

**Divine Service, Setting Three**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**20 August 2023**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN: ♪"OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY"**

**LSB 901**

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;  
    Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
    Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessèd is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**
  
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
    Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
    There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now!**
  
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
    Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
    Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.**
  
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
    Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
    May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.**
  
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
    Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
    While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.**

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## Stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

**PSALM 28:1-2, 6-7**

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

## GLORIA PATRI

**G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## KYRIE

**G** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**G** **Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** *Amen.*

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ISAIAH 56:1, 6–8**

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## **EPISTLE**

**ROMANS 11:1–2A, 13–15, 28–32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **ALLELUIA**

**G** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**G 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.**

**CATECHETICAL VERSE**

**The Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

**G He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5–6)**

*What does this mean?*

**G God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN: ♪“WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED”**

**LSB 615**

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need  
We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
No help or counsel yet have brought,**
  
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before Your throne;  
To You, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.**
  
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children’s cries in time of need  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.**
  
- 4 And so we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before You lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.**
  
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev’ry ill.**
  
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.**

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**SERMON: “ONLY BY MERCY”**

**ROMANS 11:13-15**

By Pastor John Schmidt

*Stand*

**ℙ** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**☩** Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**☩♪** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**OFFERING HYMN:**

*J* "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

**LSB 781 V. 1-2**

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
  
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

*Sit*

**INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES  
INSTALLATION OF PTLs OFFICERS**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**CJ** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**CJ** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**CJ** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

**CJ** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**CJ** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**CJ** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**☪** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"**

**LSB 571**

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.**
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "JESUS SHALL REIGN"**

**LSB 832**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪"I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT"**

**LSB 411**

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

*Refrain:*

- In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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*Stand*



## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩** Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**☩** Amen, amen, amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN: ♪ "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"**

**LSB 922**

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

**3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.**

**4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.**

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## ***SILENT PRAYER***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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