



FAMILY VALUES
CARING FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

September 5, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assist devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. It is also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

O Master of the Loving Heart | 491

- 1 O Master of the loving heart, The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you In thought and word and deed.
- 2 Your days were full of kindly acts; Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
- 3 Your face was warm with sympathy; Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch Were comforted and healed.
- 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So joyous, free, and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere, Be drawn by us to you.

INVOCATION

please stand

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

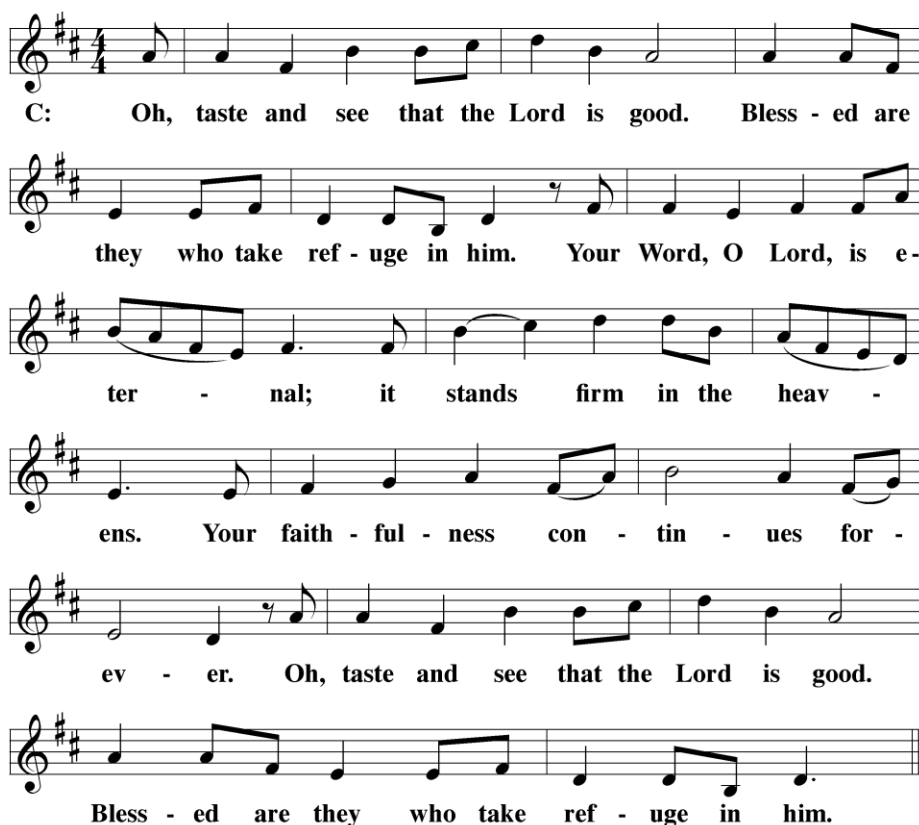
C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Tell 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.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The 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.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

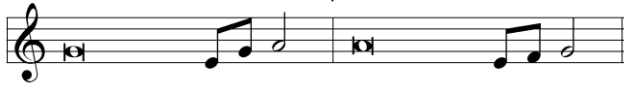
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Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, Q my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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.**

Refrain

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. ²A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong.

⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

please stand

M The Gospel according to Mark chapter 7.

³¹Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus 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. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old | 520

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death, All darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the dumb, The paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed Revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes' ret's shore.

3 Oh, be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise you evermore.

SERMON

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD.**

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

HYMN (*sung as gifts are presented*)

We Give Thee but Thine Own | **485 v. 1**

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[M] Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to not to condemn the world but to save the world through him. Keep us from losing heart in the face of trouble, strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ,

☉ Help us trust that although in this world we will have trouble, Jesus has overcome the world.

☉ Merciful Lord, You provide for our needs in countless ways. Protect all laborers. Grant that their work would be done not from self-interest, but in love for their neighbors. Sustain the unemployed and underemployed, and enable them to find ways to fully utilize the gifts You have bestowed on them for the benefit of all Your people.

☉ Move us to show loving care for the fatherless, the widow, and all who are in need.

☉ Gracious Lord, in the past You spoke to Your people through the prophets at many times and in various ways; now in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son. Spread Your saving truth to the nations through Your powerful word. Expose all falsehood, and grant that all communication may be accomplished in the light of truth and be pleasing in Your sight.

☉ Give us a spirit of discernment and the willingness and ability to point out error.

☉ Holy Comforter, You provided for unknown numbers of widows and orphans by moving your people to love their neighbor. Provide faithful friends and companions to our shut-ins and those who live alone, that they may be encouraged in faith toward You and love toward one another.

☉ Help us love others as you have loved us.

☉ Merciful Father, in His compassion Your Son responded to the needs of many with disabilities, restoring sight, and speech, and hearing. Have mercy on all who are ill, receiving treatments, or struggling with disabilities. Relieve them of their discomfort and grant them patient trust in you, and healing and recovery if it is Your will, that they may glorify You in all things.

Special Prayer Requests

☉ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**☉ 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.**

be seated

HYMN

O God of Mercy, God of Might | 499

- 1 O God of mercy, God of might, In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives to you.
- 2 You sent your Son for all to die That fallen man might live thereby.
Oh, hear us, for to you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.
- 3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.
- 4 All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will, and grace provide, To love them all in you.
- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love
Till you receive in heav'n above All those who lived for you.

PRAYER

- [M]** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

- ☒ 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.



CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds | 494

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.