

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 2022**  
American Lutheran Church, Filley, Nebraska  
Rev. Jonathan Jensen, Transitional Minister, 402-768-3665

PRELUDE: "Change My Heart, O God", "There is Power in the Blood"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

P:Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

P: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

P: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

P: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

P: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

GATHERING HYMN: "What a Fellowship" #780 WOV

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN OF THE DAY: “ Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Offerings will be received at this time.*

**1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.**

**REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.**

**3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## THE 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.**

## BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: "Shout to the Lord"

**My Jesus, my Savior. Lord, there is none like You. All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing...Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hand. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. (Repeat)**

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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: "Do Lord"

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Glenda VanEperen, Helen Fritzen and our shut-ins.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Kynsleigh Kunza (Sept. 27), Duane Lenners, Eileen Schmale (Sept. 30), Lorin Bartels, Brynn Jobman, Velda Lenners (Oct. 1).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Mark & Sophia Pobanz (Sept. 26, 2020).

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Scott Searcey, Linda Searcey's brother, who passed away on September 12 in Ostrander, MN. We commend Scott to God's care and ask His blessings on his family and friends.

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS** Sunday will be on October 2. We will be blessing and putting together health kits, school kits, and blankets. We need everybody to help.

**DAY ONE** will be sponsored Oct. 9 by the Women's Circle of American Lutheran Church and Oct. 30 as a Thrivent Action Team project to remember those less fortunate by contributing to your local food pantry for items in need. Listen every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. on our local radio station KWBE. Day One wants to **THANK YOU** for your continued support in this ministry by being a Light in many listeners lives.

**SEPTEMBER THRIVENT ACTION PROJECT** is to help stock Beatrice Southeast Community College Food Pantry. Please place items on the table downstairs. Remember these college kids could be your own - your neighbor - or your grandkids. Let's fill some sacks!! Suggestions: Noodles, rice, ramen, mac & cheese, tuna/chicken helper, canned tuna/chicken, pop tarts, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, soup, crackers, peanut butter, ketchup, salt & pepper, bottled water, small packets dried milk, toiletry items, laundry soap. Project is sponsored by Susan Frerichs.

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 three times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$127,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out - first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

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