

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

September 12–13, 2026

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 am ✠

Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 219, 229

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O God, You reveal Your power by showing mercy and love. Grant us Your grace to receive what You have promised and to forgive as we have been forgiven through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

(8:00, 10:45) **Prelude**

Chorale Partita on “Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan”

Johann Pachelbel

Announcements

Opening Hymn

(*Hymn of the Month*) **“Come Down, O Love Divine”** *LSB* 501

Versicles

LSB, p. 219

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon

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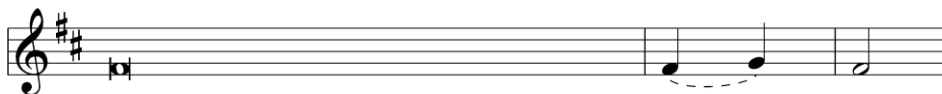
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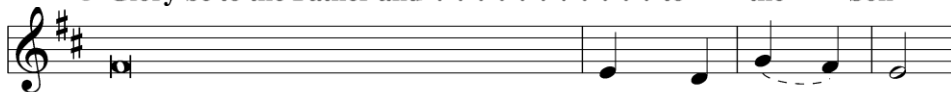
O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

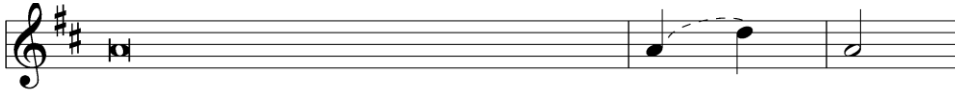
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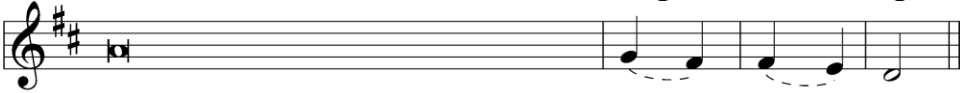
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon

LSB, p. 220



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C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalmody

Psalm 103:1–12

5:00 - Spoken responsively by congregation

8:00, 10:45 - Sung by choir

- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- C** and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- C** and forget not all His benefits,
- P** Who forgives all your iniquity,
- C** Who heals all your diseases,
- P** Who redeems your life from the pit,
- C** Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- P** Who satisfies you with good

- C** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- P** The LORD works righteousness
- C** and justice for all who are oppressed.
- P** He made known His ways to Moses,
- C** His acts to the people of Israel.
- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
- C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P** He will not always chide,
- C** nor will He keep His anger forever.
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
- C** so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
- P** as far as the east is from the west,
- C** so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00, 10:45) **Choral Response**

"Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us honor and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

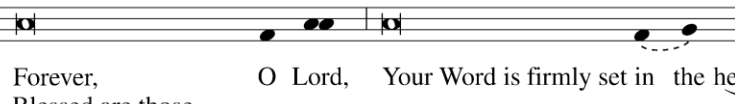
Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

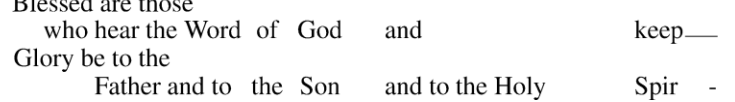
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Verse *To Refrain*



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep — it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Office Hymn

“What God Ordains Is Always Good” *LSB 760*

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon

“Evil has a Plan, God has a Purpose” *Genesis 50:15–21*

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

(9:30) Offering

At the 9:30am service, the offerings will be collected at a stand at the back of the church in the narthex. The ushers will process the offerings forward during the singing of the Canticle.

(5:00, 9:30) Canticle

“Splendor and Honor” *LSB 950*

(8:00, 10:45) Choral Canticle

“Benedictus Deus Israel”

Herbert Howells

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people,
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David.
As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember His holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which He swore to our forefather Abraham that He would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the
remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the day-spring from on
high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen. *Luke 1:68-79*

(5:00, 8:00, 10:45) Offering and Voluntary

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Philip Gehring

Prayer

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Collect of the Day

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

✠ Thanksgiving for the birth of Shiloh Jeremiah Nepute, son and Jared and Kelsey Nepute, grandson of Jim and Ruth Nepute.

(Saturday) **Collect for Peace**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sunday) **Collect for Grace**

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(10:45) Sermon

“Evil has a Plan, God has a Purpose” *Matthew 16:13–20*

Benedicamus

LSB, p. 228

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, a half note C, and a half note D. Below the staff is the text "L Let us bless the Lord." The second staff contains a half note E, a half note F, a half note G, a half note A, and a half note B. Below the staff is the text "C Thanks be to God."

Benediction

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Three staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains a half note G, a half note A, a half note B, a half note C, and a half note D. Below the staff is the text "P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God". The second staff contains a half note E, a half note F, a half note G, a half note A, and a half note B. Below the staff is the text "and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all." The third staff contains a half note C, a half note D, a half note E, a half note F, and a half note G. Below the staff is the text "C A - men."

Closing Hymn

(Hymn of the Month) **“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”** *LSB* 820

Silent Prayer

Postlude

(8:00, 10:45) **Postlude**

Prelude in G Major, BWV 550

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Preacher
Liturgist

Choir
Organist

Pastor Wade
(8:00) **Pastor Schlund**
(10:45) **Rev. Dr. Kent Burreson**
St. Paul's Choir
Kantor Stoppenhagen
Kantor Gerhardt

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