



St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Saturday, September 27th ~ 4:00pm Sunday, September 28th ~ 9:00am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Turn off phones or silence them.*

Also know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.



Saturday

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: CUSH

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS (see pg. 2)

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**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

(refer to the booklet)

**WORD** (see yellow insert)

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 146** (read responsively)

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

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**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes all and eats with us.

Come to this meal of mercy.

PLEASE BE SEATED

**COMMUNION**

Please stand in body or spirit.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**HOLDEN CONTINUES**

(continue to use the booklet)

Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Pr. Becca Laabs

**MUSICIAN:** Willy Mueller

**ASSISTING MINISTER/CANTOR:** Julie Schmit & Beth Kerscher

**READER:** Pat Gallo

**A/V SOUND TECH:** Art Kotenko

**SACRISTY HELP:** Pat Gallo, Kathy Basler

**HOSPITALITY:** Come to Oktoberfest!

## **Sunday**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TEMPLE TALK: CUSH**

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### **GATHERING HYMN**

#842 “Oh, Worship the King” vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

**we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains  
faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW Pg. 101 “*This is the Feast*”

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (see yellow insert)

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

### **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

Pastor: God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across the farthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

**Congregation: Jesus, open your hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

**C: Jesus, open your hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

**C: Jesus, open your hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, be with those who will receive these gifts—neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

**C: Jesus, open your hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

P: Emboldened by God’s eternal and unconditional love for all people, let us go and do likewise, and share our blessings with neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**AMEN.**

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**KIDS CONNECTION**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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**SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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**

God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**MEAL**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Created in Christ Alone" - McDONALD*

*May we see with His eyes; may we hear with His ears in extending the arms of Christ.*

*Every burden we bear, His compassion we share. May we love with the love of Christ.*

*As Christ has loved, we also should love. He is greater than all our fears.*

*As we go in His name, His love we proclaim: we're created in Christ alone.*

*May we speak through His Word; may our voices be heard as we share the good news of Christ.*

*We will shine forth His light till His truth be made sight.*

*Let us go for the cause of Christ! Shine His light to the world! As Christ has loved, we also should love.*

*Please stand in body or spirit*

**OFFERING HYMN**

#712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" vs. 1,4

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

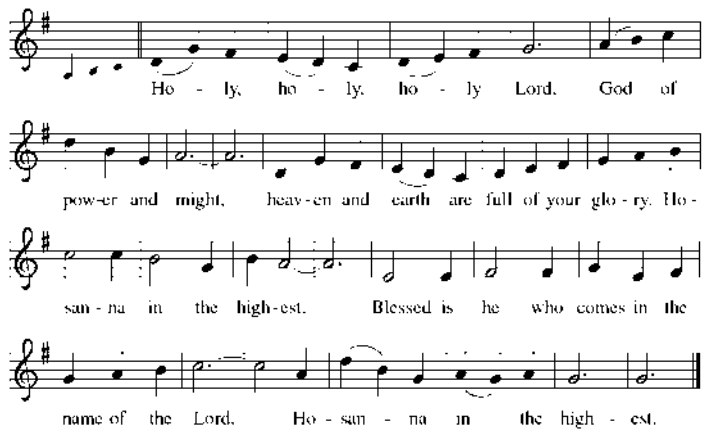
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE** It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)**



**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

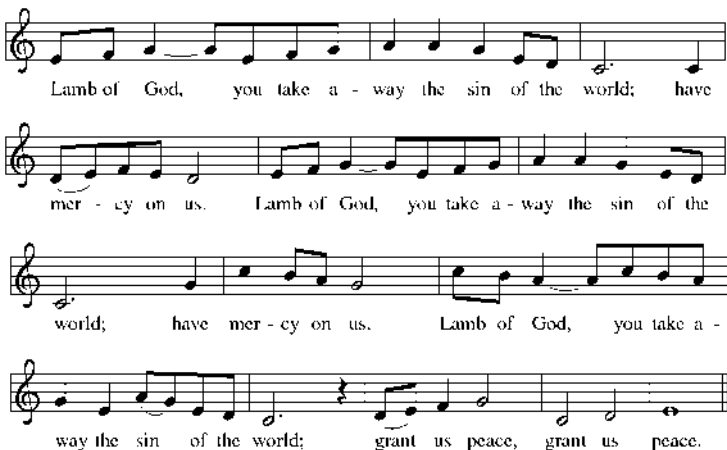
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**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**



**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

#658 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

#719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

**DISMISSAL** We are God's people.

**Followers of Jesus Christ.**

**Gifted by the Spirit.**

**Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

**LEAD PASTOR:** The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

**TEMPLE TALK:** Grant Pitts, Executive Director, CUSH

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Patricia Mason

**READER:** Harold Frush

**KIDS CONNECTION:** Joan Oehlberg

**MUSICIAN:** Deb Black

**A/V SOUND TECH:** Art Kotenko

**SACRISTY HELP:** Pat Gallo, Kathy Basler

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Christy Burmeister, Cari Richter

**GREETERS:** Sharon & Keith Corso

*The altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my mom, Lena, by Charlotta Jonsson.*