

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**TODAY'S THREAD:** *Delight in God's works to bless us through his two servants: Church and state. Get involved!*

### OPENING HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near | 226



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;  
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;  
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,  
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.  
I through Christ be - come your child.  
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,  
God of love, to mine at - tend.  
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;  
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace  
That my joy - ful soul may bless  
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;  
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.  
In your courts to seek your face.  
Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.  
Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.**

## PRAAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### PENTECOST SONG OF PRAISE

### Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278:1, 3

*Te Deum*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Ezekiel 33:7-11 EHV**

*Yahweh does not delight in condemning the wicked. He sends his people to rescue individuals and nations from self-destruction through his word. Change our land. Proclaim God's saving word.*

<sup>7</sup> But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup> So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" <sup>11</sup> Say to them, "As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

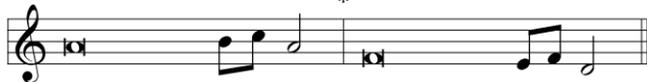
## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 51a**

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

### Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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## SECOND LESSON

## Romans 13:1-10 EHV

*Our attitude toward government - its officials, rules, regulations, and taxes - changes when we learn that our God established them for our good. Respect God's civil servants and join them in seeking our common good.*

<sup>1</sup> Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, <sup>4</sup> because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup> Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

## Philippians 4:4 RSV

**M:** Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:15-20 EHV**

*Christ-like church discipline is **not** about punishment. It's about caring enough to speak truth when it is hard. To rescue a child of God from death's grip. This is a blessing to both church and nation.*

**M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 18

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup>In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

**M:** This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**To You, Our God, We Fly | 620**

1 To you, our God, we fly For  
 2 The pow'rs that you or - dained With  
 3 Give peace, Lord, in our time. Oh,  
 4 Though vain and fool - ish, still We

mer - cy and for grace. Oh, hear our  
 heav'n - ly wis - dom bless; May e - vil  
 let no foe draw nigh Nor law - less -  
 are your peo - ple, Lord. Oh, bend us

low - ly cry And do not hide your face!  
 be re - strained, Re - placed by right - eous - ness.  
 ness and crime In - sult your maj - es - ty!  
 to your will; We'll serve no oth - er God!

*Refrain*

O Lord, stretch forth your might - y hand  
 And guard and bless our na - tive land.

**SERMON** – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:***

***Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 200 E. Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406***

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

**M:** The Lord be with you.



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

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal-

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)

**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

**THANKSGIVING**

**THANK THE LORD**



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.**



**He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored | 617**



1 Christ, by heav'n-ly hosts a - dored, Gra - cious, might - y,  
2 On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the  
3 Give us rul - ers who will be Known for love and



sov - 'reign Lord, God of na - tions, King of kings,  
kind - ly rain; O'er our wide and good - ly land  
hon - es - ty; Let the pow'rs that you or - dained



Head of all cre - a - ted things, By the Church with  
Crown the la - bors of each hand. Let your kind pro -  
Be in right - eous - ness main - tained. In the peo - ple's



joy con - fessed, God o'er all, for - ev - er blest— Plead - ing,  
tec - tion be O'er our com - merce on the sea. O - pen,  
hearts in - crease Love of pi - e - ty and peace. Thus u -



at your throne we stand: Save your peo - ple, bless our land.  
Lord, your boun - teous hand; Bless your peo - ple, bless our land.  
nit - ed, we shall stand One wide, free, and hap - py land.

*Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service*

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