

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 21)

September 25, 2022

Worship Focus

**What Seems to Help in Life Fails in Death;
What Seems to Fail in Life Helps in Death**



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Order of Service for SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

609 – We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

STAND

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by children in grades 4-8

Hallelujah Round of Praise

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.
Praise Him to the heavens, praise Him in the heights,
Praise Him, all His angels, all His host.
Praise Him, sun and moon, all you shining stars.
Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1-7

At the time of Amos, the Israelites enjoyed peace and prosperity, but spiritually they were drifting away from the LORD. The prophet warns not to let prosperity provide a false sense of security.

^{AMOS 6:1}Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!
²Go to Kalneh and look at it;
go from there to great Hamath,
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?
Is their land larger than yours?
³You put off the day of disaster
and bring near a reign of terror.
⁴You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.
⁵You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.
⁶You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

Sung by the choir.

- 1 *Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!
Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor on human help depend.
They shall die, to dust returning;
all their thoughts and plans shall end.*

- 2 *Happy are the ones professing
Jacob's God to be their aid.
They are blest whose hope of blessing
on the LORD their God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the LORD created,
seas and all that they contain.
He delivers from oppression;
righteousness he will maintain.*

- 3 *Food he daily gives the hungry,
sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eyes to see.
God our Savior loves the righteous,
and the stranger he befriends,
helps the orphan and the widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.*

- 4 *Praise the LORD! Sing hallelujah!
Come, our great Redeemer praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever;
through all ages he is King.
Unto him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-6

Because the Lord is our helper in both life and death, in all aspects of life we strive to live for him.

¹HEBREWS 13:1 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE

As a Little Child

Sung by children in grades PreK-8

*O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.
Come unto Jesus, run into His arms. Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.*

*Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong
Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me, now I can share the kingdom of God.
O you can share the kingdom of God.*

STAND FOR THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells us a parable about two men, one whose confidence was in his wealth, another whose confidence was in his God.

LUKE 16:19¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ



HYMN OF THE DAY

718 – Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road



1 Though thought-less thou - sands choose the road that leads the
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, from him my
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all, to him I
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear; soon shall I
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet, soon walk through



soul a - way from God, this hap - pi - ness, dear
life, my all, re - ceive, to him de - vote my
look, on him I call; he will my ev - 'ry
end my tri - als here, leave sin and sor - row,
ev - 'ry gold - en street and sing on ev - 'ry



Lord, be mine: to live and die en - tire - ly thine.
fleet - ing hours, serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
need sup - ply in time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.
bliss - ful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

✠ Sermon ✠

Luke 16:19-31

The Fortune Money Can't Buy!

SERMON NOTES:

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of
God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *On your phone with the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card,
or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection
Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website,
<https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the code to the left..*

MUSICAL OFFERING

802 - All is Well

Sung by the Worship team

- 1 *The sun beams on behind the clouds
and in the dark still grace abounds;
all is well because of God's great love.
The road of disappointment runs
where unseen mercies wait for us,
and all is well because of God's great love. Refrain*

Refrain

*How brightly shines the love of the Father
in our Savior, Jesus Christ.
With faithful hands he fulfills ev'ry promise;
he will never leave our side.*

- 2 *He feels our weakness, knows our need,
and for our good he intercedes;
all is well because of God's great love.
Through ev'ry failure, ev'ry fear,
the Lord of comfort draws us near,
and all is well because of God's great love. Refrain*

- 3 *His coming soon will fill the sky
and all that's wrong will be made right;
with newborn eyes we will behold
the glory of the risen Lord.
All will be well because of God's great love;
yes, all is well because of God's great love. Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God of mercy, You provide us with Your Holy Word, that we might know and believe in Christ. Make us diligent to study Your Word and dwell in Your promises, that we are content with Your provision in this life and joyfully look toward the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you have directed us to feed your lambs. One way you have allowed us to do so is through a Lutheran elementary school, now in operation by your grace for the past 50 years. Receive our humble thanks for this tremendous gift. We praise you for providing faithful workers who have taught and trained our children and for youth education that has focused on your redeeming work in our behalf. Bless our faculty, staff, and volunteers by daily renewing their love for you and those under their care, that our school may continue to extend your kingdom of grace for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, watch over the authorities of this and every nation. Deliver them from the idols of wealth and power, and grant that they would use their offices in service to You and those You have entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You afflict in faithfulness and comfort in Your steadfast love. Let Your mercy come to [_____ and] all in need of help, that they might find their consolation in Your promises until You deliver them from their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You deliver Your people from the sufferings of this world and comfort them with eternal rest. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who have gone before us, and preserve us in repentance until we are carried by angels to Abraham's side. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

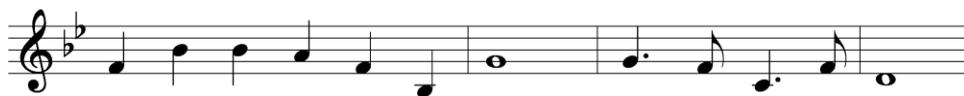
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

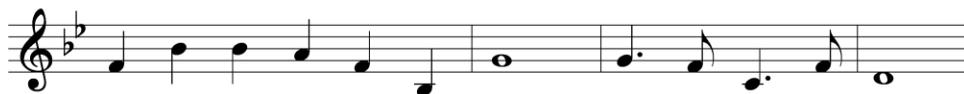
SERMON HYMN

813 – He Will Hold Me Fast

The choir will lead the singing. The congregation is invited to join in singing as they feel comfortable.



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



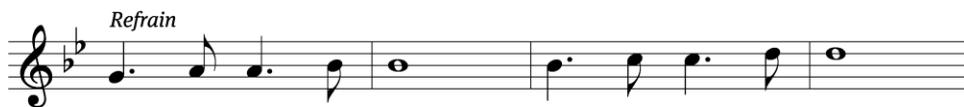
when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



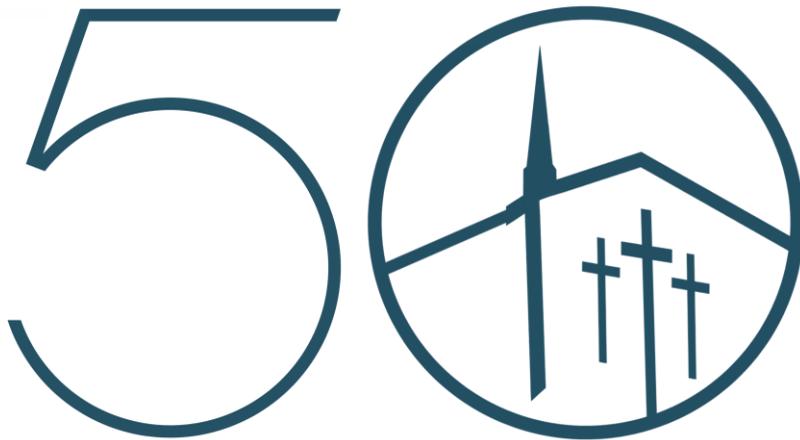
for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN

927 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Hymn 609 – We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

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Tune: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem*, 1626; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958
Scripture references: Ps 95:1-7; Heb 2:12; Ps 44:1-8
Text and music: public domain

Hallelujah Round of Praise

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; arr. Austin C. Lovelace
Scripture references: Psalm 148:1-3
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Psalm 146C

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As a Little Child

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Scripture references: Mark 10:15-16
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Hymn 718 – Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-1788, alt.
Tune: William Knapp, 1698-1786; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
Scripture references: Php 1:21; Ro 14:7,8; Php 4:19
Text and music: public domain

Hymn 802 – All Is Well

Text and tune: Steve Cook, b. 1958; Vikki Cook, b. 1960
Scripture references: Ro 8:28-30; Heb 4:14-16; Jn 17:24; Ro 8:38,39; 1 Jn 3:1
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Text: Ada Habershon, 1861-1918, sts. 1,2; Matt Merker, b. 1984, sts. 1,2, alt., st. 3
Tune: Matt Merker, b. 1984
Scripture references: Ps 149:4; Php 1:6; Ps 139:9,10; Mt 14:22-33; Jude 24,25
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In today's service we celebrate the blessings we have right now at Calvary!

Serving God in our service today:

- Adult choir: director Dawn Belie
- School children: director Dawn Aswege
- Worship team: leader Hans Voss
- Brass: Dr. Dale Burgdorf, Dr. Larry Gray, Sarah Schemm, Pastor Koelpin
- Handbells: director Sarah Schemm
- Piano and organ: Dawn Aswege and Sarah Schemm

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