

16th Sunday
After Pentecost
September 12, 2021



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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

God's Work Our Hands

David Cherwien

During the prelude, we silently and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Stand

HYMN #660

Lift High the Cross

See page 9 ~ Turn to face the processional cross

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible Page 594

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Pew Bible Page 981

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible Page 820

Before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #798

Will You Come and Follow Me

See page 10

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Hear our steadfast prayers this day for. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with the peace sign or wave their hands to others saying "peace be with you" or similar words.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, we give you fullest thanks and praise for heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**You may use the individual cup set you received, opening the bread section first!*

**You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #1000 (All Creation Sings hymnal)

God's Work Our Hands

See page 11 ~ Turn to face the processional cross

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God's Work Our Hands

Michael Burkhardt

Please walk to the sides of the sanctuary to exit the building.

Enjoy a time of fellowship outside in the parking lot.

Serving Today:

Presider: Pastor David Skole

Preacher: Pastor Cindy Keyser

Greeters: Carol & Jim McCarthy

Usher: Susan Tirico

Reader: Beth Powell

Flower Delivery: Alice Spoerl

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We Bid You Welcome to our church, its work and worship, its instruction and service, its comfort and blessings. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask and Usher or Greeter. So that we may better serve you, please fill in the information/attendance sheet located in the booklet at the end of your pew.

Visitors, please stop by the welcome table for information and a gift bag.

The Altar Flowers: Given in honor of Marlene Willis by John & Martha Crute. Please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside Pastor Dave's office. All Altar Flowers are given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Devotionals: for the 3rd Quarter 2021 are available in the Narthex.

Nursery: Due to continuing concerns about the spread of Covid-19, the nursery is temporarily closed.

Worship Kits: These are age appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school age children and the dark brown kits are for early elementary.

Children's Bulletins: Activity bulletins based on today's readings can be found to the left of the guest book in the narthex.

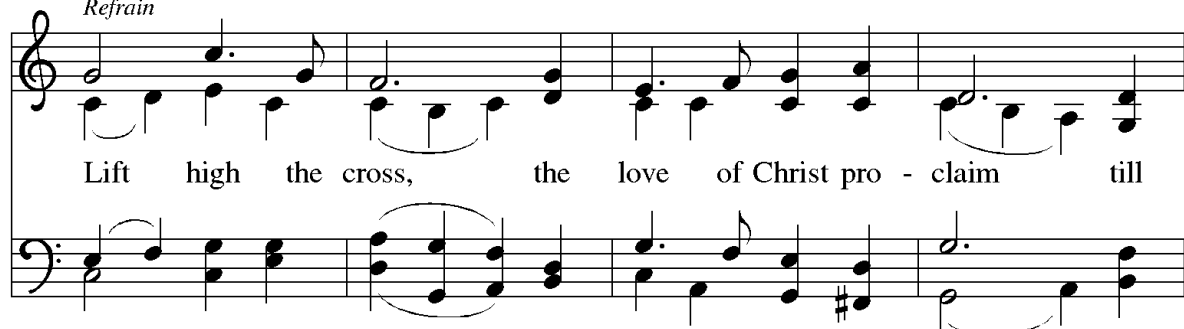
Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our In-Person Worship survey! The Worship & Music Committee met on September 1 to review the results. Due to continuing concerns about the spread of Covid-19, we have decided to keep the current worship schedule (9am Drive-In & Livestream / 10:30am Sanctuary with masks) for the time being while we consider plans for the future. More information will be forthcoming via mail and email.

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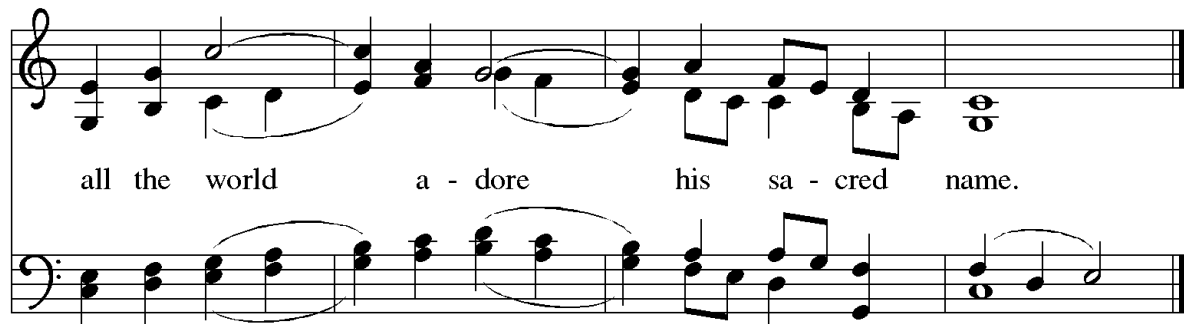
Ministers	All the People of Christ Church
Senior Pastor	The Rev. K. David Skole
Pastor	The Rev. Cynthia Keyser
Secretary	Fiona Schulz
Organist/Director of Music	Nancy Delaney
Music Minister	Kim Mucha
Director, Noah's Landing Preschool	Diana Pilat
Companion Congregation	Buvissi LC, Papua, New Guinea

Lift High the Cross

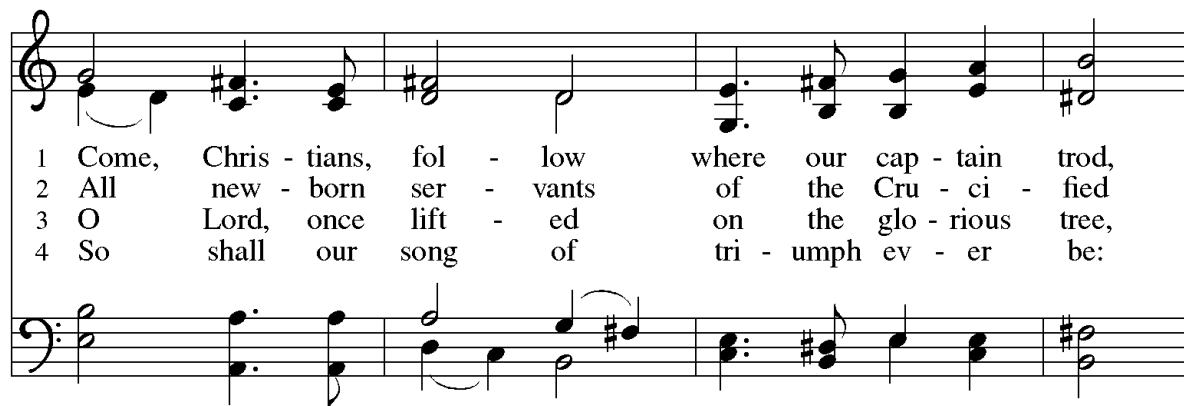
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

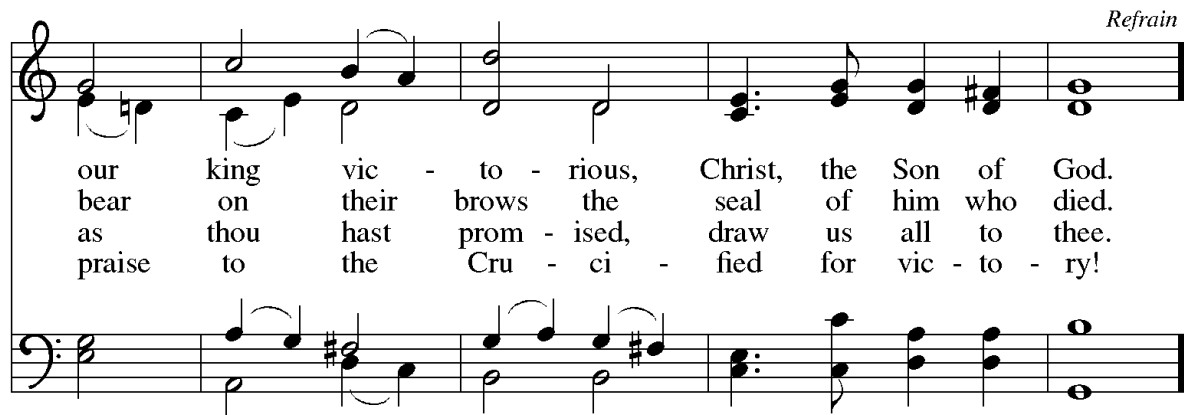


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



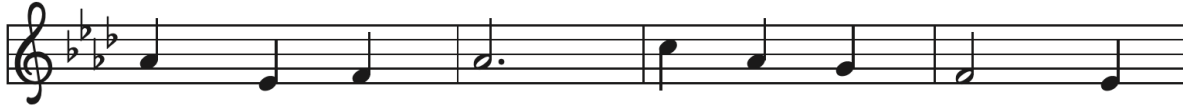
name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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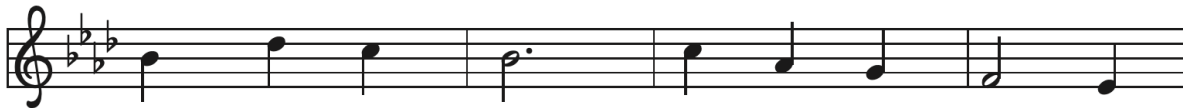
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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