

September 28, 2025 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797, vv. 1-3, 5

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

△ Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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OPENING SENTENCES from Psalm 146

The Lord sets the prisoners free!

He opens the eyes of the blind!

Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.

Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord.

Do not put your trust in earthly wealth.

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob.

The Lord watches over the sojourners.

The Lord upholds the widows and the fatherless.

The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus tells us of a rich man and a poor man, whose name was Lazarus. The rich man ignored Lazarus in life, though Lazarus was right outside his door. How often in our own lives do we ignore those who are outside our door, who are in our own community and in need? How often do we put our trust in riches rather than in our Redeemer? We turn to our heavenly Father to ask His mercy and forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have taken comfort in the riches of this world rather than in the riches of Your kingdom. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and remove our guilt and shame.

Almighty God has shown His love for us in this: He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for all people, for the rich and the poor, for you and for me. 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.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria In Excelsis"

LSB 170

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

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.

Blessèd 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;

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.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848

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| Lord, whose love through humble service | As we worship, grant us vision, |
| Bore the weight of human need, | Till Your love's revealing light |
| Who upon the cross, forsaken, | In its height and depth and greatness, |
| Offered mercy's perfect deed, | Dawns upon our quickened sight, |
| We, Your servants, bring the worship | Making known the needs and burdens |
| Not of voice alone, but heart, | Your compassion bids us bear, |
| Consecrating to Your purpose | Stirring us to tireless striving, |
| Ev'ry gift that You impart. | Your abundant life to share. |

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.

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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SERMON

“Treasure, Temptation, and Tithing”

Pastor Barry

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” LSB 549, vv. 1,4

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line,

Whom David Lord did call,

The God incarnate, man divine,

And crown Him Lord of all.

The God incarnate, man divine,

And crown Him Lord of all.

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OFFERING

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Dear heavenly Father, strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith. Give us boldness and confidence to speak Your Word of mercy and justice in a world that does not care to listen. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for the government of our nation, our state, and our city. Raise up faithful leaders who will defend the weak and fight for justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, give strength and patience to those who are struggling financially. Raise up people and institutions that will assist them in their struggles. Help us all to look with mercy upon those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering... Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, walk with all those who are grieving the death of loved ones, ... Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning.
Amen.

THE 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.

CLOSING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” LSB 549, vv. 5, 6

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN’S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John’s, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Evan Sutherland/10:45 Matthew Swanson

Elders: 8:00/9:30 Pete Siedelman/10:45 Paul Dolan

Usher Team: 8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Brian Dahlke/10:45 Dave Hagen

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber/10:45 Aliyah Messer

Tech Crew: 8:30 Buesgens Family/9:30 Martin Sihombing/10:45 Bennett

Mcglathlin

Coffee Hour: 9:30 Michele Kelly

| UPCOMING WEEK | |
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| Monday, September 29 | Men's Bible Study 6:30am |
| | Monday Night Meal 5:15pm |
| | AA 7:00pm |
| Tuesday, September 30 | Jeanette Lieske Funeral 11:00am (Visitation 10am) |
| | Parent Education Night 6:00pm |
| Wednesday, October 1 | Moms in the Word 9:30am |
| | Messengers of Praise Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm |
| Thursday, October 2 | Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am |
| | Ladies Aid Meeting 1:30pm |
| | Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm |
| Friday, October 3 | AA 6:30pm |
| Saturday, October 4 | Trail Life Leader's Meeting 9:00am |
| Sunday, October 5 | Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am |
| | Education Hour 9:30am |
| | Discovery Class 9:30am |

Celebrating Anniversaries

9/28 Ryan and Maggie Smith

9/29 Julie and Bill Crocker

9/29 Kelly and Colton Otto

9/29 Tim and Gretchen Laubach

9/30 Chad and Allison Clemens

10/1 Christopher and Stacy Hammons

10/1 Brad and Heidi Moe

10/2 Craig and Roxanne Pauling

10/3 Brian and Myckenzie Kloos

10/3 Madison and Jordan Sutherland

10/4 Jeff and Kathleen Wachter

10/4 Dan and Kendra Stewart

Celebrating Birthdays

9/28
Scott Marella
9/29
Evan Hagen
John Schneider
Carter Puza
Chase Puza
Chris Krampitz

9/30
Jeff Rasmussen
Bruce Wolf
10/1
Nate Leao
Aidan Dart
10/2
Kaitlyn Anderson

10/3
Victoria Meyer
10/4
Jimann Sears-Campbell
Kathleen Wachter
Tyler Schneider
Christina Oliver
Nick Marella
Cody Frederiksen

Expectant Moms

Kourtney Vipond
Jessica Lewis
Nicole Thuenta

Anna Jeurissen
Hailey Busker

Katelyn Olson
Amy Peterson

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Pearl Gray
Tim Hansberger
Chris Ries
John Gates

Jolene Berg
Angeline Rannow
Doris Rossow

Joann Mueller
Gary Anderson
Jack Boman

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Angel Benes
Merlin Bentz
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunny Deis
Bob DeMaris
Anita Doss

Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Bernie Gnan
Pearl Gray
Hilde Grev
Ruth Harms
Eugene Henke
Suzanne Honebrink
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen

Gretchen Laubach
Lisa Neitzel
Melinda Meuwissen
Gina Niesche
Steve Pond
Austin Rannow
Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler

In Sympathy

Jason Quast, upon the death of his father, Merlin.
Jeanette Lieske's family, upon her death.