

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**



**Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People**

# The Divine Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

## AS WE GATHER

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the “poor rich man” in today’s parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God’s prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the “great gain” (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only “money is the root of all evil.” Money is not the problem. There’s no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian’s true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. “Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live” (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

## Prelude

## Invocation

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

## Processional Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549 sts. 1-2, 4



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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## 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**

## Kyrie

**A** *In peace, in peace...*

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant part consists of two staves of music. The Congregation part consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**A** *For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain*

**A** *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain*

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - - - - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant part consists of one staff of music. The Congregation part consists of one staff of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There is a fermata over the 'A' in the Congregation part, and a '4' below it, indicating a four-measure rest.

# Hymn of Praise

# "Now the Feast"

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God our Father, You give to all the children of man the days, months, and years in which we work and toil, and You call us to rejoice in the work that You give us. Help us to receive our days, our work, and our burdens as gifts from Your bountiful goodness, and lead us to rejoice in Your gift of time as it is sanctified by Your Word and prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen

## The Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. <sup>9</sup>What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

<sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Processional

*Congregation:*

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

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 10:38-42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**Take My Life and Let It Be**

LSB 783 *sts. 1, 5-6*



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

**Sermon**

**“God’s Time”**

**Pastor Scott Henze**

## Apostles' Creed

- C** 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

*Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer"*

### Offering

**"I'm a Soldier of the Cross"**

*Choir 8:30 a.m.*

### Offertory Prayer

- P** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

**A word about Holy Communion** *We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**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.**

### Proper Preface

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

### Words of Institution

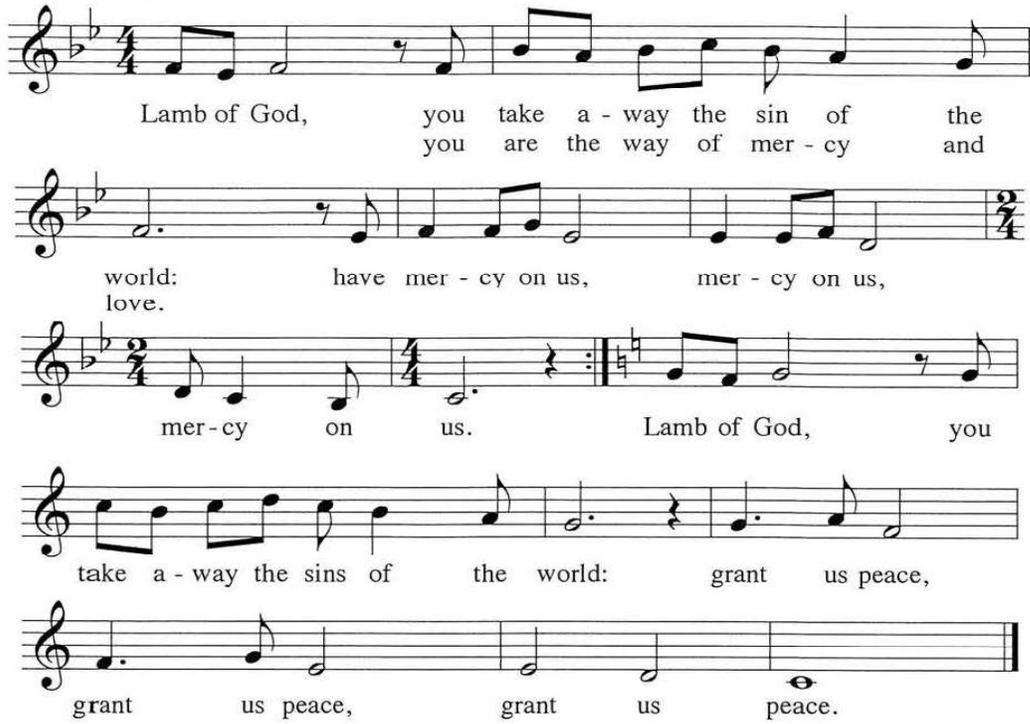
### The Peace of the Lord

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)*

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you are the way of mer - cy and  
world:  
love. have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,  
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were  
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less  
 4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,

Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;  
 made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;  
 years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;  
 Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.

Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be  
 A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous -  
 Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from  
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and

giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
 ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
 You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
 done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

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# "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

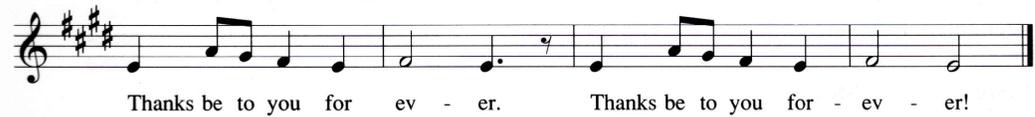
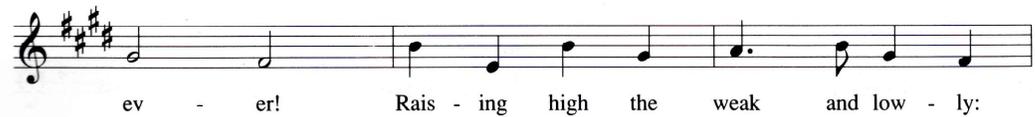
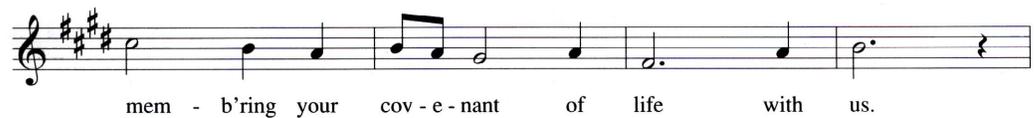
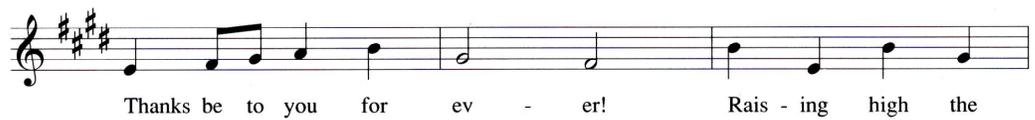
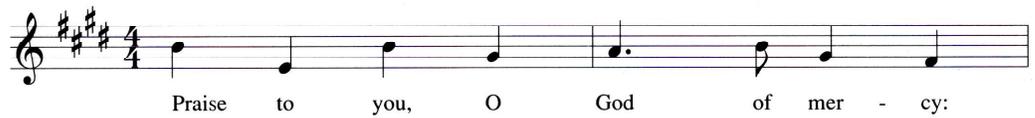


heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## Closing of the Table

### Post-communion canticle



## Post-Communion Prayer

- ☐ We give You thanks, eternal Father, that You give us rest through the forgiving work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and refreshment through this Holy Meal. Strengthen us to glorify You by doing good in our daily work and lead us joyfully to serve our neighbors in the vocations You have given us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Announcements

## Benediction

## Recessional Hymn

## “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

## **Prayer Support**

*If you want to be lifted up in prayer, our prayer team is here to pray for you after the worship service. You can meet with them at the Communion Rail.*

## **Dismissal**

**P** Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

**C** **Disciples making disciples.**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**



# **DISCOVERING**

## **Life with God**



Join us on this journey of faith and discovery as we delve into the rich teachings of Lutheranism. Contact the church office for more information.

**Saturday, October 4th, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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**TRUNK  
OR TREAT**

Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, food,  
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