

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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*(In-Person & Live -Streamed)*



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# † Call to Worship †

## Greeting

## Opening Hymn #907 “God Himself Is Present”



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!” Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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*Please Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151*

**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.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**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.

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## $\dagger$ Service of the Word $\dagger$

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

- P**<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!
- C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- P**<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P**<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,
- C** in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- P**<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
- C** on that very day his plans perish.
- P**<sup>5</sup> Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- C** whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- P**<sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth,
- C** the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever;
- P**<sup>7</sup> Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.
- C** The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- P**<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- C** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- P**<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
- C** but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- P**<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,
- C** your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say 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.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then 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;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and 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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, 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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and 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? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But 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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68 LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And 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.**” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “**For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.**” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “**Ephphatha,**” that is, “**Be opened.**” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And 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.

*Please be seated*

### Sermon Hymn #575 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## Sermon "Hold On"

*Text: Isaiah 35:4-7a*

*Please stand*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Hymn #620:1 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."

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## Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar

*Please be seated*

### Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

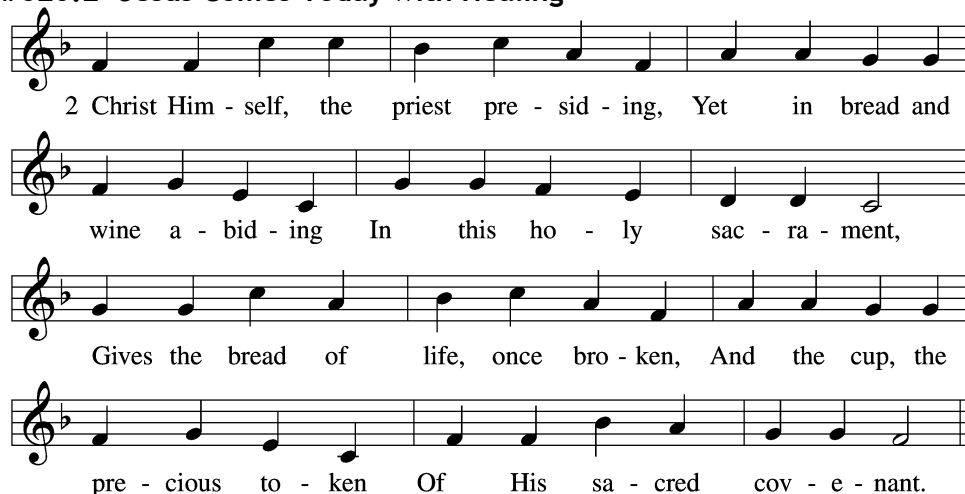
Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Please stand*

## † Service of the Sacrament †

## Hymn #620:2 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.

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## Proper Preface

- P** 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, 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:

## Hymn #620:3 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

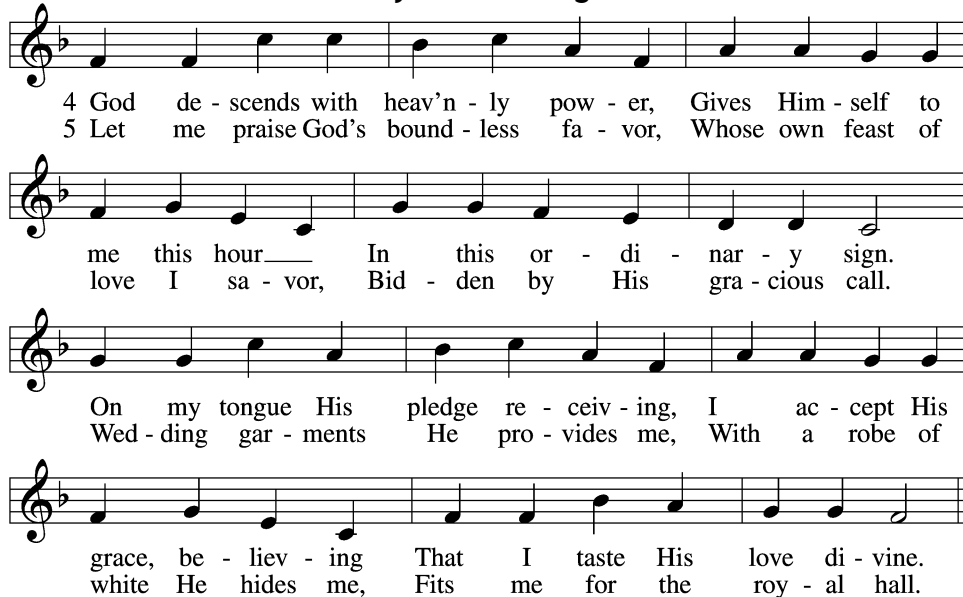
## Pax Domini

*John 20:19 LSB 163*

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



## Hymn #620:4-5 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to  
5 Let me praise God's bound - less fa - vor, Whose own feast of  
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.  
love I sa - vor, Bid - den by His gra - cious call.  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His  
Wed - ding gar - ments He pro - vides me, With a robe of  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.  
white He hides me, Fits me for the roy - al hall.

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*Please be seated*

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

*Please stand*


## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

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

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

## Hymn #620:6 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



6 Now have I found con - so - la - tion, Com - fort in my  
trib - u - la - tion, Balm to heal the trou - bled soul.  
God, my shield from ev - 'ry ter - ror, Cleans - es me from  
sin and er - ror, Makes my wound - ed spir - it whole.

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## Post-Communion Collect

**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.



**C** A - men.

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**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202*

**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Sending Hymn #749 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.  
And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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