



September 27, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

As We Gather

We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Jesus then told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. What is our response as God speaks to us through His Word?

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 549 “All Hail the Power Of Jesus’ Name”

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 2. Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all. Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 3. Let every kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 4. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 103:1–5*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: **And forget not all His benefits,**

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity,

People: **Who heals all your diseases,**

Pastor: Who redeems your life from the pit,

People: **Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Pastor: Who satisfies you with good

People: **So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not always walked in Your ways according to Your Law. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins, those known to us and those unknown. Have mercy on us, gracious God, because of the redemption won for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord. Forgive us all that needs the forgiveness found in Him alone, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully as we await Christ's coming in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: In His mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a servant of Christ, I announce to you the grace of God and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord and fill us with Your peace.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (*God calls the people of Israel to repent and turn to Him.*)

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new

spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 (*Paul reminds us to be humble and to be lights in the world as we hold to God’s Word.*)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 (*Jesus responds to a question about His authority by talking about John the Baptist and telling a parable about two sons.*)

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN: LSB 848 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

1. **Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken Offered mercy’s perfect deed, We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart, Consecrating to Your purpose Every gift that You impart.**

2. **As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love’s revealing light In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassions bid us bear, Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

3. **Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go, To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in loving deeds to show; Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give, that Your servants, Lord, in freedom, May Your mercy know and live.**

Sermon: Matthew 21:28-32 "What's Our Response?"

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Hymn: LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"

1. **Your table I approach; Dear Savior hear my prayer, Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.**
2. **Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands; A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.**
3. **Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.**
4. **Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery; God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.**

The Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (*Augsburg Confession-Article X*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Words of Institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Nunc Dimittis—Song of Simeon (*Words and in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

2. **All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 783 Take My Life And Let it Be

1. **Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
2. **Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Your love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**
3. **Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**
4. **Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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**Church
News**

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of September 27, 2020

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**PRAY FOR: Ehrhardt Family & Homebound Families
Christ, Eldorado Springs - Rev. Johannes Brann**

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Ronnie Garoutte & Bernie Thomas

Michael Frerichs – (Grandson of Ardella Frerichs – health and healing)

Dick and Jody Buehler – (Father and step-mother of Amy Garoutte - health and healing from Covid-19)

Jennifer McCoy – (Daughter of Diane Smith – health and healing)

Tonya Janes – (Friend of Jennifer Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

Members of Trinity Freistatt – (Health and healing from current Covid-19 issues)

Teri Ediger – (Daughter of Cathy Munden - health and healing from surgery)

Bob Painter – (Friend of David Lampe - Health and healing from surgery)

Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)

Samantha Kennedy - (Friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Mark Rosenquist – (Brother of Margaret Morrison—health, healing & safety)

Corey Gregory - (Friend of Leah Henbest—health and healing)

Rick Knutson – (Friend of Grace - health and healing)

Milton Johnson – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
 Cindy Yang – (Friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing from cancer)
 Bill Oldfield – (health and healing after surgery)
 Sherry Oldfield – (health and healing)
 Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
 Karl Fritz – (health and healing)
 Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)
 Helen Springer - (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	September 27th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am Elders Meeting
Monday	September 28th	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 30th	Pastor in Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	September 31st	Pastor in Office
Saturday	October 3rd	Car Show at Oak Park
Sunday	October 4th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am

Birthdays this week: **Kimberly Juracek-27**
Anniversaries: **None**



Aurora Car Show: October 3rd (Next Saturday) – 8 am to 4 pm. Come by and say hi. Better yet, join us and extend our church presence and greetings to the community. Hope to see you there!

Services Only in September and Bible Class on Wednesday evening

In the meeting of the Council it was decided to continue with the current schedule of church services in September but to add a Wednesday night Bible Study, starting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This could change due to school opening and virus cases rising in the county.

Reminder: If you should become ill, please contact Pastor or an Elder so that we can notify everyone that attended the service to watch for symptoms. We encourage everyone that can to wear a mask. Masks are on a voluntary basis. Masks are available at the door. In view of the issues currently at Trinity Freistatt, please be thoughtful of others.

Please remember to practice the CDC's guidelines for proper safety measures. These include:

- Regularly washing of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice social distancing of being at least 6 feet apart from the closest person to you.
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Plus One will be collecting new or gently used gym clothes for the Blue Barrel Project for the month of September. Please consider contributing and supporting our school. Check the church website for more information at <https://www.gracelutheranaurora.com/plusone.php>

PASTOR: Pastor will continue to have time at the church. But the best way to contact him is by his cell phone which you can do at any time (417-366-3597). If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

Men's long sleeve button-up dress shirts are being collected by Sue Doss for the Dress A Girl program. This is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International – a non-denominational independent Christian organization that has been making dresses since 2006. The chapter working here locally is Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri. You can learn more at the Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri Facebook page. If you have any shirts, please get them to Sue. They do not have to be new but they do need to be in good condition and clean.



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Plus One initiative for helping the school is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QH0uZtEhHfxX8Y60E6KWhjkhL1s0LkQOeM_KrbiKxkM/edit?usp=sharing



Thank you for your support!

September

GREETERS

27 - Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS

27 - Don Wolf

October

GREETERS

04 – LWML Members
11 - Micki Gettman & Glenda Enlow
18 – Diane Smith & Edith Chambers
25 - Bernie & Shari Smith

USHERS

04 - Bill Michel
11 – David Lampe
18 - Dale Smith
25 – Charlie Chambers