

The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost  
September 20, 2009

**Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor**

Music and Meditation- We have reserved several minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the back of the church.

Order of Service- Page 38 of the red hymnal.

Hymns 232, 467, 462, 470

**Prayer for the Day:**

**Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help protect and govern it always by Your goodness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Old Testament Reading- Isaiah 35:4-7a

When the Messiah would come He would identify Himself with miracles of healing.

**The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 146- page 120 of the hymnal**

**The Epistle Lesson- James 1:17-27  
(Today's Sermon Text)**

**The Verse for the Day- Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.**

**The Gospel Lesson- Mark 7:31-37**

**Jesus heals the man who was deaf and not able to speak.**

**The Sermon Text- Ephesians 5:21-31**

**The Sermon Theme- God's Will for Husbands and Wives**

**Announcements-**

**After the Service- Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45.**

**Bible class and Sunday school will gather for a brief devotion then children will leave to go to their Sunday school classes.**

**Youth Catechism instructions begin at 12:15.**

**Wednesday- Pastor in**

**Next Sunday- Mission Festival Service at 9:30. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Phillip Sievert of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Thornton. A fellowship meal will follow Sunday school at 11:45.**

**Next Sunday- At 2 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran of Longmont will give thanks for 50 years of God's grace. We are invited to the service.**

**September 17- Koine concert at Lord of Life, Thornton at 7 p.m. This talented musical group plays Christian edifying Christian music. See the poster at the back for more information.**

**September 19- Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally at Abiding Love, Loveland.**

**Mission Festival**

Why should a little church like ours with its economic struggles be holding a mission festival? There was another group of Christians in a similar situation. St. Paul wrote in chapter 8 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, "We want you to know about the grace that God has given to the Macedonian churches. Out of the most

sever trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”

There is no doubt that our congregation has great needs and yet we do not want to only think about ourselves. Jesus told his disciples to preach the Gospel, yes at home, in Jerusalem but also in Judea and Samaria and to the utter most parts of the earth.

Yes, we have needs but we also have great blessings. The Lord has showered His grace upon us. We are richly and abundantly assured of the forgiveness of our sins and the love of God in Word and sacrament. Millions in our world have never heard of Jesus, their Savior.

Our mission offerings are used to train missionaries and to send them to those who do not know the Lord. There are offering envelopes at the back of the church. If you would like, take one and bring your gift for sharing Christ next Sunday.

**Memory Verse-** Each week, as a congregation, we try to learn one Bible verse. This weeks verse: “*But as for me and my household, we will serve the **LORD***” (Joshua 24:15).