

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- September 12, 2021**

Prelude

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Sharing of Peace

Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

A: God of all nations,

C: look with favor upon this great nation as we remember the tragic terrorist attacks of 9/11. Be our source of strength, healing and comfort as our wounds still bleed.

A: God of wisdom and compassion,

C: You create eventual blessings out of every kind of evil. Make us instruments and agents of such creation as we strive to turn the post-9/11 challenges into opportunities and blessings for others and ourselves.

A: God of mercy and grace,

C: we bring up the immediate victims and their loved ones of these heinous acts into your attention. Be their light in these moments of darkness and difficulty.

A: God of hope and glory,

C: do not let our hopes overcome by our fears. Do not let our souls crippled by despair. Be our source of hope and guidance in these times of sorrow and mourning.

A: Oh God, if we forget You,

C: Do not forget us. In your most Holy and Beautiful name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Hymn –Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW # 834

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd0FyrzVUCM>

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(Silence for reflection)

L: God, our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.

C: Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Hymn of Praise - How Long, O God ELW #698

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X0UKRX6_II

- 1 *"How long, O God?" the psalmist cries,
 a cry we make our own,
 for we are lost, alone, afraid,
 and far away from home.*

- 3 *Your grace, O God, seems far away;
 will healing ever come?
 Our broken lives lie broken still;
 will night give way to dawn?*

- 4 *How can we hope? How can we sing?
 O God, set free our voice
 to name the sorrows, name the pain,
 that we might yet rejoice.*

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,

C: and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross,

A: and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. ⁹I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM
<https://youtu.be/w-ij3xtYFR8>

Hymn of the Day –Take My Life, That I May Be ELW # 685
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmiTxenz8WI>

*1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

6 *Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world and all in need.

a brief silence

A: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: God of abundance,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Meal – Consecration

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwc281qvVh0>

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord of life,

**C: in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love**

A: in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

**L: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering
world. The Holy Trinity, +one God bless you now and forever.**

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – Lift High the Cross ELW # 660

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gIK-XUfd10>

Refrain

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

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

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

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

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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The living word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude