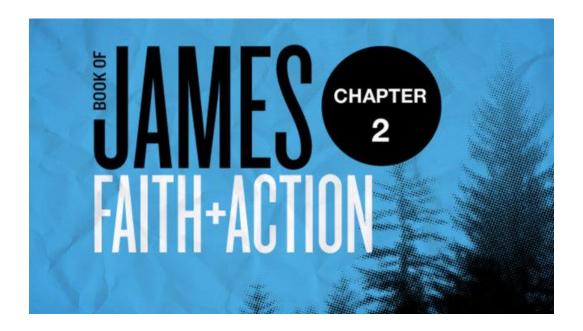


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**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** 

September 20, 2015

## LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday School & Bible Class**: Sundays at 9:15 am

Church Office: 801-444-1591 Office Assistant's E-mail:

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#### Welcome

God became poor and suffered so that we would be forgiven and become heirs of his kingdom. From what he did to save us, we now follow his example. We deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus, loving God above all and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

#### **Visitors**

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! Please fill out a guest card located on the back of the pew in front of you. You can place them in the offering plate as it goes by or hand it to an usher as you leave today. If there is any way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

#### Information

**Restrooms** are located on your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Hall** is located to the left of the sanctuary.

A **Playroom** is available for small children, located to your left as you exit the back of the sanctuary, across from pastor's office.

A **Nursing Room** is available by the entrance to the Ladies' Restroom.

**Children's Bulletins** and crayons are available from the ushers.

#### **Serving in Worship**

Music: Joyce Eggleston

Ushers: Bob Curtis, Andy Hartmann, Brian Koopman, & Eric Meinzen

Greeters: Marlys Loe & Midge Wright

Acolyte: Madison Koopman

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Klein



Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

# **Order of Worship**

**Opening Hymn:** This Is My Father's World



#### Invocation

As we begin, we ask for God to come and guide our worship and be with us.

STAND

M: In the name of God the Father:

C: Praise to our creating God!

M: In the name of God the Son (†):

C: Praise to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

M: In the name of God the Holy Spirit:

C: Praise to our renewing, faith-giving God. Amen!

#### **Prayer and Praise**

As we come before God, we praise him for all the wondrous things he does for us.

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided mighty forests and majestic mountains. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: We thank you for the morning mist and the blazing sunset, for all the joys of nature in this part of your world.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countryside, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

- C: We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for accepting our worship and praise.
- C: This is my Father's world, the seasons, and all time;
  Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
  This is my Father's world; the Son has set it free;
  his praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED** 

## The Word

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup> The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. <sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

**Second Lesson:** James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

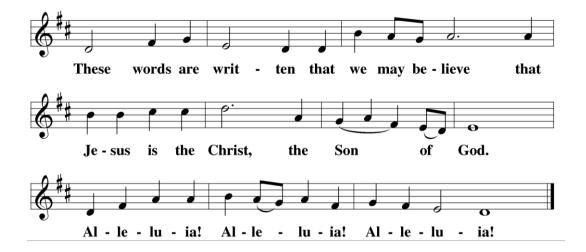
<sup>1</sup> My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup> If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

<sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.







## **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

- <sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"
- <sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."
- <sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

- <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.
- <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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#### Children's Message

The children are invited up to the front of church for a message from the pastor.

**Hymn of the Day:** CW 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

#### Sermon

STAND

#### **Confession of Faith**

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth. Today we use the Nicene Creed.

M: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Encouragement in Faith**

As brothers and sisters united in our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we encourage one another with these words from Jude 20-21.

M: Build yourselves up in your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

M: Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait

C: for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

#### **Confession of Sins**

In the confession of sins, we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution gives and assures us that we are forgiven by the substitutionary life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your

Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- M: The almighty and merciful Lord Jesus Christ (†) grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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## Offering

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God by giving of the blessings that he has given us – both earthly and the spiritual, particularly prompted by the forgiveness of sins given to us through our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

STAND

#### **Prayer of the Church**

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises.

## Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

All:Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

Christ destroyed death and destroyed the power of Satan. We join the saints and angels in a song of praise to our God in what is called the "Sanctus."



## **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

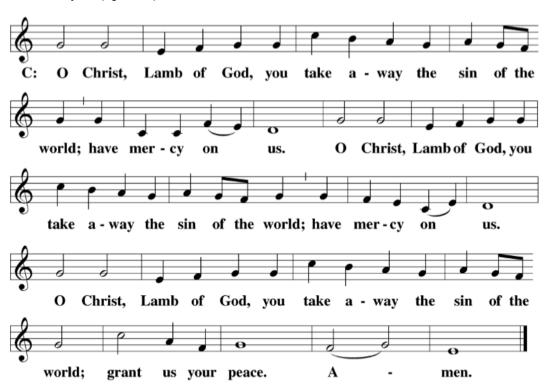
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O Christ, Lamb of God

The words we sing are taken from John 1:29. Believers come as spiritual beggars and cry out to Christ, the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei).



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#### Distribution



On the basis of what God's Word says, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that only confirmed members of Light of the Valley partake of Holy Communion. We encourage those who would like to receive Holy Communion with us to speak with the Pastor before doing so.

STAND

# **Thanksgiving**

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#### Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **Blessing**

As we close our worship service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord and God, using the words that God gave to Aaron the High Priest to bless the Israelites (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Closing Hymn: CW 492 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to leave the chapel when you wish and join us in the fellowship hall for some refreshments. Have a blessed week!

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## **Announcements**

#### Adult Bible Information Class

A new session of our Bible Information Class started last Sunday, September 13. It continues tonight at 6:00 pm in our fellowship hall. This class presents the Bible's teachings and thus what Light of the Valley Lutheran Church teaches, and is a prerequisite for communicant membership at LOTV. All materials will be provided. Current members as well as newcomers are all invited to attend. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Klein.

#### Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Choir Practice)

Our choir begins practicing on Sundays after church today, September 20. Anyone willing to make a joyful noise to the Lord is invited and welcomed. See Joyce Eggleston for details.

## Sr. Youth Bowling Outing

The first Sr. Youth outing of the new school year is set for Sunday, September 27 from noon to 2:30 pm at Davis Lanes in Layton. Rides from church and back to home can be provided if needed. For more information, contact Allan Emery (<a href="mailto:aemeryx2@gmail.com">aemeryx2@gmail.com</a>).

#### **October Calendar Information Needed**

Please send October calendar information to Alicia at <a href="mailto:secretary@lightofthevalley-wels.org">secretary@lightofthevalley-wels.org</a> no later than Wednesday, September 23. The September calendar is available on the information table below the members' picture board in the fellowship hall and on our website.

#### **October Women's Book Club**

The next book club meeting will be Monday, October 5 at 7:00 pm at the parsonage (1125 Oakridge Dr. in Layton). The book to discuss is "Tallgrass" by Sandra Dallas. Contact Wendy Klein (<a href="wmk1029@gmail.com">wmk1029@gmail.com</a>) for more information and to RSVP. You can also RSVP on the event created on LOTV's Facebook group page.

#### **LOTV Home or Away**

Sometimes you can't make it to church on Sunday. That's why all of Light of the Valley's sermons and services are posted on Youtube and Facebook. Check out our Youtube channel using the QR code on the right side of this announcement or by searching "Light of the Valley Lutheran Church." On Facebook you can use the same phrase to find us. You can find all these helpful links on our website's front page: www.lightofthevalley-wels.org.



#### E-mail Newsletter

Did you know that the church's weekly newsletter gives you a preview of the Bible readings for the coming Sunday, important reminders for upcoming events, and links to sermon and service videos and bulletins. If you are not signed up, scan the QR code, talk to Pastor Klein, or follow the link at the bottom of the front page of our church website. If you don't have e-mail or want this newsletter in a printed format, make sure to ask pastor to have one delivered to your church mailbox.



#### Simply Giving (Electronic Offerings / E-giving)

Always forgetting your offering at home? Don't carry cash? Consider using our electronic giving program called "Simply Giving." There are forms and information available on the bulletin board between the restrooms. If you have any questions, see Bennett Askew or Pastor Klein.

#### **September Edition of Forward In Christ**

Forward in Christ is a magazine produced by our national church body. It contains articles such as a Q & A section, features on teachings from the Bible, personal stories from fellow WELS members, updates on various WELS congregations, and stories from WELS teenagers or college students. Copies of Forward in Christ are available on the information table in the fellowship hall. Pick up this month's edition today!

## **Trunk or Treat**



Mark your calendars for our third annual "Trunk or Treat" to be held on Halloween, Saturday, October 31 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in our parking lot. All families are encouraged to get creative and decorate the trunk of their car for the event. You can hand out candy or have activities for the trunk-or-treaters. Last year we had toy tractor rides, toy horse rides, a hunting range, and face painting. You can find more ideas for activities and decorations at Oriental Trading's website by searching "Trunk or Treat." There's also always Pinterest. Sign your trunk up today on the bulletin board between the restrooms. If you have any questions, speak with Pastor Klein.

# **Sunday School Supplies Needed**



Our Sunday School Director, Wendy Klein, is asking for specific donations for use in our Sunday School. Please consider providing any of the following:

White construction paper	Quantity needed: 500 sheets	Needed by: October 4
Toilet Paper tubes	Quantity needed: 15	Needed by: October 18
Carpet squares to sit on	Quantity needed: 20	Needed by: a.s.a.p
Paint smocks	Quantity needed: 20	Needed by: a.s.a.p
Clipboards	Quantity needed: 15	Needed by: a.s.a.p

You can place these items in the Sunday School room or give them directly to Wendy. If you have any questions, contact Wendy Klein at <a href="https://www.www.unknow.nu.nd/www.nu.nd/">www.nu.nd/</a>.

#### This Week at LOTV

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Sr Youth Bowling Outing

Sunday, September 27 at 12:00 pm

October Birthday Celebration

Sunday, October 11 at 11:45 am

## **Church Membership: What Does it Mean?**



There are over 70 member households at Light of the Valley (LOTV). Church membership is the tangible connection to the family of faith that is our congregation. It is a connection consisting of *unity* in the Bible's teachings and *commitment* to the mission, ministry, and

members of this congregation. Participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at LOTV says, among other things, that you are so united and committed to this congregation.

Our Bible Information Class (BIC) explains the Bible's teachings as confessed by our Lutheran church. It also explains the mission and ministry of this congregation so that inquirers can decide if they want to be committed members of it. A new session will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Klein for more information.