

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” ELW Hymn 716

*APOSTLES’ CREED

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Hear us , O God...**Your Mercy is great.**

...We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*OFFERTORY

“O Savior of the World” by John Goss

*OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW Hymn 181

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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...through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever



*LORD’S PRAYER

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*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who seek to receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW Hymn 726

*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW Hymn 673

*DISMISSAL

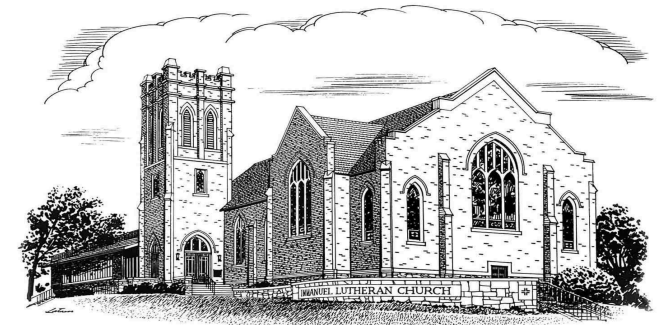
Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Passacaglia," by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome to Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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10:00 a.m.



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Two Settings on "Beach Spring"

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1932), By Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Based on ELW 712

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" ELW Hymn 620

***GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Glory to God"

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health
and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a
people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through
Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

4Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7athe burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 146



I will praise the LORD as long as I live.



1Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

2I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

3Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**4When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

5Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

**6who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in
them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

7who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

**8The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those
who | are bowed down;**

the Lord | loves the righteous. R

9The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of
the wicked.

10The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

1My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really
believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2For if a person with gold rings
and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty
clothes also comes in, 3and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine
clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor
you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” 4have you not made
distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in
the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has
promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it
not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it
not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the
scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 9But if you show
partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become
accountable for all of it. [11For the one who said, “You shall not commit
adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit
adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.
12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
13For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no
mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but
do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked
and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep
warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what
is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

24[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a
house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not
escape notice, 25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit
immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged
him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, “Let the
children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw
it to the dogs.” 28But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the
table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29Then he said to her, “For saying that,
you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” 30So she went home,
found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

31Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon
towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought
to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they
begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away
from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and
touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to
him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35And immediately his ears were
opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus
ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more
zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure,
saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and
the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**