

September 16, 2018
Lord's Day 37, 9:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-service Prayer (8:30 a.m., Room 202)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit – “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise him forever.
Sing of his righteousness, praise him forever.

■ **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

*God's Greeting

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: *Amen!*

Minister: The Lord be with you (Ruth 2:4)

All: *And also with you.*

*Scriptural Call to Worship – Psalm 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

*Hymn of Praise – “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (TH 4)

*Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith – “The Apostles' Creed”

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

All: *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, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

■ GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Reading of the Law – James 3:1-12

Exhortation

Silent Prayer of Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Song of Rejoicing – “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (BTT 32)

The Service of the Word

■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-38

Prayer for the Church – Elder Brad Tidwell

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation – “Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” (TH 369)

*Reading of Scripture – Matthew 28:16-20

The Sermon – “Jesus Commissions His Disciples” by Rev. David Okken

The Service of the Table

■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

Song of Preparation – “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything, no gifts no power no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Supper

Although both wine and white grape juice are available during communion, the Elders strongly encourage everyone able to take wine.

Bread: *"I Love You, Lord"* (BTT 38)

Wine: *"Lamb of God"* (BTT 51)

■ **GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP**

*The Doxology

*The Benediction

*Postlude
