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**Sixteenth Sunday**

**after Pentecost**

**All Ages Worship**

**September 28th, 2025**

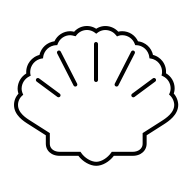
**8:30 a.m.**

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**11:00 a.m.**

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,

you are welcome here!

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**PRELUDE**

“Prelude in C Major BWV 845” Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“As those of old their first fruits brought” (FOREST GREEN) H82 705

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together:

*All:*  **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets**

**are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Is this the feast of victory?” John Hermanson

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

**THE FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 31:1-3a, 6-15 (CEB)

At that time, declares the Lord,

I will be the God of all the families of Israel,

and they will be my people.

The Lord proclaims:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness.

As Israel searched for a place of rest,

the Lord appeared to them from a distance:

I have loved you with a love that lasts forever.

And so with unfailing love,

I have drawn you to myself.

The time will come when

the watchmen shout from

the highlands of Ephraim:

“Get ready! We’re going up to Zion

to the Lord our God!”

The Lord proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;

shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:

“The Lord has saved his people,

the remaining few in Israel!”

I’m going to bring them back from the north;

I will gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the disabled,

expectant mothers and those in labor;

a great throng will return here.

With tears of joy they will come;

while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams

and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble.

I will be Israel’s father,

Ephraim will be my oldest child.

Listen to the Lord’s word, you nations,

and announce it to the distant islands:

The one who scattered Israel will gather them

and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob

and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion,

jubilant over the Lord’s gifts:

grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.

Their lives will be like a lush garden;

they will grieve no more.

Then the young women will dance for joy;

the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter

and their sadness into joy;

I will comfort them.

I will lavish the priests with abundance

and shower my people with my gifts,

declares the Lord.

The Lord proclaims:

A voice is heard in Ramah,

weeping and wailing.

It’s Rachel crying for her children;

she refuses to be consoled,

because her children are no more.

*Reader:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16** *Qui habitat* 8:30am *Spoken*

11:00am*Chanted by a cantor*

*Antiphon:*

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1  He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation. *[Ant.]*

**THE SECOND LESSON** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (CEB)

Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We didn’t bring anything into the world and so we can’t take anything out of it: we’ll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

*Reader:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

“Lo! What a cloud of witnesses” (ST. FULBERT) H82 545

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 16:19-31 (CEB)

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** The Rev. Rowan J. Larson

**THE NICENE CREED** *Please stand in body or in spirit*

**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,**

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Hear Our Prayer*

O righteous Lord, guide us onto the pathway of glory and hear our prayers as we say, **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Empower your church to fearlessly proclaim the gospel that the whole world might hear and experience your Good News.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Enter the hearts and minds of our civic and cultural leaders, that their priorities are aligned with the needs and hopes of all people.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Be present in our parish and in all the places we call home through our witness, that your glory might open eyes and hearts to your transforming love.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our resolve and resilience for making of hard choices to presence your abundant creation for all future generations.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bring the light and strength of your healing power into the darkness of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, strengthen the bereft, and bring us all together again in the glory of your new age.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Loving God, you have brought your word which gives life into our midst again and again. Help us to be faithful recipients of your grace and bearers of your Good News to all whom we encounter. All we ask, we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People:* **God of love,**

**Forgive us all our sins:**

**things we did wrong and**

**things we forgot to do.**

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit**

**so we may love and serve you,**

**and make you proud of us.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**Amen.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

God forgives all who try to be better at loving ourselves and loving our family, friends, and neighbors near and far. You are forgiven. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People***And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**8:30am** “Nocturne B major” Frédéric Chopin

**11:00am** “In Paradisum” from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré

*In paradisum deducant te angeli,*

*in tuo adventu*

*suscipiant te martyres,*

*et perducant te*

*in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.*

*Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,*

*et cum Lazaro quondam paupere*

*aeternam habeas requiem.*

*May the angels lead you into paradise,*

*may the martyrs receive you*

*in your coming,*

*and may they guide you*

*into the holy city, Jerusalem.*

*May the chorus of angels receive you*

*and with Lazarus once poor*

*may you have eternal rest.*

- Recessional antiphon from the Requiem Mass

**DOXOLOGY** *Sung by all to the tune of* OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below**

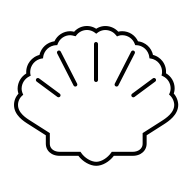
**Praise God above ye heavenly host**

**Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers*

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***Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward***

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**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

(Eucharistic Prayer A, *Enriching Our Worship*)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* God, thank you for making the earth and all that is in it. Thank you for revealing the truth about you to your people. Thank you for every good thing we see and know and touch—for the big sky above us and the ground beneath us, for our families and for every person we meet. And thank you, God, for everything that we cannot see—the realms of heaven and all the angels and heavenly messengers. We are in awe of you, God! And so we join our voices with those angel voices, who even now are singing with the saints—

**SANCTUS** “Holy, holy, holy”WLP 857

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*Celebrant:* You made the universe and you made people; you gave the universe the gift of chance and you gave people the gift of free will. Then you saw how we have ignored what is good and true, and how we forget your rules and your love and how sin and pain entered the world.

So you decided to give us another gift.

You came to visit us in a very special way. You sent us Jesus Christ, who was fully God and fully human. Even when Jesus was born, he saved us. In all parts of his life, he showed us how to live. And when Jesus gave his life up freely on the cross, he saved us all.

That was on Good Friday, a sad day. Some people hated Jesus because Jesus told them the truth about God and the world. They killed him.

And then, on the third day, Jesus rose again, alive in a different way. Jesus defeated death. Thank you, God, for that first Easter Day, when his friends learned that Jesus is with us always, and nothing can take him away from us.

But on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son.

And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness, being filled with the Holy Spirit, so that the whole world may remember you.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* And now, we will pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

*All:*

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| **Traditional** | **Contemporary** |
| 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,     for ever and ever. Amen. | Our Father in heaven,     hallowed be your Name,     your kingdom come,     your will be done,         on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins     as we forgive those         who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial,     and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,     and the glory are yours,     now and for ever. Amen. |

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:*

*Celebrant:* When we eat and drink this holy food, it’s not food for our hungry bodies. It’s food for our hungry and tired hearts. This food is to heal the parts inside of us that feel hurt, and the parts of us that have made us hurt others. And when we eat and drink these gifts, we remember Jesus, and how he loves us and wants us to love each other. Everyone is welcome at this feast!

***Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.***

*We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).*

*Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.*

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,*

*indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**8:30am**

“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel” (VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH) H82 575

**11:00am**

“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel” (VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH) H82 575

“Is Your All on the Altar” LEVAS 135

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray together:

*All* **Almighty God,**

**thank you for loving us just as we are,**

**and for sharing your love with us through Jesus.**

**Thank you for feeding us with holy food,**

**the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.**

**Send us out into the world to share your love**

**with everyone we meet.**

**Amen!**

**THE BLESSING**

“Montana Blessing” Flathead Lake Lutheran Camp

May your service flow as freely as the rivers of our land,

May your kindness be as golden as our wheatfields,

May your faith be as strong as the ponderosa pines,

And your heart be as open as the plains!

May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky,

May your soul have the strength of our mountains,

May your life be as peaceful as the gently falling snow,

And your days be as many as the trees!

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord” (WOODLANDS) H82 438

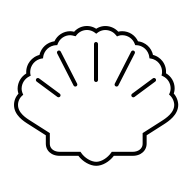
**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Great Divide”Words and music by Lori Rosolowsky

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**WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!**

**ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?**

Welcome! If you’re new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

**COFFEE HOUR**

With our new service schedule, Coffee Hour will be between our two services and run from approximately 9:30 am to 10:55 am.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays at 9:45 am**

Children from PreK-5th are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week in the lower level of the Todd Center, located next door at 111 S. Tracy. If your child is a little older or a little younger, check in with our Sunday School teachers first.

**HEALING PRAYERS EVERY SUNDAY**

Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available by the sacristy door.

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

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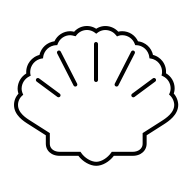
Contact Ray Ross ((406) 599-6991, rayross555@me.com) for pastoral care (ex: hospital & home visits, eucharistic ministers). You can reach the priest on call at (406) 586-9451.

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