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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Praise Him with Dancing

Lani Smith

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *(please rise and sing)*

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

Hymnal p. 848

Lord, whose love through humble service

Bore the weight of human need,

Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,

We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,

Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;

Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,

Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light

In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,

Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,

Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,

To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;

Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,

That your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

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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.

CONFESSION¹

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made Heaven and Earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal p.186

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**A: (sung) Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal p. 187

P: Glory be to God on high,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1–7

L: The first reading for the sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter six of Amos.

God's people are warned by the prophet.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 146

L: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Put not your trust in princes,

C: In a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
On that very day his plans perish.

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
Who keeps faith forever;

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Who executes justice for the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the
righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the
fatherless,
But the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 3:1–13

L: The second reading is from chapter three of 1 Timothy.

The qualities needed in an overseer and deacon

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear My voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow Me.

cf John 10.27

A: (sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke, chapter sixteen.

C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

**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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Galilee's High Mountain

Hymnal p. 835

On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand;

“All pow'r to me is given To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send My children, Their witness I will use.”

The Lord who, born of Mary, Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, For us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother, In pow'r at God's right hand,
Has chosen us to carry His truth to ev'ry land.

His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me, With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.

And not alone to nations In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets;
The lives that my life touches, However great or small —
Let them through me see Jesus, Who served and saved us all.

That ev'ryone He chooses, For reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us Till time no more shall be;
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort Give us His victory.

(Please rise) Lord, gather all Your children, Wherever they may be,

**And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere.**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Stephen Weber

OFFERING SONG

Hymnal p. 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Hymnal p. 801

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*
But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,**

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" (Refrain)

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Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Phrygian Song

A. F. Schultz

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.*

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.*

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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