

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

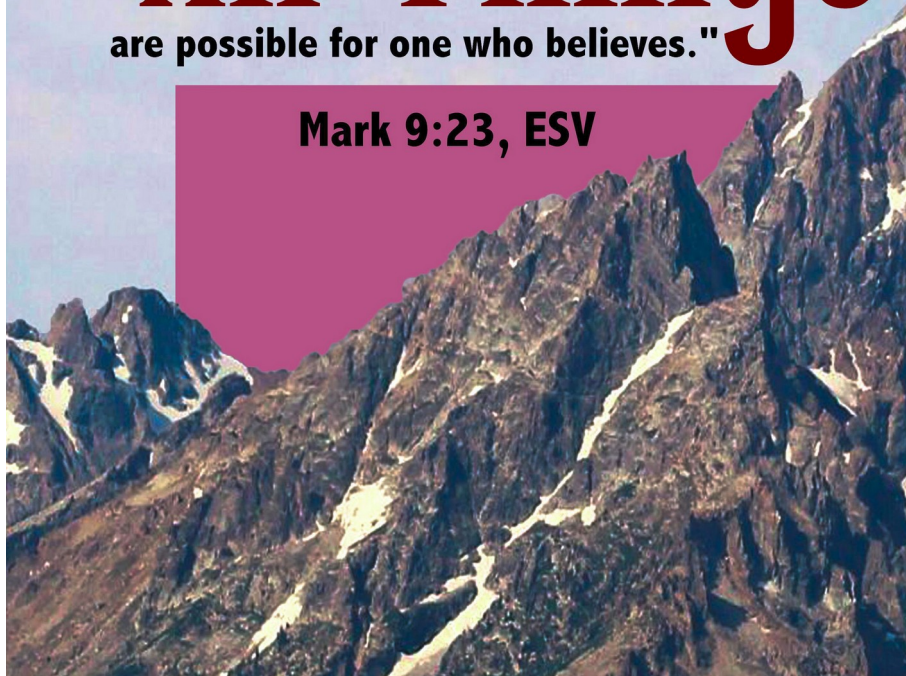
LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

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**"All Things
are possible for one who believes."**

Mark 9:23, ESV



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As We Gather

We want to reflect on just how important Jesus is for us. Without Him, we are in the dark, hopeless against foes unseen. Without Him, we despair at the difficulties of our life, for we would have no support. Thankfully, Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer! He provides the solution and comfort for our doubts. He gives to us the ability to speak with our tongue, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn TLH 360 (1, 3, 5, 7) – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

Confession
& Absolution

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
 ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD

and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116:1-9

- P** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice
C **and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
C **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C **I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C **"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**
- P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C **our God is merciful.**
- P** The LORD preserves the simple;
C **when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- P** Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C **for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**
- P** For you have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**
- P** I will walk before the LORD
C **in the land of the living.**

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought

not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn

TLH 359 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



Sermon

Jesus Is The Solution For The Faithless

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 388 – Just as I Am, without One Plea

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 396 – Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

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TLH 360 (1, 3, 5, 7) – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Acts 4: 12

Charles Wesley, 1739, cento

C. M.

Beatitudo

John B. Dykes, 1875



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus!—the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease;



The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
To spread thro' all the earth a-broad, The hon-ors of Thy name.
'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace. A-men.



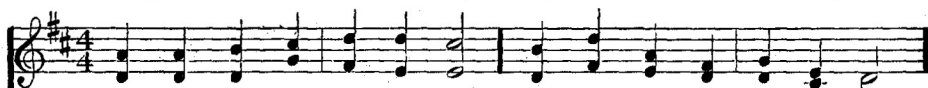
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| 4 He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me. | 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain;
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man. |
| 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace. | 7 Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven. |

TLH 359 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

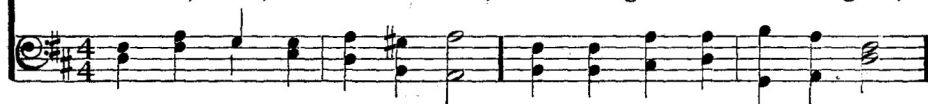
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Luke 1: 78
Charles Wesley, 1740

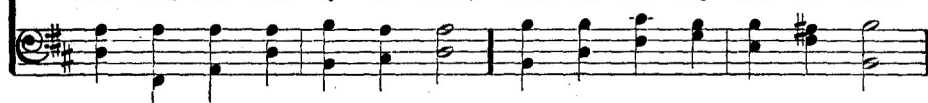
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"Sächsisches Choralbuch"
Leipzig, 1815



1 Christ, whose glo-ry fills the skies, Thou, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Right-eous-ness, a - rise, Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, Ra - dian - cy Di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief.



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day. A-men.



TLH 388 – Just as I Am, without One Plea

John 6: 37
Charlotte Elliott, 1836

L. M.
(SECOND TUNE)

Woodworth
William B. Bradbury, 1849

I Just as I am, with-out one plea But that Thy

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. A - men.

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| <p>2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
| <p>3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
| <p>6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | |

TLH 396 – Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

Luke 17: 5
William H. Bathurst, 1831, alt.

C. M.

St. Peter
Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe;
2 That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be - neath the chas-t'ning rod,
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out;
4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile;



That will not trem-ble on the brink Of pov-er - ty or woe;
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean up - on its God;
That, when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt;
That sin's wild o - cean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-gulle; A-men.



5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this;
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior’s name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord’s pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: “If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

September 12	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
September 14	6:00 pm	Council
September 16	10:00 am	Bible Class
September 19	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour – Back to Church Sunday
September 19-22		Pastor Sauers in Eau Claire for Mission Board meetings.
September 23	10:00 am	Bible Class
	6:30 pm	Elders
September 26	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Meal for Vicar Sippert’s last Sunday

Pastoral Visits: During the summer months (and beyond), Pastor would like to visit with each member of the congregation. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Pastor at (920) 602-3242 or rfsauers@gmail.com.

Collection: A collection is being collected for our vicar. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for Mr. Sippert, please place it in the green box at the back of the church.

Fondue Fest: Thank you to everyone who helped out with Fondue Fest this year. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts to spread His Word in our community.

Back to Church Sunday: Sunday, September 19 is Back to Church Sunday. Summer is winding down, school is starting once again, and as we get back into our normal routines, we want to encourage everyone to make church attendance a part of those routines. We also want to encourage everyone to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to church. The service that Sunday will be followed by a fellowship hour.

CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat: A women's retreat is planned in Myrtle Beach, SC, from November 5-7. The theme is "Walking with Jesus." The registration fee is \$40, plus the cost of transportation and hotel. Details on hotel reservations and presentations can be found on the bulletin board. Contact Amy Osborne at 651-329-3662 or newyorker13@hotmail.com with any questions.

CLC Convention Proceedings: The 2021 CLC Convention Proceedings are now available. A number of copies have been printed and are available in our narthex. You may also read the Proceedings online, using this link: tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc.

CLC News: Becky McKenney has returned the call to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Michael Sprengeler has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Seminary graduate Nick Naumann is still considering the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. + Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, is still considering the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY.

Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession	
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)	
\$1,697.00	LM General Budget (08/29)	\$230.00	CLC General Budget (08/29)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
-\$1,379.92	-Under / +Over	-\$154.62	-Under / +Over
\$90,780.23	Year to Date Offerings	\$3,149.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$107,692.20	Year to Date Need	\$3,461.58	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$16,911.97	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$312.58	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)		Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)	
\$20.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$45.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous
Memorial: In memory of Connie Horey (\$25.00)			

