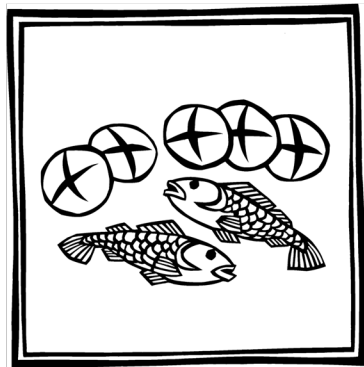




16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025
8:30 am



God has given each of us talents and time. As Peter writes, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). We each have unique gifts and talents that we can use.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MEDITATION

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**"Praise to God from Whom All Blessings Flow" arr. Charles Szczepanek
David Singer, piano**

(stand) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,
C **we can be a stiff-necked people.**
We are not quick to help those in need.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from your guidance.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen

P 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!

C **Amen**

GATHERING Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”ELW #705

(stand) GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

(stand) PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(sit) FIRST READING 1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S TALK

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

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

(stand) **GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44**

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up



twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit) **SERMON** Pastor Katie Christie

CHORAL ANTHEM

"I Will Sing Praises" arr. Andre Thomas
Chancel Choir

(stand) **APOSTLES' CREED**

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(stand)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"

The response is "receive our prayer."

P

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C

Amen.

PEACE

P

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C

And also with you.

(sit)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Soliloquy"Edward Eicler

David Singer, organ

OFFERING PRAYER

P

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

C

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are in need of your grace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

(sit) *Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lamb of God”ELW p112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479

(stand)

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Let us pray...
 O God,
 through this meal you have strengthened us
 and appointed us to be your servants.
 Send us to do good and to share our possessions
 so others may come to know your love.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”ELW #536

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Celebration in D” Stephen Aber
David Singer, organ

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