

**The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2020
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
8:00 & 9:30 a.m.**



Face Coverings Required

1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #459 "Lord Of Glory, Who Hast Brought Us"

(Please stand for the last verse)

1 Lord of Glory, who hast bought us
With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th'unthankful and the evil
With Thine own unsparing hand;

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own.
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor hast Thou given
To our humblest charity
In Thine own mysterious sentence,
"Ye have done it unto Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
Thou dost deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Thy poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings
Which on ev'ry hand we see
Channels are for gifts and off'rings
Due by solemn right to Thee;
Right of which we may not rob Thee,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.

5 Lord of Glory, who hast bought us
With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
But, O best of all Thy graces,
Give us Thine own charity.

3. The Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Congregation Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") Psalm 51:10-12

Pastor ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♪ **Congregation** 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, forevermore. Amen.

7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♪ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Latin, "Glory in the highest to God")

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

9. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

10. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray. O almighty, eternal God: We confess that we are poor sinners and cannot answer one time out of a thousand, when You contend with us; but with all our hearts we thank You, that You have taken all our guilt from us and laid it upon Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and made Him to atone for it. We pray, graciously sustain us in faith, and so govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will, in neighborly love, service and helpfulness, and not give way to wrath or revenge, that we may not incur Your wrath, but always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

11. Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 33:7-11*

⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

12. The Epistle *Romans 13:1-10*

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not

commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

13. The Gradual Hymn #583 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.

14. The Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20* Please stand

Pastor The Holy Gospel for today is written in the...

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

15. The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

Congregation 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 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 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 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.

16. Chief Hymn #521 “How Firm A Foundation”

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you in trouble to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design:
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
He will not, He cannot, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
He never will leave, He will never forsake.

17. Sermon – “When Your Brother Sins” *Matthew 18:15-20*

18. The Offertory Verse and Offering

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

19. Prayer of the Church

The Service Of Holy Communion

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS
and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson
about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

20. The Preface (p. 72)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

♪ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

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, therefore with angels and
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and saying:

21. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”) (p.76)

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your
glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

22. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)

Pastor 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.

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

23. The Words of Institution (p.79)

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

24. The Pax Domini (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

25. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

26. The Distribution

27. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, "Now Dismiss Us") (p.81)

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your 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, forevermore. Amen.

28. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them 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 true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

29. Hymn of Thanksgiving #301 "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"

1 There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

30. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

31. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

32. The Benediction

Pastor 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.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen

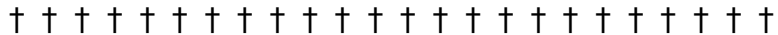
33. Closing Hymn #522 "O Faithful God, Thanks Be To Thee"

1 O faithful God, thanks be to Thee
Who dost forgive iniquity.
Thou grantest help in sin's distress,
And soul and body dost Thou bless.

2 Thy servant now declares to me:
"Thy sins are all forgiven thee.
Depart in peace, but sin no more
And e'er My pard'ning grace adore."

3 O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart
Through Christ, our Savior's precious blood,
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.

4 Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford
Now and forever, gracious Lord.
Preserve to us till life is spent
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.



The Exhortation

Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Communion Prayers

Before

We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

After

Lord Jesus Christ, even as You rose triumphant from the grave, I beseech You to grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in the newness of life, that when You appear as my Judge and Redeemer, I shall greet You in peace and joy, and may throughout eternity enjoy the bliss of Your unveiled Presence. Amen

Announcements

Fall Worship Schedule - After much consideration the Church Council has decided not to open up in-person Sunday School and Adult Bible Study in September.

- We will continue to have 2 Sunday services at 8:00 and 9:30 and the Wednesday service at 6:30. Masks will be required.
- Sunday School will continue as distance learning of some kind. Andy Cascione is working on this.
- Pastor will be doing Adult Bible Study online for viewing on Sunday or during the week.
- Thursday Men's Bible Study will continue, in-person, in the fellowship hall. Masks will be required.
- In-person Junior Catechism Class will resume on Wednesday afternoons at 4:15. Masks will be required.
- All areas will be sanitized after use.

Women's Bible Study - The Heritage Women's Bible class meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We are continuing our discussion of *More Prepared to Answer*. These are stand alone lessons, so plan on joining us when you are able. Contact Ruth at 651-457-9379 or rb1950@gmail.com to register for class.

Men's Bible Study – Mens' Bible study meets (masks required) at 8:00 am on Thursdays.

Heritage Choir – The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (masks required).

Senior Youth Outing – The Senior Youth group will be having an outdoor outing (pizza and games) at the Casciones' house on Sunday, September 20th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Outdoor Service – We will be having an outdoor service on Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 am. Bring chairs or sit in your car and tune in via the FM transmitter. (1 service only that day).

Fall Service Times Resume on October 11th – Starting Sunday, October 11th, we will resume our usually fall schedule for worship services. We will have early service at 8:00 am and late service at 10:30 am. Sunday School will resume at 9:15. Adult Bible study will continue online for now.



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