



Pursue  
*righteousness, godliness,*  
FAITH, love, *and gentleness.*

1 Timothy 6:11 NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church  
Sunday September 28, 2025    Pentecost 16



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**Pentecost 16 September 28, 2025 9:45 AM**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

Here I Am, Lord

St. John Choir

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Merciful and loving God,

**ALL: 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.**

L: 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!

**ALL: Amen**

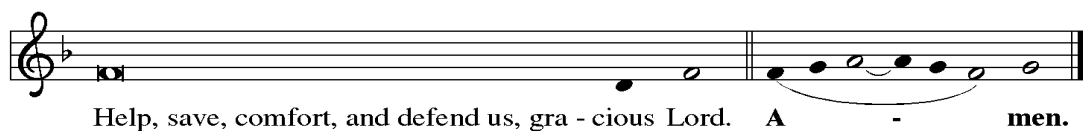
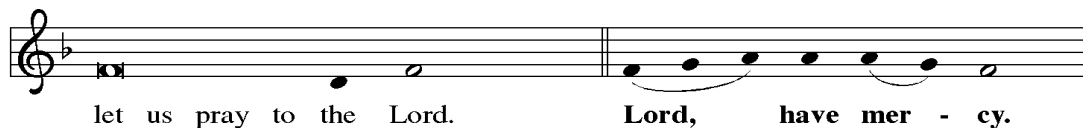
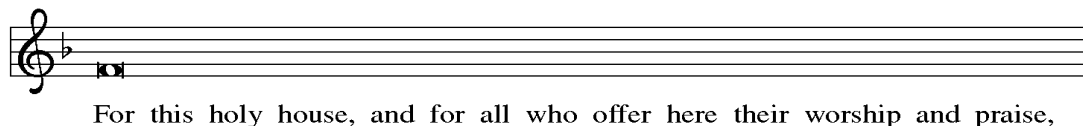
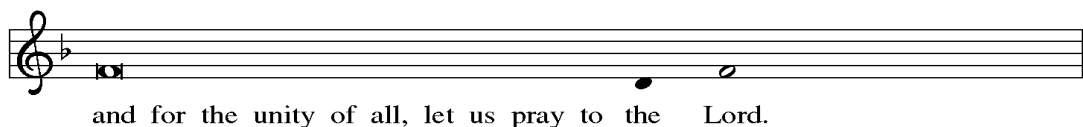
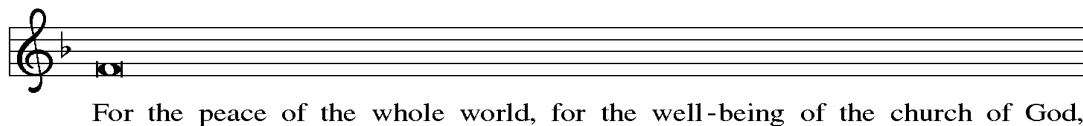
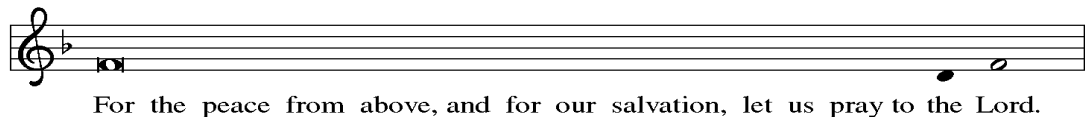
## **GATHERING SONG**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn #742  
3 verses

## GREETING AND KYRIE

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



# Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.

P: The Lord Be With You. **C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## **FIRST READING**

Amos 6:1a,4-7

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

<sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*The Word of the Lord....* **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

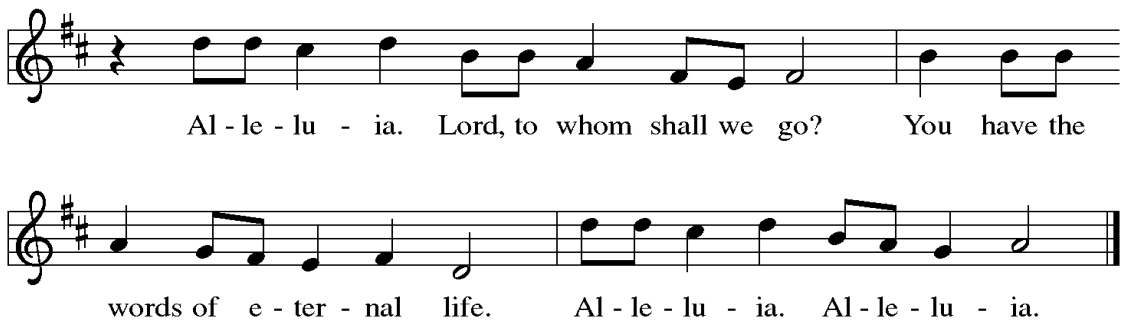
<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> 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, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign,

the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*The Word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has

been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’<sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Shawn O’Brien

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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.

**ALL: Amen**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn # 759  
4 verses

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C: 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**

P: God of Grace,

**C: Receive our prayer.**



## **SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable.  
This can be a hand shake, a fist bump or simply a smile..)*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn # 661

3 Verses

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**