

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 2, 2022

Service Notes:

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Hymns: 756, 552 (vss. 1, 7, 8, 4), 741, 798, 630, 480, 482, 752
 Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24
 Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21
 Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17
 Sermon: "God Visits His People" Luke 7:11-17

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	09/22	6:30 p.m.	30
Sunday	09/25	8:00 a.m.	97
		10:45 a.m.	43

BULLETINS are given in celebration of Richard Hanson's birthday.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

SPECIAL VOTERS'/CALL MEETING A special Voters'/Call Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m. To clarify, this is a Call Meeting. A question will be presented to the voters, and depending on the decision, another question will be presented to the voters. The first question will be whether the congregation (1) wants the Call Committee to come back with a list of more than one name or (2) whether the list of one name is sufficient. If the congregation wants the Call Committee to come back with more names, that will happen. If the congregation consents to considering one name, there will then be a vote as to whether to call Rev. Dr. Mark Nuckols as our head pastor. No other items are on the agenda. If anyone is interested in looking at the self-evaluation profile document completed by Pastor Nuckols, it will be available in the church office to review. No copies are to be made; it must be read and remain in the office. If there are any questions, please contact the Call Committee Chairman, Dave Felber at (414) 793-5193.

OUR FATHER'S FALL CLEANUP Saturday, October 22 starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be doing a fall touch-up of the Our Father's grounds: church, school, and childcare. What to bring: Gloves, shovels, yard cart/wheelbarrows, garden and leaf rakes, weed/grass trimmers, and/or pruning saws. Questions: Call **Jon Kurth** at (414) 708-0024.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	10/02	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Special Voters'/Call Meeting Scrip Orders Due	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10/04	Handbell Choir Practice (<i>in the balcony</i>) PAC Meeting	5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10/05	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	10/06	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Friday	10/07	No School/Church and School Offices Closed	
Saturday	10/08	Cabaret Night	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/09	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

WE PRAY for Karen Awe, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), James Freese, Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Virginia Scholz, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Evelyn Turzai, and Barbara Wieting.

CABARET NIGHT Sonic Mix (a men's barbershop quartet of which Bob Cahill is a member) is hosting a Cabaret Night at Our Father's Lutheran School on Saturday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin insert for further details. Tickets can be purchased from Bob Cahill or at the door.

SCRIP Orders are due Sunday, **October 2**. The next order due date is Sunday, November 6. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. **Please note that the website name has changed to raiseright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"

¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.

²⁰ And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"

²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again."

²² And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.

²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:13-21 (ESV)

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being

rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17 (ESV)

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.

¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 30:1-12 (ESV)

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ⁹

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?" ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, by my helper!" ¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

INTROIT

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*

for you | answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“God Visits His People”

October 2 through October 8, 2022

The life of the baptized is always the life of repentance and faith in the forgiveness of sins. Each Sunday we gather as the baptized. We acknowledge our baptisms by hearing the words of baptism which faith trusts: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In this way, we confess that the gracious and merciful God has called us from our many families and walks of life to be His children, that is, those who hear His words and believe. In baptism, He gives us the gift of faith that we trust only in Christ for our salvation. How can we dare to gather before the Creator of heaven and earth: because He has given us His name for our salvation. So we follow the invocation with a confession of our sinful condition and are returned to our baptisms by the words of absolution that come from the mouth of the pastor, who is Christ's servant.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. **Psalm 33:6 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 95

PSALMODY PRAYER: Grant that we hear Your voice, O Shepherd, and lead us into Your rest. Gather us as Your people to sing Your praises and remain firm in the faith You have taught us to confess. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Exodus 32:15-35
Tuesday	Luke 23:13-25
Wednesday	Genesis 1:1-19
Thursday	Genesis 1:20-31
Friday	No School
Saturday	Luke 14:1-11

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles' Creed

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Luther on Luke 7:11-17: Therefore, there is no help against this [death's power] in any creature, except that God Himself had to take pity on our misery and think of a plan for this, as He says in the same prophet (Is. 49:25): "Now the captives will be taken away from the giant, and the prey set free from the strong." Christ, God's Son, Himself had to do this. For this reason, He became man, that is, took on Himself our death and its cause (sin and God's wrath), so that He could rescue us from it and bring us out of it into life and righteousness. ... For this reason, we are called "Christians"--that is, righteous, living, and blessed people--because we have this Lord and partake of Him through faith in His Word and Sacrament. He is the true sin-slayer and death-eater (I am speaking about our sin and our death which had slain and eaten us) through His own strength and power [cf. 1 Cor 15:54]. He did both of these things in His body when He took our sin and death upon Himself. However, because He was not only without sin and the guilt of death but also in Himself was full of eternal righteousness and life, sin and death had no claim on Him but were condemned and blotted out in Him, so that for our sin and death He gave us nothing but righteousness and life. (Church Postil V, LW 79:139-140)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"* (stanza 5)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 9, 2022
"Faith Begets Humility"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 587, 857, 557, 716, 617, 537, 623, 850

READINGS

Proverbs 25:6-14
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 14:1-11

What do a healing and a banquet have in common? For some it might seem nothing, but Luke combines these to teach us about the Lord's Supper and the reality of the Christian life. The connection is revealed in the question Jesus asks, *Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?* Jesus provides true Sabbath or rest to the man with dropsy when He comes to a house to eat bread. So it is that we now come to Christ's house, His Church, to eat the Bread of Life. On the very day that the Lord conquered death, we gather at the banquet which He, the ruler, spreads before us. Though we are not worthy to be invited, His voice calls out to us, *Friend, go up higher.* We are the poor, the lame, and the blind who are invited to feast on the body and blood of Christ. We cannot repay our Lord for the great blessing He offers us in this feast, that is, the forgiveness of sins. Likewise, we forgive the sins of others knowing that they cannot repay us and expecting no payment from them, but our Lord will repay us fully in the resurrection of the just, that is, those who live by faith. It is this victory which Christ reveals to us in the book of Hebrews. The Father who chastens us in this life will bestow on us the fruit of righteousness. In this life, the Father humbles us and conceals the reality of our victory in these weak vessels. Now He humbles us that He might exalt us in the resurrection.

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