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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary

"Fantasia E Flat"

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn

"Aurelia"

Hymn 525

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,

their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear
 and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
 and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true
 and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the comb.

- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn

"Sumner"

Hymn 654

1 Day by day, dear Lord,
of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Rev. Ron Johnson

The Nicene Creed

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin

Mary,
and was made man.
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.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Crystal, the Search
Committee, Kelly, the Vestry, Geneva, Jessie, William and Wanda.

Silence.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

The Spacious Firmament

Franz Joseph Haydn

The Doxology:

"Hymn 380 v. 3"

Old 100th

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you
have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to
show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we
praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this
hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior	As our Savior Christ
Christ has taught us,	has taught us,
we are bold to say,	we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

Communion Chant *Let them deny themselves and follow me* Matthew 16, Psalm 34

Communion Music: "Adoro devote" Hymn 314

1 Humbly, I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these
shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is
bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within
the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern
thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces
through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath
told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth
I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own
death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures
breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never failing
give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith
behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word
foretold;
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall
see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of
thee.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as
living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

"Austria"

Hymn 522

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests. his solemn praises
each for a than offering brings.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary *Lord Christ, the Only Son of God* Johann Gottfried Walther

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wisenburg
By Cindy Hollingsworth*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of My Parents
Dr. and Mrs. Roger Wall
By Linda Isley*

We remember in our prayers our Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Mark Bourlakas. Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity Moneta. Pray for the people of Trinity Moneta and their rector The Rev. Philip Bouknight. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

***The vestry, with advice from medical professionals and urging of the Bishop, has voted to make masks mandatory for all indoor activities at the church and parish house for the foreseeable future.

Following is a statement from the Bishop:

In this moment, care for our neighbors involves limiting the spread of this new variant of the Covid virus to others, especially to those that are most vulnerable. While many of us may be vaccinated and at little risk, wearing masks when we are inside for worship and other gatherings is one way that we show our concern and love for our children, those whose health is fragile, and to those who are not yet vaccinated.

September Events

- Sunday services have moved back to 10:30 am.
- Wine will be a part of communion starting September 12th. Thanks to the Altar Guild for their leadership in making this happen. Rev. Ron Johnson will be presiding at the September 12th service
- Adult Sunday School will start on September 12th in the Parish House at 9:30 am. The Book of Acts will be our subject.
- The opening of the nursery is on hold at this time.
- Father Nick plans to be back on September 19th for communion and to say good-bye in person. We also hope to dedicate the renovations to the undercroft and chapel. We will finalize the details of the dedication as we get closer to the date.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for September: Sugar (4 lb. bag) For the month of September: Dish detergent, deodorant and laundry detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

The Parables: Stories with Intent

A SERIES PRESENTED BY

Br. Peter Budde BSG, MDIV, MA

Beginning Monday, September 20th to November 14th

6:30 to 7:00 PM Fellowship

7:00 to 8:00 Class

at the Parish House

Please bring your preferred Bible

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for The Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Reservations with prompt payment are now being taken. **ALL money for a reservation needs to be paid by November 1st. No money will be accepted at the door.** The cost is \$40 per person for this all-inclusive party. Reservations are being taken on our website under volunteers.

We will have BAKED GOODS for SALE that evening. Please volunteer to bring your favorite dishes, treats and sweets! Please let Debbie Lewis or Nancy Spilman know the descriptions and quantities that you are planning to provide.

A 50/50 raffle tickets are available NOW from Vestry members and the church office. The cost is \$10 per ticket or \$100 per book, with maximum winnings of \$2,500.



Thoughts for September

The real art of conversation
is not only to say the right thing
at the right time,
but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing
at the tempting moment.

“Thank you God,
for holding me together,
when it feels as if
I am falling apart.”

(Christ Episcopal Pulaski Newsletter)

Thank you to those who serve:

Officiant: Rev. Ron Johnson
Lector/prayers: Elizabeth Treadwell
Chalist: John Swezey
Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn H. Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
Camera Director: Natalie Coleman
Ushers: Hank Long
Altar Guild: Team Three – Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Liz Wolchko,
Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Kaye Woodz

Vestry for 2021

Lloyd Barber, Treasurer

Year 3: Dan Cahill, Junior Warden; Natalie Coleman;

Debbie Lewis; Ron Probst

Year 2: Carolyn Byrd, Secretary; Chris Canipe;

Beverley Coleman; Ellen Maxwell

Year 1: Hank Long, Senior Warden;

Ruby Stultz; Rebin Titus; Pat Walmsley