

# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

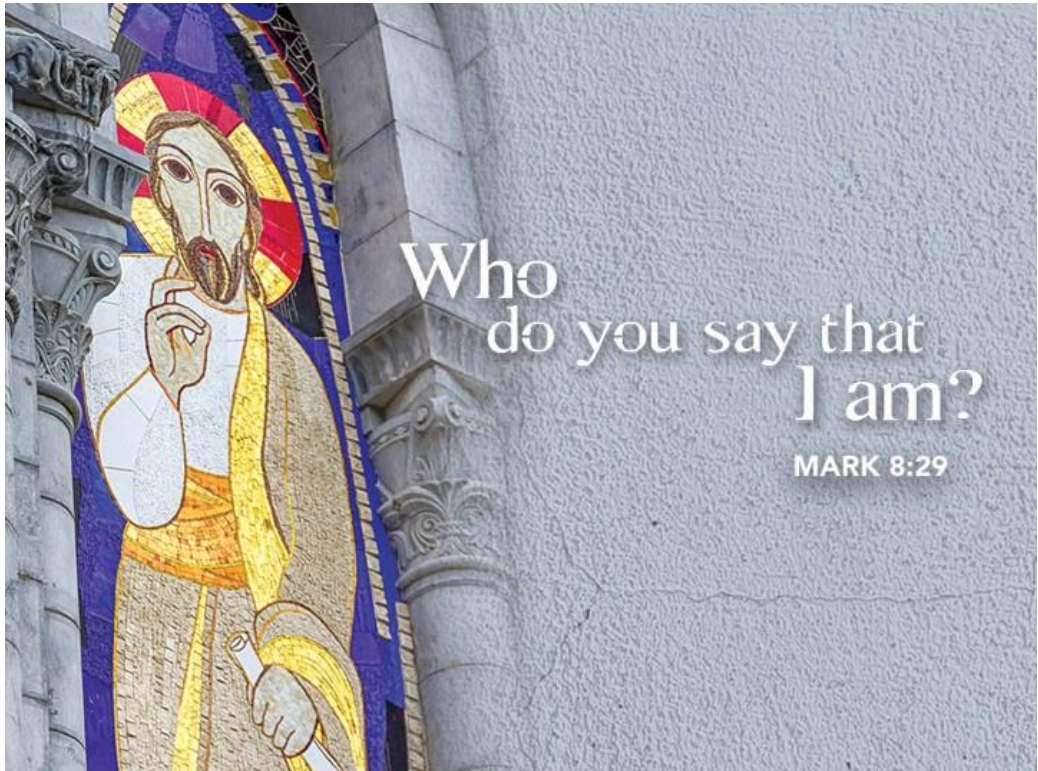


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Service of Holy Communion – WOV Setting 5-Bread of Life

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# GATHERING

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## +Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection.*

P God, our comforter,

C **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.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

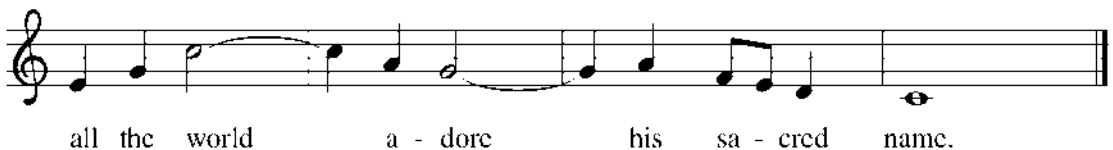
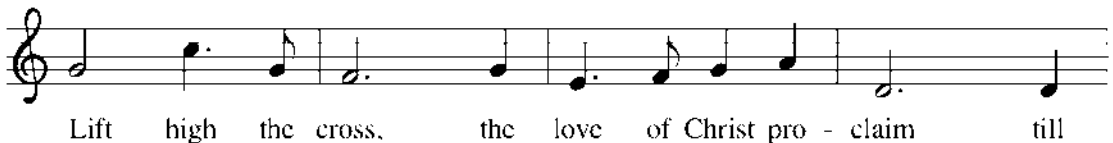
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

## +Gathering Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660





1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God,  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died,  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

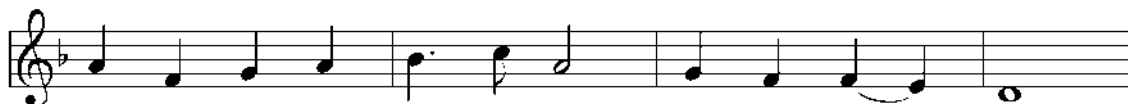
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## +Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## +Kyrie



△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ⊕ Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



△ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      ⊕ Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      ⊕ Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## +Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## +Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Scandalous God, you suffer our will to power, the narrowness of our faith: lead us on the path of loss where empires tremble and terror yields to wisdom's cry and the open hands of love; through Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord.

C **Amen.**

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# WORD

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## First Scripture ♦ Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
**for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me; the  
anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the  
Lord:**

**“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

**The Lord watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved  
me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the Lord has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from  
death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet  
from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

### +Gospel Acclamation



## **+Gospel ♦ Mark 8:27–38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Nic Leither

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

# Hymn of the Day

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"

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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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# BAPTISM OF KARENA, JADE, AND CHRIS GREEN

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*Parents: Chris and Mandy Green, Dawn Green*

## **Presentation**

P God, who is rich in mercy and love...

P Please present the candidate for baptism.

**Sponsor:** *I present Karena, Jade, and Chris Green for baptism.*

P Karena, Jade, and Chris, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

**Candidate:** *I do.*

P Parents, as you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities...

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents:** *We do.*

P Sponsors, do you promise...

**Sponsors:** *I do.*

P People of God, do you promise to support Karena, Jade, and Chris and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C:** *We do.*

## **+Profession of Faith**

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of the children.*

*The assembly may join in the responses.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**All:** *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**All:** *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**All:** *I renounce them.*



P Do you believe in God the Father?  
**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?  
**All I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**All 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.**

### **+Thanksgiving at the Font**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P We give you thanks, O God,...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Baptism**

*The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.*

P Karena/Jade/Chris Green, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*After the baptism, the assembly responds with this acclamation:*

**C** **Karena, Jade, and Chris, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Karena/Jade/Chris Green, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

**AM:** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly for the welcome announcement.*

**P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*The congregation is encouraged to cheer in celebration and welcome of Karena, Jade, and Chris with hooting, clapping, and hollering!*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Assisting Minister:** Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation:** **Hear our prayer.**

## **Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

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# MEAL

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## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## +The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them to the Lord**

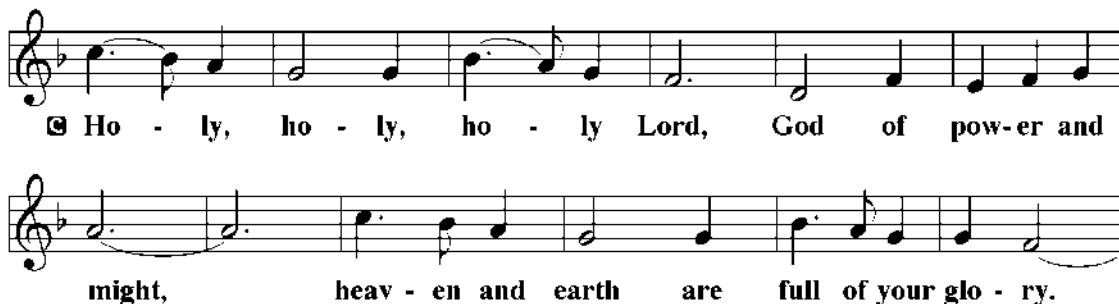
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

## Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

P Eternal God, in the abundance your love...  
...All honor and glory be yours, for ever and ever.  
C Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us:  
**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.

### **Communion**

P Behold who you are.  
Become what you receive.

# Communion Hymn

*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

ELW 523

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



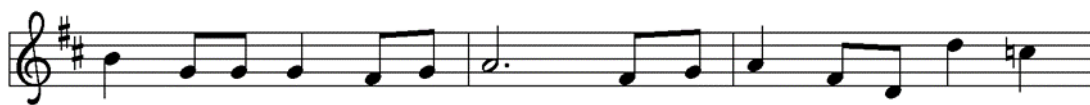
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955. *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
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in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## +Dismissal

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

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*Called by the Holy Spirit. Equipped to serve. Sent to love all!*

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