



Trinity Lutheran Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship as we live, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** 1 John 1:8-9

Silence for self-examination

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Gracious, merciful God, I confess unto you my sinfulness and my sins, those I am aware of and the countless ones I am not. I have not loved You with my whole heart nor have I loved my neighbour as myself. I am sorry for my sin, and I ask Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, my Lord and Saviour. Restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God in His abundant mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Apostles' Creed

Children's Story

God's Word: Psalm 103:1-12

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

L: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

L: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: **The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

L: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: **as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

God's Word: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hymn:

"We are Called"

Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

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Lord's Prayer:

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Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns:

"I Come O Savior to Your Table"

"Chief of Sinners Thought I Be" LBW 306

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "Benediction"

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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