

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

setting by Lloyd Larson

WELCOME

+SOLA GRATIA+

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

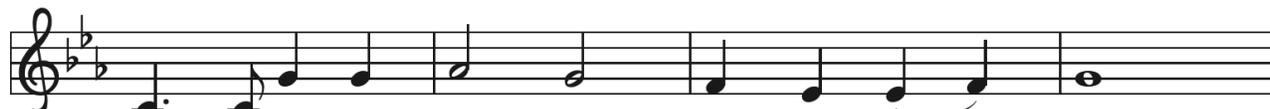
Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

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.

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.

Amen.

KYRIE **cantor will sing each line, then congregation will repeat*


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE **all sing*


1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

INTRODUCTION TO LAMENT AND LOSS RITUAL

There are two baskets at the altar to receive your Lament Cards. Those placed into the basket on the lectern side will be read aloud during worship. Those placed into the basket on the organ side will be prayed over and lifted up privately by the pastor. You may bring the cards forward anytime during worship, as The Spirit invites.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

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. Amen.

+SOLA SCRIPTURA+

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:1-12

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing through the Alleluia once, then the congregation will sing the second time through. The cantor will sing the verse, then the congregation will join in for the Alleluia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kurt

HYMN OF THE DAY

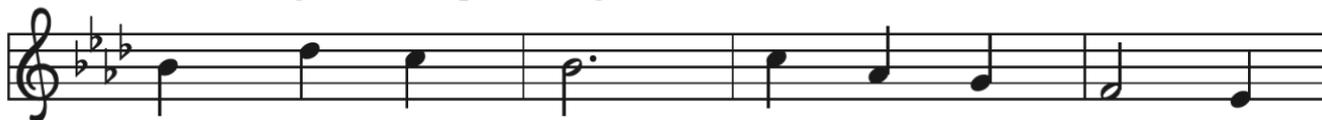
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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+SOLA FIDE+

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**sung at beginning and end of prayers:*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me

**after each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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.

OFFERING

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AN OFFERING OF HANDS

As we live in community with God and one another

May our hands be instruments of peace and love

For those who are in need of warmth and food

May our hands prepare quilts and a banquet.

When a stranger is in our midst

May our hands extend a welcome.

For the teaching and instruction of all people

May our hands be in the Word of God.

When injustice is in the world and in our communities

May our hands work for justice, mold communities of peace and join with others in the work of your love.

In times of sorrow, sickness and great suffering

May our hands become your healing presence embracing the broken and offering prayers

For those who are need of physical structures

May our hands build homes, schools, and wells.

God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF HANDS

Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen, your grace renew, and your fire cleanse us, soul and body, in life and in death, in this world of shadows and in your changeless word of light eternal, now and forever.

Amen.

God, source of all goodness, draw your church together. We are called by the Holy Spirit to serve and love one another. As children of God, we have been marked by the sign of the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. Lord, we ask for your blessings upon our hands. Hands that will be about your work. Hands which will spread love and compassion in your world. **Amen.**

Rev. Rebecca Breddin, ELCA

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WE SHARE OUR LAMENTATIONS

Gracious God, **by day and night we pour out our laments to you. We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace. Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.**

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

Óyenos, Señor

Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor, ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

Lis - ten to your peo - ple. Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

Text: Bob Hurd, b. 1950, alt.

Music: ÓYENOS, Bob Hurd

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We offer up our Laments, Griefs, and Loss to the Living God

Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of all those who died. Give healing and patience to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude, not guilt. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength. Dispel nightmares; silence anxiety. May we learn to depend on the security you offer.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

May we know how to pray for those who struggle against oppression and injustice. As we hear of terrorist activity around the world, quiet our fears. Heal the wounded of these attacks, and help their families and friends rest in your security.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

Guide the choices of our world leaders. Give them wisdom and discernment not only as they work to resolve the lasting effects of the 9/11 attacks but also as they try to alleviate terror of all sorts—from genocide to hunger, from drought to bombings. May their actions bring your peace to all the people of the world.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks. We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember 9/11, may it remind us that you are our only true security.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

God of power and might, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, and give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace.

. . . and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

In the strong name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**We continue to practice a conservative and cautious approach to communion. The pastor will handle each host with tongs and after intinction place it onto a piece of parchment. The Worship Assistants will then place it on a credence table for you. Please take it and receive the elements of grace; broken and shed for you. There are small black trash receptacles on either side of the chancel for you to deposit the paper.*

AGNUS DEI



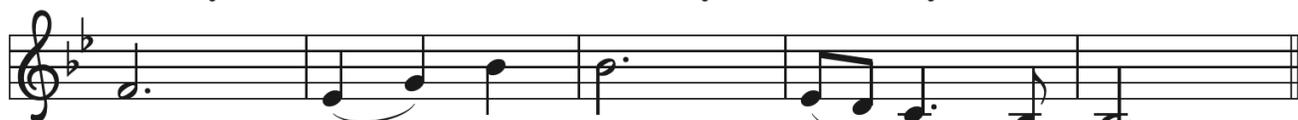
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



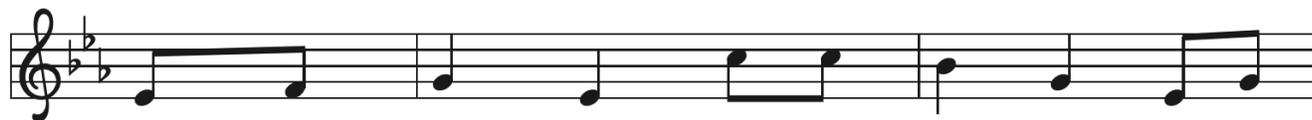
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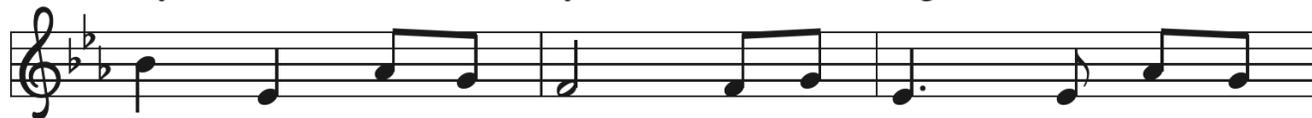
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

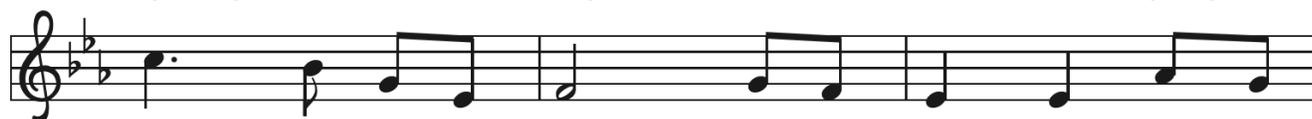


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Go out with your hands, hearts and minds set on the things of God. Take up your cross and follow Jesus. See to it that the words of your mouths, the thoughts of your hearts and the work of your hands are acceptable to God and enlightening to all.

And may God make the holy Word known to you; May Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of sacrificial love; and may the Holy Spirit set you ablaze with divine wisdom.

SENDING SONG

May the God of Hope Go with Us

**sing verse twice in English, then twice in Spanish*

¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.

Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Processional in C (CWM RHONDA)

setting by Hal H. Hobson

Pastor	the Rev. Kurt Christenson
Piano	Bill Engel
Violin	Omari Abdul-Alim
Parish Administrator	Hannah DeMers
Facilities	Wayne Boss
Worship Technician	Brian Jensen
Assisting Minister	Eric Sloniker
Lector	Joe Slevcove
Cantor	Billie Thompson
Singers	Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Jan Neuhaus, Billie Thompson
Usher	Ruth Clayton

confession & forgiveness, prayer of the day, offering prayer, and dismissal

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