

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

**LBW #527 “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(vs. 1, 3, 5, 7)**

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Pew Bible pg. 749

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

L: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

L: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

C: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

L: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-18

Pew Bible pg. 1267

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON/INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

SERMON

Rev. James T. Lehmann, STS

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #474 "Children of the Heavenly Father"
(Please rise as you are able)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) **Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) **Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) **Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #559 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*"Isaiah declares: "Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God'" (35:4, NRSV).
May we sense your nearness, Lord, so our anxieties may be stilled."*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tyler Edwards

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs	Rich Friemel	Debbi Dietz
Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt
Jennifer Birkey	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby
Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson	

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Ruth Lutz
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis	Genet Dixon	

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Lloyd Schluter, Terri Kirby

Joshua James, Aubrie Albers

Lois Madden, Jeannette Arbuckle

Judy Peck, Sondra Sipes

Sean O'Donnell

Monica Carico

Midge Seim

Shirley Friemel, Stan Wolken, Marvin Ideus

WELCOME TO WORSHIP A chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Scott, Tina & Joshua James* in memory of Tina's mom, Iverne Johnson's, birthday on September 13th.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASS invites you to join them for a study on Revelation starting today in the Bible study room directly after the church service. Hope to see you there. Blessings.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY led by Dennis Albers meets at 6:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening and is open to anyone that would like to attend. At this time, they will be meeting in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room. Please consider attending this study!

CONFIRMATION will begin at 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday, September 11th.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & MEAL will not be held this week. They will resume meeting next Wednesday, September 18th. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service at 6:30 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the fourth quarter (October-December) will be available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office this Friday, September 13th.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held next Sunday, September 15th, immediately following the worship service for any child wanting to become an acolyte.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING DELAYED Due to the flooring project, the Children's Sunday School year will not start until Sunday, October 6th.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY I would like to invite the women of our church to join me in an 8-Session Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild, entitled Amos, An Invitation to the Good Life. "As we read Amos together, we're going to turn each condemnation into an invitation. Amos is full of invitations to seek God and live. It's full of invitations to feel assured by God, live humbly and justly for Him, and receive hope of renewal and restoration. 'So don't let the bad news or sad outcomes keep you from reading. 'If hope is the narrator, then the book will end OK.'" Starting Wednesday, September 25th, we will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study Room and accept Jennifer's invitation to Amos. Please contact Deanne Rosenbeck by this Monday, September 9th, so that your study book of Amos can be ordered. The cost will be \$22. You can call the church office, text Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 or by email at [dwattjes@hotmail.com](mailto:d wattjes@hotmail.com) to register for this class.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

September 15th – Neal White

September 22nd – Pr. Phil Gronbach (Comm.)

September 29th – Neal White

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 123

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART is located just outside the Narthex to sign-up to sponsor the WPXN radio broadcast or to provide flowers.

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS We are again partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5th Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, September 9

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. NO Prayer Service

Thursday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Acolyte Training

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024 – September 14, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, Father in Heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we who glory in his death for our salvation may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	1 Kings 12:1-33	Psalm 110	John 15:12-27
Monday	1 Kings 13:1-34	Psalm 111	John 16:1-11
Tuesday	1 Kings 14:1-31	Psalm 112	John 16:12-24
Wednesday	1 Kings 15:1-34	Psalm 113	John 16:25-33
Thursday	1 Kings 16:1-34	Psalm 114	John 17:1-19
Friday	1 Kings 17:1-24	Psalm 115	John 17:20-26
Saturday	1 Kings 18:1-46	Psalm 116	John 18:1-11

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen