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**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Theme

**FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SEE  
THE TRUE PURPOSE OF HIS POWER**

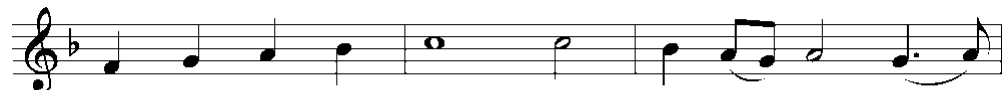
Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threatening others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the purpose of the one who has that power. Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That doesn't mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better. And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of his power.

# 765 O Son of God, in Galilee

CW 765



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee you  
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer of  
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear you  
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear of  
5 Then in your prom - ised hap - py land each



made the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, the  
your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
can re - store, O Lord; your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
stead - fast faith im - part, and let your Word bring  
loss will prove a gain; all mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
you their care; your grace to them make known.  
Sav - ior dear, can in - stant help af - ford.  
light and cheer to ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
un - der - stand, for you will make them plain.

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## The Service *Setting Two (p.172)*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

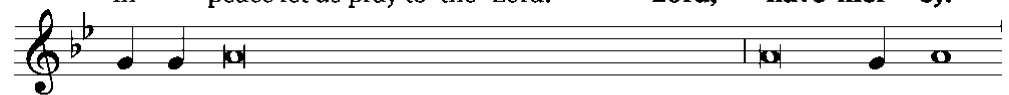
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



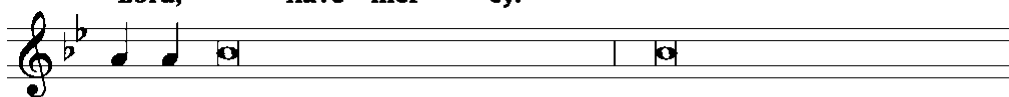
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



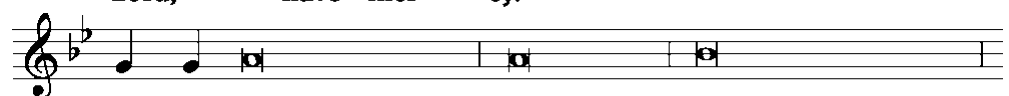
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, all in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the first line of music, and another double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the second line of music. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.'

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
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right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

*Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.*

<sup>4</sup>Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

<sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,  
and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool,  
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 146A I Will Praise the Lord All My Life

Psalm 146A

## Refrain

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

## Tone

I will praise the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,  
in human beings, who / cannot save.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,  
whose hope is in the / LORD their God. *Refrain*

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed  
and gives food to the / hungry.

The LORD sets / pris'ners free,  
the LORD gives sight / to the blind.

The LORD reigns for- / ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Acts 3:1–10

*Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends but to the temple to praise God.*

<sup>1</sup>Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup>A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

<sup>4</sup>Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, “Look at us.” <sup>5</sup>So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

<sup>6</sup>But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” <sup>7</sup>Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

<sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup>They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

Alleluia,

## Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

*Jesus uses his power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate his love for a man who was deaf and mute.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup>They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup>Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup>Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup>They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# 769 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

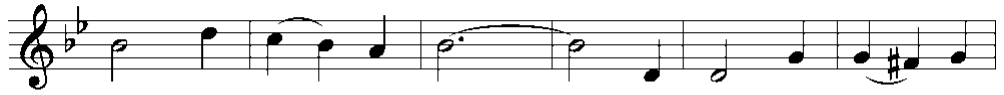
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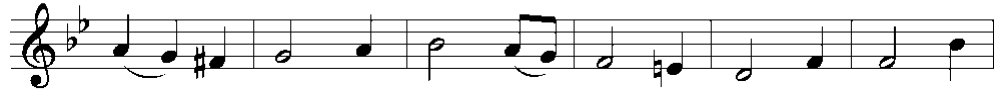
1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, gave speech and  
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still, the Lord of



heal and save; it tri-umphed o - ver pain and death, o'er  
strength and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed re -  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless, with



dark - ness and the grave. To you they came, the  
vealed you, Lord of light. And now, O Lord, be  
your life - giv - ing breath. To hands that work and



blind, the mute, the par - a - lyzed and lame, the lep - ers  
near to bless, al - might - y as be - fore, in crowd - ed  
eyes that see give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r that whole and



in their mis - er - y, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by beds of pain, as by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
sick and weak and strong may praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.

Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727

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## Sermon - Mark 7:31-37

### Jesus takes us aside...

- 1) To heal us physically.
- 2) To heal us spiritually.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Installation of Sunday School Teachers**

### **Prayer of the Church**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we  
have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [*Special petitions.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

## *Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Offering**

## **Prayer**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

## Blessing

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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

### 757 Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

CW 757



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, chil - dren all are  
2 Ten - der Shep - herd, nev - er leave them, nev - er let them  
3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them, fill their minds with  
4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es which on earth your



dear to you; may your lov - ing arms en - fold them  
go a - stray; by your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,  
heav'n - ly light; by your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them  
chil - dren sing, with their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



in your care their whole life through. By your tend - ing  
may they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,  
al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your  
glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, then with all the



and pro - tect - ing keep them safe in all they do.  
thus de - fend them lest they fall an eas - y prey.  
yoke is eas - y, let them find your bur - den light.  
saints in glo - ry join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: adapt. Jonathan Whittemore, 1802–1860, alt.; Jane E. Leeson, 1809–1881

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**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**for our 50th Anniversary Celebration**

**Abiding Word Lutheran Church**  
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**SUNDAY, September 29, 2024**

**Celebration Worship Service: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sit-down Supper to Follow**

Guest Preacher: **Pastor Kevin Schultz**



Please RSVP by Sept. 14  
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Community  
Grace  
Love



## **Announcements**

### **Church Cleaners**

September 15 - John // September 22 – Peter

#### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (8) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:30 am First Fellowship

We (11) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)  
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)

Th (12) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)  
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (13) 4:30 pm Confirmation (D)  
6:30 pm Friday Fellowship

**Su (15) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am (with Communion)**  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Divine Sisters Meeting  
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**

We (18) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)  
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)

Th (19) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)  
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (20) 4:30 pm Confirmation (D)

**Su (22) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Voter's Meeting