

SIXTEENTH

SUNDAY

After Pentecost

Do not let any

UNWHOLESOME TALK

COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS,

BUT ONLY
WHAT IS

Helpful

for building others up

ACCORDING ^{TO THEIR} *needs*

THAT IT

MAY

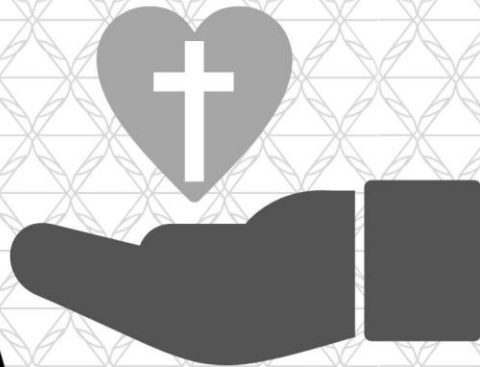
BENEFIT

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those who

LISTEN

Ephesians 4:29



ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023

The Season

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ.

The Sunday

God forgave our countless sins. He was willing to pay an incomprehensible price—the death of his Son. When we are quick to forgive, it is one way we thank God for being so quick to forgive us. This is what God wants in his Church—people who, like him, are quick to forgive.

Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz
Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm Saturday)
 Kevin Kempf (8 am Sunday)
 Johnathan Koch (10:30 am Sunday)

In You Is Gladness

CW 513

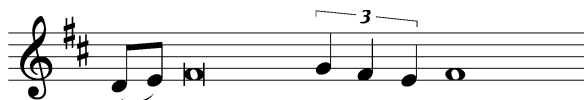
1 In you is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 If he is ours, — we fear no pow - ers, not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By you are giv - en the gifts of
 earth or sin or death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -
 heav - en, you the true Re - deem - er are. Our souls are
 tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - ing, our bonds are break - ing; who trusts you
 sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and
 sure - ly has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er.
 voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are pin - ing to see your
 Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for glad - ness, win o - ver
 shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to you are
 sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall
 cling - ing now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise him glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631

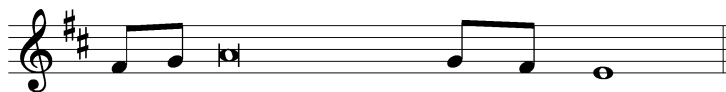
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Opening Sentences



O Lord, o - pen my lips.



And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



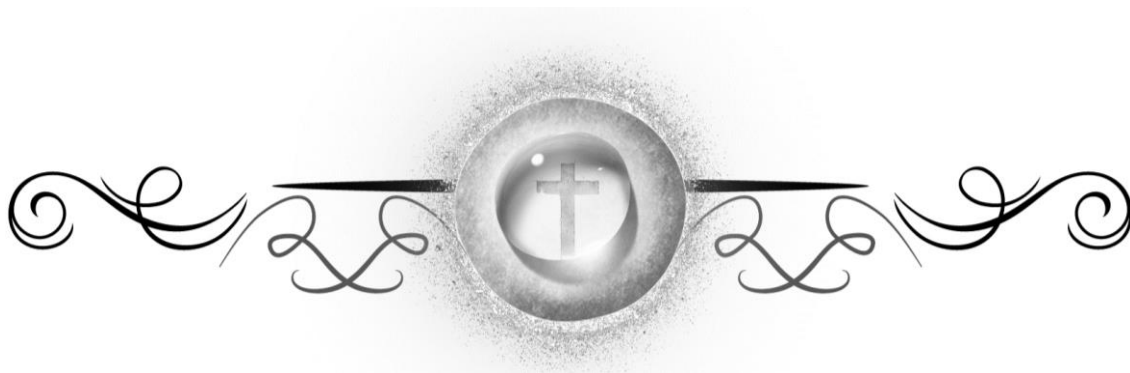
Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,

2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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Be seated

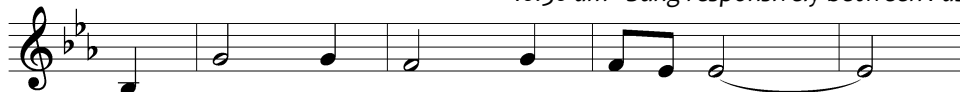
The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103A

Refrain

8 am – Sung responsively between Sixers Singers & congregation

10:30 am - Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation



The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Praise the LORD, / my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—

who forgives / all your sins

and heals all your dis- / eases,

who redeems your life / from the pit

and crowns you with love and com- / passion,

who satisfies your desires / with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,

slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.

He does not treat us as our / sins deserve

or repay us according to our in- / iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,

so great is his love for those who / fear him;

as far as the east is / from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

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. Refrain

Text: Lectionary for Mass

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First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

St. Lucas Lutheran School Sixer Singers "Jesus Christ, the Same!"

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Come Down, O Love Divine

CW 587



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

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Sermon

Ephesians 4:29-5:2 Walk in the Way of Love

Stand



You Are God; We Praise You

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



- 1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 3 O ___ Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O ___ Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You be - came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O ___ Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church, **we sing in end - less praise!**
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end - less praise!**
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end - less praise!**

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Be seated

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



Lord, Have Mercy

In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be
mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Stand

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

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F O R G I V E N E S S

What God Ordains Is Always Good

CW 844



1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: his will is just and
2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: he nev - er will de -
3 What God or-dains is al - ways good: though I the cup am
4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: this truth re - mains un -



ho - ly. As he di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
ceive me; he leads me in his right - eous way and nev - er
drink - ing which sa - vors now of bit - ter-ness, I take it
shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



meek and low - ly. My God in - deed in ev - 'ry need knows
will he leave me. I take con - tent what he has sent; his
with - out shrink - ing. For af - ter grief God grants re - lief, my
be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, for with his arm he



well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.
hand that sends me sad - ness will turn my tears to glad - ness.
heart with com - fort fill - ing and all my sor - row still - ing.
will em - brace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

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Announcements

Bible Hour Tuesday 9/19/23: Due to a scheduling conflict, there will not be Bible Hour on Tuesday, September 19. We will resume on September 26.

LWMS Circuit Rally: St. Lucas will be hosting a Circuit Rally on October 7th for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Rallies are semi-annual gatherings in which mission-minded women come together to encourage one another in spiritual growth and mission awareness. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and join with sisters (and brothers) in Christ for worship, fellowship, and to learn about missions at home and around the world.

The rally will aim to focus support on the home, joint, and world missions projects represented in the Home & World Missions Projects booklet. This allows our time, treasures, and talents to directly support WELS Missions in reaching lost souls with the precious gospel message.

There is a **donation box** located at the back of church to collect donations for these missions. After service today, please consider making a donation for this beautiful cause. Checks can be made out to Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

The rally committee would also like to reach out for help with supplying some of the food items for the rally. There will be a signup sheet at the back of church next week where you may signup to donate needed food items if you would like to help.

Usher Schedules & Altar Guild: The updated usher and altar guild schedules are now available and will be at the back of church for you to pick up at your convenience.

Volleyball Coach Needed: St. Lucas school is still looking to fill the position of volleyball coach. The season can start after Aug. 23 and goes for about 6 weeks into the first week of October. Games are on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00. Practices are on Tuesdays, typically after school but can be changed if needed. If interested in the position, please contact Mrs. Trimmer as soon as possible. jtrimmer@stlucawels.org

KML Job Openings: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking to fill the following positions:

- **Concessions:** Work in KML's concession stand during home games and tournaments. This entails simple food preparation, customer service, and clean up. The schedule involves nights and weekends.
- **Part-Time Morning Janitor:** 5:00-9:00 AM on school days. Basic janitorial duties: sweeping, mopping, cleaning bathrooms. Starting wage: \$16/hour.
- **Part-Time Janitor:** Start at 3:00 PM (flexible), 4-5 hours a day, 2-5 days a week. Basic cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, including sweeping, mopping, and picking up trash. Occasional weekend work for special events. Starting wage: \$16/hour.

Interested? Questions? Contact Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations (262.677.4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

KML Student Teacher Housing Needed: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is in need of housing for two student teachers from Martin Luther College from October 16 – December 22, 2023.

Both students are female. One will be focusing on band instruction, and the other will be focusing on science instruction. Both have their own vehicles and have trouble breathing around cats and dust. Neither are engaged or married. If you might be interested in hosting an MLC student teacher now or in the future, please fill out the form linked at kmlhs.org/stu-teacher.

KML Grandparents' Days

KML invites the grandparents of our students to come for a visit! Select either **Thursday, October 19, or Friday, October 20**. For more information and to register, visit kmlhs.org/grandparents. Registration deadline: **October 9, 2023**. Registration is needed to ensure adequate food, seating, and materials. Questions? Contact Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party

In celebration of KML's 50th anniversary, this year's alumni homecoming tailgate will be held on **October 6, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 PM at KML**. Alumni and their spouses/significant others and children are invited to attend! We will host a food truck, bounce house, and fun games again this year, ALL FOR FREE! Alumni, spouses, and their high school aged-children will receive a voucher/wristband for the food truck. Elementary-aged children and younger of alumni will receive a voucher for the concession stand. Register at kmlhs.org/alumnihoco23 to secure your spot at our Ultimate Alumni Tailgate Party! Registrations are required to ensure adequate food and fun. **Registration Deadline: September 22, 2023**

Fall Band & Choir Concert

Please join us in person or online (kmlhs.org/stream) as students from KML glorify God through music! This concert will take place on **Sunday, October 1, at 2:30 PM** in the KML PAC Auditorium. We hope you can join us!

Keys Run: We are happy to support our local community by partnering with the KEYS Run, from the KEYS Scholarship organization. The 30th annual Keys Scholarship fun run/walk will be held at Kewaskum High School on Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 11 am. KEYS, Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 1985 to accept contributions to provide scholarships for Kewaskum High School graduates. For more information, or to register for the run/walk, please visit us at us at Keys-Scholarships.org or scan the QR code to register and secure your spot .



Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Irene Seefeldt – 9/18

Aiden Bartelt – 9/19

Keith Johnson – 9/21

Micah Yttri – 9/22

ANNIVERSARIES

Russell & Linda Warneke – 9/18

Harry & Jody Krueger – 9/23

Calendar

Readings for September 17th – September 24th, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
17	18	19
2 Chronicles 36:1-23 Philemon 1-25 Colossians 4:1-18 *Worship 8am (Sixers Sing) Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Hour 9:15 am *Worship 10:30 am	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 Haggai 1:1-2:23 1 Timothy 1:1-20	Nehemiah 2:11-20, 4:1-6 1 Timothy 2:1-15 *NO BIBLE STUDY THIS EVENING*
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20	21	22
Nehemiah 4:7-23 1 Timothy 3:1-16	Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15, 16 1 Timothy 4:1-16 Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10 am Ladies Guild 6:30 pm	Nehemiah 7:1-4, 8:1-18 Ezra 1:1-10:19 1 Timothy 5:1-16
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	UPCOMING USHERS
23	24	
Nehemiah 9:1-21 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2 *Worship w/Communion 6pm	Nehemiah 9:22-38 Nehemiah 10:1-13:31 1 Timothy 6:3-21 *Worship w/Communion 8am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Hour 9:15 am *Worship w/Communion 10:30 am	Saturday 9/23: Peters 6pm Sunday 9/24: Stoltz 8am Wolter 10:30am Saturday 9/30: Beyer 6pm Sunday 10/01: Schacht 8am Strack 10:30am

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