



September 12th, 2021

Youth Sunday

Pentecost 16

**We welcome you with open
arms and open hearts!**

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Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers the Body Of Christ

Prelude

Rick Brown

Tom Anderson

Pastor Paul Anderson

Call To Worship

Josie VanDenburg

Welcome

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

All: And also with you.

AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today, please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Please Pray with Me

All: Loving God, Our creator, our savior, our companion, bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today. Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to. We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them. Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school, and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn. We ask this in Your name, Amen

The Gathering Song

ELW #608

“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Passing of the Peace

PM: Peace Be With You All

All: And Also With You

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: 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.)

All: 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

PM: 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.

Song of Praise

(Permission Required for Text)

“Shout to the Lord” ELW#821

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



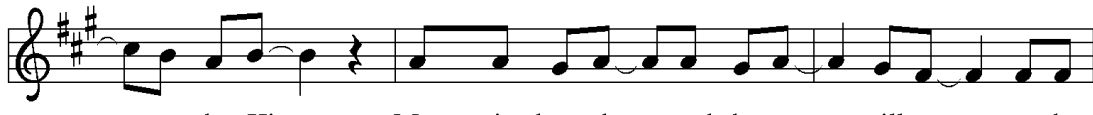
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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God Speaks To Us In The Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: A reading from the 50th chapter of Isaiah,

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

Lector: Today's Psalm is Psalm 116

(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for 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.

⁴**Then 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.

⁶**The 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.

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.

The Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Lector: A reading from the 3rd chapter of James,

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

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 saltwater yield fresh.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Kids Talk

Josie VanDenburg

(AM: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation “Lord, I lift your name on High” ELW#857

(Refer to the Hymnal)

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

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.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Paul

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

The Song of the Day

“Morning has Broken” ELW #556

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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We Respond To God's Word

Statement of Faith

All: We believe in God our Parent who has helped us grow into the people we are today and whose grace and love is endless.

We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God and the teacher of apostles whose lessons we must always remember.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who will be our guide and coach as we continue on in our journey in life, learning, and faith.

**And we believe in the power and the support of the
Three in One and the entire church who will be with us
always in our future endeavors. Amen**

-Written by Josie VanDenburg

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

Prayers of Intercession

AM: 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 is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. 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 (recent destructive events may be named here). Restore 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. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. 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. 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.

Teaching God, Help guide us in this new school year and allow us to learn new things about you and the world that surrounds us and let us share your love and lessons with those we interact with.

Lord, in your mercy,

Here 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 (especially). 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 Lord.

Amen.

Offering Song

We Are an Offering

ELW #692

(Refer to the Hymnal)

Offering Prayer

All: 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.

Jesus Comes To Us In His Supper

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: 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 your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**All: 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**

The Distribution

PM: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you! **Communion will be served in individual portions.**

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.

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Let us pray, O God

All: You have nourished us by this meal and have called us, your disciples, to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, lessons not yet learned, and through perils unknown. Give us Faith to go out in good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us as we grow and learn new things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

AM: I bless you to go and be like Jesus, To be a friend, a trailblazer, and a listener. I bless you to have passion, courage, and confidence. I send you out now with love and in hopes that you can find fun and that the Lord will guide you as you go out and set your path aflame with the brightness of who God made you to be.

God Sends Us Into The World

Sending Song

“Prince of Peace”

You are holy (echo) You are Mighty (echo)
You are worthy (echo) Worthy of Praise (echo)
I will Follow (echo) I will Listen (echo)
I will love you (echo) All of my days (echo)

Part 1

I will sing to and worship
The lamb that is worthy
I will love you, adore you
I will bow down before you
I will sing to and worship
The Lamb that is worthy

I will love you, adore you
I will bow down before you

Part 2

You are Lord of Lords, You are King of Kings
You are mighty God, Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, You're the great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace, Who is the lamb
You're the living God, You're my saving grace
You will reign forever, You are Ancient of
Days
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
You're Savior, Messiah, redeemer and friend

You are my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for you

Sending

PM: As God sends us out into the world to have us grow in knowledge and let his lessons guide us to do his endeavors of acceptance, good, love, and wisdom. Peace be with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen

Postlude

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Please call or email us with your prayer requests.



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Prayers for comfort:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson,

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

Incarcerated: George Davis

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

	Today Sept 12th	Sept19th
Accompanist	Rick Brown	Susan Peterson
Guitarist	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
Call To Worship	Josie VanDenburg	
Ushers	Jennifer Murillo & Staff	Susan Wetzstoen
Lector	Emma Mitchel	Clyde Riggle
Assisting Minister	Josie VanDenburg	Carl Russ
Projection	Will Heitmann	Scott Southwick
Video	Youth	Tommy Denney

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[Jesus] 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." **Mark 8:34 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully? *Pray:*

Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This

week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**