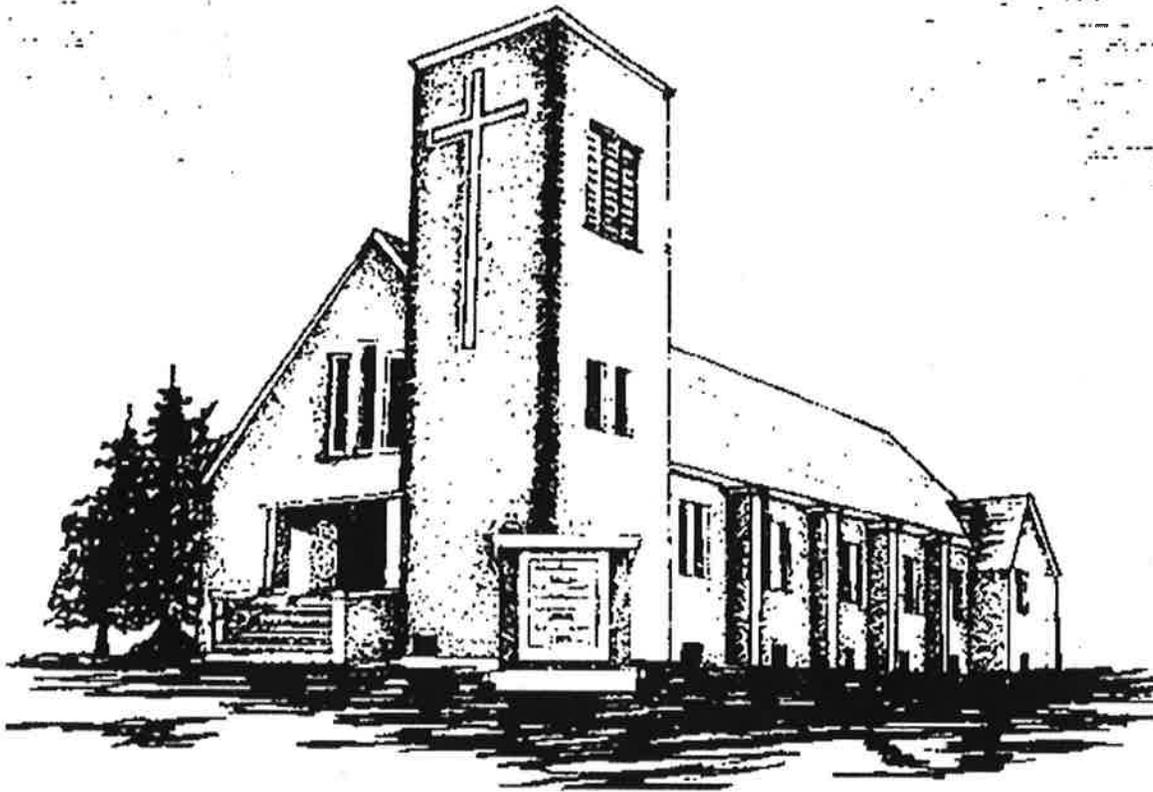


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Welcomes You!*



By Grace you have been saved!

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Lift High the Cross" LBW Hymn # 377

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy.Amen**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

See Insert

Psalm 116:1-9

See Insert

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

See Insert

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

See Insert

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ...The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "'Take Up Your Cross," The Savior Said" LBW Hymn # 398

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Offering

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WOV Hymn # 771

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Jan Rader,
Axl Walters, Carol Wiebke*

our military men and women, their families and their leaders.

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

Today 9/12/2021

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 9/13/2021

Bible Study – 3:30 p.m. NOTE TIME CHANGE

Wednesday 9/15/2021

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 9/19/2021

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

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Today's Readings

Sunday, September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

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

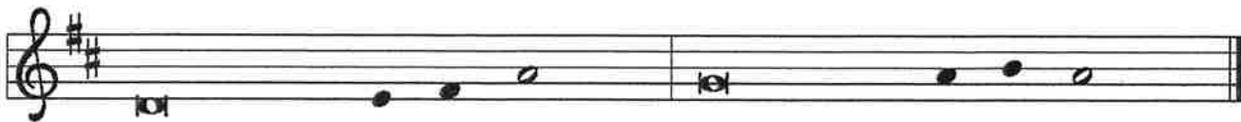
Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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?

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-9; tone 4



I love the LORD,
who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenev- ¹er I called.
³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave
¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name
¹of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life.”
⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o- ¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low,
¹and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.
for the LORD
has dealt ¹well with you.
⁸For you have rescued my ¹life
from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my ¹feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence ¹of the LORD
in the land ¹of the living.

Not 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.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus 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.”

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