+Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN LSB 908 Lord Open Now My Heart to Hear

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: AMEN.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

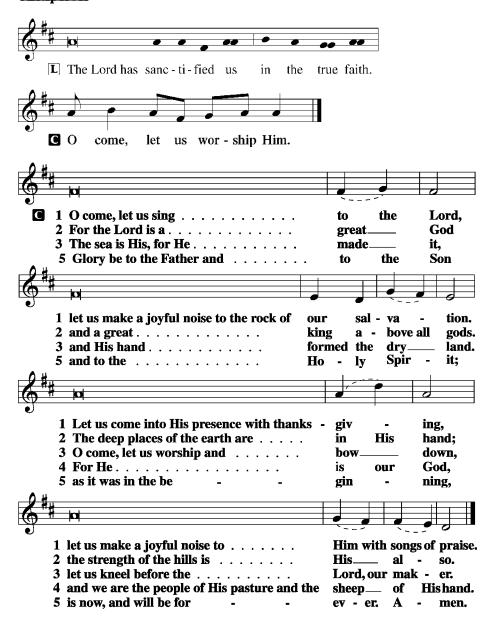
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

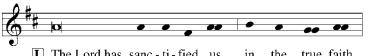
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.



PSALMODY Venite O Come, Let Us Sing **Antiphon**





L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us the true faith.



Second Psalm Psalm 146

(Sung responsively by verse)



Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD AS LONG | AS I LIVE;*

I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD WHILE I HAVE MY | BEING.

Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

WHEN HIS BREATH DEPARTS HE RETURNS | TO THE EARTH;*

ON THAT VERY DAY HIS PLANS | PERISH.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,* whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS | IN THEM,*

WHO KEEPS FAITH FOR- | EVER;

Who executes justice for I the oppressed,* Who gives food to the | hungry.

THE LORD SETS THE PRISONERS FREE;

THE LORD OPENS THE EYES | OF THE BLIND.*

THE LORD LIFTS UP THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN;

THE LORD LOVES THE | RIGHTEOUS.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the I fatherless,* but the way of the wicked He brings to I ruin.

THE LORD WILL REIGN FOR- | EVER, *

YOUR GOD, O ZION, TO ALL GENERATIONS. | PRAISE THE LORD!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*
AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;
AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,*
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.

OFFICE HYMN LSB 868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness. and streams in the desert: ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁴Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it....

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE Ps. 147:2–3a

P: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C: HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS. ALLELUIA.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

²⁴ From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden.
²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
²⁷And He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered Him, "Yes, Lord; yet

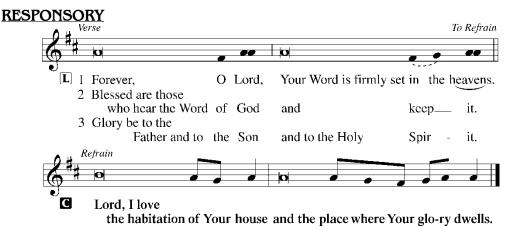
even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And He said to her, "**For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."** ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of

Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

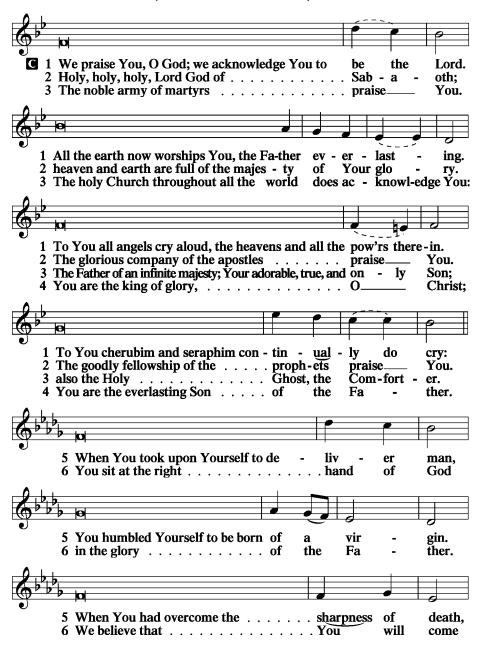
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

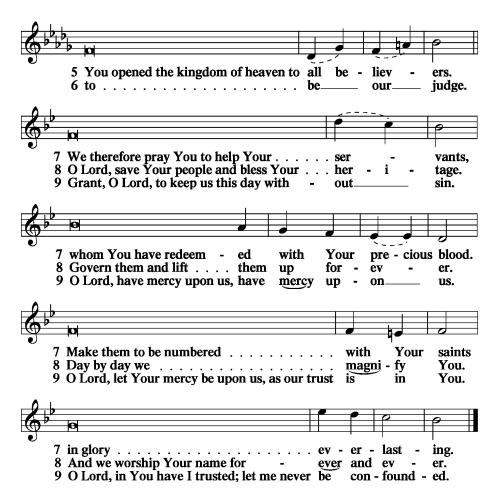
C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 797 Praise the Almighty

<u>SERMON</u>





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



Lord's Prayer

C: 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. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Collects



Collect of the Day

P: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



Collect for Matins

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You.



For Guidance in Our Calling

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P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



For Responsible Citizenship

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P: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Collect for Grace

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P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

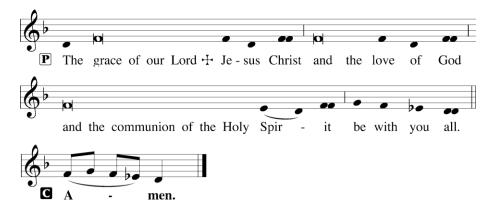


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CLOSING HYMN LSB 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

SILENT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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