

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Joel Biermann or Vicar Drew Oswald would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:

Strength and healing Alison (friend of Charlotte), Audrey (mother of Lexine), Ava, Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Carolyn (mother of Molly), Carol (friends of Susan & Stan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Cindy (friend of Scott and Cheryl), Dan, Darrel, David, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Gloria, Gretchen, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (Paul’s mom), Janie, Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, June, Kathy, Kenny, Kim, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie, Michael, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Natalie (friend of Joe & Nicole), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tibebu’s family, Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn** especially the family of Al (Luther and Sarah’s father/father-in-law); **For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

Serving Us Today

Celebrant: Rev. Joel Biermann, PhD

Assistants: Vicar Drew Oswald, Seminarian Benjamin Heinz

Coffee Hour: Dave & Heidi Busher

NEXT WEEK: Eric & Hannah Jackson

Altar Guild: Scott & Cheryl Davis and Gregg & Patty Dippold

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 528

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16,19; antiphon: v. 24

A Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

A I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, “You | are my God.”

C My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

A Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!

C Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who | fear you*
and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children | of mankind!



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

A Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

“For You, O Lord, Have Delivered My Soul from Death”

Emma Heinz, soprano

*Psalm 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5
setting by Kevin Hildebrand*

*For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

*I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.
Because He turned his ear to me,
I will call on Him as long as I live.*

*The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, save me!”*

*The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
The Lord protects the simple-hearted;
when I was in great need He saved me.
Be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, 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 things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Mark 9:23b



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

A All things are possible for one who believes.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(inside back of hymnal)

Sit

The Hymn of the Day

LSB 849

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Sermon - “The Un-generation”

Mark 9:14-29

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

As the offertory is sung, offerings are presented at the altar.

Offerings may be dropped in the plate at the entrance to the nave before or after service.

Sit

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194ff.

Preface, Sanctus, The Lord's Prayer,

The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Sit

Communion Hymn

LSB 620

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Communion Hymn

LSB 846

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

Communion Hymn

LSB 770

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Benedicamus

LSB 201

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn

LSB 662

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Seasonal Insight: Green is upon the altar in confession of the growth that the Spirit works in the Church through the Word.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 4:00-9:00 - Youth Family Night at the Boehlke Home: All families with youth (6th -12th grade) are invited to join us at the Boehlke Home for fun, games, and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

What will be provided:

We will have burgers, chips, salad, watermelon, water and lemonade. We will also have board games, cards, a baseball, a football, a soccer ball, a volleyball, corn hole, and a frisbee. We will end the night with a campfire and smores.

What to bring (if you would like to do any of the following):

Camping Chairs (if you have it, if you don't, we have extras). If you have roasting sticks ... don't go buy any, just bring some if you have them please.

Please RSVP to Mireya Johnson by Wed., Sept. 15.

Middle School Retreat: We are planning a Middle School Higher Things Retreat here at Village!! Jesus calls us to live in the world, but not to be conformed to the world around us. This is a difficult challenge! There are so many different messages given to us about what kind of life we should live today—it can blow our minds! This retreat will focus on what the Bible says about the Christian life and how you as a junior high student live as a Christian today. At this retreat, you will get to think about how to live as a Christian in a 21st century world.

When: Nov.5-6, 2021

Where: Village

Cost: \$35 per person

Registration deadline is Oct. 22.

You will find the registration forms online at <https://www.villagelutheranchurch.org/higher-things-retreat.html>. Please hand registration to Mireya.

Parents, the nursery upstairs is available for your use though currently it is not staffed (ask an usher to direct you if you have need of it). If you would like to make use of a staffed nursery during Worship or Bible Class please contact Deaconess Jostes at deaconess@villagelutheranchurch.org or 314-993-1834. If there is a definite need, arrangements will be made. Thank you!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is currently engaged in a search for a full-time Digital Marketing Coordinator and a full-time Marketing & Development Coordinator to work in their office. For position descriptions, please contact lwml@lwml.org.

Christ For You this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Begin studying the book of Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), begin studying the book of Ezekiel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m.

Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

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Sunday, September 12:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Tuesday, September 14:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

Wednesday, September 15:

4:00 PM Schola Cantorum
5:00 PM Meal
6:00 PM Education Hour
7:00 PM Psallite

Thursday, September 16:

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 17:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 18:

4:00 PM Youth Group at Boehlke's House

Sunday, September 19:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service
12:00 PM Voters; Meeting

Listening to Village---You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, **listen on online** by clicking on *Livestream during worship services* on villagelutheranchurch.org