

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience.

**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 354 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**Liturgy** Page 12 ff. in the Worship Supplement

**Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 3:13-21 “Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

**Students** *Love is the Gracious Gift*

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 7:11-17 “Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.”

**Hymn** 744 *How Great Thou Art*

**Sermon** Ezekiel 24:15-27 Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover *your* lips, and do not eat man’s bread *of sorrow*.”

So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did as I was commanded. And the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these *things signify* to us, that you behave

so?” Then I answered them, “The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Speak to the house of Israel, “Thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword. And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover *your* lips nor eat man’s bread *of sorrow*. Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another. Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I *am* the Lord God.’ ”

‘And you, son of man—*will it not be* in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters: *that* on that day one who escapes will come to you to let *you* hear *it* with *your* ears? On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I *am* the Lord.’”

## **This Should Make You Want to Cry...**

### **The Offertory**

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Hymn** 323 *With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh*

### **Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** 39:1-4 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**UNITED IN MARRIAGE** Suraya Williams and Zachary Strike were united in holy matrimony yesterday afternoon. May the Lord richly bless them in their life together. The couple will reside in Eau Claire, where he is doing an apprenticeship and she will be finishing the Teaching Program at ILC.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** We are looking for volunteers to help with this year’s Children’s Service. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway.

**Ladies Sign Making Party** All women of the congregation are invited to attend a sign making party (in church basement) that is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th at 1pm. There will also be a potluck and wine served for the ladies during that time. Please feel free to bring an item for the potluck and/or wine to share with the group. Vicky's Create & Paint will be teaching us how to make a Fall sign. More details and an example are on a sign up sheet in the entryway. Any questions, please contact Mary Albrecht.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Rob Sauers, Fond du lac, WI has returned the call to Lynnwood, WA. Pastor James Naumann, Jamestown, ND has returned the call to Tacoma, WA. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Sleepy Eye, is still considering the call to Winter Haven, FL. Pastor Tim Daub, Hecla, ND has been called to serve as our Third Foreign Missionary. Remember those congregations in your prayers.

**HURRICANE IAN** Winter Haven took a fairly direct hit from last week's storm. The following was an update from one of the teachers in their school:

"I drove down to the church yesterday and the storm sure did a number on the local businesses. Streetlights we're dangling by a single wire, street signs were bent/completely broken off, plant debris EVERYWHERE. No one over by church (or anywhere south of here, really) has power. A huge tree split on the playground, but it fell toward the open field and NOT directly into my classroom. The playground is pretty flooded too, but draining steadily. There was some water damage inside the church/school, but it was taken care of pretty quickly. The roof will probably have to be redone sometime in the coming year to help keep water out in the future. Our sign out front got totally demolished, but God is good and makes sure all are safe and taken care of."

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**USHERS** 10/02 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
10/09 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.  
10/16 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 2) J. Albrecht, N. Albrecht  
B. Eigenberg, J. Eigenberg, R. Gustaf