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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 12, and Monday, September 13, 2021

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God,

C you are above all things, yet so very near to me. Because you already know me better than I know myself, I confess that I have not honored our relationship—I have sinned against you today. There are things that cause me shame and embarrassment—things I have thought, things I have said, things I have done—in your presence and in the presence of others. And there are things I have already forgotten or don't even realize how hurtful they are. Remember that Jesus is faithful when I am not, and restore me in your Spirit to continue in our life together.

P God knows what we do, yet sees who we are through the eyes of Jesus, who has joined God's life with ours and in whom ☩ we are made new. Mercifully broken and wholly mended, we are set upright to live again.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Built on a Rock* – ELW 652 (verses 1, 3, 5)

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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GREETING

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

C **And also with you. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE – *People of Hope*

Chorus

We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry

Growing in faith learning to love

We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry

Held by the One who will never let go

Verse 1

We are dead in our striving
For wealth and for might
But God rich in mercy
Has loved us to life

Verse 2

We are what God made us
Created in Christ for justice and mercy
To be our way of life

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God,

C 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 he 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;
⁸he 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?

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over 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.

**⁸For 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.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

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 member, 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 members 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Setting Ten*)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

C 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.” ²⁹He 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, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* – ELW 799 (verses 1, 4, 5)

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please share a greeting of peace with each other from a distance.)

OFFERING

(Thanks for your support of the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church! There are several ways to give your monetary support, including online options on the church website: www.welcome2CLC.com. As you leave today's service, offerings may be placed in the offering plates located in the entryway.)

THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION & COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Great God of gifts: Thank you! You feed us in many, many ways, and we are grateful to receive! We look to you, we look to each other, and we praise your name. As you've fed us, now make us food for the world. Thank you, great God of gifts!

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Receive the blessing of God, the creator who made you, Jesus, the one who weeps with you, the Spirit, the one who breathes through you, ☩ one God, with you then, with you now, with you forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *I Love to Tell the Story* – ELW 661

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C **Jesus.**

P Grow

C **Together.**

P Serve

C **Others.**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor Randy Skow-Anderson

Accompanists:

LuAnn Dohms (*Sunday*)

Andrew Maki (*Monday*)

Readers:

Gary Johnson (*Sunday*)

Libby Wallace (*Monday*)

Worship Leader:

Brian Klein

Youth Director:

Josie Wilterdink

Audio Video Specialist:

Darrin Falk

Sept. Service Group Leader:

Christine Ness

MEMORIALS

For Building Fund in memory of: 9/5—Jackie Finder from Arlene Mork. **For the Christ Lutheran Church**

Women (CLCW) in memory of: 9/5—Joel Bradshaw from Larry & Vickie Kuester. **For the Furnace**

Replacement Fund in memory of: 9/5—Joel Bradshaw from Shirley Browning; Doug Hinzman from Arlene Mork; from Larry & Vickie Kuester. **For the Radio**

Broadcast Fund in memory of: 9/5—Leonard Jicha from Gerry Miller. **Undesignated in memory of:** 9/5—Joel

Bradshaw from Jerry & Jan Traxler; from Cheryl Lowery; Leonard Jicha from Bill Neverdahl.

HONORARIUM

For Current Expenses (General Fund): 9/5—in thanks for congregation's support to help sponsor a Chili Feed and a Walk fundraiser for Alzheimer's research from Larry & Vickie Kuester.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by Stan & Joan Labs in memory of Joan's parents John & Doris Gibson.

MISSION STATEMENT: "Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others."

VISION STATEMENT: "Christ Lutheran is where God's promise of love and forgiveness is for all."

PRAYER CONCERNS (listed alphabetically): Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel's brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; Barb Frey; Jonelle Gideo; Gretchen Gustman; Paul Haviland; Jeremy Hayes; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Andrea Johnson; Joan Labs; Helen Lande; Sharon Larson; Dayle Mandelson; Mary Merritt; Andy Meser (Barb's great-nephew); Arlene Mork; Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester's mother); Bill Neverdahl; Lorraine Norrish; Reggie; Rita (Arla Falk's sister); Frank Smith; Shawn Stary; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms' brother); Jacque Wilman (Tracy Wellington's mother); our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

CHURCH COUNCIL is encouraging everyone to wear a mask at this time. Thank you.

HAPPY BELATED 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on September 2 to David & Ardith Jacobson!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING meeting will be this morning (September 12) immediately following worship. We will discuss important information, answer any questions, and make decisions to move forward. This event is less than a year away, so we need to get to work!

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE NIGHT –THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!

Administration, Congregational Life/Worship Team, and Outreach Committees will meet individually this Tuesday, September 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Then from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the committees and council will meet as one group in the sanctuary. Council will meet from 7 pm. to 8 p.m.

THE SPOT RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15! We need adult and older youth volunteers from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays during the school year. Please considering giving of your time to share Christ with our neighbors. Contact Josie at cosmo.clc@gmail.com or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

PLEASE FILL OUT a pink communion card at every worship service! Thank you!

MISSION WORK DAY is this Tuesday, September 14, at 9 a.m., and school kits will be prepared for shipping to Lutheran World Relief.

CLCW BIBLE STUDY resumes this Thursday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY IS RALLY SUNDAY! The Sunday worship service will be held in the parking lot next week (weather, permitting). Please bring your own chairs.

ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISER: Larry & Vickie Kuester sponsored a Chili Feed on September 9 in Bagley, MN (Vickie's hometown), to raise money for research for the Alzheimer's Association. Larry & Vickie are also walking on October 2 in Bemidji, MN, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. Why are they interested in doing this? Larry's mom passed away on January 24, 2012, from Alzheimer's and Vickie's mom currently is suffering from this same terrible disease. If you are interested in donating to help fight Alzheimer's, please contact Vickie Kuester. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS ARE NEEDED! A total of three volunteers are needed for counting offerings, usually on Monday mornings, on a rotating monthly schedule twice a year. Please contact the church office for more information.

WEDNESDAY'S TABLE menu for September 15: Goulash, Cheddar Cheese, Side Salad, Fruit Salad. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

OUR WEDNESDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! To sign up to help with either Wednesday's Table or CLC FoodShelf, call the church office at 715-235-5573; use the following link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>; or sign up on the church website: welcome2CLC.com. Thank you!

CLC FOODSHELF NEWS! Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts at the church.

FALL FAITH FORMATION is almost here, and we need you! We are looking for group leaders for all ages--three-year-old through adult classes. Curriculum is easy to navigate with minimal preparation. Adult classes will be both book and Bible studies. You choose where best to use your talents! Don't want to lead? We're always looking for other help as well. Snack helpers, classroom helpers--and more--are always welcome! We will continue to use our 4G Sunday format: Gather, Give, Grow, Go! Contact Josie at cosmo.clc@gmail.com or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

PLEASE COME WISH Katie Wagner farewell as she transitions to the next step in her faith and life journey. She has been instrumental as our Lutheran Campus Ministry Director for seven years! If she has touched your life as a student, congregational or community member, please come show your support for her at an open house event this Friday, September 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Ministry. COVID-safe, prepackaged snacks and drinks will be served, and plan to gather outside The Ministry, if the weather cooperates. Please remember masks are required inside The Ministry.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Every donation is greatly appreciated in helping to support Nick Madsen's Eagle Scout Project of building a gaga pit at Christ Lutheran Church. The goal of \$700 is well over halfway there. Thank you!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY "Connect Night" on Monday nights is an evening for students to enjoy a homecooked meal and fellowship, something that students look forward to every week. We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve meals for our students on the following dates: September 20; November 15; and December 6, 13. If you are willing to help cook/serve, please contact me at 715.563.6336 or lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com. LCM Is thankful for your presence and commitment to cooking meals on Monday nights. - Sara Reed, LCM Director

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED to occasionally play for American Lutheran Home's hymn sing on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. For questions or to volunteer, call Deb Haugrose, Director of Activities at ALH, at 715-235-9041, or call Chaplain Bob at 715-309-2888. Requirements include filling out a questionnaire, having temperature taken upon arrival, and wearing a mask.

BRATS, HOT DOGS, COLESLAW, veggies and dip, chips, desserts, coffee, and lemonade are tentatively planned for the Rally Day picnic. There will be no cost for the meal; donations appreciated. If you would like to provide a dessert for the picnic or to help with preparation, cooking, serving, or clean up, there is a sign-up sheet in the office wing hallway or call the church office. Thank you!

