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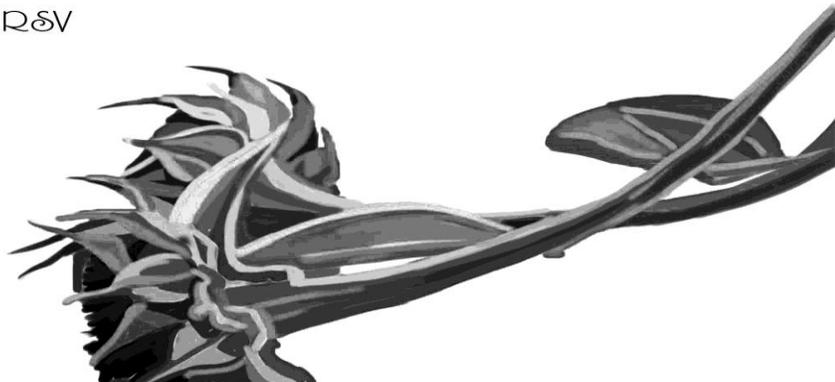
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost **September 25th, 2022**

Strive first
for the kingdom
of God and his
righteousness,
and all these
things will be
given to you
as well.

Matthew 6:33, NR&V



**HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR
5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason, we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

AS WE GATHER

In the traditional “learning trio” of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine” (Isaiah 43:1b). God sees each of us as “number one” in His loving view!

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

WORDS OF WELCOME		Elder of the Day
OPENING HYMN	<i>“Come, Thou Almighty King”</i>	LSB 905
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 151
KYRIE		LSB 152-153

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’” She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: O Lord, You have searched me and know me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down

Leader: and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before,

Leader: and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Leader: Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

People: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning

Leader: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hands shall lead me,

People: and your right hand shall hold me.

All: 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.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:25, 6:10

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING*Matthew 6:24-34*

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY*“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”*

LSB 715

THE SERMON*“Big Solutions For Big Problems”**1 Kings 17:8-16***THE NICENE CREED**

LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near.

People: Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Pastor: We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name.

People: Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial.

Pastor: You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord.

People: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge Your authority in gratitude and praise.

Pastor: Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,

People: Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do.

Pastor: You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159-160

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

COMMUNION LITURGY

LSB 160-163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“The Wonderful Cross”

CCS 62

Written by J. D. Walt, Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name

3. Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! ***Chorus***

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- 1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.
- 2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.
Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost our way.

Chorus:

**You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

- 3. Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne. **Chorus**



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5:30PM SATURDAY

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9:00AM SUNDAY

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