
⌘ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ⌘

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ OPENING HYMN

ENTER WITH JOY!

with JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

LBW #551, STANZAS 1 & 2

Refrain ostinato *David Ludwig, 2011*



Joy! En-ter with

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

✝ INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and confession

WL: God of beauty, majesty, and unending love,

All: **you created us to know you, to love you, and to rejoice in you!**

**You call us to come into your presence with singing,
with thanksgiving and joyful songs of praise.**

Forgive us, God. We have not always been joyful people.

We have come into your presence with complaining.

We have turned our eyes from you, and from our neighbors.

We have so often focused only on ourselves.

**Forgive us and renew us, God, to rejoice in you, to love you,
and to walk in your ways, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WL: Beloved people of God: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. This new and glorious day is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Amen.

The congregation sits as the choir sings

PARISH CHOIR AND
CONGREGATION

WE COME REJOICING!

followed by

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

LBW #551, STANZA 3

When the choir is finished, the congregation stands to sing:

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. O Lord God, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, and serve you with joy and gladness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 95:1-7 (ESV)

R: Our first lesson on this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Psalm 95.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:1-2

R: The second lesson is from the 12th chapter of Hebrews.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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LSB SETTING 2, PAGE 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:7-18

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE REV. ERIC SAHLBERG

✝ MESSAGE HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,
REJOICE AND SING
LBW #144

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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and the Ministry Minute has concluded,
the congregation stands to sing.*

✝ OFFERING HYMN

FROM YOU ALONE
STANZA 1

All stand to sing:

From you alone come all our gifts:

The gift of life, our very being.

From you we know that all we have

Is yours alone, and this is freeing.

We're free to share each gift you give,

For that's the way that brings new life:

The way of death,

The way of birth,

The living Way of Christ.

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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AN INSTRUMENTAL JOURNEY
THROUGH GOD'S HOLINESS
AND MAJESTY

✝ 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. Loving Lord, for the joy that was set before you, you endured the cross. Grant that we, strengthened at your table, may follow you and take up our own cross, rejoicing all the way. In your name we pray.

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

ON OUR WAY REJOICING
LBW #260

✝ 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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