



**WELCOME TO**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 12, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.**  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

*(Please Rise)*

**Opening Hymn: #570 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

**Call to Worship:**

**P:** The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him.

**C:** **Lord, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.**

**P:** The Lord’s glory covered the heavens, and His praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand where His power was hidden. He stood and shook the earth; He looked and made the nations tremble.

**C:** **You, O Lord, came out to deliver Your people, to save Your anointed one. I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him. All honor and praise and glory and might be to You, O blessed Trinity! Amen.**

**Confession of Sins: Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12, 17 (In Unison)**

**Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
Blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.**

**<sup>3</sup>For I acknowledge my transgressions,  
And my sin *is* always before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against You, You only, have I sinned,  
And done *this* evil in Your sight—  
That You may be found just <sup>a</sup>when You speak,  
And blameless when You judge.**

**<sup>9</sup>Hide Your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my iniquities.**

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.**

**17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,  
A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.**

**Forgiveness:** Pastor Tom

*(Please Be Seated)*

**First Lesson: Psalm 116:1-9 (The Lord hears and answers our prayers)**

I love the LORD, because He has heard  
My voice *and* my supplications.

<sup>2</sup> Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I will call *upon Him* as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> The [a]pains of death surrounded me,  
And the [b]pangs of Sheol [c]laid hold of me;  
I found trouble and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

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

<sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple;  
I was brought low, and He saved me.

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

<sup>8</sup> For You have delivered my soul from death,  
My eyes from tears,  
*And* my feet from falling.

<sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD  
In the land of the living.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: James 3:1-12 (Watch your tongue)**

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a [a]perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup> [b]Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. <sup>4</sup> Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a

very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of [C]iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of [C]nature; and it is set on fire by [C]hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. <sup>8</sup> But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the [C]similitude of God. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? [C]Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Children's Message**

*(Please Rise)*

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50; 8:1-3**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, <sup>38</sup> and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

<sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.”

And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.” <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”

<sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

<sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

**8** Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and <sup>[a]</sup>bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve *were* with Him, <sup>2</sup> and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and <sup>[b]</sup>infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for <sup>[c]</sup>Him from their <sup>[d]</sup>substance.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Confession of Faith: (from the Catechism)**

Q: Why do you say “I believe in the forgiveness of sins?”

**A: I believe in the forgiveness of sins because God – through Christ – has declared forgiveness to sinful humans.**

Q: What moves God to forgive sins?

**A: God forgives sins because of Christ’s sacrifice for sinners.**

Q: Where does God offer the forgiveness of sins?

**A: In the Gospel.**

Q: How do you receive this forgiveness of sins?

**A: Through faith, by believing this Gospel.**

Q: Why can and should you be sure of the forgiveness of sins?

**A. I can and should be sure of the forgiveness of my sins because God keeps His promises in Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon: "How Much Do You Owe?"**

**Music for Meditation: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

Hymnal, p. 636 set by J. S. Bach

**Offering Plates** are in the back of the church on the tables and as you come forward for communion.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

*(Please Rise)*

**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.**

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power 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.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**Communion Distribution by Continuous Line**

## **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: #566 “By Grace I’m Saved”**

**Postlude: “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”**

set by Georg Böhm

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Mark Meier in thanks for Beth’s birthday.

**Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Bob Burke; 10:30am – Mark Meier**

**Lector: 8:30am – Rachel Orsborn; 10:30am – Joel Becker**

**Altar Guild for September: Claudia Essbach, Mary Rochester, Sandra Linder**

**Pew Pads:** Please remember to sign the pew pads and notate any changes.

**Crisis Control Item for September: Pasta**

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **98 lbs. of canned goods were collected for the month of August. Thank you for your donations!**



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
*Adult Bible Class begins at 9:30 a.m.*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**  
**Nathan Kottlowski, Principal**  
**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**  
**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**  
**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.