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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service**

***Welcome to all of our visitors!  
We sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.***

**Those Serving Today**

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**God's mission for  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church:  
"SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH SERVICE"**

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# “HELP MY UNBELIEF”

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

**PRELUDE**  Liebster Jesu by J. S. Bach

## WELCOME

**P:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** And my mouth shall declare your praise!

## OPENING HYMN

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB-545 (vs 1-4)

Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav’n descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav’n to die, Crucified for our salvation, Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness; Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness. Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.

Word that speaks God’s tender love, One with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

*Please Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C:** Amen

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen**

## **KYRIE**

**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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast”**

**L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**C: 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. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. 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.**

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

## **ISAIAH 50:4-10**

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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> **I love the LORD, because / he has heard** my voice and my pleas for / mercy.

<sup>2</sup> **Because he inclined his / ear to me**, therefore I will call on him as long / as I live.

<sup>3</sup> **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid / hold on me**; I suffered distress and / anguish.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called on the name / of the LORD**: "O LORD, I pray, deliv- / er my soul!"

<sup>5</sup> **Gracious is the LORD, and / righteous**; our God is / merciful.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD preserves the / simple**; when I was brought low, he / saved me.

<sup>7</sup> **Return, O my soul, / to your rest**; for the LORD has dealt bountifully / with you.

<sup>8</sup> **For you have delivered my / soul from death**, my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling;

<sup>9</sup> **I will walk be- / fore the LORD** in the land of the / living.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit; as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

## **JAMES 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 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. 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! 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. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **ALLELUIA**

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

*Please Stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to...MARK 9:14-29**

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to

him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 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." 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." 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. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 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." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 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." 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." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please Be Seated*

## **SERMON HYMN**

**"Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"**

**LSB 849 (vs 1-3)**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

## **SERMON**

*Please Stand*

### **PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

*Please Be Seated*

## **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & GOD'S PEOPLE**

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer (*said after each group of prayers*)

**P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

C: Amen.

## **SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS** (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

*In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus' example may receive Holy Communion. You may receive the wine from the individual cup.*

*Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.*

## **PREFACE**

**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 Him thanks and praise

**P: 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:**

## **SANCTUS**                    **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** 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.

## **PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you. Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI                    "Lamb of God"**

**C:** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

**LSB 636 (vs 1,4,8)**

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render. Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless: With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, Most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey you. By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE    "Thank the Lord"**

**C:** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, 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.

**C:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”**

**LSB 846 (vs 1-3)**

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save; It triumphed over ills and death,  
O'er darkness and the grave. To Your they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,  
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength, and sight; And youth  
renewed and frenzy calmed Revealed You, Lord of light. And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
Almighty as before, In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes'ret's shore.

O be our great delive'rer still The Lord of life and death; Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
With Your life giving breath. To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r  
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

**POSTLUDE**  Concerto in G: i. Allegro, BWV 592, by J. S. Bach

### Reminder:

**Next Sunday (9/19/21), our service will be held at Peace Lutheran at 10am followed by a meeting with Rev Rivkin from the District. There will not be service at Holy Cross.**

**Birthdays this week: Ruth Hawkins (September 18)**

**Ushers & Altar Guild for 9/19 will be provided by Peace Lutheran**