



## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022

**Prelude**                      *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ* – John Leavitt

**Gathering Hymn**                      *Gather Us In* – ELW 532 (vs. 1 & 4)

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission – Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts – John Gjerset**

**The Greeting**

**P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C Amen.**

**P** Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence for reflection*

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### **Prayer of The Day**

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

**Lessons: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 (OT p. 879) 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NT p. 202)**

*Response after the readings: Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Acclamation      *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil – ELW 512***

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Response after the conclusion of the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cyndi Jones

## Hymn of The Day

### *Canticle of the Turning- ELW 723*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

#### *Refrain*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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## Apostles' Creed

**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 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

P As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*After each portion of the prayers*

P God of grace,        **C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

## Song of Prayer

### ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am – ELW 814 (Sing Twice)***

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

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## The Peace

P May the peace of our Lord be with you all.    **C And also with you.**

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Please remain in your pews.*

**Special Music**    *Praise the Rock of Our Salvation – Crosby & Miller*

Sanctuary Choir

## The Offertory Song

### ***We Are an Offering- ELW 692***

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you,  
we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you!

**C And also with you!**

P Lift up your hearts!

**C We lift them up to the Lord!**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

### **Eucharist Prayer and Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Distribution of Communion to help with distancing we ask you to come to communion down the side aisle and return to your seat up the middle one.*

#### **Prayer after Communion**

P God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

***Rise Up, O Saints of God – ELW 669***

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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**Postlude**

*Prelude in G Major – J.S. Bach*

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**Serving Us Today**

Pastor Cyndi Jones

Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music

Reader: Bill Fredericks

Communion Assistants: Harriet Carmona, Rita Leatherman & Arlene Riordan

Welcome Team: Holly Boyle, Janet Wood

Offering Couriers: Linda TenEyck, Lewis John TenHulzen

AV Team: Mike Wall, Emilie Lauchmen

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

**Remember in Prayer:** Ernie Piper, Gaby Oregon, Myra Brandt, Julie Stivers, Elaine Erickson, Sandy McCauley, Cynthia Wendt, Bev Covey, Donna Birckhead, Adrienne Lenhoff, Gerald Flax, Peggy Strandvold, Lauren Wolfe, Rebeca Hill, Barb Coolong, Stela Penyack, and for Scott Snipas.

**Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Harriet Carmona, in loving memory of my Moms birthday.

**Next week's Lessons will be:** Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and the Gospel Mathew 5: 1-12

**October 2nd - Thankoffering Sunday:** The women continue this tradition by collecting offerings as a tangible way to express gratitude for blessings received throughout the year and this helps support many important ministries. (Blue envelopes are available in the pews and the round tables as you enter the sanctuary.)

**Blessing of the Mission Quilts:** Pastor Cyndi will bless all the quilts displayed in the sanctuary. They will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief and sent throughout the world to provide warmth and love to those that receive them.

**Special Thanks to all who helped Sunday, the church looks great! I know Kathy Reed and Ruth Andersen really are Thankful for all you did.**

**Centering Prayer** gathers on Mondays at noon, in the narthex. It is a time of being in God's presence and open to the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Gospel readings study** for the coming Sunday will resume on Zoom on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. led by Pastor Cyndi and Bill Fredericks. Email [pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org](mailto:pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org) and she will send you the Zoom link. We hope you can join us!

**A memorial service celebrating Reverend George K. H. Falk's** life & ministry will be held  
on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM PDT  
at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
10842 Fury Lane, La Mesa  
All are invited to a luncheon following the service.

**Save the Date!**

CLC will be hosting the Interfaith Shelter 25 Feb – 11 Mar 2023 at Our Mother of Confidence (OMC) Catholic Church next year. We will need volunteers to provide meals, overnight chaperones, and other support. Look for more information in the following weeks. Contact James Acosta 619-316-5822 email: [acostaja@kingtech.com](mailto:acostaja@kingtech.com) with questions or additional information.

Pastor Jon was granted his request for a sabbatical at the last council meeting. His last sabbatical was in 2009 – so he is 6 years overdue for such a break! The sabbatical began on September 19th, and he will return to his usual duties at Christmas. Pastor Cyndi and Vicar Elena will provide pastoral leadership and care during his absence. We pray for rest, relaxation, and renewal for Pastor Jon and his family.



# stayCONNECTED

Week of September 25, 2022

## ● SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. in English  
11:30 a.m. en Español

## ● ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch LIVE during worship times on [clairemontlc.org](http://clairemontlc.org) or on YouTube.

## ● NEED TO CATCH UP?

Watch past sermons or worship gatherings on our website any time by going to the Faith Opportunities tab. An archive is also available on our YouTube channel.

## ● SOCIAL MEDIA

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## ● GIVING

We appreciate support of our ministries. Did you know that you can also give online? Click on the Home tab on our website, then click on Give to the Church.

## ● 12-Step Meetings

We have several 12 step meetings hosted in Luther Hall weekly. This is an important part of being a neighborhood church. We are glad we are able to help.  
Monday, 8pm – AA / Tues., 7pm Al-Anon  
Thursday & Friday, 1pm – AA  
Friday, 6pm – Al-Anon  
Saturday, 7am – SA



## ON LINE & IN PERSON GATHERINGS

### Sunday September 25

WELCA bible study at 10:35

Rise & Shine at 1:30pm

### Monday September 26

Centering Prayer at 12:00pm

Gospel study on Zoom at 4:00pm

4:15 pm Cherub Choir, 5:00pm Glee Club,

6:00pm Esperanza youth Choir, and at

7:15pm Sanctuary Choir.

### Thursday September 29

Sandwich Min. at 7:00am

### Friday September 30

Food Distribution at 12:00pm

### Saturday October 1

Handbell rehearsal at 9:30am

A memorial service celebrating Reverend George K. H. Falk's life at 11:00am at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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