

# September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost



### **Prepare for Worship**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you. Amen.

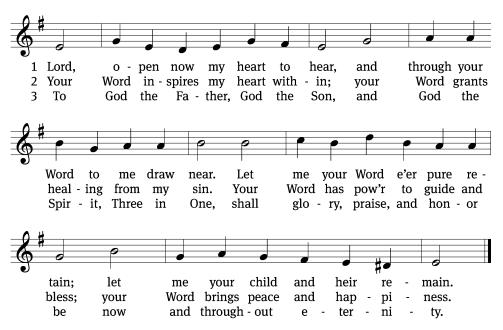
Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

# **Setting Two**

# **Kyrie Eleison**

Choir 10:30 am

# 632 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



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Stand

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Confession CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.







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# The Word

#### Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Be seated

# First Reading Amos 6:1–7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you distinguished people of the leading nation, to whom the house of Israel comes. <sup>2</sup>Travel to Kalneh and look.

Go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than those kingdoms? Are their territories greater than your territory?

<sup>3</sup>You who are trying to put off the evil day, you bring near the session for violence!

<sup>4</sup>Those who lie on ivory beds, sprawling upon their couches,

eating lambs from the flock and calves straight from the stall,

<sup>5</sup>improvising tunes on the lyre,

composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David,

<sup>6</sup>drinking large bowls of wine—they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

<sup>7</sup>That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles.

Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.

The Word of the Lord.



# **Second Reading**

### Hebrews 13:1-6

Continue to show brotherly love. <sup>2</sup>Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily. <sup>4</sup>Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said:

I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you.

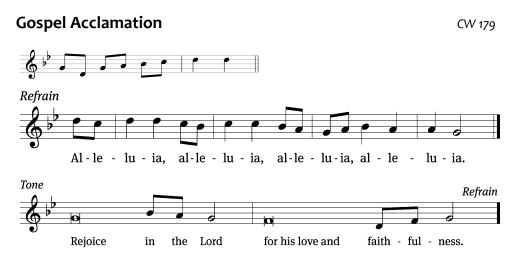
<sup>6</sup>So then we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand



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Gospel

# Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup>A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and <sup>21</sup>longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

<sup>25</sup>"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

<sup>27</sup>"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, <sup>28</sup>because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup>"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

<sup>30</sup>"No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>"Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

# 817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



- 1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun ty gave my bod y,
- 3 Lord, let at last thine an gels come, to A-br'ham's

I

pray thee,



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer and all have this poor life la soul, Ι in of bor. bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear ing:



Earth plea - sure I would share; vea, heav'n it has no ev - 'ry place glo - ri -Lord. grant that Ι in may and in its nar - row cham - ber keep mv bod - v



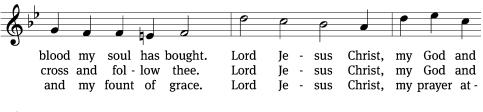
self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me. fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor. safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

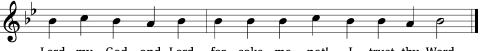


And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can Let no false doc-trine me be-guile; let Sa-tan not my And then from death a-wak-en me that these mine eyes with



noth-ing shake. Thou art the por-tion I have sought; thy pre-cious soul de-file. Give strength and pa-tience un - to me to bear my joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, my Sav-ior





Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with-out end.

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# Sermon What Helps in Life Fails in Death Luke 16:19-31

Stand

#### Nicene Creed

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Be seated

# **Good News for Kids/Offering**

# The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

Preface CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

# **Proper Preface**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you.

He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# 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.

#### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

# Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

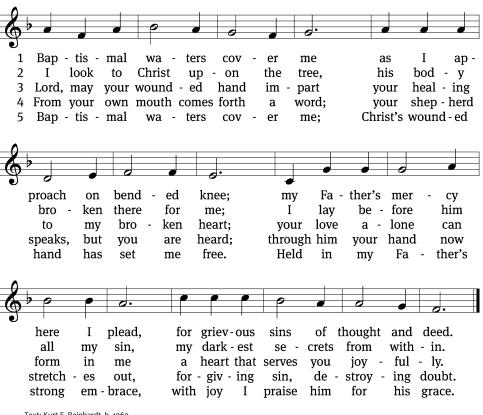


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Be seated

# Distribution

# 657 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



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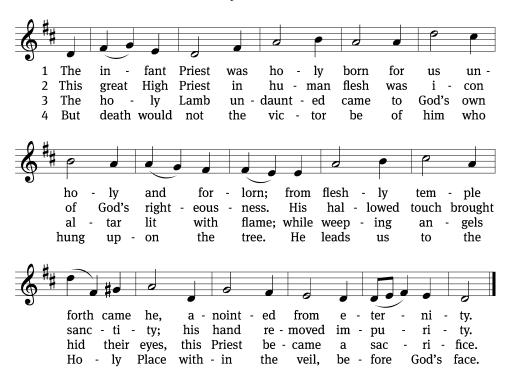
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# 674 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

CW 674



- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, as at the rail on bended knee our hungry mouths from him receive the bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, a priestly food and priestly meat; on sin-parched lips the chalice pours his quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim our voices join the endless hymn, and "Holy, holy, holy" sing to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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A suggested prayer to use after receiving Holy Communion:

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Stand

# **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# **Blessing**

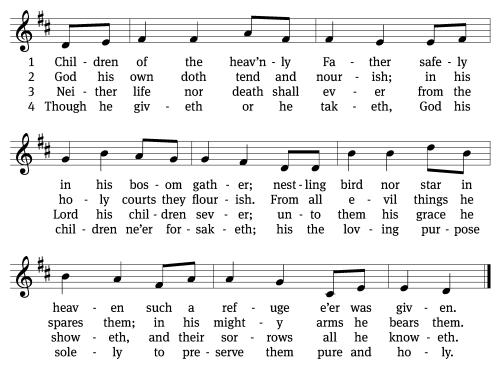
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

# 502 Children of the Heavenly Father



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# **Kyrie Eleison**

Choir 8 am

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12, Luke 17:1-10

#### **In Our Prayers**

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

George Kokke, Diane Butrum, Gary Finch, Merle Carter, Linda Thielke, Larry Borchert, Jeff Overson, Makenzie Phippen - health

Addyson Pender & Zach Ostendorf - engaged

Payton Weis - expecting in February

### **Online Giving**

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Youth Night at Lincoln Heights Saturday, Oct. 11, 4-6 pm 7th - 12th grade students are invited to join in a night of food and fun with friends with an important discussion about spiritual health. Bring a friend.

Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 18, 3-6 pm

The Family Ministry and Evangelism Committees are joining together to put on the Fall Festival. You can help by signing up to run an activity station or bring snacks. You can also help by attending and bringing a friend. On **October 4, 10-noon**, we will be hanging invitations on door in the church neighborhood. Sign up to help.

#### THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS September 28 - October 5, 2025

Sunday	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:35 am	Worship with Communion Homeless Meal Delivery Sunday School/Bible Class Worship with Communion/Kunama Worship Handbell Practice
Mon/Tues		Fall Pastors Conference
Wed.	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Catechism & Bible History Evening Prayer Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Saturday	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Neighborhood Outreach Sunday School Meeting
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