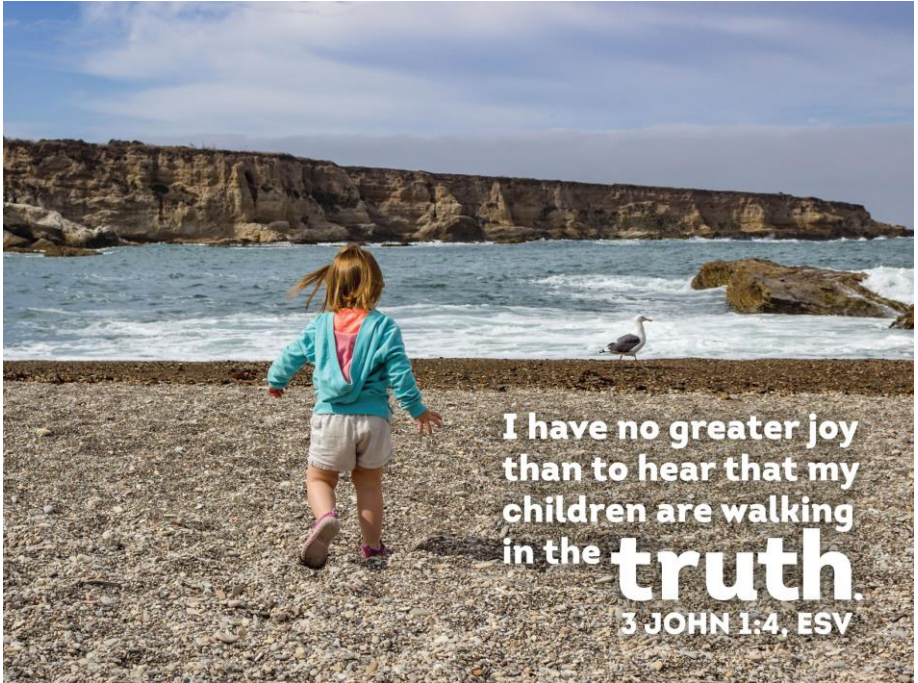


**Sixteen Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**GREETING OF PEACE** *As you introduce yourself and greet those around you, please be mindful of others who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying the following greeting are placing your hand on your heart, a head nod or bowing, with these or similar words: Peace be with you./ And also with you.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN

### "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the  
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,  
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your  
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with  
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.  
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

**P** The grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



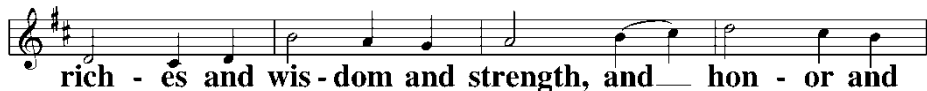
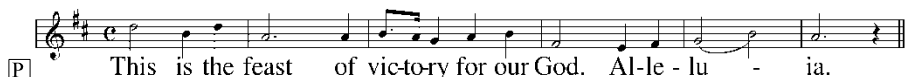
**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

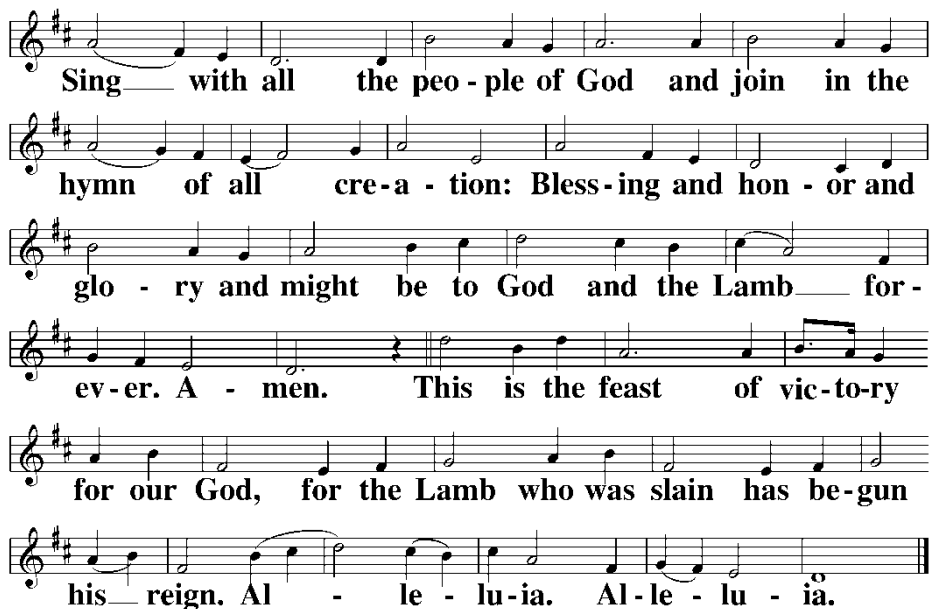


**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

**[P]** O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. **[C]** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for Children's Lesson.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON 3 John

*There are many things that are important in the life of a congregation and of Christians. Among these are love for others and mission to others. The scripture lesson today points out how the truth is essential for these, and for everything in the life of the church and the people of God.*

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely, how you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers. Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may become co-workers with the truth. I have written something to the church; but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing in spreading false charges against us. And not content with those charges, he refuses to welcome the friends, and even prevents those who want to do so and expels them from the church.

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. Everyone has testified favourably about Demetrius, and so has the truth itself. We also testify for him, and you know that our testimony is true. I have much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink; instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face.

Peace to you. The friends send you their greetings. Greet the friends there, each by name.

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

*Stand*

*intro: one chord*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You  
have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator 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 again 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.

*Sit*

## MESSAGE "Hospitality in Mission"

*Stand*

## HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:

Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,  
 The martyrs' strength and song,  
 The crucified and risen King  
 To whom the saints belong:

Though generations pass,  
 Our tribute still we bring,  
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
 Our lives an offering.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**[P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:*

**[P]** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

*We invite you to use an envelope for your offering. You may give an offering by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Please complete the information sheet and hand it to the usher during the offering.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

*introduction*



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.  
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and  
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.



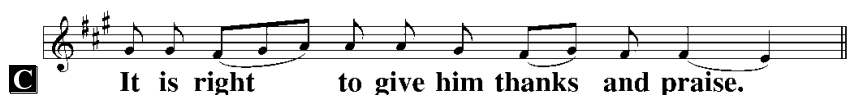
**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.


## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**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.

LAMB OF GOD

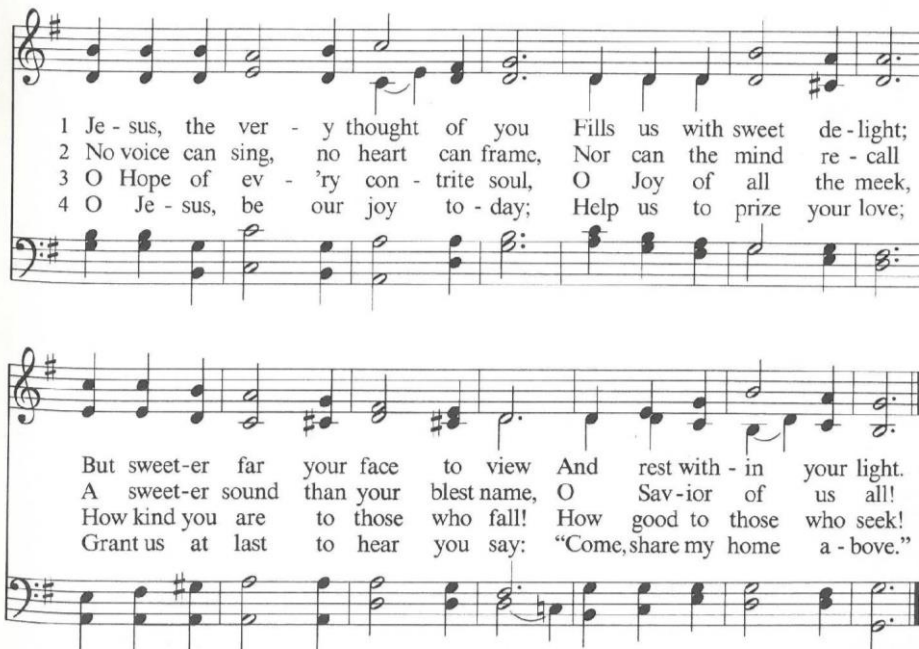
*introduction*



**C** 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, grant us peace.

*Sit*  
**THE DISTRIBUTION** Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive the communion elements in individually pre-packaged chalices, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free and grape juice options are available in individual pre-packaged chalices.

HYMN “Jesus the Very thought of you”



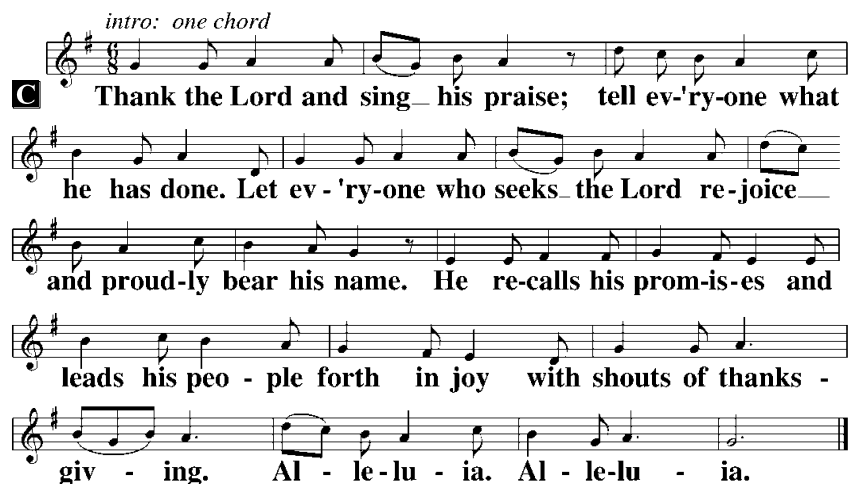
1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you Fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; Help us to prize your love;  
But sweet-er far your face to view And rest with - in your light.  
A sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav-ior of us all!  
How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
Grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

*Stand*

**[P]** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C] Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**[C]** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice  
and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and  
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

**[P]** Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**[C] Amen.**

**[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.**

**[P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

# CLOSING HYMN

## "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



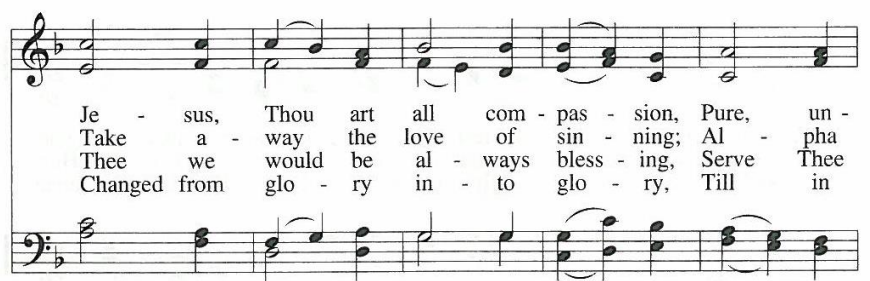
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

#### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.