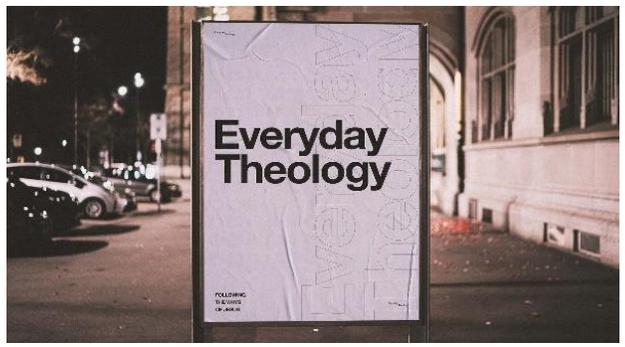




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CLASSIC SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • 8:30 AM • SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather. In Christ, we are not overcome by our work but empowered by him to live our everyday moments in light of eternity. *Some questions to ponder on:* What do you do for work? Do you enjoy it? Why or why not? What would you consider sacred work, and what would be secular work? How does Colossians 3 and Jeremiah 1 challenge the idea that there is a division between sacred and secular? Does spiritual growth impact your work life? In what ways? What is a task during your workday that you could use to remind you to pause and recognize God with you in your work? How might that change your outlook on your job?

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING HYMN

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

P Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

C The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

P Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

C I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

C Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P Let us humble ourselves then before God, confessing our sins to Him, and imploring His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.

C Amen.

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds; In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life’s day

That by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring; And with the heav’nly blessed sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,

To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(The Call of Jeremiah.)*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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EPISTLE *(Whatever you do work for the Lord.)*

Colossians 3:1-11, 16-17, 23-24

³ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ...¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ...²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Luke 16:31

P Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,

C neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *(The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)*

Luke 16:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).

MESSAGE HYMN

870 *Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky*

1 Now that the day - light fills the sky,
 2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;
 3 So we, when this new day is gone
 4 "All praise to You, cre - a - tor Lord!

We lift our hearts to God on high,
 From an - ger's din would shield our life;
 And night in turn is draw - ing on,
 All praise to You, e - ter - nal Word!

That He, in all we do or say,
 From e - vil sights would turn our eyes,
 With con - science by the world un - stained
 All praise to You, O Spir - it wise!"

Would keep us free from harm to - day;
 And close our ears to van - i - ties.
 Shall praise His name for vic - t'ry gained.
 We sing as day - light fills the skies.

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MESSAGE

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CREED

Second Article and Meaning

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God our Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

861 Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not
 dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor
 fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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