



16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 12, 2021

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN – 337 *Delay Not! Delay Not!*

- 1 Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!
The waters of life are now flowing for you.
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.
Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.
- 2 Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.
- 3 Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,
Long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight
And leave you in darkness to finish your race,
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
- 4 Delay not! Delay not! The hour is at hand;
The earth will dissolve, and the heavens will fade.
The dead, small and great, in the Judgment must stand—
What pow'r, then, O sinner, can lend you its aid?
- 5 Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse
The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?
A fountain is opened—how can you refuse?
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

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

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON – *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. ⁶ The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

SECOND LESSON – *James 1:17-27*

Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸ Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. ¹⁹ Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. ²⁰ Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. ²¹ So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. ²² Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. ²³ In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. ²⁵ But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is

worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY – *Philippians 4:4*

M: Alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON – *Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵ Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷ They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN – 452

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.

- 3 Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
 From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
 Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.
- 4 Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
 Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
 We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
 Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
 Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.

SERMON – Romans 12:1–8

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. ²Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. ³So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. ⁴For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. ⁵In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. ⁷If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. ⁸If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

“In View of God’s Mercy We Live”

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever

two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – 453 *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke*

- 1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1–3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4;
tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 465 *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

- 1 Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.
- 2 Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me—Show your face, and all is bright.
- 3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.
- 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

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We're happy you joined us! May God richly bless your week.

Sincere thanks to retired Pastor Neil Varnum for leading our worship this weekend.

Ministry News & Worship Changes

We welcome Pastor Andrew Franzo, pastor at Redeemer in Weston, as our vacancy pastor. Since Redeemer's Sunday worship service is at 9:00, our service time will move to 10:30 AM beginning next Sunday, Sept. 19, when Pastor Franzo begins preaching at our Savior's. Sunday School and Bible class will meet before worship. Thursday eve worship is ended until we have a full-time pastor.

CHANGES starting on **Sept. 16/19**:

- **No Thursday evening worship**
- **Sunday worship at 10:30 AM**
- **Sunday School and Bible class at 9:30 AM**

*Sign up today for Sunday School or show up on Sept. 19 –
either way, we can't wait to see you!*

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today (9/12)	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion <i>Food Pantry</i>
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	1:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at Our Savior's
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
Thursday		<i>No Thursday Worship</i>
Sunday 9/19 <i>New service time begins!</i>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship / WELS Connection Voter's Meeting – Pastoral Call

Pastoral Call / Voter's Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 19 at 11:45. The Vacancy Pastor call will also be ratified at this meeting. We'll have refreshments to tide you over.

Memorials Thank you to DuWayne & Shirley Marquardt for their gift to NLHS Debt Reduction given in memory of Virene Cramer.

We are also thankful for a gift from Rich & Jane Poirier and the Church Mutual Group family given in memory of Virene Cramer. Virene's daughter, Linda Holzem, is an Underwriter with Church Mutual.

Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts.

September Forward in Christ is available today.

Unbudgeted Major Maintenance Items The rain we've had this summer and especially in August has caused some big time leaks in the choir loft area and the entire west side wall of the gym.

We have received several estimates:

- 1) Repair choir loft flat roof: \$4,500.00 plus a little more depending on how much wet insulation will need to be replaced.
- 2) Gym wall - cutting out caulk in control joints and recaulking. All doorways - old mortar taken out and replaced, and recaulked. Cost is \$3,000.00

These projects are not in our current budget; we need to fund them with special gifts beyond regular offerings. Thank you in advance!

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Sept. 5, 2021						
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Debt</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$3,138.00	\$430.00	\$235.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$2,050.00
<u>Windows</u>	<u>Bldg & Grounds</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Luth for Life</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>Can Recycling</u>	
\$25.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$39.00	\$14.00	

Attendance: Thursday – 16, Sunday - 43, online – 14 Total - 73



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