

Order of Service - Pentecost 16
September 20, 2020

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"I Love Thee" - Arr. Harold DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now"

LSB 902

Verse 1

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.

Verse 3

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.

Verse 2

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Verse 4

All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

P: Let us 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 us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my privilege to announce God's Grace to all of you. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

(Psalm 116)

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

C: **What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
C: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.**
P: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
C: **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**
All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise to You and Adoration"* LSB 692

<u>Verse 1</u>	<u>Verse 2</u>
Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God, Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray, But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.	Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife. In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life. Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ 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. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having

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

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

All: **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "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. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ 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?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ 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.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also

received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² 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.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Verse 5

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Verse 6

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

LSB 804

Verse 1

O worship the King,
all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

Verse 2

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

Verse 3

This earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r
hath founded of old,
Established it fast
by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Verse 4

Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

Verses 5

Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

Verse 6

O measureless Might,
ineffable Love.
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

POSTSERVICE MUSIC

"The Lord Is My Light" - Frances Allitesen

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor Worship

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our special outdoor worship service last week. The weather was beautiful and we had around 80 people worship with us. A special thanks to Boom Blakz who help us set up the sound system so everybody could hear the service. We will be doing another outdoor service next Sunday September 27th at 9 AM. Please help by spreading the word to the community and members who might not receive our emails.

2020 Church Financial Report

So far in 2020, we are down about 12% in our giving compared to 2019 that is about \$2,000 a month. I know with COVID-19 it has been difficult to attend church in person, but truthfully, we need to all work together to keep “the doors open and the lights on” for the future of St. John. Have you taken a look at the online option for giving? It is really easy. Visit <https://www.stjohnlutheranchurch.com/give-now.html> to learn more. As another option, Old Second (and others) offers way to donate as well, which I can explain if you prefer to use your own bank. I so look forward to the day when the pews are full, and the children are singing. Should you have any questions, please contact me. Jennifer Thompson, Church Treasurer

Virtual Sunday School!

Just like everything now a days it will be done a little differently. For the first couple of weeks we will be holding virtual Sunday School where children and their parents will be able to watch pre-recorded Bible Story videos, listen to music, and do a craft. Craft kits for the first three weeks are still available. The link to access our virtual Sunday School Classroom is: <http://bit.ly/stjohnburlington>. If you have any questions about Sunday School please talk with DCE, Joe Ferwerda.

Confirmation Meeting

Today after both the services we will be having a meeting to inform parents and students on how Confirmation will be run this year. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Please plan on attending this meeting if you are a returning family or if you have a child who would like to start our Confirmation process (typically 7th grade). Our first confirmation class will be Wednesday, September 30th.

Adult Bible Study Starts Next Week

Starting next Sunday we will be posting a pre-recorded Bible Study on all of our social media platforms (Facebook, website, and YouTube). Because we post them on the web means that you can watch them at any convenient time that works for you! We hope that you find this beneficial in your spiritual journey.