

\_\_\_\_\_Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost\_\_\_\_\_

## Christianity Distinguishes Between Tolerance & True Love



### ***Those wishing to attend Holy Communion:***

*Lutherans understand Holy Communion as, among other things, a statement of agreement with the church's teachings. For this reason, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with our church's. Please speak to our pastor about this before receiving communion with us.*

### ***If you choose to take a hard-copy bulletin:***

*please either take it with you or dispose of it after the service. They will not be re-used. Thank you!*

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*The law of Christian love is an ideal which, out of gratitude to God, believers strive and work for all the days of their lives.*

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### HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near – **CW 226**

**HOLY BAPTISM** (9:15 service)

**CW p. 12**

Atlas Dale Baehman

P: 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

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

### LORD HAVE MERCY

P: 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 mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

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

**C: 🎵 Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**C: 🎵 Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON & SERMON TEXT**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

*A watchman for Israel*

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. <sup>10</sup> "Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?"' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

## **PSALM OF THE DAY** *(to be spoken responsively)*

Psalms 51a

*We confess our sinfulness*

P: Have mercy on me, O God,

**C: according to your unfailing love.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity,

**C: and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions,

**C: and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned

**C: and done what is evil in your sight.**

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,

**C: sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide your face from my sins,

**C: and blot out all my iniquity.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C: and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

**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.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 13:1-10

*Submit to the authorities*

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup>For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. <sup>6</sup>This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup>Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. <sup>8</sup>Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You

shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (CW p. 30)

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:15-20

*How to win your brother over*

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly 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> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

**C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

God Is Here! As We His People – **CW 532**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Matthew Holtz

## **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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Today we offer individual cup distribution of the Lord's Supper. For those unable to drink alcohol, there is white grape juice. **Gluten free** wafers are also available. Please speak to a pastor if you need either one.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 🙏 *And also with you.*



P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: 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** *(page 34)*

**C: ♪ *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,***

***The whole earth is full of your glory.***

***You are my God, and I will exalt you.***

***I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.***

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts,***

***The whole earth is full of your glory.***

P: 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.

**C: ♪ *Amen.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace. Amen.***

**PRAYER AND BLESSING**

P: 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: *¶ Amen.***

P: 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: *¶ Amen. Amen. Amen.***

**CLOSING HYMN**

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living – **CW 490**

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**Worship Notes**

Presiding Minister: Kenneth Frey  
 Organist: Stacey Kraus / Marilyn McCarthy

## Service Teams:

8:00 a.m.	R. Hoh (Head Usher), G. Petermann, B. Hopfensperger, M./C. Krueger, T. Luehring
9:15 a.m.	J. Bork, D. Falck, C. Woehler
10:30 a.m.	C. Woehler (Head Usher), T. Falck, A. Ziegler, D. Olson, J. Bork, T. Falck, M. Spaude, D. Falck
6:00 p.m.	C. Waack (Head Usher), J. Ings, C. Feidt, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick, J. Eckstein

Altar Guild: C. Petermann, D. Sievert