The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12-13, 2026
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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" LSB 590

Invocation (*stand*) p. 213

Confession and Absolution

Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*) LSB 943

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 947

1 **All glory be to God on high**
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.

2 **We praise and laud and worship You;**
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

3 **O Jesus Christ, the only Son**
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

4 **O Holy Spirit, our delight**
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might
Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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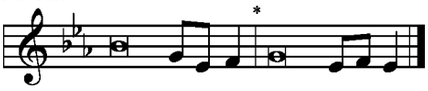
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen**. (*sit*)

Old Testament Reading *God's Good Purposes* Genesis 50:15-21

15When 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." 16So they sent a message to Joseph,
saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17'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.
18His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19But
Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As 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. 21So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and
spoke kindly to them.

A This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Romans 11:33,36

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another* Romans 14:1-12

1As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2One
person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3Let 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. 4Who 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.

5One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each
one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6The 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. 7For none of us lives
to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8If 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. 9For to this end Christ died
and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

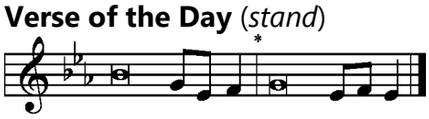
10Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For
we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11for it is written,

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

12So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Matthew 6:14

Alleluia. Alleluia.
If you forgive others their tres- | passes,*
your heavenly Father will also for- | give you.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

[21]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?" [22]Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

[23]"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. [24]When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. [25]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. [26]So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' [27]And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. [28]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.' [29]So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' [30]He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. [31]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. [32]Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33]And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' [34]And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35]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.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729

All **I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,**
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

Solo I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

Women **I am trusting Thee for cleansing**
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

Solo I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

Men **I am trusting Thee for power;**
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

All **I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;**
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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,
the life everlasting. Amen. (*sit*)

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Offering (*sit*)

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Words of Institution

Sanctus LSB 960

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
the Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
with robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
one to the other called and praised the Lord:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Pax Domini *congregation responds "Amen"*

Agnus Dei LSB 434, st. 1

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Distribution (*sit*)

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

1 **Your table I approach;**
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 **Lord, I confess my sins**
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 **Your body and Your blood,**
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

4 **Search not how this takes place,**
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

5 **O grant, most blessèd Lord,**
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 **Oh, may I never fail**
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

"Jesus Loves Me" LSB 588

1 **Jesus loves me! This I know,**
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*

Refrain **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 **Jesus loves me! He who died**
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

3 **Jesus loves me, this I know,**
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
saying, "Let them come to Me." *Refrain*

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617, st. 1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

Post-Communion Collect (*stand*) p. 218

P We give thanks to You, almighty God … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *congregation responds "Amen"*

Closing Hymn "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" LSB 867

Postlude

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