

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RALLY DAY HELP MY UNBELIEF! September 12, 2021

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Thy Word” (arr. Hayes) & “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (arr. Bennett)

973 THY WORD IS A LAMP

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1-2*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** I called on the name of the LORD:
C **O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**
P The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.
C **The LORD has opened our ears.**
P The LORD has delivered us from death.
C **He wipes away tears from all faces.**
P He rescues our feet from stumbling
C **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen**

again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.

INTROIT

Psalms 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!
But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

HYMN OF THE MONTH: 735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

Heinz Werner Zimmermann (b. 1930) adapted Luke 12:32 as the first stanza of his hymn "Have No Fear, Little Flock". Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells His little flock of disciples not to fear because it is the good pleasure of their heavenly Father to give them the Kingdom.

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷But 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. ⁸He 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. ⁹Behold, 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. ¹⁰Who 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SOLO “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” (by Chris Tomlin) Rick Behrens

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And 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." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And 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. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And 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." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And 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." ²⁶And 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." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE / BACKPACK BLESSING

867 LET CHILDREN HEAR THE MIGHTY DEEDS

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down
Through ev’ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God’s own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

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SERMON “Help My Unbelief!” Mark 9:14-29

CREED Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

P Gracious God, You are the source of every lasting security. We bless You for the continuance of stability in a time of great national trial and ask that our nation be spared from any such act of terrorism and destruction in times to come. We remember those innocent victims of terrorism whose earthly lives ended on September 11th, 2001. Grant that their memories among us remain and their lives not be forgotten. We also remember the rescue workers who gave their lives that day seeking to assist the victims of the tragedy. Grant that their examples of bravery and sacrificial concern for others serve to inspire each of us as we live out our lives in these times.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Late service please continue with the Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, 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

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- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

554 O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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 in 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.

C Amen.

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.

861 CHRIST BE MY LEADER

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (arr. Travis)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23
Monday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22; Colossians 1:1-23
Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Colossians 1:24-2:7
Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11,14-33; Colossians 2:8-23
Thursday: 2 Chronicles 35:1-7,16-25; Colossians 3:1-25
Friday: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Colossians 4:1-18
Saturday: Nehemiah 1:1-2:20; 1 Timothy 1:1-20

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Dana, health issues	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Steve, hospitalized with Covid	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Voss, infant recovering from an accident
Jack, ongoing health issues	John, hospitalized
Chris, ongoing health issues	Lauren's mother
Mehria in the Middle East, safety	Shirley, health issues
Blake	The children in the sledding accident
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Tony, hospice	Ken, health
Jerry, health issues	Kim, health issues
June, health issues	Nancy, health issues
Wes, health issues	Flood victims
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.
For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.
Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Our Savior Families: Robert & Sharon, Roger, Dave, Bill & Carol, Dave & Cindy

Hymn of the Week "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" LSB 867

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction