

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17/18, 2023



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**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Entrance Hymn**    *God Moves In a Mysterious Way*

*LSB 765*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

- P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!
- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- C** Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
I have fled to you for refuge!

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual and Verse

*Psalm 34:9, 19*

- P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!
- C** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- P** Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, *Matthew 6:14*  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

## Epistle

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that

had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**[C]** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

*LSB 843*

Sermon

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

**A** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary.

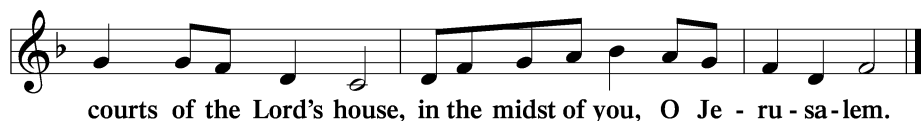
Offertory

*LSB 159*



**G** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

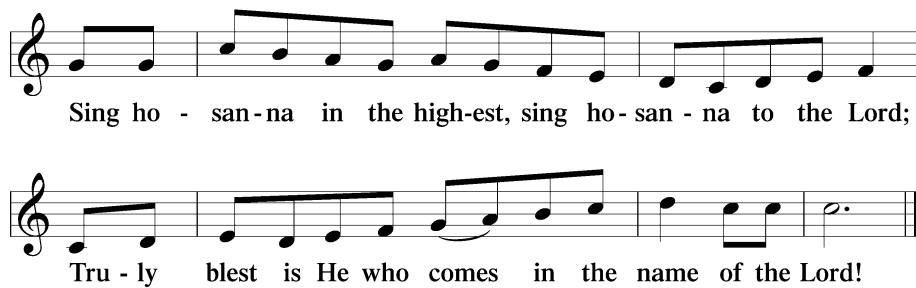
*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

***For the Communion Beliefs and Practices of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please see the announcements at the back of the bulletin.***

### Distribution of the Sacrament

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

## Distribution Hymns

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*  
*O Lord, We Praise Thee*  
*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

*LSB 609*  
*LSB 617*  
*LSB 814*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled

constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## **Hymn to Depart *From All That Dwell Below The Skies***

*LSB 816*

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**Worship Times:** Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

### **Welcome**

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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## **Serving our Lord in Worship:**

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Monday: Jim Hamann & Steve Hamann

Communion Assistant  
Sunday: Ken Kohlwey

Altar Guild  
Eunice Hrudka & Dorothy Neff

CD Recording  
Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



### **This Week at Redeemer**

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:15 am Finance

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Catechism

6:00 pm Game Night

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

**Last Week Attendance: 128**

**Last Week Offering: \$4,015**



## **Statement on Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

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## **Call Update**

Greetings! This past week we put together the call packet and sent it out to our call candidate, Pastor Jason Holden. He should have received it by Friday. A pastor is asked to respond within two to four weeks, so for now, we will play the waiting game. Once we hear anything back, we will update the congregation as soon as possible. I would also like to thank everyone for attending the voter's meeting last week, and for providing your input, comments and opinions. It is all part of the process and everyone and anyone should feel free to speak up in these meetings and challenge the process and issues at hand. Again, thank you. Mike Kaczowski

## **Bible Study Schedule**

Pastor Brassfield will be hosting Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00am and Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:00am. Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. For now, there will not be bible study on Sundays after worship.

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## **Catechism Update**

The tentative start date for catechism class is Wednesday, Sep 20 at 5 p.m. Pastor Brassfield will be sending more information to families soon.

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## **Youth Game Nights**

Youth Game Nights will be on Wednesdays, September 20th at 6 pm. The puzzle for September is below:

From Isaiah 51:  
Look to Abraham  
and to Sarah who bore you  
One when I called \_\_\_\_.

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## **You are invited to Sunday School!**

Classes start on Sunday, September 17 and we will meet every week after Sunday morning worship service until about 11:00 am.

Sunday School classes are available for ages 3K through Adult!!  
The whole family can learn every week.

Light snack, music, lesson, and craft every Sunday!  
Registration forms available at the Welcome Center.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old  
he will not depart from it." Prov 22:6 ESV*

## **Children's Room**

The CHILDREN'S ROOM is complete and ready to be used. Please check out the former church library's new look as a children's playroom. We hope children and parents find this to be a calming space. Please take the opportunity to thank Jerri and Jeff Rathjen and Carissa Luedtke for all their hard work to make this room possible.

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## **Fellowship Sign-Up**

A reminder that there is a Fellowship Sign-Up sheet in the rack. If your family or group would like to host fellowship after worship, please sign up for the week in which you are available to host. There will be cookies supplied in the kitchen.

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## **Senior Choir & Handbells**

Senior Choir and Handbells are now beginning rehearsals for the fall months. Now is the perfect time for new members to join in the singing and ringing for our upcoming 2023-24 worship services.

Choir Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 8:00am to 8:45am prior to Sunday morning service. All rehearsals will take place in the church conference room. The first Sunday rehearsal will be for men only on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The first full choir rehearsal for both men and women will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Handbells will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the church sanctuary beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup>. All current members should pick up a copy of our first song to mark during the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> from the church office.

Also, any instrumentalist or vocalist who would like to be involved in music for special occasions should contact Pastor or Gary Neustadter at 920-242-6489.

**Kwik Trip Cards**

The Kwik Trip cards are restocked and available for purchase. Cards available are \$25, \$50 and \$100. Thank you for supporting this preschool fundraiser.

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**Book Club**

September book club dates are Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Books are available at the Welcome Center.