

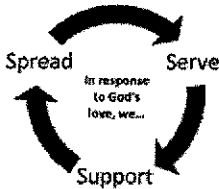
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *In today's Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man's father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus does help the man's unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Allegretto Cantabile"

by Joseph Haydn

WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *I called on the name of the LORD:*
- C** **O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**
- P** *The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.*
- C** **The LORD has opened our ears.**
- P** *The LORD has delivered us from death.*
- C** **He wipes away tears from all faces.**
- P** *He rescues our feet from stumbling*
- C** **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.*

[Silence for reflection.]

- P** *Heavenly Father,*
- C** **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, 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. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

P *Be strong, and let your heart take courage,*

C **all you who wait for the LORD!**

P *But I trust in you, O LORD;*

C **I say, “You are my God.”**

P *My times are in your hand;*

C **rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

P *Make your face shine on your servant;*

C **save me in your steadfast love!**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P *Be strong, and let your heart take courage,*

C **all you who wait for the LORD!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame, To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Isaiah 50:4–10

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

James 3:1–12

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Jeremiah 15:16a

All: Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

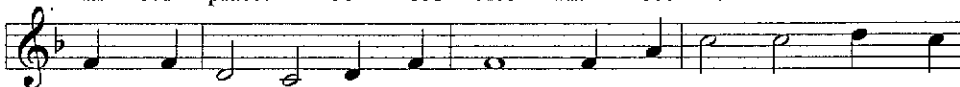
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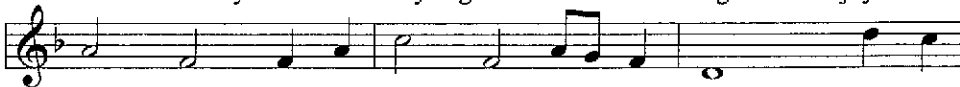
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

(continued)



storms, and feed-ing thou-sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON

"I BELIEVE; HELP MY UNBELIEF!"

Mark 9:14-29

- I. The father of the boy Jesus' healed cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"
- II. That's our prayer too, as we ask God to strengthen our faith.

† APOSTLE'S CREED

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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"Evening and Morning"

by Paul Gehardt

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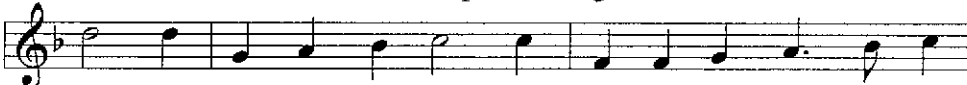
Evening and Morning

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[v. 1: Choir; vs. 2,3,4: Congregation]



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
 2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
 4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
 ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
 tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
 of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with-out num - ber, A - wake or in
 no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
 sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
 gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -

(continued)



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing; These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those who celebrate the good news of births and birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those who grieve, that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.*
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

- P** *Gracious God, You are the source of every lasting security. We bless You for the continuance of stability in a time of great national trial and ask that our nation be spared from any such act of terrorism and destruction in times to come. We remember those innocent victims of terrorism whose earthly lives ended on September 11th, 2001. Grant that their memories among us remain and their lives not be forgotten. We also remember the rescue workers who gave their*

lives that day seeking to assist the victims of the tragedy. Grant that their examples of bravery and sacrificial concern for others serve to inspire each of us as we live out our lives in these times. Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ~~+~~ give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

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- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Janet Palo-Jackson]

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue”

by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Altar Guild Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
 Counters..... Valerie Klein & Mackenzie Egan
 Elder on Duty Tony Williams
 Greeter Lisa Axford
 Lay Reader..... Al Axford
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 Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
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