

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2016

## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...**  
**Count the cost of discipleship.**

**DISCIPLE**

NO ONE  
CAN BE  
MY DIS-  
CIPLE  
WHO DOES  
NOT CARRY  
HIS OWN

CROSS *and*  
FOLLOW  
ME. DON'T  
BEGIN  
UNTIL YOU  
COUNT  
THE COST

LUKE 14:27-28

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

223 – As We Begin Another Week



1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'  
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our  
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -  
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less



name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these  
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good  
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief  
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through



sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.  
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.  
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last  
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *Au Hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

## INVOCATION

### Minister

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

### Congregation

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Proverbs 9:8-12

Wisdom knows both the cost of discipleship and the value of God's promised rewards.

PROVERBS 9:8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;  
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

<sup>9</sup> Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;  
teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

<sup>10</sup> "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

<sup>11</sup> For through me your days will be many,  
and years will be added to your life.

<sup>12</sup> If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;  
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

# PSALM

# Psalm 19

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*Refrain*

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*

\*

The heavens declare the glory of God;\*  
the skies proclaim the work | of his hands.

Their voice goes out into | all the earth,\*  
their words to the ends | of the world. *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is | perfect,\*  
giving joy | to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are | radiant,\*  
giving light | to the eyes.

They are more pre | cious than gold;\*  
they are sweeter than | honey.

By them is your | servant taught;\*  
in keeping them there is | great reward. *Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation | of my heart\*  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re | deemer.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON Philemon 1:1, 10-21

Each player in the book of Philemon has an opportunity to bear the cost of discipleship – Paul, the evangelist; Onesimus, the slave; and Philemon, the master.

PHILEMON 1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup> I am sending him--who is my very heart--back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good-- <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back--not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him! (377:1)**



## GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns all those who would come after him to count the cost of discipleship.

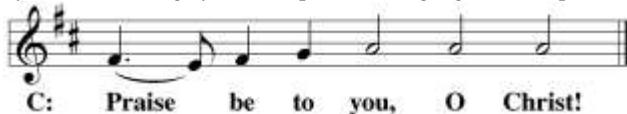
LUKE 14:25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



For which of you,  
intending to build a tower,  
does not first sit down  
and estimate the cost?

L U K E 1 4 : 2 8

HYMN OF THE DAY

464 - Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory



1 Je - sus Christ, my pride and glo - ry, He, the true and  
 2 Let me live to praise you ev - er, Je - sus, now my  
 3 Grant me, Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it That in all I  
 4 From all pain and im - per - fec - tion, Gra - cious Lord, de -



liv - ing light, Strength - ens me with glo - rious might,  
 heart's de - light; You are lead - ing me a - right.  
 fol - low him Lest the light of faith grow dim.  
 liv - er me; Heav - en's glo - ry let me see,



Christ, re - vealed in sa - cred sto - ry, Whom I now as  
 Let me cling to you for - ev - er, All the flesh - ly  
 Let me ev - er trust your mer - it; Let your bless - ing  
 Keep me un - der your di - rec - tion That the grace you



Lord con - fess; Teach - es me true ho - li - ness.  
 lusts de - ny, And the dev - il's hosts de - fy.  
 me at - tend; From all e - vil me de - fend.  
 gave to me I may praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883-1965, alt.  
 Tune: ACH, WAS SOLL ICH SÜNDER MACHEN (877 877) *Schülfer-Behestigung . . . Hirthen-Lieder*, Altdorf,  
 1653, alt.

**SERMON**

Luke 14:25-33

**Full Disclosure Christianity**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.



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

**M** Lift up your hearts.



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

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



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

**M** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

452 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his  
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in  
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -  
 Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me,  
 on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
 gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
 thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,

Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 There, oh, share thy joy with me.  
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.  
 Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**Carry the cross  and follow me.**  
Luke 14:27, NRSV

# CLOSING HYMN

75 - Father, Let Me Dedicate



1 Fa - ther, let me ded - i - cate All this year to you,  
2 Can a child pre - sume to choose Where or how to live?  
3 If in mer - cy you pro - long Joys that now are mine,  
4 If you have for me a cross And its shad - ow come,



In what - e'er my earth - ly state, In what - e'er I do,  
Can a fa - ther's love re - fuse All the best to give?  
If on life se - rene and fair Bright - er rays may shine,  
Turn - ing all my gain to loss, Shroud - ing heart and home,



Not from sor - row, pain, or care Free - dom dare I claim;  
More you give me ev - 'ry day Than the best can claim;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings, You in all pro - claim  
Let me think how your dear Son To his glo - ry came



This a - lone shall be my prayer: Glo - ri - fy your name.  
Help me trust you that I may Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And, what - e'er the fu - ture brings, Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And in deep - est woe pray on: "Glo - ri - fy your name."

Text: Lawrence Tuttle, 1825-97, alt.

Tune: GLORIFICATION (75 75 D) Johann H. Tschertitzky, 19th century, adapt.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*



ANYONE  
WHO  
DOES  
NOT

CARRY HIS  
CROSS &  
FOLLOW ME  
CANNOT BE  
MY DISCIPLE.

LUKE 14:27