

The image features a blue sky with white clouds as a background. Two hands are shown reaching towards each other, one from the left and one from the right, with their fingers just inches apart. The text is overlaid on this image. The top part of the text is in a white serif font on a dark blue background, and the bottom part is in a black sans-serif font on a light blue background.

I Believe

Help My Unbelief

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## Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- \* If you are sick, do not come.
- \* You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.

Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

## As We Gather

In today's Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man's father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus does help the man's unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. Having faith in God through His Son, Jesus Christ, does not mean we will never have doubt, or feel that our faith is what it should be. It's when we cry out to God for a greater faith, however, that He delights in answering us



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## Serving Today

### Elder of the Week

Shari Stepanek

### Ushers

Mary Kline

Craig Cooper

### Organist

Nancy Brock

### Money Counters

Robin Stepanek

Shari Stepanek

# Sixteen Sunday after Pentecost

“Help My Unbelief”

September 12, 2021

**Prelude**

✠ Preparation ✠

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

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

**G** Amen.

**Song Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

Sing Alleluia Amen

Let your prayers and your praises ascend

Lift up your voices and sing

To our Lord God our Savior and King

Here brought together by grace

We are gathered as friends in this place

*Refrain*

And assembled as one In the name of the Son

Lifting hearts lifting hands Celebrating as friends

And proclaiming the Lord All our praises afford

We are brothers and sisters in Christ

Man walked alone and in need

Without faith hope or promise or creed

Wandering aimlessly lost

Unaware of the staggering cost

That God in His mercy would save

All His people from death and the grave *[Refrain]*

Lord teach us how to proclaim

All Your goodness Your love and Your name  
Lord teach us how to forgive  
And in love teach us Lord how to live  
Raising our voices in song  
Help us tell all the world we belong *[Refrain]*

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✠ Word ✠

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

*(God calls His people to discipleship and promises to help us walk in His ways)*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.  
<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD  
and obeys the voice of his servant?  
Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:14–29*

*(Jesus healed a demon possessed boy though his father admitted he needed a stronger faith.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came

running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

## Greeting

### Song Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)

Weak and wounded sinner  
Lost and left to die  
O raise your head for Love is passin' by  
Come to Jesus  
Come to Jesus  
Come to Jesus and live  
  
Now your burden's lifted  
And carried far away  
And precious blood has washed away the stain  
So sing to Jesus  
Sing to Jesus  
Sing to Jesus and live  
  
Like a newborn baby  
Don't be afraid to crawl  
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall  
So fall on Jesus  
Fall on Jesus  
Fall on Jesus and live  
  
Sometimes the way is lonely  
And steep and filled with pain  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain

Then cry to Jesus  
Cry to Jesus  
Cry to Jesus and live  
O and when the love spills over  
And music fills the night  
And when you can't contain your joy inside  
Then dance for Jesus  
Dance for Jesus  
Dance for Jesus and live  
And with your final heartbeat  
Kiss the world good-bye  
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side  
And fly to Jesus  
Fly to Jesus  
Fly to Jesus and live  
Fly to Jesus  
Fly to Jesus  
Fly to Jesus and live

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**Sermon**                      *“Help My Unbelief”*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

### Offering

*(Please fill out the friendship books as they are handed to you, noting the names of others in your pew as they are passed back. If there is communion, please mark if you plan to participate.)*

### 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*sts. 1-3, 5*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**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

### Benediction

**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 ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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## Postlude

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*"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Mark 9:24*

Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith—as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

**This Week's Calendar  
September 12, 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class Gospel of John Bible Study Courtyard Bible Study
	10:00 A.M.	Sanctuary Worship w/Lord's Supper
<b>Monday</b>	11:00 A.M.	Courtyard Worship w/Lord's Supper
	9:00 A.M.	Life Line Screening <i>[By Appt. Only]</i>
	9:15 A.M.	Tai-Chi
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 P.M.	Ladies Prayer Meeting
	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:15 A.M.	Tai-Chi
	5:00 P.M.	Music Rehearsal
	5:45 P.M.	Dinner
	6:30 P.M.	Songs of Celebration
	6:45 P.M.	Bible Teachings for All Ages
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 P.M.	READ Book Club
	3:00 P.M.	Men's Discipleship Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
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**Serving Next Week  
September 19, 2021**

<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Shirley Lodes
<b>Altar Care</b>	Kathy Warren
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD
<b>Money Counters</b>	Greg & Tere Bond



**We Celebrate This Week:**



**The Birthdays of:**

Sep 14 Loree Thompson

Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need**

*Rhonda Tollers, Zanna Walpus' sister, recovering from pacemaker procedure.*

*Delores Withers, recovering from surgery.*

*Pastor Henschel, broken sternum from auto accident.*

*Gloria, co-worker of Pat Rodriguez, death of her husband and aunt.*

*Julie Meyer, chemotherapy for lymphoma.*

*Tammy, Linda May's daughter, stroke.*

*Family of Jeff Hart, Samantha Stepanek's father, passed away from Covid.*



**Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles**

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Pray for those coping with cancer

Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership

Pray for our government officials and first responders

Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

**Prayers for Worldwide Church**

*China: Please pray for China that the Lord of the Church would cause what the Communist Party is trying to do for evil into something good. The CCP is a) Making its own Marxist translation of the Bible b) Making it illegal for churches to hold Sunday School (they call it brain washing) c) Forcing above ground churches to sing communist songs in their worship services and now d) Asking Elementary Age School children to report any Bibles or "foreign" books, movies, etc. they see to party leaders. Pray that the Church in China may grow in spite of persecution, and that future generations will hear the Gospel against their government's orders.*

**Pray for Those Serving Their Country**

Randy Brooks IV

Jennifer Clark

Kyle Freeman

Jonathan Krepel

Nathan Hiegel

Cole Morris

Kyle Taylor

Timothy Thomas