

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross
Music Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

PSALM:

Psalm 116:1-9 (*Spoken Responsively*)

- 1 I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
2 **for the Lord has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
- 3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came
upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- 4 **Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:**
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”
- 5 Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.
- 6 **The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;**
I was brought low, | and God saved me.
- 7 Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt | well with you.
- 8 **For you have rescued my | life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk in the presence | of the Lord
in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING:

James 3:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : (*Spoken in unison; please stand.*)

***Alleluia. Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for
the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Alleluia. (1 Pet. 3:18)***

**GOSPEL READING:
SERMON**

Mark 8:27-38

Silence for Reflection

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Mark Hayes/arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer** .

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me

Music Scottish traditional; arr. John Bell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. Amen

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST DENIO Welsh traditional, arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876



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Sunday 8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

Sunday 10:00 am - Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday - 11:00 am - Holy Communion with Rite of Healing - Chapel

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