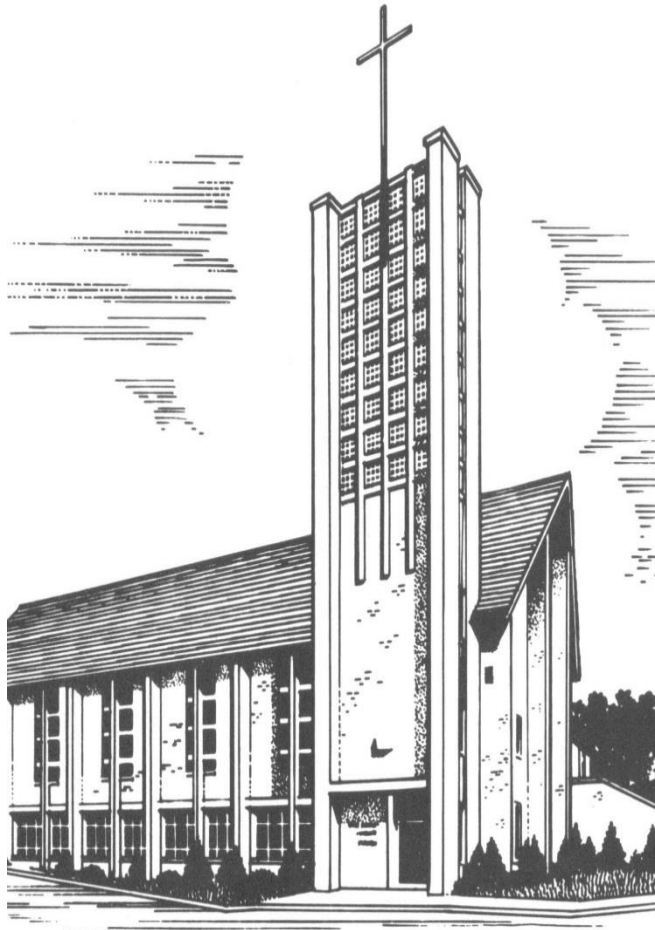


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2015

10:45 a.m.



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MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME

(Stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“As the Deer”

BOTB 12

1. As the deer panteth for the water
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield;
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other
so much more than anything. Chorus
3. I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye. Chorus:

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:4–5; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

C Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.

- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
- C** **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P** Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
- C** **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The Small Catechism informs and directs us about confession with these words:
- C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**
- P** Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Kneel)

- C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let it be done for you as you believe. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

(Stand)

INTROIT

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

- P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!
- C** **But I trust in You, O Lord;
I say, “You are my God.”**
- P** My times are in Your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C** **Make Your face shine on Your servant;
save me in Your steadfast love!**
- C** **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.**
- P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 44

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

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.

(Sit)

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.

P 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.

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.

(Stand)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴ When 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.

(Sit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“We Walk by Faith”

LSB 720

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke,
But we believe Him near.
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry “My Lord and God!”
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light

We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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SERMON “Faithless Generation”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us, for He has freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and by the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us away from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands, we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord be with you as the only way to the Father in heaven.
The Lord bless your days with the truth that is in Christ alone.
The Lord be your life and direct your paths by His Spirit of peace.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

LSB 702

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen
 stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lisa Williams; 10:45 a.m. Bonnie Griffith;
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner)

Attendance: 9/6/15 (8:00 a.m. 65; 10:45 a.m. 66)