

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018

9:00 AM

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in omnibus glorificetur Deus

that in all things God may be glorified

Romans 15:5-6

1 Peter 4:7-11



Giving Thanks to God Through Worship!

Welcome! We hope that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves you most – Jesus Christ! We invite all worshipers today to fill out the Fellowship Pew Pad during the offering portion of worship. You are also invited to make a prayer request on the green card, which is in the pew rack and then place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We pray God’s blessings upon you and invite you to worship with us every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

AS WE GATHER WE PRAY

Almighty God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The paraments are green, which is the symbolic color of life in nature and so represents our spiritual life in God’s kingdom of Grace.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (September 9 – September 15)

Psalm 146:6: *“The LORD is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – He remains faithful forever.” (NIV)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✝ SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING ✝

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 260)

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" – LSB 528 (Please rise for verse 7)

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

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. *[Psalm 118:24]*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. *[Psalm 113:3]*

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. *[Psalm 84:10]*

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: Teach me Your paths. *[Psalm 25:4]*

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: Your Word is truth. *[John 17:17]*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. *[Psalm 113:3]*

All: 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.



HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *“Take My Life and Let It Be” (verses 1 & 5) – LSB 783*

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

**INSTALLATION OF SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH
TEACHERS & STAFF OF ZION’S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER**

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Christ Be Our Seed” – Carl Schalk*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

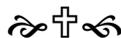
OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 35:4-7a

Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** *(Responses are spoken)*



NEW TESTAMENT: JAMES 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.
(NIV)

Please rise

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" – BOB 180

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a

deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” (*NIV*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

Please be seated

HYMN *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* – LSB 849 (Please rise for verse 3)

THE SERMON

Psalm 146:6: *“The LORD is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – He remains faithful forever.”* (*NIV*)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

“Christ Be My Leader” – LSB 861

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

After the prayers, please be seated.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other. – Deuteronomy 4:39

Because we value your presence in worship and desire to serve you as best as we can, please use this time to complete the Fellowship Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Prayer requests may be made by filling out the green card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together:

People: Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may always seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. [Matthew 6:9-13]

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"Everlasting God"

Verse

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord.**

Chorus 1

**Our God . . . You reign forever. Our Hope . . . our strong Deliv'rer.
You are the everlasting God. The everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't - grow - weary. . . .**

Verse

Chorus 2

**Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God The everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

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POSTLUDE



*Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.
It is revolutionary.
Therefore, it must be intentional.*

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST HAS ASCENDED!
CHRIST WILL RETURN IN GLORY!**