

**Pentecost 16 (September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024)  
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## Opening Hymn: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | noined.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\***

**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

**Blessèd | be the LORD!\***

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | noined.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

- <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”
- <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:24–37*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she

answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

<sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day: 797 Praise the Almighty

Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of the Holy Spirit, who opens deaf ears with His Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how God's Son has done all things well, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For missionaries, that the Lord would strengthen and support them as they travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission, so that all who hear may receive the Good News of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our President, Governor and all rulers, that God — in whom alone we place all our hope — would preserve them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and those in any need, including:
- Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
  - Lynn and Lori Matthews
  - Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)
  - Eldora Fuelling
  - Cheryl Caffee
  - Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)
  - Jim Thieme
  - Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall
  - Keith and Suzy Scherer
  - Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)
- let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune, that God would give us a humble and urgent faith that would beg even for crumbs from Christ's table, so we may receive the fullness of our Lord's Supper worthily as His children, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## Hymn to Depart: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

**In His Service Today:**

**Preacher:** The Sem. Nathan Kieser

**Liturgist:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Organist:** Mrs. Vickie Hammond

**Deacons:** Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

**Elders:** John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERINGS:** Unavailable will be included next week

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

As of the end of August, we have received \$8,715 for missions out of budget of \$12,000.

**A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen.** At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

**Open Position:** St. Peter Fuelling Church is looking for an Assistant to the Cemetery Trustee. This is a voluntary position and is open to all members. Duties include but not limited to: measuring and plotting burial spots and keeping a log of whose buried where. Please contact Dave Bischoff or Duane Franz with questions, or if interested. Thank you.

**Please start saving your paper & plastic grocery bags for the church dinner. There are collection boxes in the basement. Thank You!**

**Reminder:** Information for the October Newsletter is due Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for AUGUST & SEPTEMBER** - "BAKING": During the months of August and September we will be collecting BAKING items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of October. Some suggestions are but not limited to: flour, sugar(white, brown, powdered), Oil(vegetable, canola), non-stick spray, spices, corn starch, baking powder, Brownie mix, cake mix, icing, foil, plastic wrap. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations!**

**Church Directories:** The 2024 address/phone number directories are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you St. Peter congregation for your contributions and patience.



## **Get tickets now for Getty Music concert at CLHS**

Listen and sing with the uplifting hymns from Getty Music during a special concert at 7 PM October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind. Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night. The concert is locally hosted by Concordia Lutheran High School, Foundations of Truth, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, and Worship Anew. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing. Tickets are now on sale at [gettymusic.com/tour](http://gettymusic.com/tour). Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

## **Upcoming Decatur LWML events are:**

**Saturday, September 14** is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter Fuelling. Our speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock who will give us an update on the Tanzania Children's Home. A free-will offering will go towards the Tanzanian Mission. Registration will be at 8:45 with opening devotions at 9:00 AM. There will also be a 20-30 minute business meeting. Brunch will be served after the meeting.

**Saturday, October 5** is the SRD (Spiritual Resource Department) Workshop at St. Paul - Preble. We will be marking Bibles for prisons and local missions.

**Zion Lutheran Church:** Annual Diaper Give-a-way is Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12 NOON-3:00pm at 2313 S. Hanna Street Fort Wayne, IN 46803. All are welcome to pick up diapers, wet wipes & other giveaways. It's first come first serve, while supplies last. Newborn-size 7 available, plus pull-ups. For more information call the church at (260) 744-1389.

**September Newsletter Corrections:** The SPI 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be singing at Immanuel Church on **Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Matt & Courtney Taylor's wedding anniversary, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, was accidentally missed. Be sure to wish them a "Happy Anniversary!"

**Fish & Tenderloin Dinner Committee:** Do you have a knack for coming up with catchy sayings or slogans? If you answered yes, then you should plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Mike & Bonnie Crosby's shop. The proceeds from this year's dinner will be going towards library renovations, and we need help coming up with a slogan or catchy saying.

Would you like to get behind-the-scenes of a production at Worship Anew? We are seeking camera operators for our pastor and choir productions. For pastor productions, volunteers would need to be available on Tuesday mornings. Choir productions are held as needed. If you are interested, please contact us at [info@worshipanew.org](mailto:info@worshipanew.org) or (888) 286-8002.

The Friends of Wyneken will host a Germanfest celebration at the historic Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur, on September 21 from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. The evening will include food, beverages, live music, a silent auction and plenty of *gemütlichkeit*. Additional information about the evening can be found by visiting The Friends of Wyneken Facebook page.

Come on out and cheer on the SPI volleyball teams. Here is the 2024 Volleyball Schedule

Monday 9/9: vs. Zion 4:30pm(JV ONLY)

Wednesday 9/11: AT ESM 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Wednesday 9/18: vs. St. Peter 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Thursday 9/19: AT HOLY CROSS 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Saturday 9/21: SPI JV Volleyball Tournament (ALL DAY)

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

Pentecost 17

#### Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>The 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord *God* has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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.  
<sup>7</sup>But 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.  
<sup>8</sup>He 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.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, 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.  
<sup>10</sup>Who 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*

#### Epistle

*James 3:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look 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. <sup>5</sup>So 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! <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come

blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:14–29*

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And 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.” <sup>19</sup>And 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.” <sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And 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.” <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup>And 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.” <sup>26</sup>And 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.” <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

## Introit

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the Lord!

**But I trust in you, | O Lord;\***

**I say, “You | are my God.”**

My times are | in your hand;\*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

**Make your face shine on your | servant;\***

**save me in your | steadfast love!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*

all you who wait | for the Lord!

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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