

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power



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# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 8, 2024

#### **DIVINE SERVICE II**

**OPENING HYMN** (tune of CW 221)

Word of God, Come Down to Earth

- 1. Word of God, come down to earth, Living rain from heav'n descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
- 2. Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation, Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, your love outpouring.
- 3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,
  Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
  Deaf we are: our healer be;
  Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
  Be our Word in pity spoken,
  Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4. Word that speaks your Father's love, One with him beyond all telling, Word that send us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

#### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

**Kyrie** 

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

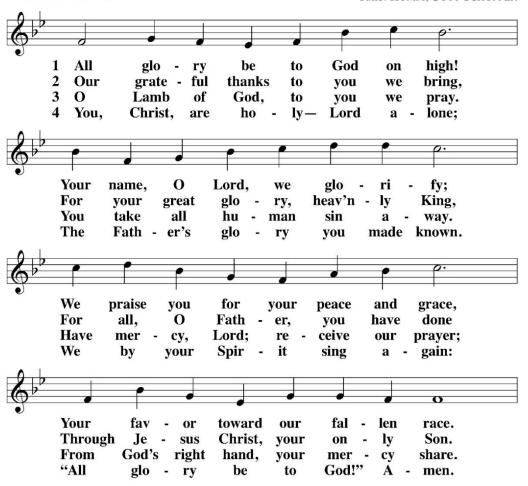
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

#### **GLORY BE TO GOD**

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER



#### THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7a

Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance.
With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

SECOND LESSON Acts 3:1-10

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup> A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup> They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

M: Alleluia. Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.





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Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

SERMON Mark 7:31-37

<sup>31</sup> Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup> Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup> They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

# "He has Done Everything Well!"

STAND

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

**BE SEATED** 

#### GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERING

#### INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (8:00 a.m.)

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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, **hear our prayer.** 

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. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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, **hear our prayer.** 

Heavenly Father, we place our hope in you and ask your blessing on all our elected officials, 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, **hear our prayer.** 

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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, **hear our prayer.** 

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. **Amen.** 

#### THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.M: Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

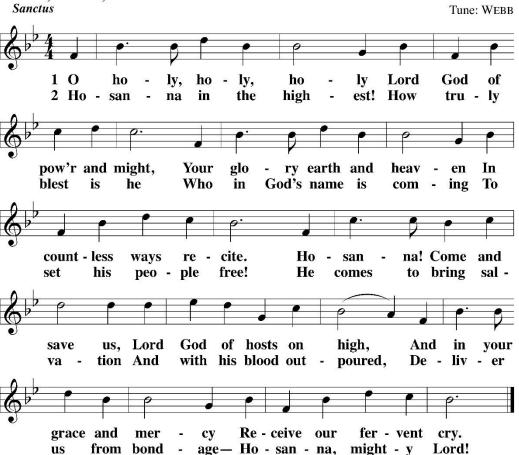
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



BE SEATED

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

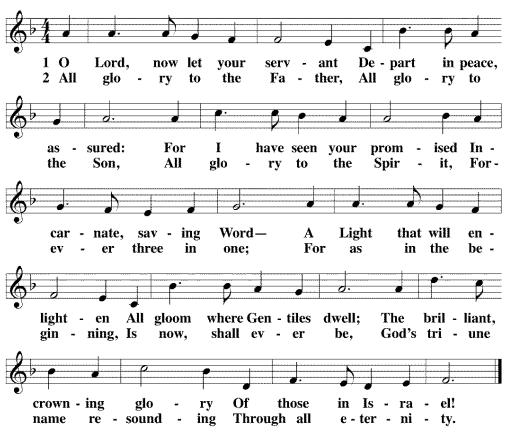


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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

**BLESSING** Numbers 6:24-26

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** (CW 332)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(see page 20)



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# **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

# Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power

#### EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threating others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the purpose of the one who has that power.

Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That doesn't mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better. And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of his power.

#### **Weekly Bible Studies:**

**Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus,** *sanctuary* 

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, lower level

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, lower level.

<u>Friday 6:00 am:</u> Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | Matthew DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday September 8: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00: Steve Kalscheuer, 10:30: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox, and Dave and Ben Olson
- Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia and Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments:

Sunday September 15: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00: Steve Kalscheuer, 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund, Bob Degnan, and Kayden & Kourtney Zech
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia and Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: The Weinheimer Family

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Sherry Pribbenow (9/8), Abigal Strong (9/8), Kelly Anderson (9/9), Keith Minnameier (9/9), Jacob Kilian (9/12), Dave Plumb (9/12) Bob Nasett (9/14), Sam Vomhof (9/14), celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversaries</u> We wish God's blessings to Sue and Jay Vinson (9/8), Dave and Kelly Plumb (9/11), Tim and Kristen Sullivan (9/14) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Steve Tobison, who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

#### **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

<u>September 9:</u> Quilting Group | 12:30 – 3 – lower level <u>September 10:</u> Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm - sanctuary

**September 11:** Bible Study with Dr. Eggert | 1:30 – 2:30 pm – lower level

September 15: Teen Bible Study/Game Night | 6:30 – 7:30 pm –lower level- teen room

<u>September 16:</u> Evening Quilting Group Resumes | 6:00 – 8:00 pm – lower level September 19: Ladies Friendship Circle Meeting | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall

September 21: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast | 8:00 am at M-N-M's Coffee House, Waunakee

#### Please Welcome our Sunday School and Teen Class Teachers

Pre K, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade: Mrs. Tess Weinheimer and Ms. Kourtney Zech

3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Sue Jenswold, and Ms. Lori Kalscheuer

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Stacey Hodkiewicz and Mrs. Elaine Wilson

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Roxanne Andler and Mrs. Julie Doyle

Teen Class: Mr. Dave Olson

Thank you for answering the call to serve. Your dedication will be a blessing to our children and teens as you guide their spiritual growth. We are thrilled to have you!

## Teen Bible Study/Game Night | Sunday September 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Pastor and Sue are inviting all teen's  $7^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade to join them for another fun filled evening of Bible Study & Games on Sunday September 15, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the lower level teen room.

### Please see Activity Sheet for additional announcements