

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 12, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 533 846 720

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Sept. 12 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Sept. 12 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Sept. 12 9:00 Sunday School Begins

Sept. 14 No 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sept. 14 No 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Sept. 15 Noon Bible Study

Sept. 19 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Potluck

Sept. 19 1:30 p.m. Council of Churches

Sept. 19 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff at the Parsonage

Sept. 22 1:30 p.m. NW Zone Fall Rally at St. Peter Lutheran in Ocheydan

Oct. 3 11:30 a.m. Fish Boil

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*. Though we no longer see Jesus, he has promised to be with us in our own time. This hymn reminds us of where we can find him. He is with us in his Word, in the Sacraments, and in the fellowship of believers. Someday, the need for faith will end because we will see our Savior face to face. But until then, we ask Jesus to overcome our unbelief as we walk by faith and not by sight.

A WORD: Our Old Testament reading says, "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." This is a call to faith. It is the same call that Jesus gives the father of the demon-possessed boy in our Gospel reading. He says, "All things are possible for those who believe." God is always calling us to faith. But faith is not easy. So we reply with the father, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief," and God supplies our need.

The epistle reading highlights the evil of our speech. The tongue is one of the smallest members of our body, but it often leads us into all kinds of evil. Angry words lead to angry deeds. Dishonest words lead to dishonest actions. Our bodies follow our tongues. So we pray that God would cleanse our hearts and cleanse our tongues so that our tongues would praise him and our bodies worship him.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:10
Mark 9:30-37

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The battle between belief and unbelief is waged in the heart and mind of the father whose son had become possessed by a deaf and mute spirit. What we see happening in this life, or rather do not see, can often feel like a dark cloud that obscures clarity. Jesus turns us to His Word to show us that faith is not our work. It is merely receiving His promises. Into the darkness of doubt, the promises of Jesus' victory through the cross bring victory for us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School starts today, September 12 from 9am-10am. Ages 3 (potty trained or with parent) through 12th grade are welcome to attend. Rally Sunday Potluck will be September 19, following the church service. More details to follow. Anyone who would like to help out with Sunday School, as a teacher or helper, please contact Keri Davis @ 712-348-2308.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. There will be new lists for September and October. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

THIRD AVE YOUTH: The Third Avenue Youth Group will "kickoff" off their 2021-22 year on Wednesday September 15th, from 7-8:15pm. Please meet at Borman Forster Fields and wear tennis shoes. All High School students are encouraged to attend. Snacks will be provided.

3RD AVENUE SQUARED YOUTH GROUP: 6th-8th grade youth are invited to join this youth group. They meet in the United Methodist basement from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on September 15th and 29th.

LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT FALL RETREAT: if you wish to attend the Fall Retreat at Mission Central on October 23rd, registration forms are on the Bulletin Board by the office.

ARE YOU MISSING A CAKE PAN, BOWL, ETC. Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall for items that have been left in the kitchen. If they are not claimed, they will be donated.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sept. 12-Virginia Berg, Sept. 19-Kathleen Dieren and Sept 26.-Bev Doorenbos

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 533: JESUS HAS COME AND BRINGS PLEASURE

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.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 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!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

James 3:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 9:23b

Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 9:14–29

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 846: YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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.

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**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 720: WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

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