



Welcome to Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016, 9:30 am

Welcome

Gathering Hymn.....*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*.....#802

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy: all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death, he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven. Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be in your presence

constantly, living there with you forever. Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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.

Confession

P: God, who is our Awesome Friend, is more than ready to listen as we confess our sins. Let us pray. God of all life, come with the saving grace of Jesus Christ into the unruly kingdom of our lives. Deal radically with our tarnished souls which were meant for brighter things.

C: Reach into the bank of our memories, down into the spring of our feelings, deep into the tender places where faith and hope struggle towards more light, liberty, and joy. Forgive all that you find fallen, reclaim that which is rebellious, expel all fears, and strengthen that which is sane, loving and beautiful.

P: By your Spirit living within us, enable us to become in reality, as well as hope and intention, the true sisters and brothers of the Son of God. This we pray in his name.

C: Amen.

Absolution

P: "The Son did not come to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved." Brothers and sisters in Christ, embrace that word of God and you will be freed indeed.

C: Thanks be to God!

Kyrie.....Page 147

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise.....*This is the Feast of Victory for Our God*.....Page 149

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. Refrain.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we

may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Psalm.....Psalm 1

P: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

P: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Reading.....Jeremiah 18:1-11

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

P: The gospel of our Lord is from the book of Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel.....Luke 14:25-33

P: The gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Dorothy Sandahl

Hymn of the Day.....*What Wondrous Love Is This*.....#666

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Holy Baptism.....Madison Renee Wells.....Page 227

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with P: "Lord, in your mercy"; please respond **C: "Hear our prayer".**)

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements

Offering

Offering Hymn.....*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*.....#857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: Living God, keep us faithful and committed to you. Help us willingly to give of ourselves and our possessions for use in your kingdom.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

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.

P: It is indeed right to give thanks and praise.....and sing our unending praise.

C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn 1.....*Now We Join in Celebration*.....#462

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

Communion Hymn 2.....*In The Singing*.....#466

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Refrain:

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people. Refrain.

Communion Prayer

P: We thank you for gathering us up in your arms, snatching us from danger, and hiding our lives in Christ, ready to be revealed in glory when all is fulfilled and Christ is all and in all!

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Go now and walk in all God's ways. Keep your lives free from obsessions. Show hospitality to strangers. Pray for those who suffer. And may God be your strength; May Christ Jesus be for you a fountain of living water; and may the Holy Spirit raise you to life with all God's righteous ones. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn.....*Lift High The Cross*.....#660

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain.**

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain.**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain.**

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

P: Go in peace. Share God's love with all!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements!

Holy Baptism: Today we welcome Madison Renee Wells, daughter of Ronald and Brooklyn Wells, into our family of faith. Her baptismal sponsors are Briana Hegge and Tonya Rice. God bless Madison and her family!

Office Closure: The church office will be closed Monday, September 5th in observation of Labor Day. Sorry for any inconveniences.

"Stitches of Love": Our Saviour's quilting group will resume Tuesday, September 6th. Meetings take place the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30am until noon. Any questions feel free to contact Nancy Lyngen at 608-989-2749.

WELCA Invite: Blair Lutheran WELCA invites us to their Potluck on Wednesday, September 7th starting at noon. The program will be Inge Witscher of the PBS TV program **"Around the Table."** It will be held at Eileen and Vernon Back's home (W13334 State Rd. 95, Blair). Please RSVP to Jeanine Mueller at 608-989-9050.

God's Work, Our Hands: After worship on Sunday, September 11th, we will be getting groups together to clean our area cemeteries and parks. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narhtex. Be sure to wear your yellow T-shirts to let this community know how much you care!!!

Rally Sunday - On Sunday, September 11th, we will be holding Rally

Sunday. There will be sign-up sheets available after worship for upcoming events and many volunteer opportunities!

Bible Study: On Monday, September 12th, we will begin an evening bible study group that will take place every Monday night in the Education room starting at 6:30pm. We will also be resuming our Wednesday morning bible study group starting September 14th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us!

JCrew: JCrew will be resuming on Wednesday, September 14th. Meetings take place every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Ritland Room. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Service: Our first service will begin on September 15th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a meal and discussion as we begin our journey through The Story. Everybody is welcome to join!

WECLA Salad Luncheon: WELCA's fundraiser for the High School Senior scholarship will take place Thursday, September 15th, starting at noon at Our Saviour's. There will be carry-outs available starting at 11:30am (Please come to the back kitchen door to pick these up). A free will donation is appreciated.

Sunday School: Sunday School will begin this year on September 18th, from 10:30-11:15am. It will include sing time, story time, and a craft or activity each week. Sign up will take place on Rally Sunday after worship. Cost is \$5 per child, maximum of \$15 per family.

Whitehall Food Pantry: Mike Demulling, food pantry director, is stepping down from his position. If you would be interested in taking over or have questions regarding this position, please contact Mike at 715-538-2397.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to:
Terry Brekke, Ellen Hauser, Audrey Holtan, Charles Kastad, Paula Hentges, Karen Witte, Emily Granlund, Lori Paulson, Kye Foss.

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, David Sobotta, Nancy Martinovici, George Przybilla, Ronald Larson, Ivan Semb, Iva Gabriel, Goodwin Anderson, Vicki Windjue, Leslie Kampa, Ervin Thompson, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Ashley (Henrickson) Hodge, Brandon Betthauser, Lara Schansberg, Charlie Bratz, Fern Moe, Bob Guinn, Greg Pryzbilla, Nora and Lena (Engen) Hafner, and Fred Chamberlain. ***If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.**

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Labor Day! Office Closed

Tuesday - Quilting 8:30am
Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday - Confirmation Trip (AGAPE) 5:00pm

Sunday - Rally Sunday & God's Work, Our Hands.
Worship 9:30am

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Communion Servers: Bev & Richard Waldera,
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