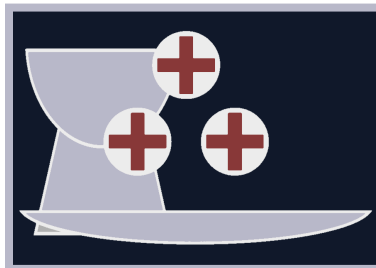


# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

10:30 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

## **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

*(Together, we seek God's forgiveness, **quietly reflecting** upon those sins of which we are aware and those sins which we committed, yet cannot recall.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

--LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

# Liturgy of the Holy Word

## **Apostolic Greeting**

*P:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

*P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!*

*P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

*P: In peace, we pray to the Lord...*

*P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!*

*P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, we pray to the Lord...*

*P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!*

*P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

*P: For the peace of the world, the well-being of God's Church,  
and for our unity, we pray to the Lord...*

*P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!*

*P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

*P: For this house of God and all who worship and all who praise, we  
pray to the Lord...*

*P: Lord, have mercy! C: Lord, have mercy!*

*P: Christ, have mercy! C: Christ, have mercy!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

*P: Help us, Lord! C: Help us, Lord!*

*P: Save us, Lord! C: Save us, Lord!*

*P: Comfort, Lord! C: Comfort, Lord!*

*P: Defends us, Lord! C: Defend us, Lord!*

***ALL: Lord, have mercy!***

**Gloria (Hymn of Praise): This Is The Feast (Divine Service – Setting One)**

*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.

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*

*Final Refrain*

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

*When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"*

## Psalm 145:1-8



I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.

**Every day I will | bless you\***

**and praise your name forever and | ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to a- | nother,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your awe- | some deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and | merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the ✠ Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

### **Epistle (Letter) Reading: Philippians 1:21-30**

*To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*

**Verse** *(Please stand and follow the holy cross.)*

*P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)*

*P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)*

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16** *(Please stand.)*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

*(after the reading)*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)*

*P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)*

**Sermon**

*Sermon Reflection: What is one thing I've learned from God's Word today  
and will TAKE with me into the world?*



## **Hymn of the Day: To Live Is Christ**

**--Sidewalk Prophets**

If I rise, let me rise on You  
Not on all of my successes, my esteem or my pursuits  
If I lose, let me lose my life  
'Cause if I belong to Jesus, the flesh is crucified

For me to live is Christ, for me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain

If I grow, let me grow in You  
Wilt the seeds of wanting more  
Ripping pride out by the roots  
If I'm still, let me hear you speak  
Not the tone of my transgressions  
But the song of the redeemed

For me to live is Christ, for me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain

My great desire is to be with You  
But this is the place You chose for me  
This is the place You chose for me  
To lift my cross and give everything  
This is the time you gave to me  
This is the time you gave to me

For me to live is Christ, for me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain  
For me to live is Christ, for me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain  
I'll never be the same, I'll never be the same  
For me to die is Christ, to die is gain

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**P:** Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** **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.**

## **Prayer of the Church (*Closed by The Lord's Prayer*)**

**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.**

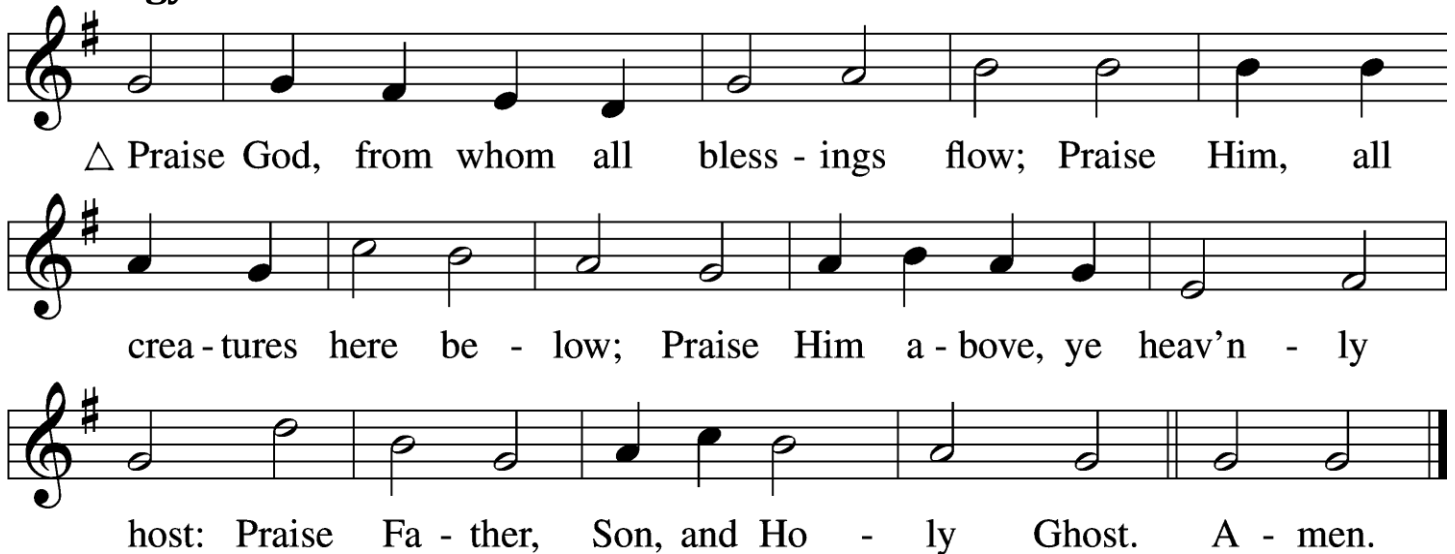
## Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Together, let us pray the Morning Prayer.

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Doxology

-- LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Benediction

P: Almighty God – the Father, the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: Behold The Lamb

--Kristian Stanfill

See Him there, the great I Am  
A crown of thorns upon His head  
The Father's heart displayed for us, oh God  
We thank You for the cross

Lifted up on Calvary's hill  
We cursed Your name and even still  
You bore our shame and paid the cost  
Oh God, we thank You for the cross

Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption  
Written on His hands  
Jesus, You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours  
We sing Your praise  
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name  
Jesus, You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours

Offer up this sacrifice,  
for every sin our Savior died  
The Lord of Life can't be contained  
Our God has risen from the grave  
Our God has risen from the grave

Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption  
Written on His hands  
Jesus, You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours  
We sing Your praise  
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name  
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When the age of death is done, we'll see Your face  
Bright as the sun  
We'll bow before the King of kings  
O God, forever we will sing

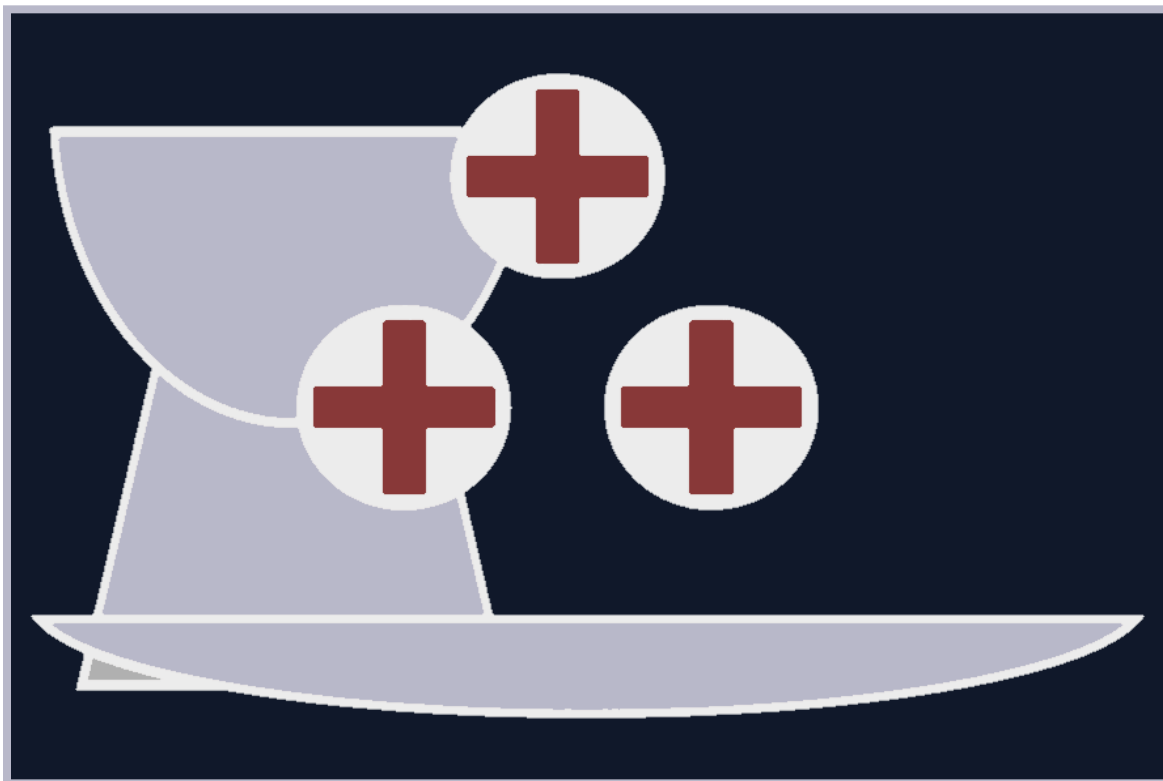
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You reign forevermore  
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King Jesus reigns forevermore  
The victory is Yours

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE  
EACH SUNDAY AT 11:00AM!**

**ALL OTHER IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! AS WE CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH THE**  
**CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANKS!**  
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