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Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:15 and 10:00 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise and Worship* – Ruth Elaine Schram

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
 desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts 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.

L: 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.

The assembly kneels.

L: 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

The assembly stands.

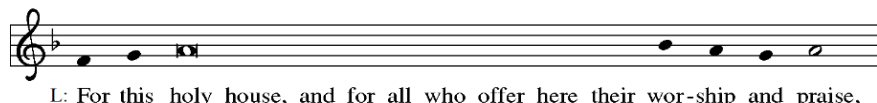
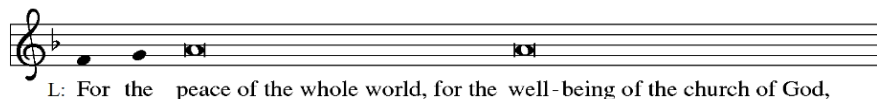
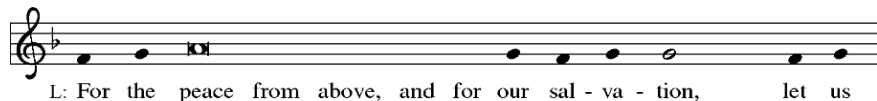
GATHERING SONG Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-10

L: The first reading is from Isaiah, the 50th chapter.

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the word of his servant?
Let the one who walks in the dark,
who has no light,
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on their God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1-9

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 116.

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² **Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"LORD, save me!"**

⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶ **The LORD protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,
for the LORD has been good to you.

⁸ **For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,**

⁹ that I may walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3: 1-12

L: The second reading is from James, the 3rd chapter.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 14-29

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "'If you can?'" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Come and Follow Me
(ELW 798)

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

PEACE (Peace should be offered with a smile and a wave.)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Faithfulness" -- Douglas E. Wagner*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13—4:10, Mark 9:30-37

WELCOME!

We are so excited that you have joined us today. You are important to our church family. Please complete the connect card in the pew before you leave worship this day. If you need to speak with a pastor or pastoral leader, please call the church office at 724-352-2333

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTE	Ron Boltz	Bill Gordon
LECTOR	Beth Zellhart	Doris Herceg
GREETER	Ruth Markwell	Rachel Steiner
OFFERING COUNTERS	Donna Shipe and Dave Fugate	

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given
to the glory of God and in memory of
Jennifer Leasure by Audrey Lott.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (Nancy's new specialist); for the gift of prayer and healing.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer)

Ann (cancer, unresponsive to chemo)

Kelly Kramich (cancer)

Nancy Daum (bacterial lung infection)

Roy (radiation)

Walter (chemo)

Connor (6yr, hip surgery recovery)

Nancy (fall, broken neck)

Harold Foertsch (Leukemia)

Erika Schuelke

Neal Hay (brain hemorrhage)

Rich Gustafson (heart surgery recovery)

Ken Crail (strokes, readmitted)

Donna Tasker (hospital, lung infection)

Shawn, Angela & family
Afghanistan

Haiti

First Responders, Military and veterans

Jim Hunt

Debbie, Roger & Vincent Sell
(Covid)

Hurricane & flooding victims

Patty (Liver surgery)

Jim Jarmul (detached retina)

John Markwell (arthritis)

Pastor Shirey (hernia surgery)

Eleanor Traggiai (fall, broken hip)

Rev. Nathan Pile (heart attack)

Debbie (Covid)

Marc (Covid)

Eileen Miller (eye surgery)

Jim Lott (heart procedure next week)

Schools: Freeport Area and Duquesne University

Weekly NALC Church: Christ Rupp Lutheran, Kittanning, PA Rev. Matt Vatalare; St. Luke's ministry and mission; for the Holy Spirit's protection and guidance.

Bereaved: Families of Vicki Jo Yurga, Catherine Drescher, Norbert Miller, Betty McCormick, Ken Kalstrand, Frank Ekas Sr., George Hajek, Joan Chew, Tina Boyer

Monthly Mission: Sarver-Saxonburg Christian Leadership Network



Stop by St. Luke's Church during the September 16th Mingle on Main for an organ concert and hymn sing. Music starts at 6:00 & 7:00 pm. Ellen Dodge will be the organist.

FCS Matching Funds

With the grace of God, our senior high teens had a successful summer of working. Work hour documentation for FCS matching funds must be turned in to the office or Barb Reuning by **September 15th**.

Cry Room

A cry room will be available starting next Sunday, for parents as needed. It is located in the former office area downstairs. You will find a changing table, rocking chair, books and even a few toys. The speaker system allows those in the room to listen to the service.

A special shout out to Austin Heade for painting and making the room a truly welcoming Christian space.

Congregational Meeting RSVP

A congregational meeting will be held at 12:30 pm in Centennial Hall on September 26th. At this time a congregational vote will be taken as to extend a call or not to Pastor Galica.

As the coronavirus still plagues our daily lives, we understand the want and need to keep all of our parishioners safe. If you are not able to attend in person, the congregational meeting will be livestreamed with voting conducted virtually.

If you are planning to join the meeting either in person or remotely, please RSVP by September 21, 2021.

- Notify the church office (stlukessaxonburg@gmail.com or 724-352-2333),
- Sign up in the café or the Main Street entrance, or
- Register online (stlks.com).



September 19, 2021

**8:15 and 10:45
Worship**

Funday Sunday School
(3rd Sunday)

Confirmation Class is cancelled.
Classes will resume Oct. 3rd.

Backpack Blessing

All students....remember to bring your backpacks with you to worship next Sunday for a blessing for the new school year. During worship, students and everyone involved in education will be recognized and a blessing given for the new school year.



Donut Sunday Is Back!!

On the third Sunday of every month, starting next Sunday, donuts will be provided in the café. Please stop by for refreshments and fellowship. Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost. If any individual or group would like to sponsor donuts, please contact Marge Kollinger (724-822-7760) or the church office (724-352-2333).



Sept 12	HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY
Sept 13	6:30 pm Council Meeting
Sept 14	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch
	12:30 pm Prayer Circle
Sept 16	Organ Concert/Hymn Sing
Sept 19	Rally Day
	8:15 worship
	9:30 Sunday School
	10:45 worship
	2:00 pm – Orchards Service
Sept 20	10:00 am - Sewing Group
	Angel Article Deadline
Sept 21	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch
	12:30 pm Prayer Circle
Sept 26	8:15 and 10:45 Worship with Pastor Galica
	12:30 Congregational Meeting
	2:00 pm Memorial Service
Sept 27	6:00 – 8:00 pm Community Quiet Time
Sept 28	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch
	12:30 pm Prayer Circle



12-Sep	Noah Jockel
13-Sep	Joyce Perkins
14-Sep	Tayla Markwell
14-Sep	Natalie Savannah
15-Sep	Ronald Boltz
18-Sep	Adam Hartzell