



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 16/17, 2023**

**Prelude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Behnke

**Pastoral Greeting**

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (8AM - Choir Verses 2 and 4)

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Introit (5 PM - Spoken Responsively/8 AM - Sung by the Choir - von Kampen)

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!**

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

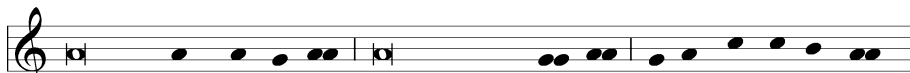
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



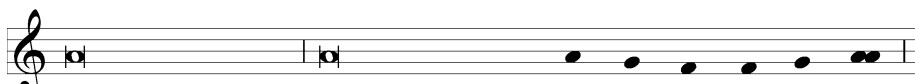
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



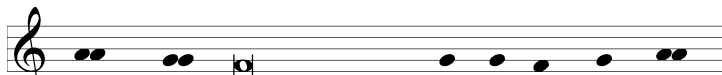
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day: Proper 19 (Year A)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please

forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### 5 PM Gradual (Spoken Together)

**Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

8 AM Chancel Choir                      *LSB 558 - Not unto Us*  
(Hymn of the Month - see page 20)

### Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For

none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'  
<sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'  
<sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'  
<sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day: 501 Come Down, O Love Divine

Sermon

*Stand*

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 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering** Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave, mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

## Offertory



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

- C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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**

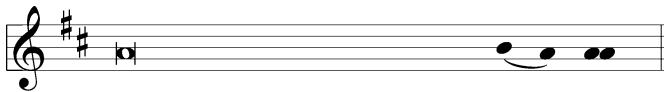
**forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution

8 AM - Distribution Hymn: 843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

8 AM - Distribution Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.





Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

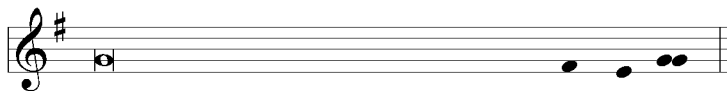
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Postlude

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Chesterton

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**Everyone is welcome** to the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 AM where coffee and donuts are available. Enjoy some fellowship time with our Christian friends.

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Kathy Leising

Praise Team and Instrumentalists (10:45)

Elder – Harvey Rehwalt (5), Joe Stibrich (8) Keith Bowers (10:45)

Ushers – Mike Brown (8), Ivan Weisbrod (10:45)

Greeters – Devonne Domineck, Phyllis Eifler (10:45)

Altar Guild – Kathy Leising, Amy Ludwig

### **This Week**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Praise Team 1:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bell Choir 6 PM Chancel Choir 7 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Faith and Mercy Circles 10 AM LWML EC 1 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	Traditional Worship 5 PM



The altar flowers are given by Brian & Kathy Pelepchan  
in honor of Alissa's birthday

See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at  
[mtolc.org](http://mtolc.org)

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## Hymn of the Month

Beginning again this month, we will be featuring a hymn that may not be as familiar to you as other hymns. Our Chancel Choir will sing the hymn earlier in the month and it will be used as a congregational hymn later in the month.

For September, the hymn is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #558 – *Not unto Us*. Kurt J. Eggert (1923-1993) wrote the text in 1975 for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Eggert served as a pastor and church musician in various colleges and parishes of the WELS and was the project director for the WELS hymnal *Christian Worship*, published in 1993. The title and opening line of stanza 1 are taken directly from Psalm 115:1. The stanza then paraphrases the remainder of the psalm verse, giving the reason why all glory is ascribed to the Lord, ending with the reference to the saving grace of God. Stanza 2 expands on that definition of grace by borrowing the first words of the well-known hymn “Amazing grace” and then defining what that “amazing grace” has done: “chose us”, “sent Your Son to save”, “robed us in [Christ’s] righteousness”, and “taught our lips to sing glory and praise”. God’s grace remains the focus of stanza 3, enlarging on the themes of the previous stanza by focusing on what God has done for us as struggling Christians throughout our lives, remaining faithful to us in Christ our Shepherd when we were faithless, went astray, or became entangled in sin. The final stanza returns to the title theme and echoes the language of praise for God’s grace contained in the last verses of Ephesians 3, “to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.” (verse 21).

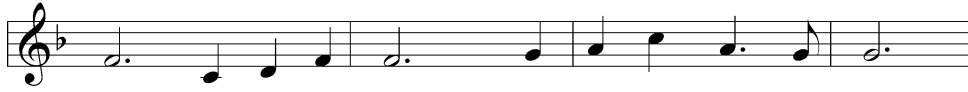
The tune used for this hymn is called NOT UNTO US and was written by Kurt Eggert for this text.

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# 558 Not unto Us



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,  
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were  
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less  
 4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;  
 made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;  
 years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;  
 Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be  
 A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous -  
 Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from  
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
 ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
 You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
 done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

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