

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023
10:30 a.m.

**UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT**
Stewardship Focus



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Stand

[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.

Stand

GREETING OF PEACE *by saying "Peace be with you/ And also with you"*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “Father Welcomes”

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly

through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,

Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a - gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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 Tune: Robin Mann, b. 1949

FATHER WELCOMES
 Irregular meter

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Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:1-7; Mark 16:16; John 3:3-6

[P] The grace of our 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.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C  Lord, — have mer - cy.

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 — mer - cy.

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

C  Lord, — have mer - cy.

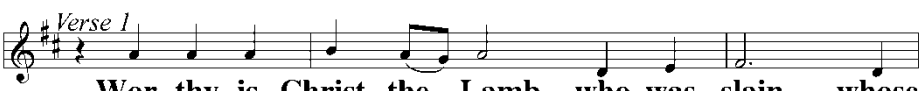
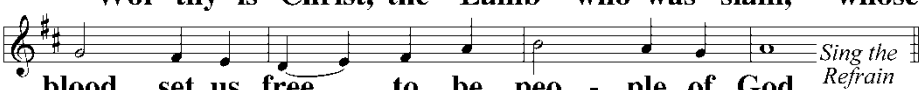
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

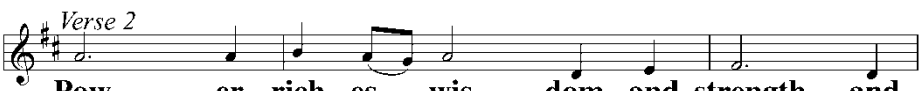
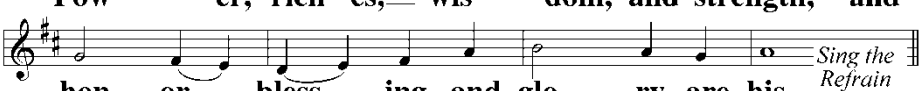
C  A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
 (intro.)
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

Verse 1
 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 2
 Pow - er, rich - es, — wis - dom, and strength, and
 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 3

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:
 Bless - ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 4

For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ The Lord be with you. ☒ **And also with you.**
- ☐ O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ☒ **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-9

- ☐ Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the

persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

PSALM 103:1-13



[P] Bless the Lord, O My sóul,*
and all that is within me, / bless his holy náme.

[C] Bless the Lord, O my sóul,*
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your síns
and heals all your in-firmitíes;*

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;

He satisfies you with good thíngs,
and your youth is renewed like an éage's.*

The Lord executes righteousness*
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

For as the heavens are high above the éarth,
so is his mercy great upon those who féar him.*

As far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our sins from ús.

He made his ways known to Móses
and his works to the children of Ísrael.*

The Lord is full of compassion and mércy,*
slow to anger and of great kíndness.

As a father cares for his chíldren,
so does the Lord care for those who féar him.*

SECOND LESSON Romans 6:1-14

P What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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. 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.

MESSAGE "Under New Management"

Stand

HYMN "We Were Baptized in Jesus Christ"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first three lines of the hymn text, and the second system covers the final two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines: D, Em, A, D for the first system, and Bm, Bm/A, G, E/G#, E, A for the second system. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 We were bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we were bap-tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,

that as Christ was raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives,
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. A - men

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 Music: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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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

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Give Now

OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, 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.

introduction



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 the dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give
us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



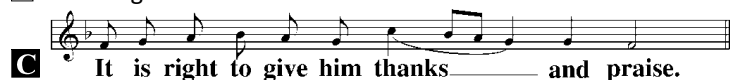
C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



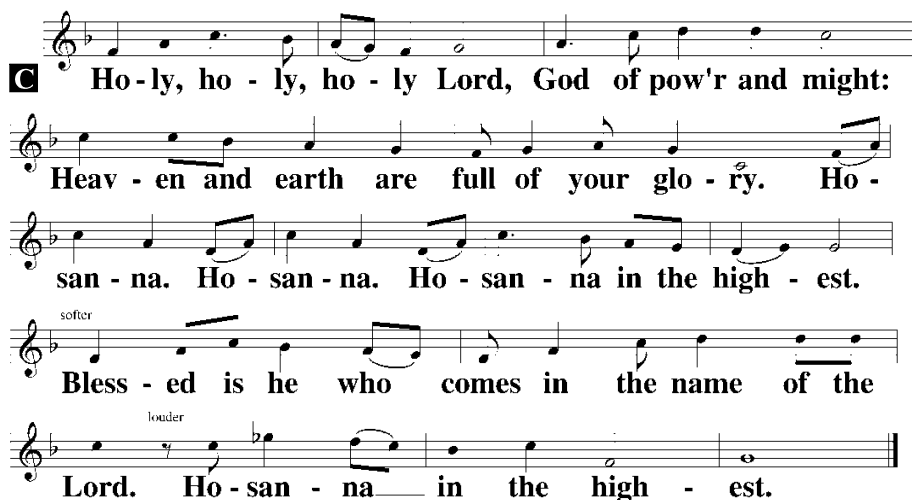
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



C 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.
softer
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
louder
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

THE LAMB OF GOD

C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. *(repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

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

HYMN “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Matt. 16:24, 1 Peter 4:12–13; Matt. 10:38–39; Rom. 6:2–5, 8

Stand

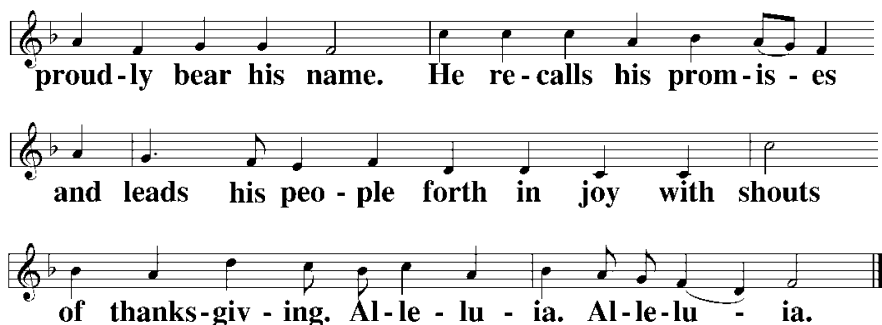
THE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

intro: one chord

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what
 he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and



[P] Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[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 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

harmonized for part-singing

1) Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has
2) Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall
come; Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents
cease, And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet

will be our home. Through days of prep - a -
a - men of peace; For not with swords loud

ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We
But deeds of love and mer - cy The

lift our bat - tle song.
heav'n - ly king - dom comes.

Sing stanza three below in unison.

3) Lead on, O King e-ter-nal:
We fol-low, not with fears,
For glad-ness breaks like morn-ing
Wher-e'er Your face ap-pears

Your cross is lift-ed o'er us;
We jour-ney in its light;
The crown a-waits the con-quest;
Lead on, O God of might!

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Tune: Lancashire
Henry T. Smart, 1835

POSTLUDE

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.
