



**SERVICE TIME CHANGE NEXT SUNDAY:**

<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Family Bible Hour</b>	<b>9:15 - 10:00 am</b>
<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 ✠ 9:00 AM

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

### The Church Jesus Wants

Jesus Christ bought the Church with his blood. It is His Church and we want to know what kind of church God wants. What are its priorities? What does it all do?

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That Takes Up Its Crosses**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church Willing to Say Hard Things

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That's Quick to Forgive

### A Church That Takes Up Its Crosses

When we suffer and bear crosses, and when they are heavy and press hard, the promise of resurrection can seem very far off.



We come together to hear the preaching of Christ crucified and pray for the never-failing mercy of God so that we can see God at work even in the crosses we bear in His name. What is it to bear a cross? Suffering comes in different ways for all of us, but whatever we suffer because we follow Christ is a cross.

What is it to lose our lives? It is to lose anything that lives in us, in our sinful, selfish nature that gets in the way of life in Jesus Christ. We are given the gift this morning of receiving Jesus' promise that in losing our lives for His sake, we gain life in Him. We rise with Him. God gives us eyes to see that He is there, in every cross, pulling us toward the cross of Jesus Christ, the cross of our eternal salvation. And to see that He is there, in our dying to ourselves, to awaken us to new life.

#### *A personal prayer before worship*

*Lord Jesus, this morning I rejoice that together with my spiritual brothers and sisters, I am able to receive Your Word of life and Your body and blood in Your Supper. My soul longs for You and the gifts of Your Word and Your holy altar. You are my Shepherd; therefore, I shall lack nothing. I know I am unworthy to come under Your roof, but by Your grace cause Your precious Word and meal to revive me, forgive me and sustain my soul. May your grace be on me that I may continually trust in You. Through Your gracious presence here today, preserve my spirit, my life, my walk with You and provide whatever else I need for this life and the next. I ask this in Your gracious name. Amen.*

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*  
*Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.* 

### Hymn | 601 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

#### Invocation

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19*

#### Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

*1 John 1:8*

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*silence for reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

#### Lord, Have Mercy

*CW 174*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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, re - ceive our prayer.'

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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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.  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

***Jeremiah 15:15-21***

*It was a cross to bear: the people wouldn't listen to Jeremiah when he gave them the Word of the Lord. In frustration, Jeremiah bares his soul and even accuses God. His sinful nature fights against the way of*

*the Lord. The Lord promises Jeremiah He is with him. The Lord promises salvation.*

LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.

I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable?

You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

Therefore this is what the LORD says:

“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman.

Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the LORD.

“I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 67** | selected verses

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Turn your ear to me,

**come quickly to my rescue;**

be my rock of refuge,

**a strong fortress to save me.**

Be strong and take heart,

**all you who hope in the Lord.**

**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.**

## **Second Reading**

### **Romans 8:18-25**

*The Holy Spirit gives us hope in our suffering. He teaches us that this world, suffering under the curse of sin, is only a prelude to the glory in store for us, which we do not yet see, and yet believe..*

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay

and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were

saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Mark 8:34**

Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-26**

*Jesus calls his Church to walk in his path: first comes the cross, then comes the crown. This lesson is the basis of the sermon this morning.*

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>5</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## **Hymn of the Day | 694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

**Sermon** Matthew 16:21-26 Let His Ways Win

*Please stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated 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.**

*Be seated.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray on behalf of this community of believers and for all people according to their needs.

For faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and

For strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits;

For business and industry, service workers and artisans;

For generosity toward those in need; and for the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;

For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;

For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and

For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads; and for courage in the face of challenge and adversity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God;

For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Special intercessions may be spoken here*

Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

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# THE SACRAMENT

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*Stand*



The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

**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 Words of Our Lord Jesus

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Jesus, Lamb of God





Be seated

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

***Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.***

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.*

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

**Hymn | 831 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me**

**Hymn | 704 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn | 718 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road



*We thank our Lord for Sarah Boettcher and her gifts used to accompany God's Service with music this morning!*

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*"Everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something" -H. Jackson Brown*  
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<b>Our Week with the Lord</b>  <b>Sept 3-10</b>	Sunday:	Divine Service	9:00 am
		Family Bible Hour/BIC	10:20 am
	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>BIC and Midweek Bible Study restart</b>	<b>6:30</b>
	Thursday:	Worship	6:30 pm
	Sunday:	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
	<b>Family Bible Hour</b>	<b>9:15 - 10:00 am</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	



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