

Pentecost 16, September 12, 2021, Order of Worship

Announcements/Concerns/Joys

A Litany of Remembrance of September 11, 2001 (separate sheet)

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 258)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God, our comforter, **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* (1,2,4) LBW 377, HP 594

***Kyrie** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** LBW p. 78 (read)

***Prayer of the Day** O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Time

A reading from Isaiah, the 50th chapter (50:5-9a) pew Bible, p. 1141

The image of the Lord's servant one of the notable themes in the book of Isaiah. Today's text describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 264, Augsburg Fortress).

[After the reading: "The word of the Lord." **"Thanks be to God!"**]

A reading from James, the 3rd chapter (3:1-12) (reading from Eugene Peterson, *The Message*)

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 264, Augsburg Fortress).

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***Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

***Gospel Mark 8:27-38**

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that, as the Messiah, Jesus will have to suffer. Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 264, Augsburg Fortress).

Before the gospel: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

After the gospel: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day Take My Life, that I May Be (1,2,5,6)**

LBW 406, HP 1750

***The Apostle's Creed**

LBW p. 85

***Prayers (Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer)**

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn Praise and Thanks and Adoration**

LBW 470, HP 1814

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you!

Thanks be to God!