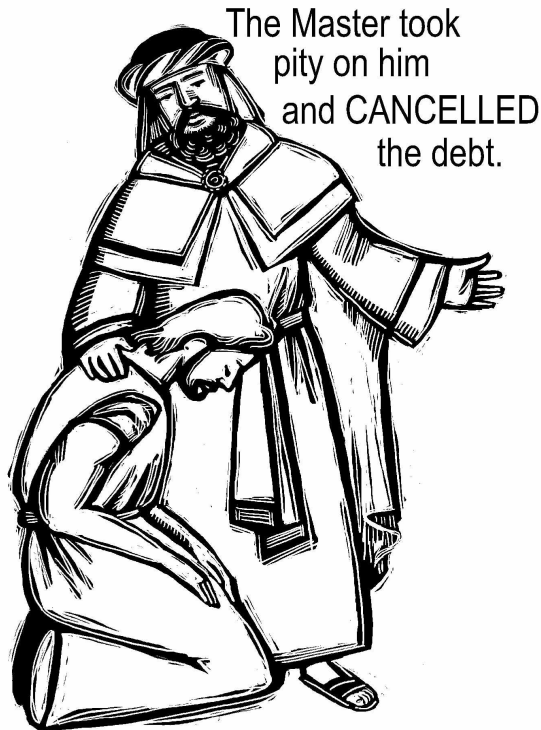


2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



The Master took
pity on him
and CANCELLED
the debt.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy LBW #290

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in His justice Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

Are more felt than up in heav'n.

There is no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment giv'n.

Verse 2

There is welcome for the sinner,

And a promised grace made good;

There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His blood.

There is grace enough for thousands

Of new worlds as great as this;

There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.

Verse 3

For the love of God is broader

Than the measures of our mind;

And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

There is plentiful redemption

In the blood that has been shed;

There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the head.

Verse 4

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; It is something more than all:

Greater good because of evil, Larger mercy through the fall.

If our love were but more simple,

We should take him at His Word;

And our lives would be all sunshine

In the sweetness of our Lord.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God,

All: **We are poor sinners and stand under Your righteous judgment. With all our hearts we thank You for taking all our guilt from us and laying it on Your dear Son Christ Jesus. Graciously sustain us in Faith and 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. Amen.** Veit Dietrich Reformation Theologian 1549

LESSONS

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:1-12

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

FORGIVE as FORGIVEN

SONG

To God Be the Glory

Verse 1

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!

So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life An atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate That all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!!

O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son;

And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SONG

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Saviour.

The hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

BRIDGE

Shine your light, And let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory Of the risen King. Jesus.

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We're singing for the glory Of the risen King.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 27:1-9 Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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September 10, 2023

Attend: 37

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NEXT Sunday September 24th

Come one! Come all to the church picnic!

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Bring a friend too! Dinnerware, drinks, and meat will be provided!

We will enjoy the tasty treats and fellowship on the lawn of Faith in Christ Lutheran Church (weather permitting) following worship on Sunday, September 24. It will be a "SON"-sational time!