

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. July 24, 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Let us prepare for worship by praying,
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

THE GATHERING

*The Call to Worship (From Psalm 57:8-11)

Leader: Awaken my soul! Awake O harp and lyre!

People: We will waken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples;

People: We will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

People: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, Holy Majesty, above the heavens!

People: Let your glory be over all the earth!

*The Hymn No. 399

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***The Prayer of Confession**

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectations of us. We realize that our constant striving after the lures of the world has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needy and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolences become self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the Gospel. Help us, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: Everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All of this is from God, who has reconciled to us through Christ Jesus, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. In the name of Jesus you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Friends, how then shall we live in the fullness of this freedom?

People: Our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the life God calls us to live!

THE WORD

The Children’s Time

*The Hymn 333 (insert)

“Seek Ye First”

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

“Knock! Knock!”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

The Choral Response

*The Affirmation of Faith: From the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 116 Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

Because it is the chief part of gratitude which God requires of us, and because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who sincerely beseech him in prayer without ceasing, and who thank him for these gifts.

Q. 117 What is contained in a prayer which pleases God and is heard by God?

First, that we sincerely call upon the one true God, who has revealed himself to us in his Word, for all that he has commanded us to ask of him. Then, that we thoroughly acknowledge our need and evil condition so that we may humble ourselves in the presence of his majesty. Third, that we rest assured that, in spite of our unworthiness, he will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in this Word.

Q. 118 What has God commanded us to ask him?

All things necessary for soul and body which Christ the Lord has included in the prayer which he himself taught us.

*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn No. 385 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.