

The Season of  
Pentecost  
September 15, 2024



*Le Mars, Iowa*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Worship together at 11:00 a.m.*



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We gather for worship

**Welcome!**

**Announcements**

**Hymn # 843** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism.*

We gather in the name of the Father, †  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God,  
seeking forgiveness and life.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and saving God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the name of † Jesus, the Son of God,  
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your sins are forgiven;

God's love is healing.  
 Rejoice, for God raises you up  
 to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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.**

Let us pray together:

**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.**

### We hear God's Word for us

#### **First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of a teacher,  
 that I may know how to sustain  
 the weary with a word.  
 Morning by morning he wakens—  
 wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
 I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
 therefore I have not been disgraced;  
 therefore I have set my face like flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand up together.  
 Who are my adversaries?  
 Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
 who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading - Psalm 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
 and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the  
 grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.  
<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
 our God is full of compassion.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;**  
**I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
 for the LORD has dealt well with you.  
<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes**  
**from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**  
<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the  
 land of the living.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Celebration Time !**

### **Holy Gospel – Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn # 325** *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

We respond to the good news

**Apostles' Creed** *(inside back cover of worship book)*

**Prayers**

**Offering / Announcements and Opportunities**

Welcome to God's Table

**Sharing words of Peace**

**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*....let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer and Blessing**

Let us together pray:  
**Compassionate God,**  
**you have fed us with the bread of heaven.**  
**Sustain and direct us**  
**that our way may be one of**  
**welcoming, serving, and growing.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*We go into God's world*

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn # 536** *"God Be With You"*

**Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!**

*Thanks be to God!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, AND PRAYERS

### September Events:

**Noah's Ark Preschool Carnival is TODAY from 3-5pm!** – Thank you to those who volunteered to help out!

### **S'mores and Ashes is Sunday, September 22 at 6:00pm!**

We will burn the Palm Sunday palm leaves on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 6:00pm at the Municipal Park to make the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday! Come to watch this ritual and stay for the s'mores-fest afterwards! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a time of Living Faith fellowship!

### Looking Ahead:

**Sunday, October 6** – Worship with the PUCC at Hillview Recreation Area near Hinton. Meal to follow!

**Sunday, October 13** – 11 AM Worship in the PUCC Sanctuary! We will continue to hold our regular worship in this beautiful space!

### **Please hold the following in prayer:**

**Ali**, Julie Hurt's sister

**Marilynn**, Rich and Jean Zietlow's sister-in-law

**Gladys**, Julie Hurt's grandmother

**Karin**, Ted Hallberg's sister

**Your Living Faith brother or sister**



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