

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 543 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3

Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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Welcome to Worship



16th Sunday after Pentecost

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United We Live God’s Will

Prelude

Announcements

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray,

C: Amen

L: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie Pages 147-148

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

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

Hymn of Praise Pages 149-150

Assisting minister

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

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21 – Page 42

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12 – Pages 923-924

Gospel Acclamation Page 151

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

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

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 – Page 800

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 801 (Sat.) “Change My Heart, O God”

Hymn No. 595 (Sun.) “Jesus Loves Me!”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 608 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Apostles’ Creed Page 217

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