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**+ THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +**  
**Service of Prayer & Preaching**  
**September 24, 2023**

***As We Gather:*** Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

**Hymn “The Will of God Is Always Best”**

**LSB 758**



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -  
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -  
3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this  
4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;  
 bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,  
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,  
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"

He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In  
 I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His  
 Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My  
 Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I

time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -  
 Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and  
 fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -  
 now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and

pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.  
 day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.  
 lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.  
 hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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## Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
 C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
 C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
 L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
 C **Teach me Your paths.**  
 L Sanctify us in Your truth.  
 C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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*

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## **Reading**

*1 Kings 17:17–24*

17After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” 19And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Reading**

*Ephesians 3:13–21*

13So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every Fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, 16that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Reading**

*Luke 7:11–17*

11Soon afterward [Jesus] journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were journeying with him; 12 but, he drew near to the gate of the city, and behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd of the city was with her.

13And seeing her, the Lord had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not go on weeping,” 14 and approaching, he touched the bier, and the one who were bearing it stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, be raised up.” 15And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and he gave him to his mother. 16 And fear seized them all, and they were glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has been raised up among us!” and “God has visited his people!” 17And this word concerning him, went out in all Judea; also, all the surrounding countryside.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Responsory: Common

LSB 263

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Ten Commandments

**C** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## Apostles' Creed

**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.

### Lord's Prayer

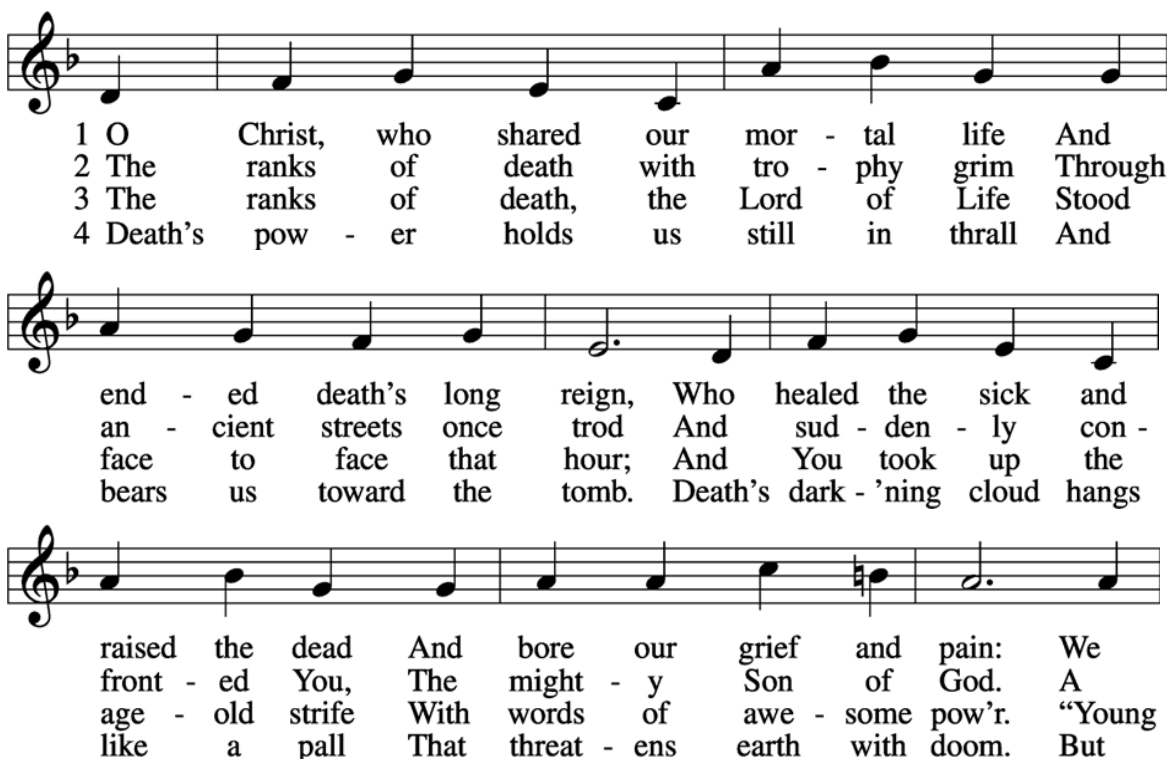
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Sermon

*"Singing Boldly"*

Luke 7:11-17

### Hymn "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" LSB 552; v 1,7,8,4



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And  
2 The ranks of death with tro - phy grim Through  
3 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life Stood  
4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And

end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and  
an - cient streets once trod And sud - den - ly con -  
face to face that hour; And You took up the  
bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs

raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We  
front - ed You, The might - y Son of God. A  
age - old strife With words of awe - some pow'r. "Young  
like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But



know our years on earth are few, That death is  
wid - ow's tears e - voked Your Word; You stopped the  
man, a - rise!" You or - dered loud, And death de -  
You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a -

al - ways near. Come now to us, O  
bear - ers' tread. "Weep not!" in pit - y  
feat - ed lay. The wid - ow's son cast  
way its sting. Re - store to life our

Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!  
then You spoke To her whose son was dead.  
off his shroud And strode from death a - way.  
mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

7 Raising of the widow's son (Luke 7:11–17)

The ranks of death with trophy grim  
Through ancient streets once trod  
And suddenly confronted You,  
The mighty Son of God.  
A widow's tears evoked Your Word;  
You stopped the bearers' tread.  
"Weep not!" in pity then You spoke  
To her whose son was dead.

8 The ranks of death, the Lord of Life  
Stood face to face that hour;  
And You took up the age-old strife  
With words of awesome pow'r.  
"Young man, arise!" You ordered loud,  
And death defeated lay.  
The widow's son cast off his shroud  
And strode from death away.

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## **Prayer**

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

## **Collect of the Day**

**L** O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** 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 the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Hymn 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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## Blessing

### Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
C Amen.

## Hymn "When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand"

TLH 594



1 When my last hour is close at hand, Lord Je - sus Christ, at -  
2 My sins, dear Lord, dis - turb me sore, My con - science can - not  
3 I am a branch in Thee, the Vine, And hence the com - fort  
4 Since Thou the pow'r of death didst rend, In death Thou wilt not



- tend me; Be - side me then, O Sav - ior, stand To com - fort and de -  
slum - ber; But tho' as sands up - on the shore My sins may be in  
bor - row That Thou wilt sure - ly keep me Thine Thro' fear and pain and  
leave me; Since Thou didst in - to heav'n a - scend, No fear of death shall



- fend me. In - to Thy hands I will com - mend My soul at  
num - ber; I will not quail, but think of Thee; Thy death, Thy  
sor - row; And when I die, I die to Thee, Thy pre - cious  
grieve me. For where Thou art, there shall I be That I may



this my earth - ly end, And Thou wilt keep it safe - ly.  
sor - row, borne for me, Thy suf - f'rings, shall up - hold me.  
death hath won for me The life that nev - er end - eth.  
ev - er live with Thee; That is my hope when dy - ing.

5     My spirit I commend to Thee  
      And gladly hence betake me;  
      Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,  
      No human voice can wake me.  
      But Christ is with me through the strife,  
      And He will bear me into life  
      And open heav'n before me.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3, Revelation 12:7-12 and Matthew 18: 1-11.

**Stewardship:** Ephesians 3:14–15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

**Sunday School:** In today’s lesson, “The Fall-Short Report,” students will learn how Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua’s pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

**Building Healthy Families for Sept 24th:** From a recent CDC report on Alzheimer’s Disease: Significant increases in Alzheimer’s deaths coupled with an increase in the number of persons with Alzheimer’s dying at home have likely added to the burden on family members or other unpaid caregivers. Caregivers might benefit from interventions such as education, respite care, and case management that can lessen the potential burden of caregiving and can improve the care received by persons with Alzheimer’s. You think?? Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say Amen to that obvious conclusion. Who in your world is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease? They likely won’t ask you for help but help anyway. Do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutters, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 ~ **www.LutheranFamilyService.org.**



**Life Quote for Sept 24th:** “Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.” Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct 1st:** Hear “The Way Through the Maze” based on Psalm 25:4-5 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God’s generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!

**LAW & GOSPEL SERIES...** What does St. Paul mean when he writes about “rightly handling the word of truth?” Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on “The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel” by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at [issuesetc.org/lawandgospel](http://issuesetc.org/lawandgospel).

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**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 9/24--9/30 is **Smith/Thorpe**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 10/1--10/7 is **Stanek**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at [immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net). Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

**LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 1.** The “Noisy Women” will be collecting Noisy Change (and paper money) right after the final hymn in the service. We will be sending this collection to our District treasurer to go to the Mission Grants that the District and National LWML have adopted for the next one to two years. We thank our entire congregation for always being so generous.

**The women here at Immanuel Lutheran** have also been invited to attend the LWML Fall Rally that is being hosted by the St. John Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa on Saturday, October 6th. See further information in the Bulletin. Please sign up on the sheet on the entryway table by October 1st.

### **Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 27th**

5th/6th Grades:

*Baptism: What benefits does Baptism give?*

7th/8th Grades:

*Baptism: 4th Part*

## **Baptismal Birthdays**

*Wednesday...Rylee Howe...Kistie Johnson*

## **Anniversaries**

*Today...Nathan & Stephanie Eichenberger*

*Today...Joel & Danielle McDonough*

***We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.***

### **Fall Rally**

#### **"LIVING IN JOY"**

St John Lutheran Church

2370 Merino Ave.

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

October 7, 2023

9:15am—3:00pm

Registration \$5.00

Speaker: Wanda Pritzel

Lutheran Family Services

RSVP by October 1, 2023

RSVP to [office@stjohnosky.org](mailto:office@stjohnosky.org)

Or 641-673-6546



## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

**September 17, 2023**

Attendance	67
General Fund	\$340.00
Missions	\$20.00

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today      9:00am    Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
              10:30am   Bible Study/Sunday School/Popcorn Sunday  
                         Greeter: Marcinik  
                         Usher: Lucas Bayer  
                         Servers: Jan Mergen/Stephanie Eichenberger  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Elizabeth/Kaitlynn  
                         Elder: Steve Haase  
                         Food Pantry Sunday

Wednesday 4-5:15pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation  
                         6:30-8pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 9:30am      Confessions Study, Holy Cross in Carlisle

Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting  
                         9:00am    St. Michael and All Angels (observed); LWML Sun.  
                         Missions: Lutheran Heritage Foundation  
                         10:30am   Bible Study/Sunday School  
                         Greeter: McDonough  
                         Usher: Ben Loudon  
                         Servers: LWML  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole  
                         Elder: Joel McDonough