# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021 • 9:00 am



## GATHERING \_\_\_\_

#### WELCOME

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

#### All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

- Amen.
- P Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin. (Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

- **P** God and Father of all,
- we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
  We have thought better of ourselves than others.
  We have told lies and said hurtful things. We have acted in ways we wish we could take back and looked the other way when action was needed.
  In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.
- In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new.
  By the power of the Holy Spirit, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- **G** Amen.



#### GREETING

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

**And also with you.** 

KYRIE *Kyrie/Christe* 

Kyrie/Christe eleison means "O Lord/O Christ, have mercy" Pronunciation:: (kee-ree-eh eh-leh-ee-sohn. krees-teh eh-leh-ee-sohn)



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### P Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face

L Word of God, Word of Life.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

#### ALLELUIA VERSE

from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>alt is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

#### HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

#### SERMON

HYMN "Christ Is the Life" (verse I by Cantor; **ALL SING verse 2-4**)



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#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

- Lord, in your mercy,
- Hear our prayer.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- ▶ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- SANCTUS



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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

AGNUS DEI



#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your right.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Be Unto Your Name"



#### DISMISSAL

#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray. Amen

## SENDING

#### BLESSING

- 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.
- **G** Amen
- P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.
- Thanks be to God.

#### CLOSING HYMN "Give Me Jesus"



Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings. You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.

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# LIVING GRACE

Sunday morning Adult Bible study Begins September 26 at 10:15 am



CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS AGAIN! THIS TUESDAY at 7:30 pm. ALL SINGERS WELCOME!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY at 10:00 am PICNIC TO FOLLOW! Walton Park in Oakdale

Bring a lawn chair, beverage and a friend!



# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF A GRACE GROUP?

Grace Groups are small groups that meet in homes for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and fun! It's a great way to connect with others. If you are interested, sign up in the entryway or visit graceofgodlutheran.com and click on the link there to sign up! ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME! Singles and couples.



The Bethlehem Experience is a gift to our neighbors, friends and families including our surrounding communities. Our guests will make their journey as drive through travelers – recalling and learning what made the 90 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem so amazing. The trip through the Judean desert took place during the winter when the temperatures are in the 30's during the day! Sound familiar?

Soon we will gather our Experience Leaders and begin planning! You are invited to be a part of something meaningful during a continuing time of uncertainty. This event is planned to be Covid proof. YOU are invited to add your name to one of the team lists on the table out in our gathering place. All of us together can create an amazing Grace of God Bethlehem right here in Oakdale.

#### IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS – THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 at 6:30 pm

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