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Rally Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Rally

SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN *“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

LSB 707

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our many sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may know the fullness of Your love and be at peace with all people. Grant that the Holy Spirit guide and direct us into new opportunities for growth in Christian learning and strengthened faith.

Pastor: By grace, you are known and loved by the One eternal God, who wills all that is best for you. Through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, He has brought about the forgiveness of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who sets us free, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord strengthen you with power through His life-giving Spirit so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 119: 129-136

Leader: Your testimonies are wonderful;

People: therefore my soul keeps them.

Leader: The unfolding of Your words gives light;

People: it imparts understanding to the simple.

Leader: I open my mouth and pant,

People: because I long for Your commandments.

Leader: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Leader: Keep steady my steps according to Your promise,

People: and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

Leader: Redeem me from man's oppression,

People: that I may keep Your precepts.

Leader: Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

People: and teach me Your statutes.

Leader: My eyes shed streams of tears,

People: because people do not keep your law.

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.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:37-41

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18: 15-17

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Sat. Only)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861

SERMON

"The God Who Says 'Come Near'"

Luke 18:15-17

CREED

(Back of the Hymnal)

CONSECRATION OF TEACHERS AND LEARNERS *(Sun. Only)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With humble hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers. We remember Your acts of kindness to Your people through the ages.

People: **We bless You that we have come to know the Good News of the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. We praise You for the Church, which has transmitted the blessed Gospel to us, and we pray that it would grow unhindered in every place.**

Pastor: We pray for the world in which we live, that world to which our Lord was willing to come to carry out the plan of salvation.

People: **Grant that peace and justice, understanding and harmony, and goodwill prevail all over the earth**

Pastor: We pray for all those who are involved in Christian education: teachers, administrators, church workers, and volunteers.

People: **Give us a full appreciation of the gift that each person is who shares the faith today and who has shared it in the past.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns in these days, remembering the sick, the shut-in, and the hospitalized and other situations as well, [*especially . . .*]. From Your treasury of grace, meet the needs of all who call to You, granting them whatever is best for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: With gratefulness, we remember Your saints of all time, including those who have instructed and guided us and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

People: **Grant that we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all our days.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

****5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE****

EVENING PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

“Shalom, My Friends”

AGPS 209

Shalom, my friends! Shalom, my friends!

Shalom! Shalom!

God's peace be with you! God's peace be with you!

Shalom! Shalom!

(Sung 2x)

****9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ****

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks be to You, O Lord, because You sent to us Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our blessed Savior. We thank You for His words entrusted to us through the Gospel writers in the pages of Holy Scripture. Grant us the blessing of continuing growth in faith and in the knowledge of Your gracious acts toward us in Christ. Gather into one, we pray You, all of Your people who partake of this blessed Meal. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of faith in the truth. Grant that we praise and glorify You through Christ our Redeemer, through whom all honor and glory belong to You, the Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“Father in Heaven”

(Tune LSB 917)

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1. Father in heaven, gracious God above,
Boldly we come before Your throne of love:
Holy Your name of triune majesty,
May all we do reflect Your purity.
2. Your kingdom come, Your rule of love within;
Lord by Your Spirit turn our hearts from sin.
Your will be done in ev'ry place on earth,
As it is done where angels sing Your worth.
3. Give us this day our daily bread, we pray;
Thank you for all Your gifts to us each day.
Forgive our debts, our debtors we forgive-
Your mercy known, Your mercy we must live.
4. Lead us, O Lord, and keep our footsteps true
When we are tempted to abandon You.
Keep us from evil, rescue us from harm;
Lord, let Your love our fears at death disarm.
5. Yours, Lord, alone the kingdom, pow'r, and praise;
Your glorious reign shall last for endless days...
“Yes, yes, dear Lord!” With faith we say again:
“So shall it be- Amen! Amen! Amen!”

HYMN

“Awesome God”

CCS 6

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Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heav’n above with wisdom, pow’r and love,
Our God is an awesome God.
(Sung three times).

HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, as You have fed Your children with the true manna, the living Bread from heaven, grant, we implore You, that the body and blood of Your Son be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and those who are committed to their instruction that they may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

LSB 691

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Gary Klatt
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Rick Melius
Elder
Bella Reif
Karlee Small
Acolytes
Gretchen Schilling
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder