

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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**“Come unto me, you weary, And I will give you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that has no ending, of Love that cannot cease.**

**“Come unto me, you wanderers, and I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But you have brought us gladness and songs at break of day.**

**“Come unto me, you fainting, and I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;
But you have made us mighty and stronger than the strong!**

**“And whosoever comes here, I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!**

Please Stand

INVOCATION

- M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- C:** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

Silence for Reflection

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN 810

“The First Song of Isaiah”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:4-7a

4 Say to the cowardly: “Be strong; do not fear! Here is your God; vengeance is coming. God’s retribution is coming; he will save you.” **5** Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. **6** Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy, for water will gush in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; **7** the parched ground will become a pool, and the thirsty land, springs.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 146

Refrain:



Bless the Lord, my soul—— who heals the bro - ken - heart - ed.



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M: I will praise the LORD all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

M: Do not put your trust in princes,

C: in human beings, who cannot save.

M: Blessed are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD their God.

M: He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

C: and gives food to the hungry,

M: The LORD sets prisoners free.

C: The LORD gives sight to the blind,

M: The LORD reigns forever,

C: Your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

**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.**

REFRAIN

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 3:1–10

1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. **2** A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money. **4** Peter, along with John, looked straight at him and said, “Look at us.” **5** So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them. **6** But Peter said, “I don’t have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” **7** Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. **8** So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** All the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

M Alleluia! Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia!**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:31–37

31 Again, leaving the region of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. **32** They brought to him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking and begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. **33** So he took him away from the crowd in private. After putting his fingers in the man’s ears and spitting, he touched his tongue. **34** Looking up to heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him, “Ephphatha!” (that is, “Be opened!”). **35** Immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak clearly. **36** He ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more they proclaimed it. **37** They were extremely astonished and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Your Hand, O Lord”

**Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o’er disease and death, all darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the dumb, the paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery, the sick with fevered frame.**

**Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed revealed you Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
in crowded street, by beds of pain, as by Genes’ret’s shore.**

**Oh, be our great deliv’rer still, the Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with your lifegiving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom’s healing pow’r
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore!**

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

PRAYER REQUESTS & LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

(Numbers 6:24-26)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 835

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Schedule

Tues	Women's gathering	12:30pm
Wed	Youth confirmation/catechism class	6:15pm
Next Sunday	Bible Hour, classes for all ages	9am
	Worship	10am

Other upcoming happenings

- **Work day at church - Saturday Sept 21**
- **Men's group - Saturday Sept 21**
- **Campfire night at church ...** we're talking about when to hold our next Friday night campfire night. Listen for more news TBA.

Ongoing Volunteer opportunities:

- **Weekly Cleaning** - signup sheet is out. A whiteboard checklist of basic cleaning tasks is on the inside of the far hall closet. It separates out the weekly to-do items. It also lists additional / occasional cleaning tasks. If you're teaming up with someone, or if you're here and would just like to tackle a task or two, you can check off what you've covered for the week.
- **Weekly lawn care** - please talk with Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to know more about helping. If you'd like to volunteer for mowing and/or trimming (or other outdoor property to-dos), pass on your name and cell phone number to Dewey, so that he can get you added for group messages.
- **Weekly snacks** – you're welcome to bring something for refreshments and/or snacks on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who brings a little extra flavor to our Sunday mornings in this way.

"Living My Life as A Christian"



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"I wish we had time to dig a bit deeper into that Bible truth." Have you ever found yourself thinking that?

This class is structured to give an opportunity for a deeper dive into topics you may have first learned in a Bible Information Class or similar study.

It's also intended to give us time to explore: How do the doctrines and truths I have learned over the years apply to my life?

Sunday mornings 9am