



# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 17, 2023



*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.  
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

## PRELUDE

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**      **H82 #376**

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All*            **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

*in front section of H82 #S 280*

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All*            **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

All            Thanks be God.

## Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Said by all in unison

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.]

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

## SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be God**

— *All stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN** *"Our Father, We Have Wandered"* **ELW #606**

## GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his

entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON** *Rev. Tar Drazdowski*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

## NICENE CREED

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Hear us, O God,

*All* **Your mercy is great.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond 'Amen'.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen**

— *All stand.*

## PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

*Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!*

— *All stand.*

**OFFERTORY CANTICLE** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*

*All* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS** *in front section of H82 #S 125*

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B** *BCP pg. 368*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"* *in front section of H82 #S 169*

*Cantor* My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

*All* **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

*Cantor* Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

*All* **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

## INVITATION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.*

**COMMUNION HYMN I** *"I Come, With Joy"* **H82 #304**

**COMMUNION HYMN II** *"He Sat to Watch O'er Customs Paid"* **H82 #281**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

*The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"* **ELW #543**

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.*

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## PARISH SCHEDULE

Sept. 11 ECW 6:00 PM

Sept. 17 16 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 18 Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM

Sept. 24 17 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 25 St. Clare's Kitchen 10:00 AM

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PHOTOS - Tony Moreschi, our Parish Photographer, will be taking pictures for our Church Directory. Please sign up for a photo session with Tony beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR | With great joy we welcome our Choir back from Summer Break! Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings, and all are welcome. Come and sing with us - there is a place for you!

NURSERY | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

BACK FORTY | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 will begin another year on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar  
November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter.

## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Carolyn Brunson, Michael Brunson Jr., Hermine Holt 11th – Celie Hogue 30th – Jo Cerrone, Janet Ranew  
BIRTHDAY:

September 2nd – Doris Alley 4th – Michael Northrop, Myra Walker 8th – Billy Youngblood 11th – Anne Gibson  
13th – Evelyn

Clements 19th – Grant Combs, Orva Voth 22nd – Autumn Hart, Emily McPeters 23rd – Ellie Driggers 25th –  
Danyelle Barber

26th – Barbara Cumbee 27th – Kennedy Hackett 28th – Mindy Northrop 29th – Hermine Holt

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

11th – Jimmy & Carole Clements 24th – Sergio & Jo Cerrone, Steve & Joanne Tanner

## KEEP IN PRAYER

Ray M., Mark Brunson, Bonnie Hough and Family, Donna Timmons and Family, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsasis.

| <u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>     | <u>TODAY</u>                   | <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>           | Marian White                   | Stacey Driggers              |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>           | Sunny LaFontaine               | Sunny LaFontaine             |
|                               | Mary Shapard                   | Mary Shapard                 |
| <b>NURSERY ATTENDENTS</b>     | Marian White                   |                              |
|                               | Joyce Bridges-Judkins          |                              |
| <b>OFFERTORY BEARERS:</b>     | Sandy Wingard, Aida Cerney     | Teresa and Patton Jones      |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>              | Aida Cerney                    | Tracy Stringer               |
| <b>USHERS:</b>                | Bob Cerney, Howard Glover      | James Kempf and Sam Stringer |
| <b>A/V TEAM:</b>              | Lucas Wingard                  | Lucas Wingard                |
| <b>READERS:</b>               | Bill Young                     | Bobbye Pruitt                |
| <b>ACOLYTES:</b>              | Daniella and Emmanuella Okafor | Bob Baranko                  |
| <b>CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:</b> | Joe Wingard                    | Stacey Driggers              |
| <b>VERGER:</b>                | Carolyn Brunson                | Lamon Brand                  |

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