

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 12, 2021*



## **Welcome to Worship**

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.  
We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning  
and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we recommend throughout the worship service  
that you please wear your face mask.*

*During the times of worship when the congregation is not speaking  
you are welcome to remove your mask if that is more comfortable for you.*

*If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.*

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing,  
so under the advisement of CDC guidelines,  
we are not having congregational singing during worship.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning!  
We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available.  
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

# GATHERING

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE :**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter: **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.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

# Lift High the Cross

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956  
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

*A small group of people will be singing all liturgy and hymns from the choir loft.  
Because of the Coronavirus, we ask the congregation to listen to the music  
and meditate on the words.*

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, 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, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me;

the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;**

**I was brought low, and God saved me.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,**

**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Halleluah!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system shows the vocal line with a long note on 'ia' and the piano accompaniment with a similar long note. The second system is identical to the first.

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 8:27-38**

The Gospel according to St Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus 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?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

<sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then 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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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.”

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those 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.**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community Music: Les Petites and L'Arche Community

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are in French and English, with the French text in italics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system contains the main body of the song. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system provides a concluding verse.

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.



# OUR RESPONSE

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org)*

## ANTHEM “How Beautiful” by Paris/Harlan

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God

Music: J.A. Freylinghausen



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of abundance, 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; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **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**

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

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.  
**Amen.**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving tribute to our  
56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Dalton and Julie Paul

***Please remember in your prayers ...***

Healing: Pat Dent (9/23), Gloria Dorsett (10/11), Gloria Hammond (9/23),  
Denise Heinbaugh (9/23), Bev Rebok (10/5), Pam Smith (9/21),  
James Warne, Rose Wilson (9/25), Chuck Yaukey (9/20)

Long Term Care: Mid Kramer, John Newcomer, Evelyn Scott,  
Joan Thorpe, Grace Williams

Military: Olivia Richart, Tawny & Brad Arnold

Military Prisoners: Trevor Reed, Paul Whelan

## ATTENDANCE

September 5 45 In-person  
47 on-line x 2 = 94 (ELCA formula)

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Prayers	Joyce Ray
Sound Board	Rose Wilson
Live Stream	Justin Holoviak

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** is collecting money for victims of earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, and flooding. 100 % of your gifts will support victims of these and other natural disasters. You may make checks payable to First Lutheran Church and in the memo line write “Lutheran Disaster Response.”

## ADULT HAPPENINGS AT CAMP NAWAKWA

### **ADULT STUDY RETREAT on the books**

1. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
2. *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy* by Anthony Harkins
3. *At Home in the Heart of Appalachia* by John O’Brien
4. *What you are Getting Wrong about Appalachia* by Elizabeth Catte

October 5-7 at Nawakwa. Registration fee: \$150. Lodging and meals provided. Please call 717-677-8211 or visit [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) to register by Sept. 24.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** Starting on Thursday September 16 at 2 p.m., Joyce Ray will be leading a book discussion on the book: Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk by Eugene Cho. It is a Christian's guide to engaging politics. We will discuss a chapter a week. It is an easy read and we will have some great discussions and time to share our thoughts. Please read introduction and chapter 1 for the first meeting. Please let Joyce know if you need a book.

**THE ANNUAL FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HEBRON** will be held on October 29-31. Registration is due September 13. The key-note speaker is The Rev. Angela Zimmann and her topic will be “Our Lutheran Sisters in Jerusalem.” Pastor Zimmann has lived in Jerusalem and will speak of her experiences.

**13-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will begin on Thursday, November 11 at Trinity Lutheran. Register by calling Trinity Lutheran (717-263-8156).

**CHAMBERSBURG AREA CROP WALK** This year's CROP walk will take place on October 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. It will commence from Central Presbyterian Church and follow a 2 ½ mile route that circles the downtown area. If you have an interest in walking, please come by the church office to pick up materials. If you would like to financially support the walkers and help stop hunger in our community and world, please make checks payable to "Church World Services" and drop them off in the church office.

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY AT CAMP NAWAKWA FALL FOLIAGE DAY** Sunday, October 24. Includes Pumpkin Painting, Apple Butter Boil, Hayrides, Hiking, and more!. Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon from 1 to 6 p.m. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$10/person. Please register by Friday, October 15. Call 717-677-8211 or visit [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) to register.

**NETWORK MINISTRIES**, a local Christ-centered organization, is seeking a Middle School Coordinator to lead after school ministry with youth in downtown Chambersburg. For details or to apply, visit [www.network-ministries.org/jobs](http://www.network-ministries.org/jobs) <<http://www.network-ministries.org/jobs>> or contact NETwork at 717-264-4640.

**NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM MEGA EVENT** November 6. Needed:

- winter coats for men, women and **ESPECIALLY CHILDREN**
- hats, scarves, mittens/gloves
- winter clothing for men, women and children
- shoes, boots, socks
- books (children's and religious/devotional for adults)
- washcloths/ bath towels and blankets/bedding
- adult underwear (new - brief style only)



Please wash all items before donating them. Bring items from September 1 to October 17. Drop off in designated bins in Memorial Hall. Please tell family and friends about this chance to donate unused or outgrown items. Let's help our neighbors be warm throughout the winter by sharing God's love. Contact Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759 with questions or if help is needed dropping off items.

## SCHEDULED WORK DAYS FOR THE NOV 6, 2021 MEGA EVENT

September 13 Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am

October 4 Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am

October 18 Upstairs storage/quilters room 9-11 am

November 4 Set up Day in Fellowship Hall 1 pm

Additional work days may need to be scheduled as we get closer to the event.



**THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX** When you are out shopping, please pick up a few personal care items to share. Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you for your care and concern for those who need our support.



### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

#### **September 12 - 19**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (David Hope-Tringali)
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	LARC Clergy
	7:00 p.m.	Finance
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast (Family Table)
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Book Discussion
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Communion