



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
16th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

PRELUDE	"Blessed Assurance"
CALL TO WORSHIP	
WELCOME	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"How Firm a Foundation" #796
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
(11:00) MINISTRY RECOGNITION	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	"All Praise to God for Word and Words"
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"I Love to Tell the Story"
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON & REFLECTION	
SONG OF THE DAY	"Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move"
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) "Down to the River to Pray" (11:00) "Down to the River/Listen to Your Children"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" "Bread of Life" #464
(8:30) MINISTRY RECOGNITION	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"Mahalo"
MISSION AND PEACE	"Go in Peace"
POSTLUDE	"How Firm a Foundation"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, your Word is life. Teach us to share the greatest of stories ... the love story you are telling the world in your Gospel of redemption, healing and peace. Amen.

NUMBERS 11:34-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those

registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

PSALM 57

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth. ⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.

⁸ Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ¹⁰ For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
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ACTS 1:11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him,

ACTS 1:1-11 (cont.)

"Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

LUKE 1:1-4

¹ Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.



Shakespeare's Polonius said, "Brevity is the soul of wit." In our wifi world, we often get mere seconds to communicate. How would you share your faith, the message of the Gospel, in as few as seven words?

WORSHIP IN PENTECOST

THE POWER OF STORY

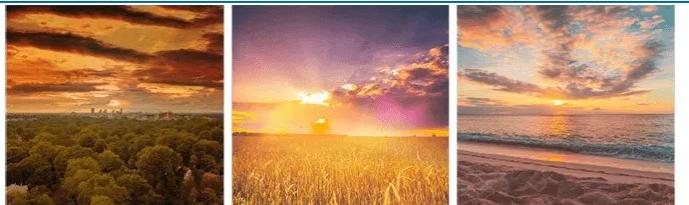
September 17: The Gospel in Seven Words

September 24: The Gospel of Your Life

TELL YOUR STORY!

As part of "The Power of Story" worship series, we're inviting YOU to Tell Your Story. Pick up a canvas board in the Narthex: paint, draw, color, paste, glue, be creative! ALL ages and abilities are invited to participate. Create art that inspires you! *Leave your completed projects on the designated table in the narthex by September 24.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10AM TO 3 PM
AT ABIDING LOVE**



lost & found

AN EXPLORATION OF THE HEALING POWER OF JOY
WITH REV. DR. ANGELA WILLIAMS GORRELL

Abiding Love and Eremos: a center of contemplative life, present Rev. Dr. Angela Williams Gorrell, author of *The Gravity of Joy*, in an exploration of the gift and healing power of joy.

The cost is \$65 for the day's event and includes lunch.

Use code AL20 at checkout for a \$20 discount.

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit eremos.org.

SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum

Acolyte: (8:30) Wyatt Riedel (11:00) Delaney Matejowsky

Altar Guild: (8:30) Billye Trostel, Georgia Wood (11:00) Barb Tiedt

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Kurt Lowe (11:00) Lacye Matejowsky

Children's Message: Tyler Parks

Communion Assistant: (8:30) Robbie Lowe (11:00) Rosa Hatfield

Lector: (8:30) Mike Riggs (11:00) Audrey Lehman

Ushers: (8:30) Willie Haas, Marvin Haddock, Gerald Segner

Morris Thompson (11:00) John Berkeland, TJ Shoaf

Tech: Jan Haas, Zee Zepeda, Cindy Atwell

Music: Stephanie Morrison, Gus Sterneman, Sanctuary Choir

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am	Worship w/Communion
9:45 am	Faith Formation
11:00 am	Worship w/Communion
12:00 pm	Quilt Tying and Lunch (AC)
5:30 pm	NYG Getting Ready Mtg (Y)
6:00 pm	ASCI Diversity Band Rehearsal (AC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:00 am	ALLC Food Pantry
3:30 pm	CC After School (L)
5:00 pm	Bread For All
6:45 pm	Junia Café Group
7:00 pm	Sarah Book Study (Z)
7:00 pm	AA (HS Room)
7:00 pm	Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am	Lifetime Learning: Dance (AC)
10:30 am	Tuesday Bible Study
3:30 pm	CC After School (L)
7:00 pm	Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:45 am	Women Alive! (L)
10:00 am	Lifetime Learning: Estate Planning (AC)
10:00 am	Staff Meeting (L)
1:00 pm	BFA Appreciation Dinner Set up (AC)
3:30 pm	CC After School (L)
6:00 pm	Music Rehearsals
6:30 pm	Council (Z)
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 am	Chapel
10:00 am	Quilters (UC)
3:30 pm	CC After School (L)
4:30 pm	BFA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (AC)
6:00 pm	Alanon (L)
7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (Z)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

3:30 pm	CC After School (L)
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:45 pm	Cub Scout Pack 12 (AC)
6:00 pm	ASCI Diversity Band (AC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 am	Worship w/Communion
9:45 am	Faith Formation
11:00 am	Worship w/Communion
4:00 pm	OWLS (AC)

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Always be ready to share the hope that is within you! (1 Peter 3:15) It is a part of our calling, as people of faith, to share the truth as God has revealed it to us. To witness, to testify, to prophecy ... to share the Gospel, especially with those who have not heard. That can be challenging enough, but it is all the harder to do that important work of evangelism in a decidedly "short-attention-span" culture. Could you do it, with a sparsity of language, ultimate impact in, say, seven words?

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