

Morning Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 5, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

God Himself Is With Us (TH382)

God himself is with us: let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.

God is in his temple - all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.

Him alone God we own, him, our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

God himself is with us: hear the harps resounding! See the crowds the throne surrounding!

"Holy, holy, holy" - hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending!

Bow thine ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises that thy church now raises.

*O thou fount of blessing, purify my spirit; trusting only in thy merit,
like the holy angels who behold thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore thee,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly what thou lovest dearly.*

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession

Call to Confession

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their

faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Matthew 6:16-18).

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father in heaven, we confess before you how little we live for your pleasure. Many of us do not fast because we are primarily concerned about our own comfort and pleasure. We have forgotten the feast that will be laid before us in heaven and have tried to fill our inner hunger with the things of this world. If we do fast, or when we pursue other spiritual activities such as attending Bible studies or leading in the church, our motivation is often to show off our spirituality to others. Yet when acts of humble service are to be done, or when no one is watching us, the ugly truth is exposed about who we really are: we are not constantly drawn to pursue your fatherly pleasure. Show us today the deceptiveness of our own hearts, which constantly pretend to a level of devotion that is not real. Teach us to truly repent not only for our sin but even for the religious acts we use to try to impress others and gain your favor. Help us to turn from our attempts at earning righteousness, and instead become people who cling with ever greater passion to the perfect righteousness of Christ in our place. In His name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Thanksgiving

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavn'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Petition and Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others

Instruction

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (TH646)

*Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.*

*Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.*

*We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

*Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-8

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Isaiah 58

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor

*Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in Thy beloved Son.*

*Chorus: Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store for ev'ry willing guest.*

*O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of ev'ry good;
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine! How rich Thy flowing blood! Chorus*

*Here shall your num'rous wants receive a free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die. Chorus*

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Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We 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 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And We 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 we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is good and right to do so.

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this

raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

Prayer for Christians: Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

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Benediction