

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

September 24, 2023

AS WE GATHER A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative word of life, "Young man, I say to you arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen"

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord,

People: we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP Divine Service IV

Opening Hymn: LSB 742

Confession and Absolution: LSB 203

*Kyrie LSB 204
*Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204
*Salutation: LSB 205
*Collect of the Day: (Printed)
Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Epistle: Ephesians 3-13-21

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

*Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-17

*Nicene Creed: LSB 206
Sermon Hymn: LSB 548

Sermon

Offertory Chancel Choir

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer LSB 209
*Benediction LSB 212

Distribution Hymns:

Closing Hymn:

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570
"Be Still, My Soul" LSB 752

*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211

*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212

*Benediction: LSB 212

LSB 818

"For Me to Live Is Jesus"

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Pew Bible Page 1820

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"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

"It is Well"

This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208ff

"In Thee Is Gladness"

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