

Christ Lutheran

September 12, 2021



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“From All That Dwell below the Skies” LSB 816

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy.

C O Christ, have mercy.

P O Lord, have mercy.

C Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You.

P In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,

C for You answer me.

P Hide Your face from my sins,

C and blot out all my iniquities.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C and renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from Your presence,

C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

C my lips will praise You.

P For You have been my help,

C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

C unite my heart to fear Your name.

P I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C and I will glorify Your name forever.

P May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C **listen to my plea for grace.**

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Message Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me” LSB 588

Message

“The Rock on Which We Stand”

We Go to God in Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

Sending

P Having tasted and seen that the Lord is good,

C **Let us go forward: living in joy, peace, and unity, and sharing His love.**

P The Lord be with you,

C **and also with you!**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you... and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

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