

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- September 20, 2020

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## Confession and Absolution

### Opening Hymn: The Man Is Ever Blessed

LSB 705

- 1 The man is ever blessed  
Who shuns the sinners' ways,  
Among their counsels never stands,  
Nor takes the scorers' place,
- 2 But makes the Law of God  
His study and delight  
Amid the labors of the day  
And watches of the night.
- 3 He like a tree shall thrive,  
With waters near the root;  
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,  
His works are heav'nly fruit.
- 4 Not so the wicked race,  
They no such blessings find;  
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff  
Before the driving wind.
- 5 How will they bear to stand  
Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?
- 6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go;  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

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### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### *Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Left Column

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**G** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: Ps. 116:17*

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanks- | giving  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD  
for all His bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD  
is the death | of His saints.

O LORD, I am Your | servant;  
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

**G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**G** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**G** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not Your thoughts, neither are Your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 27:1*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

1      Salvation unto us has come  
        By God's free grace and favor;  
        Good works cannot avert our doom,  
        They help and save us never.  
        Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
        Who did for all the world atone;  
        He is our one Redeemer.

- 2       What God did in His Law demand  
           And none to Him could render  
       Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
           For man, the vile offender.  
       Our flesh has not those pure desires  
       The spirit of the Law requires,  
           And lost is our condition.
- 3       It was a false, misleading dream  
           That God His Law had given  
       That sinners could themselves redeem  
           And by their works gain heaven.  
       The Law is but a mirror bright  
       To bring the inbred sin to light  
           That lurks within our nature.
- 4       From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
           Sin held its sway unceasing;  
       The task was useless and in vain,  
           Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
       None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
       Or purify our guileful heart—  
           So deep is our corruption.
- 5       Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
           Or we must die despairing,  
       Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
           Our human nature sharing.  
       He has for us the Law obeyed  
       And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
           Which over us impended.

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## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Stand

### Offertory

LSB 192

- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**C** 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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 vs. 6-10

- 6        Since Christ has full atonement made  
          And brought to us salvation,  
          Each Christian therefore may be glad  
          And build on this foundation.  
          Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
          Your death is now my life indeed,  
          For You have paid my ransom.
- 7        Let me not doubt, but truly see  
          Your Word cannot be broken;  
          Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
          No falsehood have You spoken.  
          Baptized into Your precious name,  
          My faith cannot be put to shame,  
          And I shall never perish.
- 8        The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
          And makes us conscience-stricken;  
          But then the Gospel enters in  
          The sinful soul to quicken.  
          Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
          The Law no peace can ever give,  
          No comfort and no blessing.
- 9        Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
          And rests in Him unceasing;  
          And by its fruits true faith is known,  
          With love and hope increasing.  
          For faith alone can justify;  
          Works serve our neighbor and supply  
          The proof that faith is living.
- 10       All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
          To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
          The God who saved us by His grace;  
          All glory to His merit.  
          O triune God in heav'n above,  
          You have revealed Your saving love;  
          Your blessèd name we hallow.

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## 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

LSB 807

- 1        When morning gilds the skies,  
          My heart, awaking, cries,  
          "May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
          When evening shadows fall,  
          This rings my curfew call:  
          "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 2        When mirth for music longs,  
          This is my song of songs:  
          "May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
          God's holy house of prayer  
          Hath none that can compare  
          With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 3 No lovelier antiphon  
 In all high heav'n is known  
 Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
 There to the\_ eternal Word  
 The\_ eternal psalm is heard:  
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 4 Ye nations of mankind,  
 In this your concord find:  
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
 Let all the earth around  
 Ring joyous with the sound:  
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space,  
 Sing, ye that see His face,  
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
 God's whole creation o'er,  
 Both now and evermore  
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth forever.  
**P** 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.  
**G** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**G** Amen.



## Closing Hymn: For Me to Live Is Jesus

LSB 742

- 1 For me to live is Jesus,  
To die is gain for me;  
So when my Savior pleases,  
I meet death willingly.
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,  
I leave this world so dim  
And gladly seek another,  
Where I shall be with Him.
- 3 My woes are nearly over,  
Though long and dark the road;  
My sin His merits cover,  
And I have peace with God.
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,  
My breath comes heavily,  
And words are unavailing,  
O hear my sighs to Thee.
- 5 In my last hour, O grant me  
A slumber soft and still,  
No doubts to vex or haunt me,  
Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving  
When death shall come to me,  
I fall asleep believing  
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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### *In Our Prayers*

#### **Health concerns:**

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Debra Hughes	Kim Noe	Missy Montgomery
Theresa Clark	Tom England	Walter Walker	Fern Harding	Arlene Hazlett
Janalee Gutierrez	Guy Hood	Rose Morris	Bev Donley	William Burkhardt
Louis Linnenburger	Anita Reinertsen	Esther Donley		

Glenn - Lori Kugler's brother  
Donna Vilardi- Arlene Hazlett's sister battling leukemia

#### **Others:**

Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Sgt Daniel Colombo (Chelsea Macek's husband) deployed to Iraq  
SPC Douglas Havens- deployed in the Middle East  
LCpl Kaleb Karssen- deployed  
Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors  
Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn, Diane, Kathy, Shelly, Deb, Lori, Becca

*Altar flowers today are dedicated by Derek & Leah Koch  
In celebration of their anniversary and their family*

### **Stewardship Corner**

**TIME- ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**      Worship Services      72

**TREASURE**    Gifts received for budget    Sept 13, 2020      \$ 3,352.00  
(Envelope and plate only)

### **Announcements**

We will continue to post a full Worship Service and Bible Studies on our website (mclcgalesburg.org), on our Facebook page (Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church) and on You-tube.

**The carpool for the LWML Rally** at Concordia, Geneseo on Tuesday, Sept. 22, will leave church at 8am on Tuesday morning.

**Knox County Right to Life Christmas Ornaments** are available for purchase! **ORDER FORMS ARE DUE TODAY!** Please return the form and \$15 to Diane Teske today!

We are holding **Sunday morning Bible Class and Sunday School!** Come join us from 9:15am—10:00am as you are able. We will be spread out in the gym for Adult Bible Class and the kids will have Sunday School in the preschool room and upstairs in the craft room.

A Toyota car key was found in the parking lot a few weeks back. Please talk to Leah in the office if you think it might be yours!

Leah will begin working on **updating our Church Phone Directory** in the next couple weeks. If you have had any pertinent changes in the past year (since Aug. 2019) please let her know so that we can keep our records up to date and include the changes in our new phone directory.

**Portals of Prayer for Oct-Dec** are available outside the gym doors.

**Do you have a college student**– either at home or at school? LWML will be packing college goodie boxes in Oct. Please get their address to Leah.

**Midweek Class** for grades 3-5 are meeting on Wednesdays beginning at 4:30pm and **Confirmation Class** will be meeting on Wednesdays starting at 6:00pm.

As part of the preschool's licensing renewal process, the State Fire Marshall's office has presented us with a list of corrections to be made. In the preschool hallway we will need 4 fire doors, and we will have to enclose 4 additional doorways. In the sanctuary we will need to install fire doors at the entrance from the mailbox room, at the preschool hall entrance and on the preschool storage room. Further details will be discussed at the October 18th Voter's Meeting.

If you would like to support the work we need to do to bring the preschool up to code, please consider an above-and-beyond supplemental gift along with your normal gift to support our congregational expenses. Please clearly indicate on your offering envelope the portion that is for preschool improvement. Your support for our mission to teach God's children is greatly appreciated.

**Douglas Havens** has moved bases and we do not have a new address for him yet! Please hold your mail until we receive a new address!

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