

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church

September 12, 2021

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”, Gerhard Krapf

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

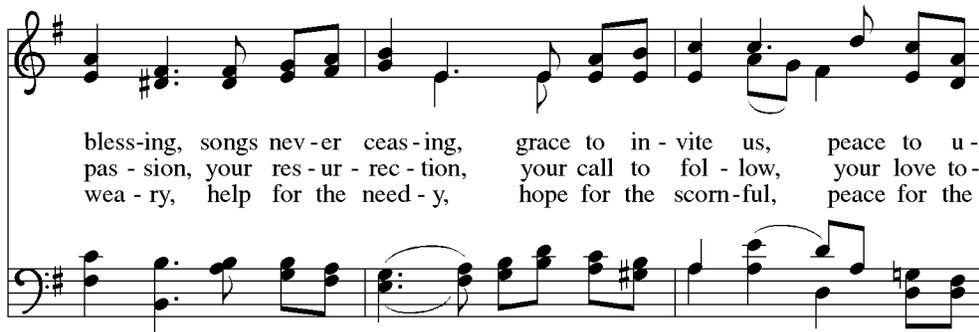
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "O God in Heaven" (ELW 748)

O God in Heaven



1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the



bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the



nite us— O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.
mor - row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, sav - ior, and friend.
mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

Text: Daniel T. Niles, 1908–1970, alt.
Music: HALAD, Ilonggo (Philippines) traditional, adapt. Elena G. Maquiso, 1961–2005; arr. *Cantate Domino*, 1980
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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning the Lord GOD wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸the one who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 (ELW Tone 4)



Psalm 116:9

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- ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
- ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- ⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R
- ⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.
- ⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;**
I was brought low, | and God saved me.
- ⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
- ⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;
- ⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living. **R**

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it boasts of great exploits.

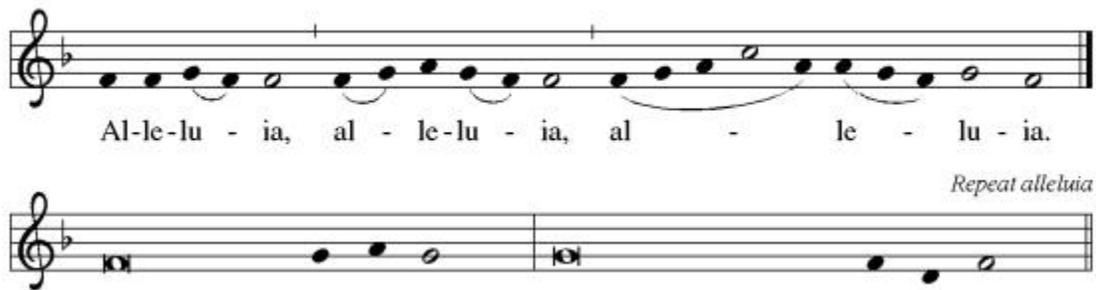
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our bodily parts as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.



Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous,* in order to bring | you to God.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹Jesus asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son-of-Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son-of-Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” ELW 667

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
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Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it be a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Uphold Pastor Linman and all who serve our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you blessed your people the Jews with your word. Be with them at this time of their High Holy Days, and purge from the world its habit of anti-Semitism.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore Louisiana. Replant forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Protect the people of Afghanistan. Strengthen firefighters and first responders to help meet to the needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Sustain those who still suffer grief and pain from the terrorist attacks in 2001. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard, and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Accompany all persons who have been falsely accused. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, you promise to listen to our prayers. Hear now our prayers for

1. Eileen Anderson
2. Janette Wray
3. Sandy Lindamood
4. Judy Frank
5. Joana Plerpa
6. Jeanne Broyhill
7. Effie Stallsmith
8. Lee Hanson
9. Malcolm Stark
10. Norm Olsen
11. Barb Jensen
12. Charlotte Boeck
13. Lynn Kiewel
14. Phillip Swingler
15. Maria Liwski
16. Tucker Dean
17. Irene Belcher
18. Brian Carr
19. Sharon Kravetz
20. Dipankar Ghosh and the family of Debbi Pierce
21. The family of Martha Simpson
22. The Flynn family
23. The Eoff family
24. The family of Eugene Cline
25. The family and friends of Tommy Mazzoli
26. The Family of Ralph Hoffmeister

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Offering and Setting the Table

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue and Preface

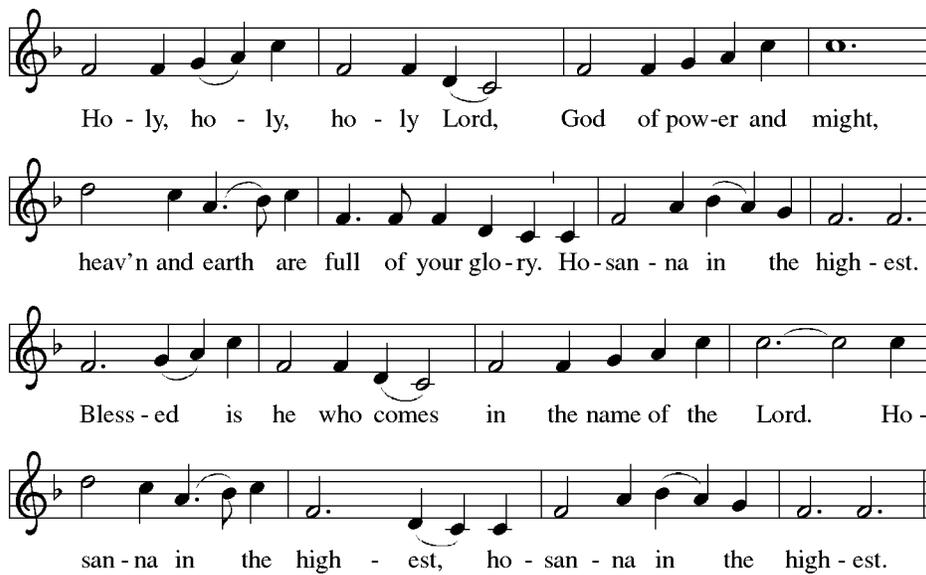
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW Setting Ten



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: ELW Setting Ten, S 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Day by Day”, Mark Schweizer

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Rally Day Blessings on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Friends in Christ: On this Rally Day, when we also share in partnership with the wider church, God's work, our hands, we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to bless our students, teachers, and various school items and supplies and the items collected to benefit Afghani refugees to the praise and glory of God.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

You stretched out the heavens like a tent;

you divided the day from the night;

you appointed times and seasons for work and rest,

for tearing down and building up.

You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death.

We give you thanks, O God,

as we set apart and bless our students, teachers and school items and supplies and items collected to benefit Afghani refugees to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things,

give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom;

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O God, source of all goodness: we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools and Sunday School, especially during this time of continued pandemic, that all schools may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers, staff members, administrators and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life. Bless and keep safe all those who work on the front lines of the pandemic, first responders, medical professionals, laborers of all kinds who keep things running. Guide us through these difficult days to a day of greater peace, health and well-being for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN "O Day of Peace" ELW 711

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “*Voluntary #2*”, Arlen Clarke

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