

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
August 6, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Opening Songs of Praise

\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

\*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 118: 24; 113: 1-3]

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Servants of God, praise; praise the name of the Lord.

**People: We will bless the Lord's name now and always and praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

#396, "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," vs. 1,2, 4

Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent personal confession]*

**All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin this day.**

**Although we claim that Christ is our head and we are his body, often we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**Lord you bless us with so much: the gift of life, forgiveness through Christ, and the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. You bless us with the gifts of time, talents, and tressures. You give us freedom, reason, and imagination.**

**And yet so often, we abuse these good gifts. We take your gifts for granted. We hoard them for ourselves. We don't trust that they will be enough to**

**accomplish your will in this world. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Acts 13: 38; Ephesians 1: 7]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to each of us.

**People: In Christ we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace.**

Leader: Because of the work of Christ we are forgiven; praise God!

## **Hearing God's Word**

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### Hymn of Preparation

#743, "Step by Step"

### Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-14

12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

### Sermon

"The Trickier Bits... Holy catholic Church"

## Responding to God's Word

### Special Music

"What Wondrous Love is This," St. Olaf Choir

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, O my soul!

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

### Celebration of Lord's Supper

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

*[Time of Prayer]*

#### Words of Institution

#### Partaking of the Elements

#### Prayer of Response

**All: Loving God, you have graciously fed us today with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises go forth now to proclaim your glory and truth; may we who have experienced the greatness of your love in this meal seek to build your kingdom in this world. Lord, we thank you this day for uniting us, empowering us, and making us your people through the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

### Offering

Offertory

Offertory Music

#726, "The Summons," vs 1, 2, 5

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2282, "I'll Fly Away," vs. 1

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able