

# Pentecost 16

# prelude

## Confession & Absolution

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

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior lesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# Entrance hymn This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, All around Grace Lutheran Church, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x) I'm gonna let it shine. (3x) Let it shine . . . (3x)

Hide it under a bushel, no! All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x) I'm gonna let it shine. (3x) Let it shine . . . (3x)

## Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

A: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth forevermore.

C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

*P*: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High.

C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his faithfulness at the close of the day.

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a



# prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

*P: Let us pray:* 

C: Holy God, through your Son You welcome each of us without distinction. Filled with Your Holy Spirit, let us reflect Your grace and mercy in our attitudes and service to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### first lesson

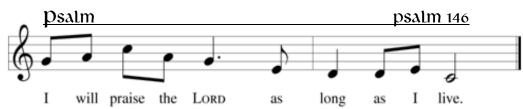
<u> 18a1ah 35:4-7</u>

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. Your God will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. Your God will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the

deaf unstopped; then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals will become a swamp, the grass will become reeds and rushes. A highway will be there, and it will be called the Holy Way; the unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, will go astray. No lion will be there, nor will any ravenous beast come up on it; they will not be found there, but the redeemed will walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord will return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy will be upon their heads; they will obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, Ó my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

# Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. R

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

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

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

# Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. R

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **R** 

## Second lesson

James 2

My brothers and sisters, do you, with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For 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, and 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," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, 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? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For 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. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What is the benefit, my brothers, and sisters, if you may say you have faith but may not have works? Faith that is not acted on does not have the power to save you - does it? If a brother or sister is not adequately clothed and lacks daily food and one of you says

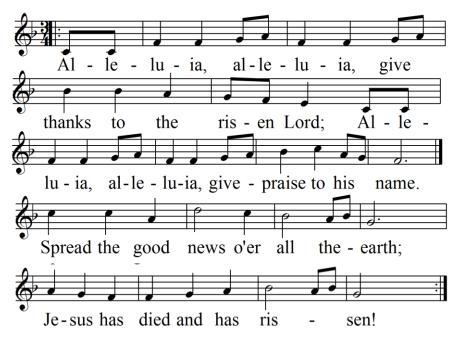
to them, "Go in peace! Keep warm and eat your fill!," and may not give them what is necessary for the body, what is the benefit? So, faith, if it may not have works is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!** 

## Blessing of the Backpacks

#### Verse



## Gospel Acclamation

*P:* The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel mark 7:14-30

Jesus tried to enter a house secretly, but he could not escape notice. Instead, a woman who had been hearing about him, whose little daughter was afflicted by an unclean spirit, immediately came toward him and prostrated herself at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race, and she asked him to throw the demon out of her little daughter.

And *Jesus* said to her, "Get up! The children are to be fed first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

But she answered him and said, "Lord, even the little dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

And he said to her, "Because of what you have said, go, the demon has gone out of your little daughter."

And going away to her home she found the child thrown on the bed and the demon gone out from her.

And leaving the region of Tyre again, Jesus came through the town of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, and then up the middle of the region of the Decapolis. And people brought Jesus a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they exhorted Jesus to lay his hand on him. And getting him out of the crowd, Jesus got him alone and threw his fingers into his ears, and having spat, touched his tongue.

And looking up to heaven, Jesus groaned and said to him, "Ephphatha!," that is, "Be opened!"

And immediately his ears were opened and the fetter of his tongue was loosed and he spoke correctly. And Jesus charged the people to tell no one about the incident. But the more he ordered them to tell no one, all the more abundantly they proclaimed it. And they were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to You, O Christ!** 

#### Sermon

# hymn of the day



# Apostles Creed

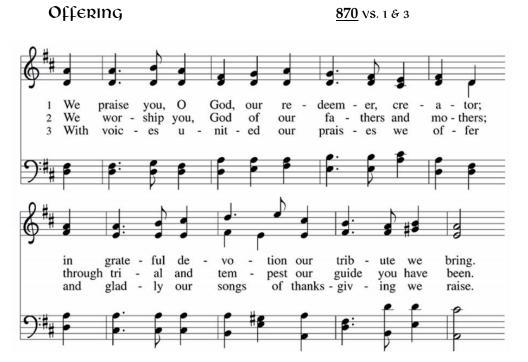
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

Blessing of the Quilts

Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace



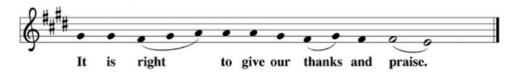


## Offertory Prayer

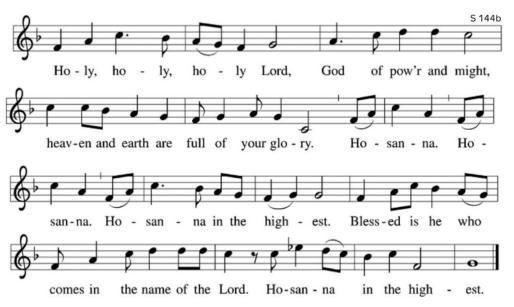
P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



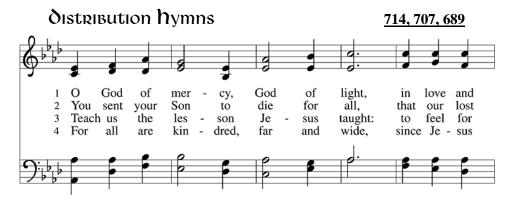


P: It is indeed . . .



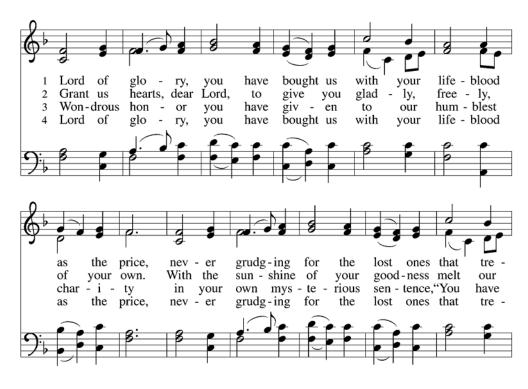
# the lord's prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

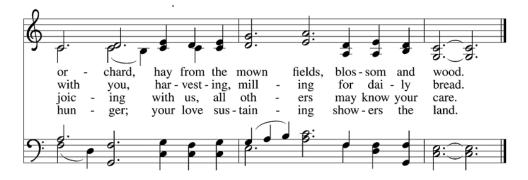




In sickness, sorrow, want or care, may we each other's burden share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you. And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.







## Post Communion Prayer

#### Benediction





a - bol - ish an-cient ven-geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour. dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun. your truth—the heart of strang-er; your life—the Cru-ci-fied.

# Postlude & dismissal



#### Sunday, September 8

Blessing of the Backpacks Blessing of the Quilts God's Work Our Hands Sunday Winter Coat Drive Begins 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School &

Confirmation Classes Begin

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting in Pastor's Office

#### Monday, September 9

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online only

### Wednesday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

### Thursday, September 12

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

#### Sunday, September 15

Grace 60th Anniversary Special Worship

Winter Coat Drive

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting in Pastor's Office

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