THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament, Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions

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OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(LSB 549)

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- **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.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

₩ORD

INTROIT Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; (Ps. 28:8)

- P The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
- P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift us my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
- **C** Blessed be the LORD!

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

- The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 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.
- P The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

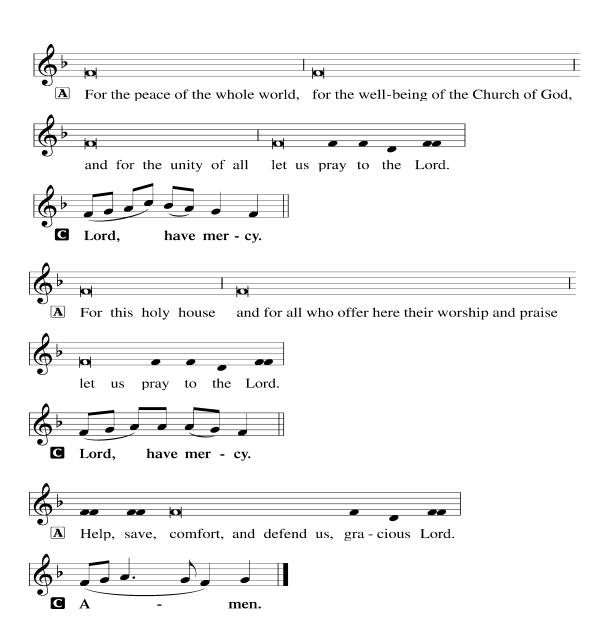
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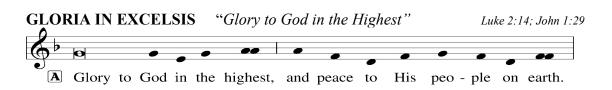


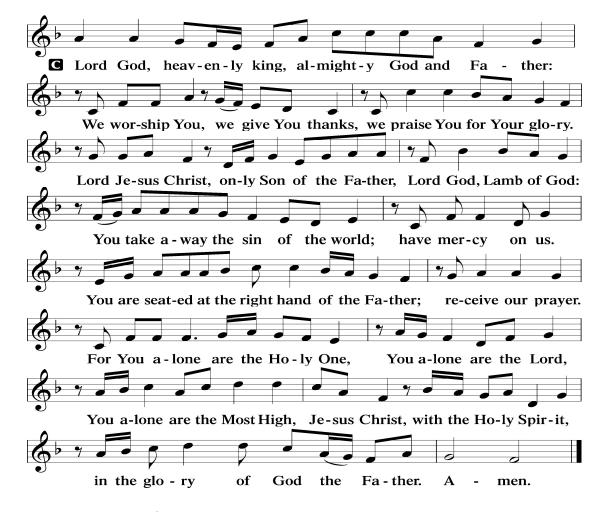


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.









SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 35:4–7a* (God will come; His people will be saved.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" (Tomlin & Giglio)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE Romans 7:14-25 (The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

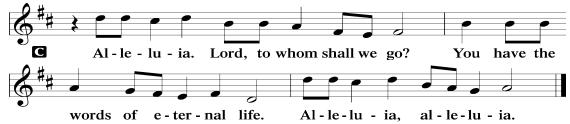
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and **VERSE**



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37 (Jesus exorcises a demon and heals a blind man.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686)

SERMON "I Don't Do Good" (Romans 7:14-25)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

11:00 Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit open our deaf ears to hear Your Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how Your Son has done all things well. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious God, You have commanded Your Church to take the Word of life to the ends of the earth. Strengthen and support all who travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission. Give them wisdom and courage as they tell others about Christ. Bless their hearers with hearts that are receptive to Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, we place our hope in You and ask Your blessing on

 and all rulers, that their plans would be ordered for the welfare of those they govern and that You would execute Your justice for the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, graciously behold the sick and those in any need [especially]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, give us a humble and urgent faith that would beg even for crumbs from Your Son's table, that as Your children we may receive the fullness of the feast He gives in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, create and sustain in us a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and lead us by Your Spirit to be active in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C 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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT → 11:00 am service

PREFACE

- **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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

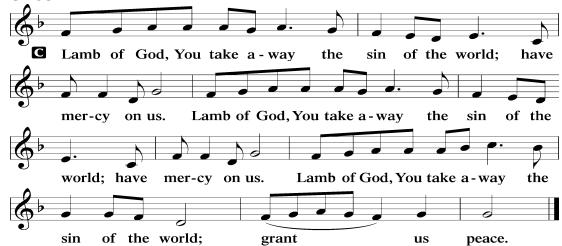
WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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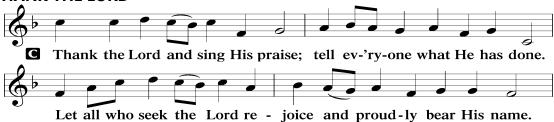
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" (LSB 570)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LSB 711)

(Please stand)







POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(LSB 649)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Since the fall and expulsion from Eden, the ramifications of sin have been quite evident. People do not have to be worse sinners than anyone else to become blind, deaf, lame, or mute. They need not sin more than other people to find themselves unfairly treated in court. How can those problems be reversed? It takes God's power. The Gospel tells of how Jesus cast out demons and healed the deaf. He seeks to make such great

reversals today! Through the letter to James, we, God's faith-filled people, are encouraged to treat our neighbors as ourselves and do more than give them lip service. But the inability of the disciples to exorcize a demon is a startling reminder that all things are possible only for God, to whom we must entrust all our problems.

A woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. . . . "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Mark 7:25, 28

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Aug. 28, Att. 56; Offering \$650.00; **Sun., Sept. 1, Att. 314**; General Fund \$11,832.11; Sunday School \$5.00; Building Fund \$230.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bible Studies \$30.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Mexico Mission \$1,982.00; Endowment Fund (Future) \$10.00; Dakotamart \$600.00 (Preschool \$300.00, Daycare \$300.00).

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center

support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Grief Support Group Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one at a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! Community Bible Church on North Harrison Ave. Starts today, September 8, 2024 2:00-4:00pm, 13 week session. Contact Char Russell, Carol Gengler, Scott Granville, Nancy Thomsen, or Marc Scarborough, for more information. Find more information at griefshare.org.

Bible Studies Our Bible studies start **today**. Our Luke Unit 3 study will begin on Rally Day, Sept. 8 at 9:45am. Marv Schweigert's study on 1 & 2 Peter will begin on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm. Reading the Psalms-Monday, Sept. 9 at 6PM.



Men's Club Our Men's Club will be getting together tomorrow, September 9th at 7PM (one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday). We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition! Bring a snack to share, beverage will be provided. Always a great time of fellowship!

CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER Motor Coach Tour Dates: October 20-25, 2024 You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via Faith Motor Coach. Tentative Itinerary: Day 1-2: Travel to Kentucky, Day 3: Tour Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY, Day 4:



Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY, **Day 5-6:** Travel to Pierre, SD. Bus travel cost per person \$200. Deposit required. Museum and Ark tickets will be reserved and reimbursed. We would also like to reserve a block of rooms by Aug. 31. Room costs will vary based on occupants and meals paid individually. **Please sign up as soon as possible.** See www.faithluth.com/arktrip/ for details.

NEEDED: Gift items for the popular gift baskets that will be sold again at this year's Country Fair. Please label "For Gift Baskets" and leave in the big coat closet

in the Narthex by September 30th.

- Cute notepads
- Kitchen items such as dish towels, dish cloths, potholders, measuring cups & spoons, ladles & wooden spoons
- Cups & mugs
- Hand soaps, lotions & candles that will fit in a gift basket
- Playing cards
- Assorted candy (wrapped), jerky, packages of trail mix, individual packets of coffee, hot cocoa & tea, South Dakota popcorn items
- Small kids' items that will fit in a basket
- Golf balls, tees, & golf towels
- Other small gift items that will fit in a basket

Thanks!

Higher Things Conference 2025 The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. The closest *All Things New* conference will be July 8-11, 2025 at Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe...one day. But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come...like it's been made for someone other than you. Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory...the victory that makes *All Things New*.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Families Come First" A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father.

10:30 AM - Rev. Richard Milbrandt, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Ocheyedan, IA, presents a message titled "Jesus Does All Things Well." This sermon is based on Mark 7:31-37. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



September 8th Rally Day

Sunday School begins **today** from 9:45-10:45AM. This class time is focused on sharing God's story with the students. They will learn about the various people involved in this story, men and women from the Old and New Testament.

We also invite students in 2nd grade through 8th grade to **Midweek/Catechism** classes. Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 6:00-6:45PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in His Word.

Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and His Word. Students are encouraged to attend *both* classes.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 8 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Communion

Mon: Sept. 9

1:30 pm Maryhouse Chapel

7:00 pm Men's Club

7:00 pm LWML **Tues: Sept. 10**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management

7:00 pm Berea Circle

Wed: Sept. 11

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism 7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF **Thurs: Sept. 12**8:00 am Staff Devotions
11:30 am Ministerium
1:30 pm Lincoln Apts Chapel
5-8 pm MOPS
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sun: Sept. 15 8:30 am Communion 9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow 3:00 pm Board of Education