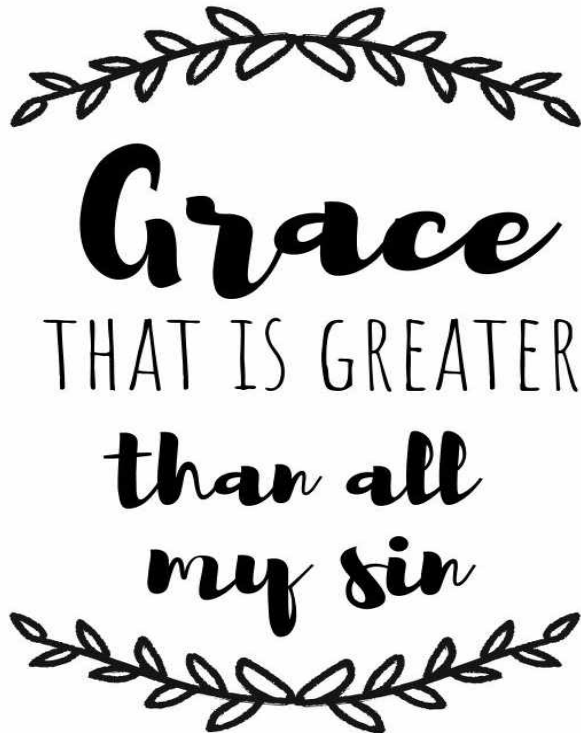


2020

*“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship  
with us today!**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with  
confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace  
to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

**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.”*

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**PRELUDE**

Beth Helwagen

**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.

Leader: 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** (*Wave and/or Honk to each other*)

### HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LBW #327

#### Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

#### Verse 2

Not the labor of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and Thou alone.

#### Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

#### Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

### 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: **By Your Son You promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness and eternal life. By Your Holy Spirit lead and awaken our hearts that we daily pray for help in all afflictions, seek to be near Him, and believing the promise of His Word, obtain what we pray for, and at last be saved; through Your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen.**

Viet Dietrich was a student of Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon and later was their colleague as a Lutheran theologian during the Reformation.

### LESSONS

Isaiah 55:6, 7  
Psalm 27

### GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1 - 16

### THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

# Our God is a Generous God

**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.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

**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.**

**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.

**HYMN**

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

LBW #260

**Verse 1**

On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord had conquered; Vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without our safety; Christ within our joy;  
Who, if we ve faithful, Can our hope destroy?

**Chorus**

On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,  
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

**Verse 2**

Unto God the Father Joyful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Savior Thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit Bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing Now and evermore!

**Chorus**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

**NEXT SUNDAY September 27, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

**Ezekiel 18:1- 4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-10**

**Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18 Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)**

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