
∞ 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*The congregation sits as the Parish Choir calls us to confession
with a setting of Psalm 119, verses 174-175*

PARISH CHOIR I HAVE LONGED FOR THY SAVING HEALTH
(PSALM 119:174-175) BY WILLIAM BYRD

The congregation stands.

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

WL: Merciful and loving God,

All: **we are your stiff-necked people.**

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

WL: Beloved children of God, take heart!

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: **Amen.**

✝ HYMN

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

LBW #415

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

AMOS 6:1-8

R: Our first lesson on this 16th Sunday after Pentecost is from the 8th chapter of the prophet Amos.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!

Go to Kalneh and look at it;
go from there to great Hamath,
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.

Are they better off than your two kingdoms?
Is their land larger than yours?

You put off the day of disaster
and bring near a reign of terror.

You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.

You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

The Sovereign Lord has sworn by himself—the Lord God Almighty declares:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob
and detest his fortresses;

I will deliver up the city
and everything in it.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

R: The Second lesson is from the 6th chapter of First Timothy.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 16:19-31

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ HYMN

WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME
LSB 730

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **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,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

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COMMUNION HYMN

GATHER US IN

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- 1 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.**
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 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.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
 you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Creator God, you have strengthened us at your table
 with these gifts of the earth. Send us boldly forth, that we may
 share your abundance and work for the good of all; through Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL
 BLESSINGS FLOW
 LBW #564

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLI DEO GLORIA

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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