



*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN *“Built On A Rock”* #652

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of
love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We
turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by
love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

HYMN **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** #597 vs 1-2

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN *“This Little Light of Mine”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia.”

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Take Up Your Cross”

HYMN

“Lift High The Cross”

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what
we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for
the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call your church to embody the love you
have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against
sin, death, and the grave. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creative God, quarks and galaxies bear witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to conserve precious natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you bless citizens with the gifts of reason and perseverance. Embolden people around the world to seek the common good, to serve their neighbors, and to delight in freedom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home. Make us restless as we seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In every time and in every place, you have raised up examples of loving service. Make us all good and loving witnesses to your extravagant compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who taught us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever. Amen.*

SENDING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #597
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME to our worship service

If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.

Today, Sunday, September 16th

9:30am Worship – Fellowship will follow

Monday, September 17th

There will not be Bible Study as Pastor Deb is gone

Tuesday, September 18th

7:00 Men’s Breakfast

Wednesday, September 19th

5:15-7:00pm D.O.G. Night

6:00-7:00pm Middle School Youth Group

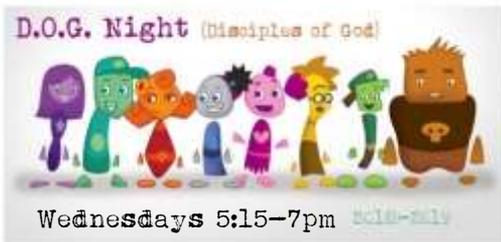
Thursday, September 20th

3-5pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank Open

Sunday, September 23rd

9:30am Worship- Fellowship will follow

**Pastor Deb will be gone
September 15th-26th**





September's
Mission of
the Month



Lutheran Disaster Response

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Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. They do this by collaborating with other disaster response organizations and religious entities to enable the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. When the dust settles and the headlines change, the LDR staff and volunteers stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are able to partner with the work of LDR with our prayers and financial support and aid in helping those whose lives have been turned upside down by fires, floods, drought, violence, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

To contribute financially, please drop your donation in the Globe offering, the Mission Donation Box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. Please write checks to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Treasury Report

Month to Date 09/01 thru 09/14

Regular Offerings	\$ 4,515.00
September Mission- LDR	\$ 98.00
Total Income	\$ 4,613.00
Total Expenses	\$ 4,417.00

Year to Date 01/01 thru 09/14

Year to Date Income	\$ 71,608.00
Year to Date Mission of the Month	\$ 6,556.00
Total Income	\$ 78,164.00
Total Expenses	\$ 91,427.00



Serving Today

Greeter: Carmen Lakner

Reader: Peg Tesch

Fellowship Servers: Jan Scott and Kathy Sunding

Music: Karen Lescarboursa

Serving Next Sunday (Sept. 23rd)

Greeter: Bob Tesch

Ushers: Lowe Family

Reader: Karen Lescarboursa

Fellowship Servers: Lowe Family

Music: Marie Kennedy

Acolytes: The Lowe Family

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of:

Anita Neugebauer (Aunt of Duane Neugebauer)

Elouise Lintz

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

Megan Deschamp (daughter of Jerri Deschamp)

Sherry Manton (sister of Gary Hunsaker)

Rodney Shay (cousin of Karen Lescarboursa)

Luanne Vining

Shelby Lillebo

Jon Hall

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Don Aduddell

Cindy Twitero (sister-in-law of Mikkey)

Chelle Schefcik

We pray for those in our country and our world going through hardship, especially:

Those currently being effected by Hurricane Florence and any other natural disaster.