

**ST. PETERS – WORSHIP SCRIPT
FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY
+ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR MODIFIED, 203-212 LSB +
September 12, 2021 10:45 AM**

PRELUDE “Symphonic Prelude” Johannes Brahms *Based on themes from
‘Symphony No.1’ Arr. By Lee Rogers*

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB #803

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!. A-men.**

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise,
let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that
we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from
our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of
God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
C: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority as if the Lord Jesus were standing before you and speaking these words, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM (116:1-9) OF THE DAY *(The Lord is gracious and righteous)*

P: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

C: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"

P: The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

C: For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing, page 204) (Glory to God in the Highest)*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high-**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "A-men" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, your Son our Lord Jesus has won for us forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we hold fast to the hope that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Please be seated)

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM "Fairest Jesus, Precious Savior"

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

**Lord You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!
For nothing I desire compares with You.**

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OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:26-27 & 31, 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Creation and the fall into sin.)

1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree

in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

R: This is the Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(Stand and Sing)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **John 3:14-17** *(The Good News of salvation through faith in Christ)*

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
*(Please be seated)***

HYMN “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” LSB #740

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

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CHILDREN’S TALK

HYMN “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB #571

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive**

**God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.**

**If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith. Amen.**
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SERMON “God’s Very Good News” John 3:16
(Sermon outline on the back of today’s bulletin announcements)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING (As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)

OFFERING MUSIC “Unto Thee Do We Give Thanks” James Denton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” LSB #832

**Jesus shall reign where-e’er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev’ry mourning sacrifice.**

**Let ev’ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen. Amen**
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POSTLUDE “Andante Maestoso” Arcangelo Corelli 1653-1713
Arr. By Benton Price

HAVE A JOYFUL LORD’S DAY OF SERVICE AND PRAISE!