



# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 20, 2020

We began last week with “Journey through the Bible,” a series which will take us through familiar and unfamiliar stories of Scripture. Sunday school will follow the same stories when they resume October 4. Our journey this week is in Exodus, with *Young Moses*.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
*Gathering Song	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> - ELW #733
*Kyrie	Page 184
Prayer of the Day	

#### Word

Children’s Message	
First Reading	Exodus 1:8-22
Second Reading	Exodus 2:1-15
Sermon - “Safe”	Pastor Karl Breddin
Song of the Day	<i>Lord Jesus, Think on Me</i> - ELW #599
*Apostles’ Creed	Page 105
*Prayers of Intercession	

#### Meal

*Thanksgiving at the Table	Page 190
*Lord’s Prayer	Page 191
Distribution	Lamb of God - Page 191
	<i>Taste and See</i> - ELW #493
Prayer after Communion	Page 191

#### Sending

*Blessing	Page 192
*Sending Song	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i> - ELW #543
*Dismissal	Page 192

*We will be ushered out.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Gathering

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.**

#### Words of Forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God...Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, ...and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### GATHERING SONG

#### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW #733)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960. Text © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726215.*

## **KYRIE (ELW p. 184)**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Loving God, We thank you for your goodness. As you blessed your Hebrew children long ago to grow and multiply, be with your Church today. Protect those persecuted for their faith in you. Turn hearts of hate and prejudice to love and mercy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## Word

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### READING: Exodus 1:8-22

A reading from Exodus; please read responsively.

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> **Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor.**

They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> **But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.**

<sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. **They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.**

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> **"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."**

<sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup> **The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."**

<sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> **And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.**

<sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, **"Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."**

## READING: Exodus 2:1-15

Our reading continues in Exodus 2.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said.

<sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?”

<sup>8</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

<sup>11</sup> One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsfolk. <sup>12</sup> He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

<sup>13</sup> When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting; and he said to the one who was in the wrong, “Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?”

<sup>14</sup> He answered, “Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?”

Then Moses was afraid and thought, “Surely the thing is known.”

<sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh [and] settled in the land of Midian.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON - Safe

### SONG OF THE DAY

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me (ELW #599)*

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me.” Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt. Public Domain.*

### APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 189)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Meal

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION (ELW p. 190)

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ welcomes you to his table.

### **COMMUNION SONG**

*(Lamb of God, ELW p. 191)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Taste and See (ELW #493)*

*Refrain* Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

*"Taste and See" (Moore). Text and music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726215.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sending

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into truth and life. Amen.

### SENDING SONG

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW #543)*

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing.” Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-726215. Tune Public Domain.*

### DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. *(We will be ushered out.)*

*Unless otherwise noted, liturgy is from sundaysandseasons.com.*

*Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Augsburg Fortress AS021440 OneLicense A-726215 CCLI 2599128 / 20370553*

*Bible passages are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

---

## **Ministry & Mission Information**

### **Large Print Bulletins**

If you struggle reading this, the words on the screen, your pew hymnal or pew Bible, we have large print bulletins available which include the full service order of today's worship.

Hearing assistance in-ear speakers are available from our ushers.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Kerlange Aristide in Haiti, her husband Armstrong and baby Zeke, & Lois Jones (Val Olson's sister, cancer), Sandy Almlie, Jodi Hipp

The family of Mark Dease, on the loss of Mark's mother, Lola Dease.

The family of David & Ardyce Hennager, on the death of their daughter-in-law, Marilyn Hennager.

### **Great Plains Food Bank**

The Great Plains Food Bank semi-truck (part of LSS) will be at our church parking lot, distributing food baskets for our community this Wednesday, September 23, 2:45-3:45pm. Come if you are in need! Volunteers are needed to help, from approximately 2:30-4:00pm.

### **PRBC Ham & Meatball Dinner**

Next Sunday, September 27, 11am-2pm, TAKE OUT ONLY from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Park River. Includes ham, meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, lefse, buns, cranberries and dessert. Call PRBC for pre-sale tickets (\$20) or uncooked lutefisk (\$10/lb). \$25 tickets at-the-door. Our church office also has a limited number of pre-sale tickets.

### **Lost Items**

Miscellaneous items can be found on the lost & found shelf in the narthex. Also unclaimed coats on the coat rack.

## Sunday School

We are making adjustments to our programming for Sunday school this school year and will be resuming LATER this year, on the first weekend in October (10/04). We will have 9:15am start times.

We are still in need of teachers; please contact Carla Gemmill if interested or if you have a new K-6 student you would like to enroll.

## See You at the Pole

A nation-wide day of student prayer. Middle school and high school students are invited to gather 8:05am, this Wednesday morning, September 23, outside around the LAHS flagpole to pray, sing, and enjoy some donuts!

## In-Person Worship & Covid-19

For the time being, for indoor worship:

- pews are taped off for social distancing;
- we will refrain from handshakes and passing offering plates;
- we will not have congregational singing (**except when worshipping outdoors**) or coffee after church;
- worship attendees will be encouraged but not required to wear face masks;
- additional precautions are being taken when distributing Holy Communion;
- the congregation will be ushered out following worship services.

## Free Covid-19 Testing

Every Wednesday, 9am-11am, by appointment only, in the parking lot behind the Cavalier County courthouse. Call 256-2402 to set up an appointment and pre-register at [www.testreg.nd.gov](http://www.testreg.nd.gov).

## LIFE Virtual Event

Saturday, October 3, 9am-12pm.

Today's world of pandemic disease, political unrest, differing opinions, and social isolation have added stress to our mental and emotional health. How can we follow Christ's mandate to love and care for our neighbor who may be experiencing mental and/or emotional distress? How might we come along side those in need and advocate for mental health?

Register online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/life-event-tickets-117584170419](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-event-tickets-117584170419); registration cost is \$35.

## Bibles for Three-year-olds

During next Sunday's worship, we will be giving Story Bibles to three-year-olds in our congregation. We have contacted families with three-year-olds to join us for worship that day as we celebrate this gift with them.

### Sunday, September 13

Not including those who tuned in online, 39 disciples were sent out from our in-person worship in God's name to make a difference and \$3,358 was given to support our ministry. Gifts given online through tithe.ly are included in the last Sunday of the month total.

### Thank You to:

All who participated last week in our window cleaning project at Wheatland, wrote notes to the care center residents and helped with the placement of rocks in the church's flower garden.

---

#### Today's Faith and Care Leaders

Reader: Linda Balsdon  
Communion Asst: Carla Gemmill  
Ushers: Scott & Tina LaPorte family  
Acolytes: Meredith Romfo  
& Catelyn Goodman  
Projectionist: Nathan Kitchin  
Organists: Kathie Johnson & Lisa Schuler  
Cantors: Becky Tollefson  
& Janet Jacobson

#### Next Sunday's Leaders

Reader: Tara McFadden  
Ushers: Ted & Linda Dahl  
Acolyte: Brock Freer  
Projectionist: Addy Reidhammer  
Music provided by the ULC Praise Band

---

### The Week Ahead at ULC

**Monday:** 6PM Church Council meeting  
**Wednesday:** 7:50AM "See You at the Pole" - 7-12 grade youth event, LAHS  
2:45-3:45PM Great Plains Mobile Food Pantry  
6PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation  
7PM 9th Grade Confirmation  
**Thursday:** 12PM Al-Anon via zoom  
**Next Sunday:** 10AM Contemporary Worship  
and distribution of Bibles to three-year-olds

**Welcome to United!** We are glad you're here and we pray today's worship would be a blessing to you. Children are welcome here; we have a "quiet space" just in our fellowship area just out our sanctuary's south doors and a nursery with a speaker available to listen to the worship service. If you are looking for a church home or would like more information, please let Pastor Karl know.

Questions for today's Bible story of Young Moses:

- \* How would it have felt to be a Hebrew living in Egypt during the time described?
- \* What does Exodus 1:15-22 reveal about the relative value Pharaoh placed on human life? On males versus females?
- \* What similarities can you find between the birth story of Moses and the birth story of Jesus? Scan through Matthew 2:1-18 to help with your answer.

Name(s)		
Email	Phone	
Address		
City	State	Zip

- I/we received communion today (please indicate at least annually)
- I contributed my offering with Bill Pay through my bank
- Prayers requested/answered:
- I would like a Pastor to call regarding:

Today, I am a

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Second Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor

Please send me information about membership in United Lutheran Church

I am a member of another church. Where?

What brought you to United today?