

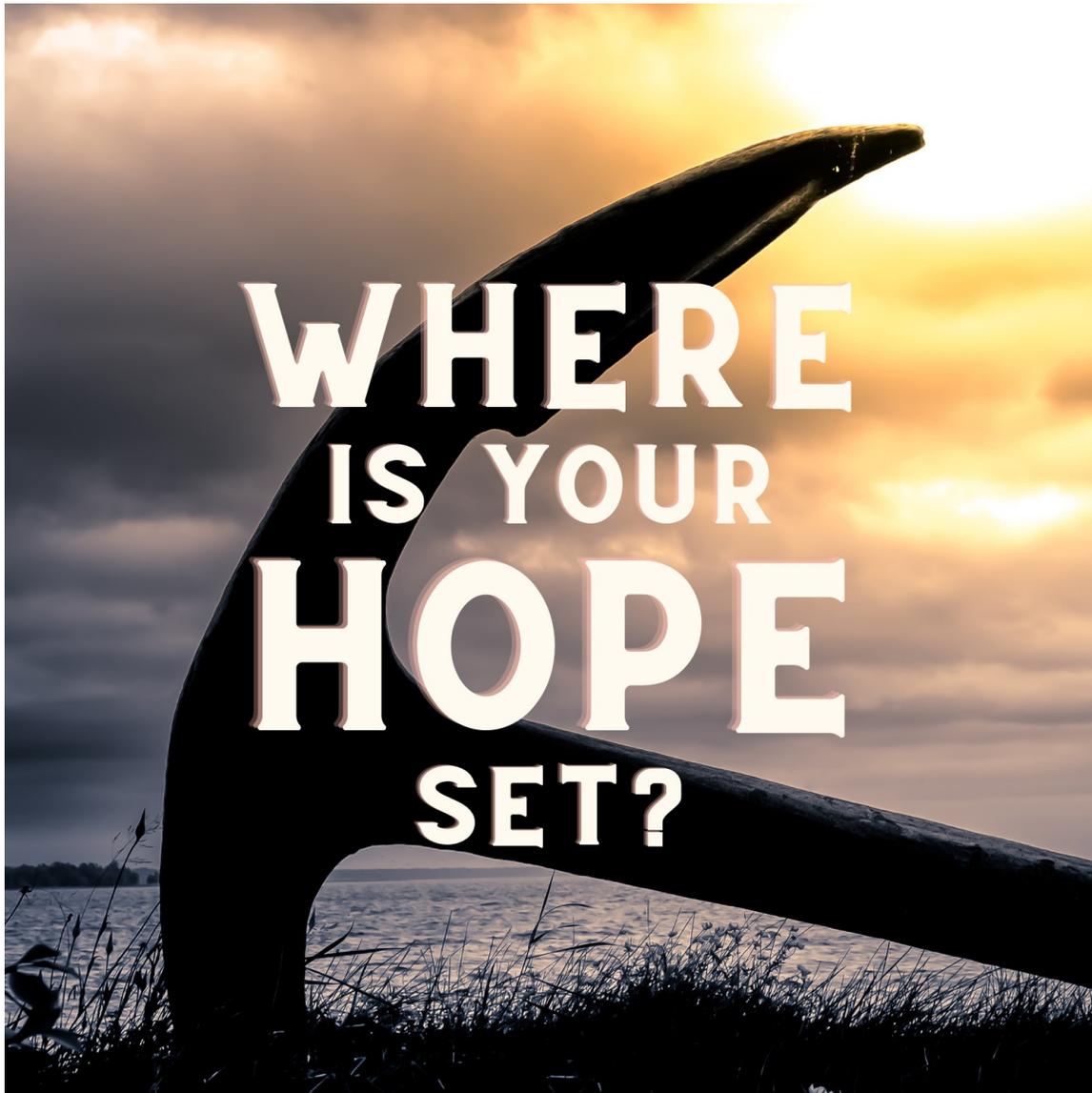
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# Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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# Order of Worship

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*Music for the Divine Service III liturgy is not in the blue hymnal.  
If you would like music for the liturgy, please see an usher.*

## Welcome and Invitation to Worship

### Opening Hymn

#### *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

LW #203

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
On You the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On You at earth's creation the light first had its birth;  
On You for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth:  
On You our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
And thus on You, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
Where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest,  
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The Church its voice upraises to You, blest Three in One.

## The Invocation and Confession

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** Psalm 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## The Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

20:19-23

John

**C: Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**  page 2

(Glory Be)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Kyrie**  page 2

(Kyrie Eleison: Lord have Mercy)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**  page 3 - 5

(Gloria in Excelsis Deo: Glory to God in the Highest)

**P: Glory be to God on high:**

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Salutation and Collect**  page 5

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**P: Let us pray.**

**C: Gracious God, You tell us in Your Word that You will provide all that we need. We experience this truth as we stop to look back and see You at work in our lives. Help us to confidently place our hope in You alone as we step forward in faith. We come to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**The First Reading**

***Amos 6:1-7***

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!

<sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

<sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?

<sup>4</sup>“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
7 Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## The Second Reading

## *1 Timothy 6:6-16*

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Alleluia  page 6

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel  page 6

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

19 “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ 27 And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ 29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for \*us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(\* "us men" means "all people")

## Children's Message

Eric Oswald, DCE

## The Hymn of the Day

### *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

LW #420

If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in Him,  
You'll find Him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in His care and keeping, in sorrow will He love you less?  
For He who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

In patient trust await His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure and all-discerning love have sent;  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known to Him who chose you for His own.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully,  
And trust His word, though undeserving, you'll find His promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.

## The Sermon

### *Where is Your Hope Set?* (1 Timothy 6:6-16)

Pastor Jeff Shearier

## The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

*Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.*

*Please take a moment and join our members in signing the friendship register.*

## The Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

## Closing Hymn

### *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

LW #221 v1,2,4

Savior, again to Your dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless You ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Your word of peace.

Grant us Your peace upon our homeward way;  
With You began, with You shall end the day;  
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Your name.

Grant us Your peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Your eternal peace.

## Announcements

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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