

**15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**September 1, 2023**  
**8:00 am**



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Today we celebrate Labor Day, a federal holiday set aside to honor the working people of this nation. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. It was made a national holiday in 1894. While the holiday was originally designed to recognize organized labor, it has become a holiday for all workers. For many, it marks the end of summer and begins the activities of the fall season. It is somewhat interesting that a day designated as Labor Day is celebrated with a day taken off from laboring. Today will also be a Labor Day of a different sort. For a faithful Christian every day is a day to work and serve the Lord. Each day should be spent working in the kingdom of God. There is work for each of us to do on an individual basis, and there is work for the church to do collectively. As long as we walk faithfully “in Christ,” every day is a Labor Day.

### **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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### **INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCE**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

**People: and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved, Jesus said, “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

**People: Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, “If you return, I will restore you.”  
Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of  
Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **LITANY OF LABOR**

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes  
life and work and purpose.

Pastor: Almighty God, when You formed us lovingly out of the  
dust of the earth, You breathed into us the breath of life and gave  
us work and purpose for living.

**People: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and  
keep it.**

Pastor: Through our work, You made us co-creators with You,  
shaping the world in which we live.

**People: You gave dignity to our labor by sending Your Son to  
labor with us.**

**HYMN:** LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(verses 1-2)

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Pastor: By our labor, You enrich the world.

**People: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

Pastor: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

**People: By our labor, our families are made secure.**

Pastor: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

**HYMN:** LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(verses 3-4)

- 3 Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Pastor: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep-sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

**People: We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

**People: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Pastor: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

**People: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

**HYMN:** LSB 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(verses 5-6)

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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Pastor: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

**People: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.**

Pastor: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

**People: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.**

Pastor: Creator Lord, You are the source of all wisdom and purpose, You are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

**Children's Bible Reading:** Page 216

**The First Reading:** Jeremiah 15:15–21

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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading:** Romans 12:9–21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

## **RESPONSE**

**People (sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28**

**People (sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. 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? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People (sing): Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN: LSB 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior,  
Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merit we find favor:  
Life is given through Thy name.
  
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed,  
Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven  
Through the virtue of Thy blood;  
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.
  
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;  
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,  
Seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading;  
There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
  
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Highest praises, without ceasing,  
Right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits,  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

## **THE SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **OFFERING AND TREASURE BOX**

**OFFERING HYMN:** LSB 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come  
(verses 1, 4, 9-10)

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
  
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.
  
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.
  
- 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore  
praising you and singing:

**People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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 LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

People (sing): 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.

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

**COMMUNION HYMN:** LSB 559 (verses 1-3)

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,  
Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race  
In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we  
Might be saved eternally!
  
- 2 Your great love for this has striven  
That we may, from sin made free,  
Live with You eternally.  
Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call,  
To His supper leads us all.
  
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation  
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,  
In Your Sacraments and Word.  
There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith  
That we fear not hell nor death.

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**DISMISSAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

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## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**