

“Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.” Mark 9:50

# 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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*Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]*

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

## Prelude

# Joys & Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, 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 is kept 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

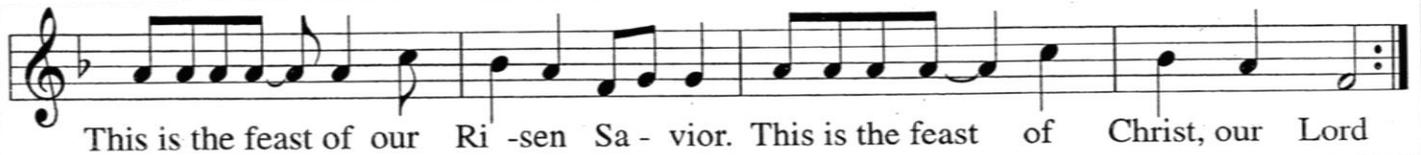
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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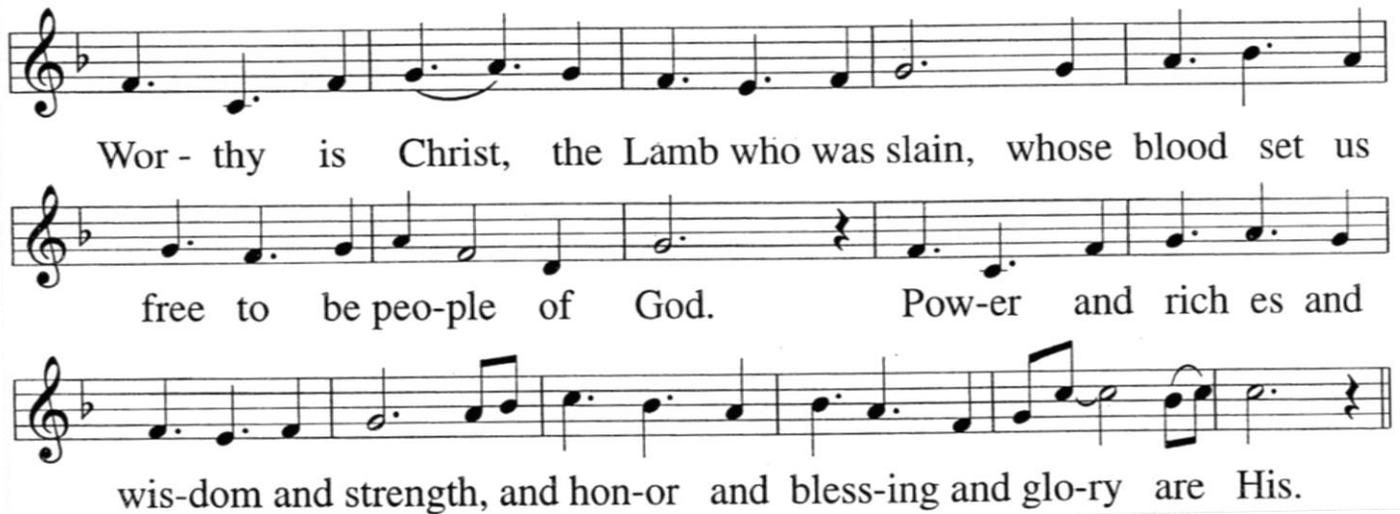
**P.** Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C. And also with you**

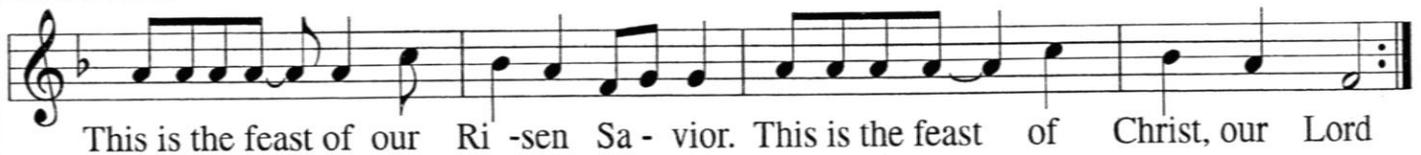
*This is the Feast*



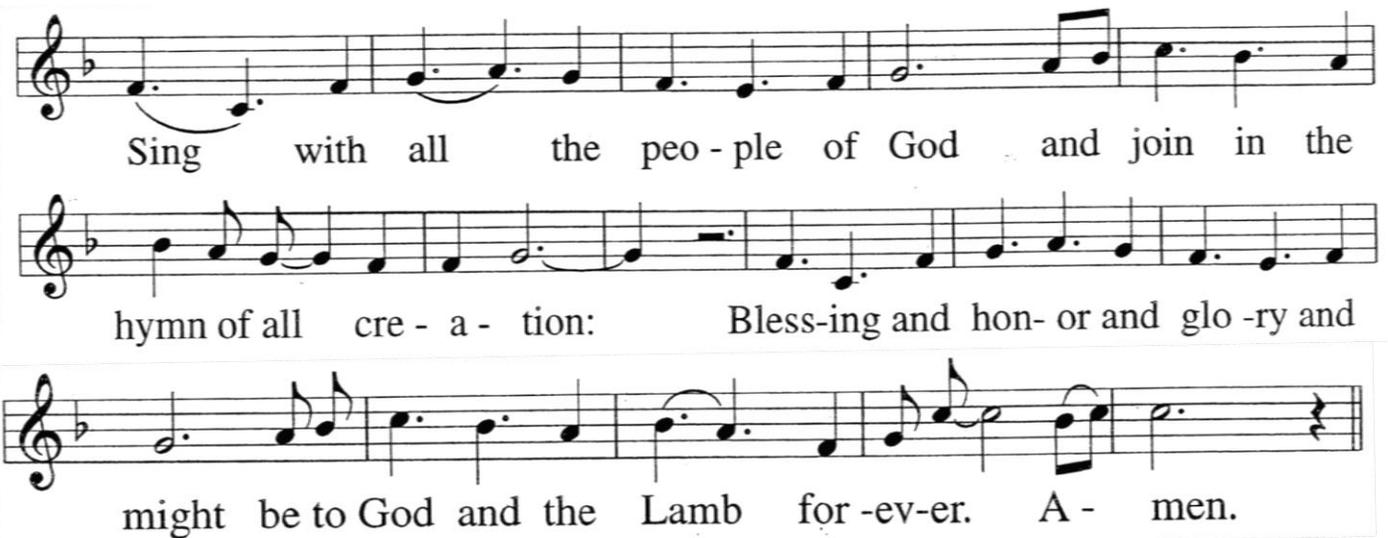
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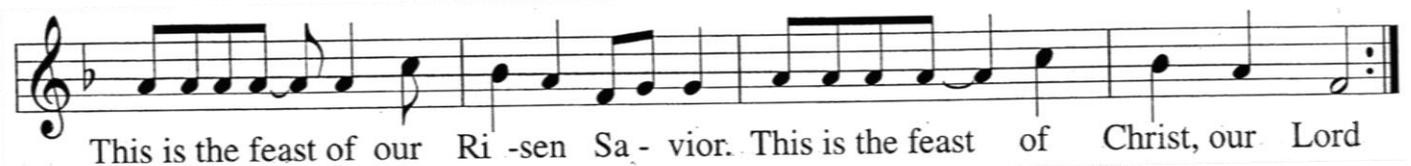
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich es and  
wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



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 our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .

. . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!



For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le



lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



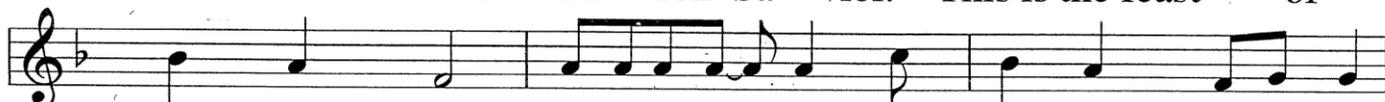
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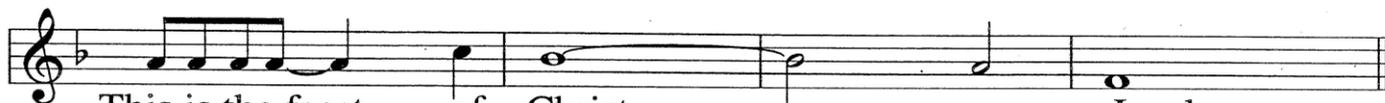
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Christ, our Lord. This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior



This is the feast of Christ our Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

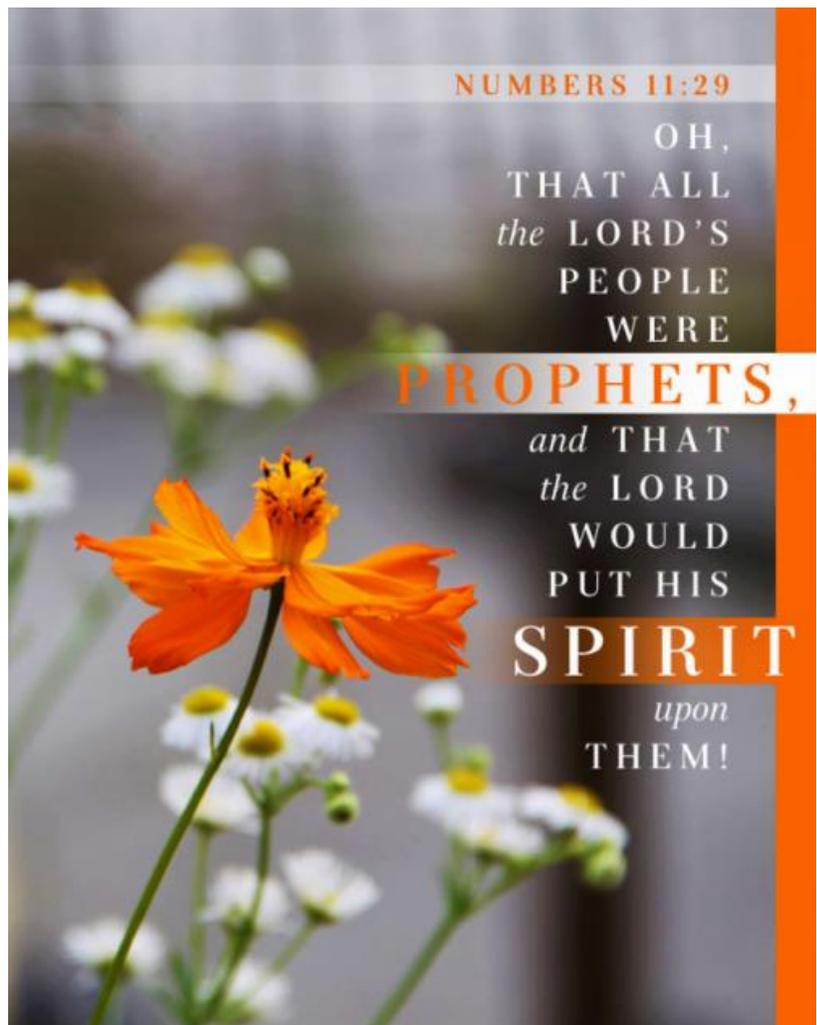
The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And





Second Reading

# James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter Nine.



John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were

thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."



P. The Gospel of the Lord



Sermon

"What We Cut Off"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

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# Apostle's Creed



I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

## Prayers of Intercession

**P.** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship.  
Lord in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## The Peace

**P.** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**



## The Offering

### Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

### Offertory Prayer

- A. 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

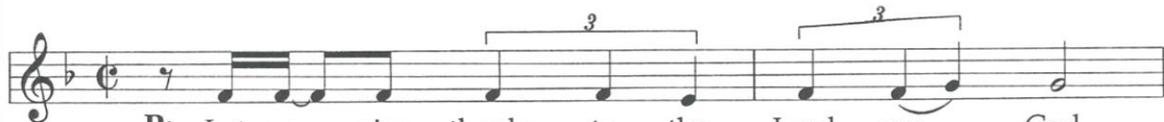
### The Great Thanksgiving



**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al- so with you.



**P:** Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.

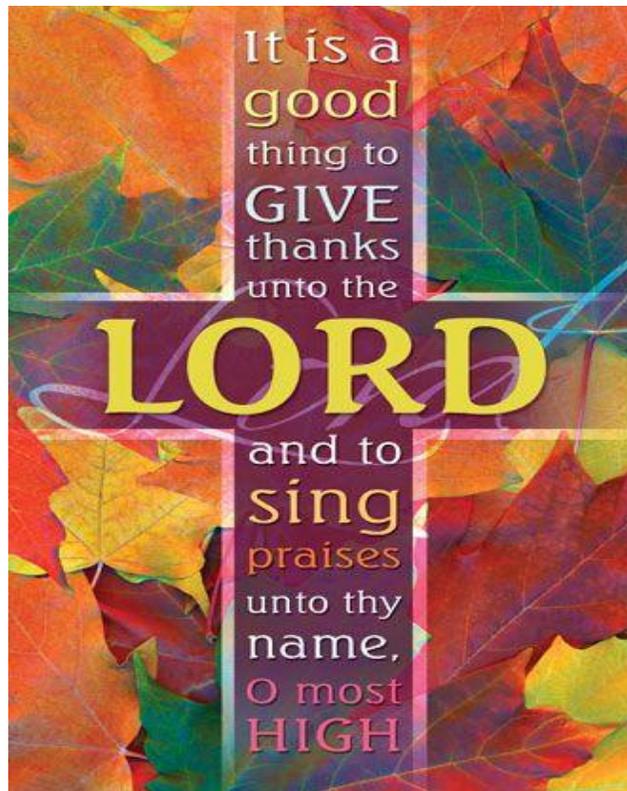


**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

- P.** It is indeed right and salutary ...  
join in their unending hymn:



## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might: heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
*slower* san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless - ed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est

## Words of Institution



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

## Invitation to Communion

P. All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

C. Amen.



## Lamb of God

*slowly*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

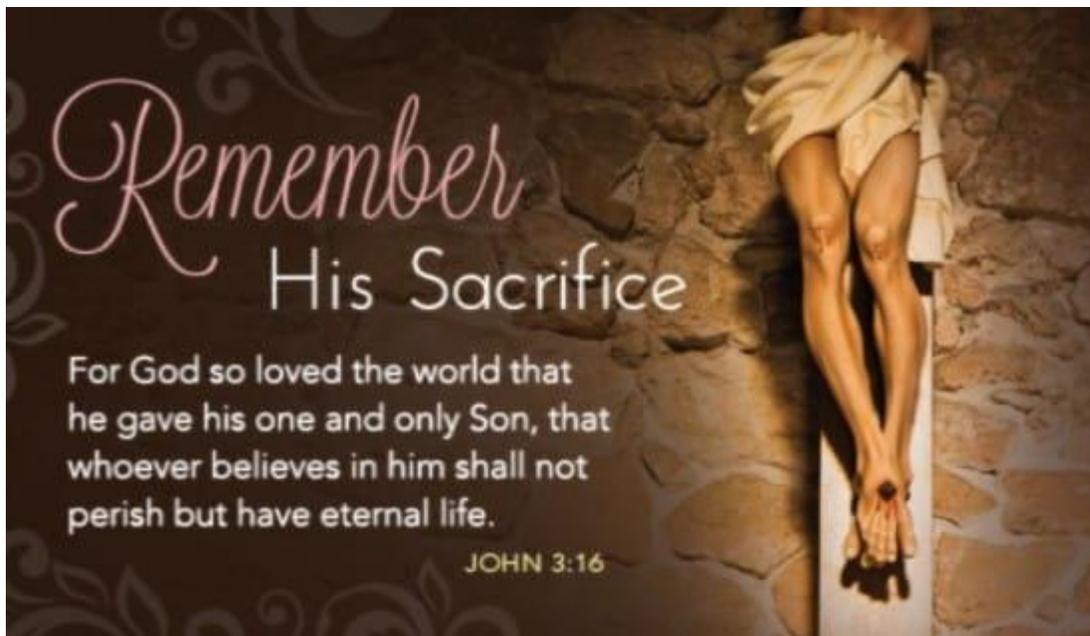
Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deemer of the world, give us your peace.

## Communion Hymns

*Come Down, O Love Divine*  
*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

ELW 804  
ELW 607



## Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and preserve us with His Grace and Peace.

C. Amen

## Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry - one what  
God has done. Let ev'-ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name.  
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peop - ple  
forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al -  
le - lu - ia.

*Al-le-lu-ia!*

## Post Communion Prayer

P. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

# Benedictus

*Presider*  
The Lord bless you and keep you. The

*Congregation*  
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.  
Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
you. The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and  
and be gra-cious to you. The  
give you peace. A - men.  
Lord look up- on you with fa - vor and give you peace. A - men.

## Sending Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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## Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C. Thanks be to God.



## Servers for Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister ..... Julie Bogle  
Reader ..... Julie Bogle  
Altar Guild ..... Helen Holderman  
Greeters/Counters ..... Tess Andrews  
Usher ..... Alecia Harrison  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

**Candles** for the month of September are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in honor of their children's baptisms.



**Flowers** this week are provided by the Flower Fund.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



**Ministry Fair is coming October 24<sup>th</sup> –**

Various committees and groups will host tables in the Fellowship Hall **after the worship service**. Please join us to learn more about Lord of Life's ministries and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with us.



**Camp Agapé Fall Work Day: October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
(Work starts at 8:30 am)

*Calling All Volunteers!*

The fall retreat season is just around the corner and camp needs some tidying up! Enjoy fun and safe fellowship while you do God's Work – and best of all lunch will be prepared by Agapé's fabulous cook, Ms. Ann!

For more information or to register, contact Mir at [AceEd@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:AceEd@agapekurebeach.org) or (919) 552-9421.

**Camp Agapé Dinner Club – October 26** (Meal served 6:30 pm)

Reserve your seats for this special socially distanced re-gathering! October's menu TBD. Contact Kyle today to reserve your seats! (919) 552-9421 or [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

*Reservations requested by October 10<sup>th</sup>*