

# August 23, 2020

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*



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## **SERVICE of WORSHIP**

### *Setting 1 from **Lutheran Book of Worship***

THE PRELUDE: *Litany* by Schubert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen**

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.

**Amen**

**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.**

*(silence for reflection and self examination)*

Most merciful God,

**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**

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 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.

**Amen**

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on me  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are  
 then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

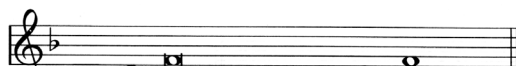
*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## THE GREETING & KYRIE

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

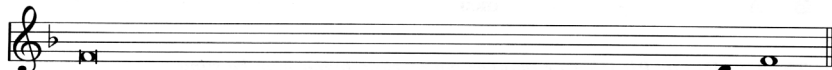
**And also with you.**



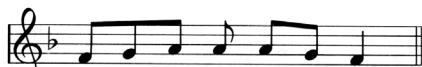
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



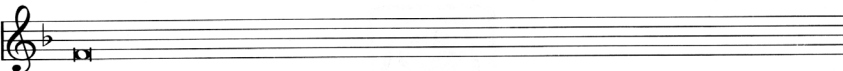
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



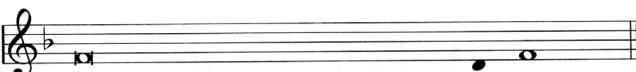
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



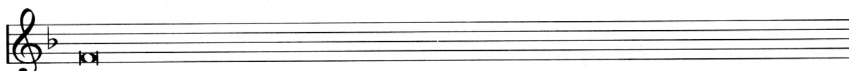
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



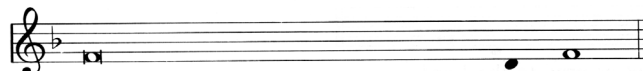
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**A** Glor-y to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

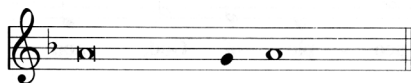
Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a-

lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## THE SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your son Jesus Christ as Lord.

**Amen**

VOCAL SOLO: *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Randall Fields

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

**51** Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

THE PSALM

*Psalms 138*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with my whole heart;  
before the gods  
I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup>for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

<sup>4</sup>**When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth  
will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard  
the words of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup>**They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Though the LORD be high,  
he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

<sup>8</sup>**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand  
against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will make good  
his purpose for me;  
O LORD, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON

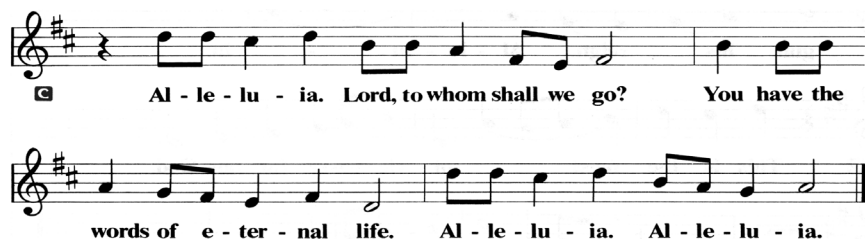
Romans 12:1-8

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but

be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



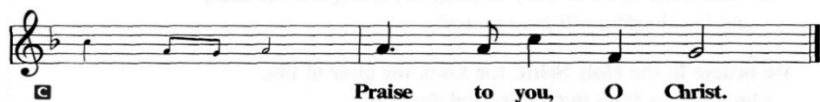
THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



## The Gospel of the Lord.



### HYMN: "In Christ Alone" vs 1,4

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

4. No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

THE SERMON

Seminarian William Strand

## THE 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**

## THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The score ends with a double bar line.

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## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen**

## 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**

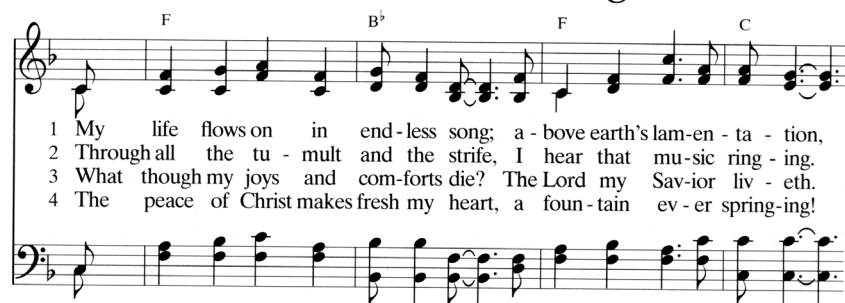
**who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

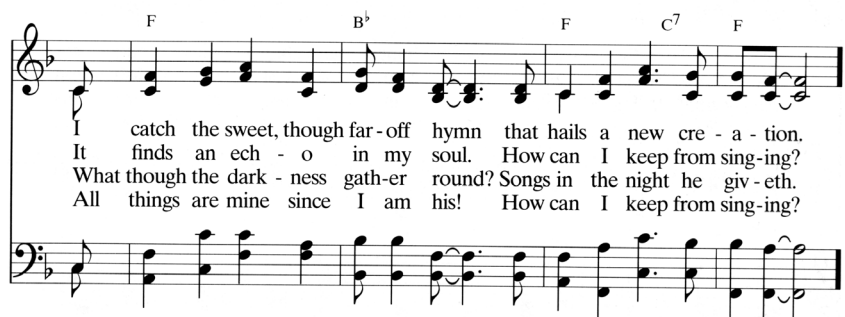
## THE BENEDICTION

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



*Refrain*  
 No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Rock of My Salvation*