

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

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! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #532 - vs. 1, 2, 4 "Gather Us In "

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;

we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
 called to be light to the whole human race.  
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
 give us the courage to enter the song.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
 not in some heaven, light years away—  
 here in this place the new light is shining,  
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
 Gather us in and hold us forever,  
 gather us in and make us your own;  
 gather us in, all peoples together,  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

#### GREETING

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

#### Word

BIBLE READING                      Amos 6:1a, 4-7

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE READING                      1 Timothy 6:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      ELW #512    “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.  
 Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.  
 When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
 When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
 Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

“Crossing Chasms”

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY

ELW #729

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Responses: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #583 (syncopated version) "Take My Life, That I May Be"

### *Refrain*

**Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *To Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *To Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *To Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *To Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, **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 suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN    ELW #661    “I Love To Tell the Story”

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.    ***To Refrain***
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.    ***To Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.    **Thanks be to God.**