



Welcome  
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## Order of Worship

Pentecost 9 July 30, 2023

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

**P** Give unto the Lord glory and strength

**C** **Worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness**

**P** Christ has appeared to us:

**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him!**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**

**P** as it was in the beginning,

**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn LSB 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone,

On Him alone we build;

With His true saints alone

The courts of heav'n are filled.

On His great love

Our hopes we place

Of present grace

And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n

The grace which we implore,

And may that grace, once giv'n,

Be with us evermore

Until that day

When all the blest

To endless rest

Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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### Confession and Absolution

**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.**

**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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

## **This Is the Feast**

**G This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 7:6–9**

“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G Thanks be to God**

## **Epistle Reading, Romans 8:28–39**

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ℒ This is the Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia and Verse

☩ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## The Holy Gospel, Matthew 13:44–52

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord**

[[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.

Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

ℒ This is the Gospel of the Lord

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon – Old or New?

## Sermon Hymn LSB 730 What Is the World to Me

1 What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth  
And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.  
What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me!  
My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
What is the world to me!

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## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### The Word 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

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

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

#### Give Me Jesus

##### Verse 1

In the morning when I rise  
 In the morning when I rise  
 In the morning when I rise  
 Give me Jesus

**Chorus - Give me Jesus; give me Jesus  
 You can have all this world, But give me Jesus**

## Verse 2

And when I am alone  
Oh and when I am alone  
And when I am alone  
Give me Jesus

## Chorus

*Instrumental interlude*

## Verse 3

And when I come to die  
Oh and when I come to die  
And when I come to die  
Give me Jesus

## Final Chorus - Give me Jesus; give me Jesus

**You can have all this world**

**You can have all this world**

**You can have all this world**

**But give me Jesus**

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## How Majestic Is Your Name" (Michael W. Smith)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!  
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name,  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty!

**(Repeat above, then repeat last two lines)**

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## Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

1. Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard

2. Christ is able to make us one  
At the table He set the tone  
Teaching people to live to bless  
Love in word and in deed express

## Chorus

*Instrumental*

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## Thank the Lord

**☑ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Chorus:** Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again  
Pass the Word around, Loaves abound  
Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again  
Pass the Word around, Loaves abound

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share  
God Immanuel everywhere

## Chorus 2X

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Closing Song: Do It Again**

#### **Verse 1**

Walking around these walls  
I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come  
Knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet

#### **Verse 2**

I know the night won't last  
Your word will come to pass  
My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough  
Keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again

#### **Ending**

**You've never failed me yet**

**I never will forget**

**You've never failed me yet**

**I never will forget**

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*(Please be seated)*

### **Announcements**

#### **Chorus**

**Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness  
Faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence  
You've never failed me yet**

#### **Bridge**

*I've seen you move  
You move the mountains  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again  
You made a way  
Where there was no way  
And I believe  
I'll see you do it again*