



OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Southern Pines, North Carolina

ORDER FOR WORSHIP
16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of our celebration,
and the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

People: **We confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples,
we have not finished what you began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored those unlike us.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Revive our hearts for faith and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
that we might live by Kingdom values
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you
even when you fall.
You who were lost have been found
and the way home is open to you through Christ Jesus, Our Lord.
For the sake of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!
Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG – I Will Follow

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:19-21

¹⁹ So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 94:7-15 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

⁷ ...They say, "The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob does not perceive."

⁸ Understand, O dullest of the people;
fools, when will you be wise?

⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?

¹⁰ He who disciplines the nations,
**he who teaches knowledge to humankind,
does he not chastise?**

¹¹ The LORD knows our thoughts,
that they are but an empty breath.

¹² Happy are those whom you discipline, O LORD,
and whom you teach out of your law,

¹³ giving them respite from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
¹⁴ For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;
¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 3:12-14

¹² Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *How Firm a Foundation, verse 1 – ELW 796*

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:23-26

²³ Then Jesus said to them all, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose or forfeit themselves?
²⁶ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
The People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON: *Living Kingdom Values: Discipleship*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – *Beneath the Cross of Jesus – ELW 338*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: I present the following people, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism so as to join us at Our Saviour in membership. (Names Read)

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made you won by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

New People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

New People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

New People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All People: **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.**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New People: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All People: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

All People: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
And proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC - Organ

THE OFFERING HYMN – *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,
we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE (*Sung by Pastor*)

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come, take your place at the feast.

COMMUNION SONGS:

Lamb of God / Lord Move or Move Me

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God (+) bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
Now and forever.

Amen.

THE SENDING SONG – *Build Your Kingdom Here*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE