

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, September 25, 2022 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:30 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

In the traditional “learning trio” of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine” (Isaiah 43:1b)

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING Crowder/Milligan/Erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia.

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless. And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise praise the Father praise the Son. And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1-7*

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6–19*

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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19 “एक जना धनी मानिस थियो, जो बहुमूल्य वस्त्र र मिहीन मलमल लगाएर दिनहुँ मोजमज्जामा बसतथ्यो। 20 उसको ढोकामा लाजरस नाउँको एक जना गरीब मानिसलाई ल्याएर राखिदिन्थे। त्यो घावैघाउले भरिएको थियो। 21 त्यस धनी मानिसको टेबिलबाट झरेका टुक्राटाक्री खाएर लाजरसले आफ्नो पेट भर्ने इच्छा गर्थ्यो। कुकुरहरूले पनि आएर त्यसका घाउहरू चाट्थे।

22 “त्यो गरीब मानिस मर्यो, र स्वर्गद्वारहरूले त्यसलाई लगेर □ ब्राहामको साथमा राखे। त्यो धनी मानिस पनि मर्यो र गाडियो। 23 नरकमा कठोर कष्ट भोगिरहेको बेला उसले नजर उठाएर हेर्यो र टाढामा □ ब्राहाम र उनको साथमा लाजरसलाई देख्यो। 24 □ नि उसले कराएर भन्यो, ‘हे पिता □ ब्राहाम, ममाथि दया गरेर लाजरसलाई पठाइदिनुहोस्, र त्यसले आफ्नो आँलाको टुप्पा पानीमा चोपेर मेरो जिब्रोलाई शीतल पारिदेओस्, किनकि म यस ज्वालामा भयङ्कर वेदना पाइरहेछु।’

25 “तर □ ब्राहामले भने, ‘छोरो, याद गर्, तैले आफ्नो जीवनकालमा □ सल-□ सल कुराहरू भोग गरिस्, र त्यसै गरी लाजरसले दुःखैदुःख भोग्यो। त्यो □ ब यहाँ आराममा छ, र तँचाहिँ कष्टमा छस्। 26 यी सबै कुराबाहेक यहाँबाट तँकहाँ पारि जान खोज्नेहरू जान नसक्नु र त्यहाँबाट यहाँ हामीकहाँ वारि आउन पनि नसक्नु भनेर हामीहरू र तिमीहरूका बीचमा एउटा □ ति गहिरो धाँदो छ।’

27 “उसले भन्यो, ‘पिता, यसैकारण म तपाईंलाई बिन्ती गर्दछु, तपाईंले त्यसलाई मेरा बाबुको घरमा पठाइदिनुहोस्, 28 किनभने मेरा पाँच भाइ छन्, र त्यसले तिनीहरूलाई चेताउनी देओस्, नत्रता तिनीहरू पनि यस कष्टको ठाउँमा आउलान्।’

29 “तर □ ब्राहामले भने, ‘तिनीहरूका साथमा मोशा र □ गमवक्ताहरूका पुस्तक छन्। तिनीहरूले ती सुनुन्।’

30 “तर उसले भन्यो, ‘होइन, पिता □ ब्राहाम, मरेकाबाट कोही एक जना तिनीहरूकहाँ गयो भनेता तिनीहरूले पश्चात्ताप गर्नेछन्।’

31 “उनले उसलाई भने, ‘मोशा र □ गमवक्ताहरूका कुरा तिनीहरूले सुन्दैनन् भने, मृतकहरूबाट कोही जीवित भए पनि तिनीहरूले विश्वास गर्नेछैनन्।’”

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 † everlasting. Amen.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हात्ता प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
जहाँदेखि उहाँ

जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्सेसियामाथि,
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि आभिन ।

(Please Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.

CHORUS: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SONG OF THE DAY: IN CHRIST ALONE Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Here in the pow'r of Christ we'll stand.

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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. God of mercy, You provide us with Your Holy Word, that we might know and believe in Christ. Make us diligent to study Your Word and dwell in Your promises, that we are content with Your provision in this life and joyfully look toward the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, preserve our homes. Bless fathers and mothers as they share Jesus with their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of kings and Lord of lords, watch over the authorities of this and every nation. Deliver them from the idols of wealth and power, and grant that they would use their offices in service to You and those You have entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Let Your mercy come to [_____ and] all in need of help, that they might find their consolation in Your promises until You deliver them from their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

P Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are: Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____
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(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ाच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ास पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI LAMB OF GOD Maichel

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You Take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us,
And grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God.
Grant us your peace we pray.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

DEATH WAS ARRESTED Kersh/Smith

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began CHORUS

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began CHORUS

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began REPEAT BRIDGE

When death was arrested and my life began.
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JESUS MESSIAH Carson/Tomlin/Cash/Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

CHORUS: Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing. CHORUS

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
all the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. CHORUS

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.
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(Please Stand)

BENEDICAMUS

P We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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P 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.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: MIGHTY TO SAVE

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion. Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness. The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me. All my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow. Everything I believe in, now I surrender. CHORUS

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. CHORUS, BRIDGE
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POSTLUDE

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