

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

16 September 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5*)



*Be gracious to me, | O Lord,**

for to you do I cry | all the day.

*For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,**

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

*Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,**

for I am poor and | needy.

*In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,**

for you | answer me.

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,**

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

*For great is your steadfast | love toward me;**

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

*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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps.102:15-16*)

*Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,**

and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.

*For the LORD builds up | Zion;**

he appears in his | glory.

Old Testament:

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

¹⁸And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!"

¹⁹And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"

²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be

strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

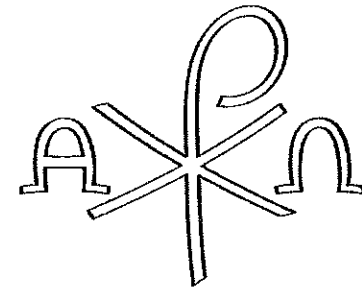
Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

- “Visited” – literally, “oversaw”. This Greek word has the same root as the word for “Bishop” or “Overseer”. Thus God has taken notice of his people and looked upon them in a pastoral way.

17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

- C.F.W. Walther: “Therefore, if you are weak in your faith, go in spirit to Nain; see how Christ Himself seizes death by its jaws and took his plunder from him. Rejoice that you believe in such a great Savior, who speaks and it is done, who commands and it stands fast. And, my dear Christian, if you are attacked by your sins, if you are anxious for comfort because of your misdeeds, return quickly to Nain; there you will find comfort...If you are frightened of death, if you must weep at the grace of your loved ones, you also hurry in spirit to Nain. Jesus Christ, who turned tears of sorrow into tears of joy, can also dry your tears...Finally, my dear Christian, if the thought of your own last hour worries you, take the Word of Christ into your heart, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”” (*Gospel Sermons*, Vol. 2 p. 154-155)



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

Collect of the Day:

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Introit:

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13 (antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5) – *Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day*

Psalm:

30 (antiphon: v. 5b) – *Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning*

Old Testament Reading:

1 Kings 17:17-24 – *Elijah raises the widow's son*

Gradual:

Psalm 102:15-16 – *Nations will fear the name of the LORD*

Epistle:

Ephesians 3:13-21 – *Paul's prayer for strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge*

Verse:

Psalm 115:11 – *Alleluia. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. Alleluia.*



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LUKE 7:11-17 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused Luke the physician to write the words of this Gospel around AD 55-60. This text, follows immediately after another miracle: the healing of the centurion's servant (Luke 7:1-10). Following this text, disciples of John the Baptism come to Jesus, asking on behalf of John, "Are you the One who is to come, or shall we look for another." Jesus' response to them includes the fact that "the dead are raised up." (Luke 7:22)

11 Soon afterward Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.

- Nain is a small village approximately 20 miles southwest of Capernaum. The name "Nain" means "beautiful meadow."
- During this time, Jesus was ministering in and around Galilee. The widow therefore was Jewish, unlike the centurion, whose servant Jesus healed prior to this account. By these two miracles Jesus demonstrates that His compassion is for all people, Jew and Gentile alike.
- Jesus is very popular, as shown by the fact that His disciples and a great crowd are with Him.

12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

- As Jesus enters the gate, the dead man is exiting, with his mother (a widow who lost her only son) and also a considerable crowd. The two large groups of people, one of Life and the other of death, have a head-on collision.
- Like Jesus, the man who had died is an "only-begotten son" (*monogenes*).

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

- When the Lord (note the use of the divine title "Lord") saw her, He had compassion and comforted her. This indicates who the Lord God is: One who has compassion and speaks His Word of comfort to those in distress.
- This Word must be taken by faith; Jesus has not yet done anything to end the widow's weeping. When He says this, her son is still dead. Nevertheless this Word works; His command begins the miraculous removal of her grief.

- Jesus' command to the widow is present tense. It is literally, "Stop weeping" – a rather remarkable command to make at a funeral to a grieving mother!

14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

- Jesus does two things here: He touches the bier and speaks. Touching this bier was a provocative act, because it would have rendered Jesus unclean. However, in this head-on collision, Jesus makes that which is unclean righteous, not vice versa.
- In the Old Testament reading, the prophet Elijah likewise also raises a widow's son. However, he did so by crying to the Lord, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." Unlike Elijah, the Lord Jesus spoke of His own authority.
- Martin Luther: "By way of illustration, as God brought forth heaven and earth through the Word, that is, through Him, even so He, too, performed all that He wished by uttering a word." (*Luther's Works Vol. 22, p. 114*)

15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

- The Word of God is powerful and does what it says. Thus the dead man sits up straightaway and begins to speak. This proves that he was raised back to life alive. So also it is with the Christian; upon being raised by Jesus' Word of forgiveness, he speaks by praising God and confessing Him. And as the hymn puts it "works serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living." (LSB 555:9)
- Note that Jesus does not take him away to follow Him with the crowds. Rather He gives him to his mother and to his vocation as son. This likewise is evidence of Jesus' compassion for the woman, that He cares for her ongoing daily needs.

16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

- Fear seized the people, which perhaps here is more amazement than terror (but it is possible that they were, in fact, afraid). They respond by glorifying God. Their responses are confessions of faith: a great prophet has arisen, and God himself has visited his people. In both responses, the emphasis is on Jesus' presence among them. In other words, in Christ God visits His people.

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT has resumed! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 9/18 Ray Fredricks, Sebastian Stack 9/20 Vanessa Alvidrez 9/22 Owen Armon

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 9/17 Lisa Zimmerman 9/20 Karen Bauman, Matthias Mackay 9/21 Erin Erb 9/22 Violet Nunnenkamp, Joyce Giese, Beverly Saathoff

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 9/19 Ron & Kay Davis 9/20 Bruce & Mary Black 9/21 Mike & Joyce Carroll, Jeff & Carrie Lacy

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex August 12-September 22, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

TODAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER to support the work of the South Central Nebraska RIGHT TO LIFE! Help us support the cost of the two Respect Life Billboards in Hastings, as well as our Pink & Blue Baby Flag displays at local churches. **TIME:** Serving from 8 - 11:00 am **COST:** Free Will Donation **LOCATION:** St. Michael's Catholic Church Theisen Hall 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings, NE

HEARTLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: Wednesday, Sept. 19th Blood Drive for the Red Cross, ph. 308-385-

3900. Golf Scramble Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th HLHS Craft Fair contact school office to donate items please see posters for details in the Narthex.

LIFE CHAIN: A peaceful, prayerful, gathering to remind the community and its leaders that we care about the plight of the preborn children slaughtered daily through abortion. Sunday Oct. 7th at 2-3:00p along Burlington Ave. and also 2nd Street in Hastings. Please line up by 1:45p

LIFEQUOTE "Oh, how the believer in Christ needs to remember that Christ lives within. This is no longer my life, it is Christ's. Yes, you live in the midst of a battle between the culture of death and the culture of life. Stand firm in Christ, where the abundant life has always been and always will be!" *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

GRACE, FAITH, SCRIPTURE & CHRIST ALONE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: The History of Celibacy & the Priesthood, Marriage Vows, Jesus the Catechist, The Book of Lamentations and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 16)

Ephesians 3:14-15 - "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." We don't call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers - it's the other way around: God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

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September 16th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Harlan Wherley + Family of LeRoy Thom **Expecting** + Sara Arnon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Jean Thom + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + Randy Russell Cancer + Barbara Classan + Brenda Christensen + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Sept: Laurie S., Tonda W. Oct. Shannon B., Jeanne Buck
 Ushers: 8:00am Craig W., Malachi, Matthias, Micah M. 10:30am Walt I., Mike N.
 Elders: 9/16 Wes C. 402-984-4650 9/23 Dale G. 308-641-6658
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Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	121	<u>Year to Date Avg Attendance</u>	148
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 3,477.17	<u>Jan-August Income</u>	\$ 104,302.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-August Expense</u>	\$ 132,221.00

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 8/31/18 \$ 192,260.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.
 Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 16th	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		
Monday, September 17th	7:-00pm	Right to Life Board		
Wednesday, September 19th	5:30pm	Meal	6:00pm	Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship	7:30pm	High School Youth
Thursday, September 20th	6:30pm	Ladies Night		
Sunday, September 23rd	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
 The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush,
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Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."



DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#818
<u>Confession & Absolution</u>	p.151
<u>Service of the Word</u>	
Introit	<i>insert</i>
Kyrie	
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation & Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#758
Sermon	Luke 7:14
	<i>"He Came, He Touched, He Spoke"</i>
Prayer of the Church	
Offering & Offertory	
<u>Service of the Sacrament</u>	
Preface & Proper Preface	p.160
Sanctus & Prayer, Lord's Prayer	
The Words of our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#620 #756 #763
Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
Benediction	
Hymn	#548
Announcements	
Postlude	

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee & Goodies
 before Bible Class and Sunday School begin!*