

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

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Pentecost 16

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn - LSB # 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Welcome

Dialog

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

C: Maker, Redeemer, Life giver, Amen!

P: Amen means, "Yes, Yes, It shall be so."

C: It is a word we use when God's Word and Truth is revealed to us.

P: O Lord, You have revealed Yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: To Your holy name, we SAY "Amen!"

P: In this name, O Lord, we were baptized.

C: To Your holy calling, we Say "Amen!"

P: For this name, O Lord, You ask us to serve with gladness.

C: Take us. Fill us. Use us. Enable us to say "Amen!"

P: At Your name, O Lord, we bow in worship

C: and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, "Amen!"

We Confess our Sin

And Hear His Message of Forgiveness

P: Each week, through the ministry of God's holy Church and the power of His word, the forgiveness of sins is offered to you and to millions throughout the world. Let us now examine our hearts to see how faithfully we have received and carried forth this great gift of God. *(A brief silence is kept)* Let us confess our sin to God.

C: Father, I have sinned against You. I know my sin is truly great, because I have known Your commands and still I do wrong and fail to do right. Even when I have confessed my sin, I forget that repentance means not only admitting guilt, but changing my life to put You first in all things, as Your First Commandment teaches. Forgive me for Jesus' sake and make me new and whole again.

P: God forgives us no matter how often or how grievously we have sinned, God's power to save is greater! His Son paid the ransom for our bondage to sin with His own life. His love purifies us and leads us into the greatest fellowship the world has ever known, His family of believers. Rejoice then, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(8:00 a.m. Service Only)

Baptismal Hymn— LSB #593 vs 1-2 "See This Wonder in the Making"

Baptism – Leo James Klingsporn, son of Hannah Klatt & Mitchell Klingsporn, Sponsors are Hillary & Paul Becker

Hymn of Psalm 23 – LSB #710

Old Testament - Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us gratitude to know

C: that Your Word was given by Your Holy Spirit for our mutual growth.

P: God, give us obedience to know

C: that the Word empowers us to live lives of forgiveness that we might faithfully study and learn Your Word so that the Truth might set us free.

P: God, give us joy to know

C: that the beauty of Solomon's temple was as nothing when compared to the beauty of Your Word dwelling in us -- in the temple of your children. Amen.

Epistle – 1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Hymn - LSB # 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us grace to know

C: the joy of participating in the learning of Your Word and the message of our victorious resurrection through Christ.

P: God, give us wisdom to know

C: how to discern right from wrong and truth from falsehood that we might grow in the stature and wisdom of our Lord.

P: God, give us love to know

C: that Your Word is a lamp that is to be shared with the world. Let us not keep the Light of Your Word selfishly locked up inside our hearts, but equip us to joyously learn the Scriptures so that we might learn to share them in love. Amen.

P: Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to...

C: (*spoken*) Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said,

'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

(After the reading . . .)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Hymn - LSB # 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Sermon

Dialog Prayer

P: God, give us courage to know

C: That Your Word gives us endless blessings that we might boldly stand in defense of our faith being well founded in the truth.

P: God, give us comfort to know

C: that as we hear, Learn and Inwardly digest Your Word that You will never leave us or forsake us.

P: God, give us faith to know

C: That the Holy Spirit continues to guide Your Church through the gift of Your Word. Amen.

Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: O Savior, let our church and its members be effective in the mission of sharing Your Word to a lost and dying world. Bless those portions of our offerings that support mission work here in Spencer, Iowa and throughout the world.

C: (sung to tune LSB #781)

Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

P: Merciful God, it is the ministry and concern of Your Church to give counsel and comfort to those who are sick or sad [Special petitions for the sick or bereaved may be offered here.]. Bless the church workers and facilities that are supported by our offerings, that they may have great effect in the lives of our people.

C: (sung)

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend those lost in loneliness Is angels' work below.

P: Bless the educational ministries of our church, especially our Pre-school, our Parochial School – IGLLS, our G.I.F.T. midweek program, and our VBS and Sunday School programs. Give us enthusiasm for this work and generous hearts for their support.

C: (sung)

The captive to release, The lost to God to bring, To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

P: Lord, if we were to try to support these ministries on our own, we could not succeed. But You have promised in Malachi, chapter three: " Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.' "

C: (sung)

And we believe Your word, Though dim our faith, it's true: What we do for Your people, Lord, We do it all for you.

P: Guide us all by Your Truth for Your Word is Truth. May God grant it for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(sung to "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" LSB #366)*

**Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne,
Most holy be Your Name.**

**Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth – in heav'n the same.**

Give us this day the food we need;

Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead;

From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You
In grateful love we bow;
And yours the pow'r, Lord, let us view
Your mighty presence now.
The glory yours; Your praise be sung
Throughout the world again
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue
Forevermore! Amen!

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Hymn - LSB # 805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Announcements and Postlude

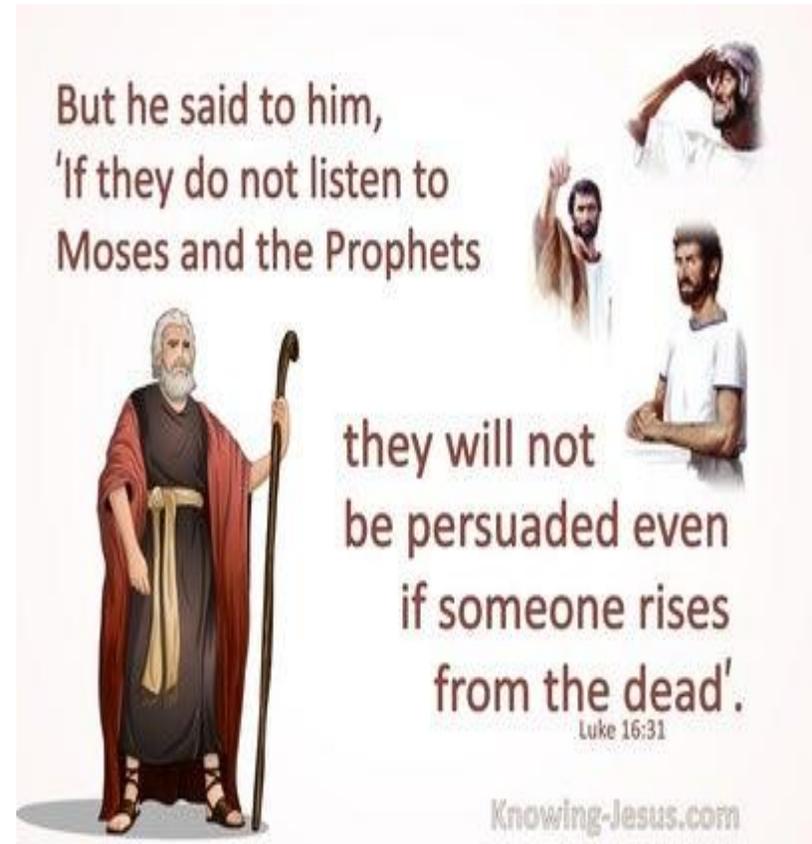
† † VISITORS AND MEMBERS † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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