

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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<u>Prelude</u> "Pastorale" Clive Jenkins

"Andante tranqillo" Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Opening Hymn "Give praise and glory onto God" Hymnal #375

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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**.



The Collect

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.**

First Lesson

(Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says

the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



You are my ref-uge and my strong-hold, my God in whom I put my trust.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,

who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

²you will say to the Lord, My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.

³For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

⁴Gods wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;

Gods faithfulness will be your shield and defense. Antiphon

⁵You shall not fear any terror in the night,

nor the arrow that flies by day;

⁶nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,

nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,

and show them my salvation. Antiphon

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The Second Lesson

(1 Timothy 6:6-19)

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy:

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 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. 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.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 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. 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 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. 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.

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. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Foght the good fight with all thy might"

Hymn #552

The Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 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 looked up 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.' 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. 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.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham: but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 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.""

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People – Form V

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond: Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our diocesan Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, and Cory the Mayor of Racine, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, especially the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Ministry, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives, [especially:	_], we pray to you, O Lord.
For all who are sick or suffering, [especially:	_], we pray to you, O Lord.
For all who have died in the communion of your Church, whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints,	L 1
there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.	

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

Minister and People

Most merciful God
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you eternal life.

Amen

The Peace All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory "Aria" Craig Phillips

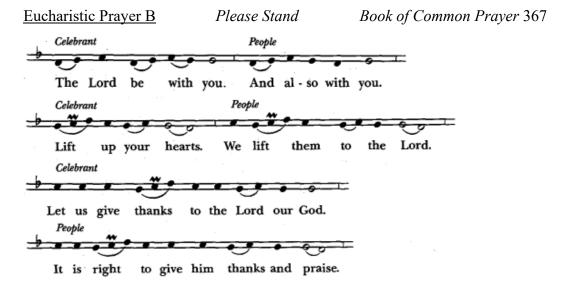
The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord

People And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

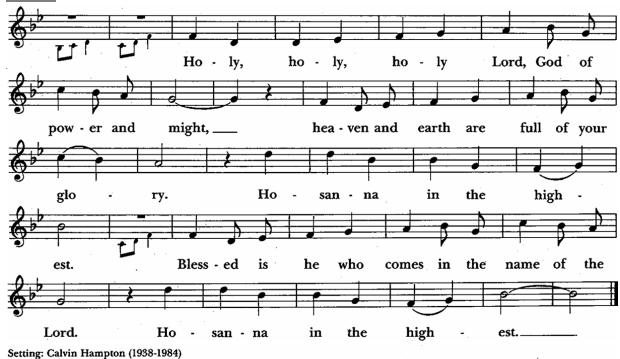
The Great Thanksgiving



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



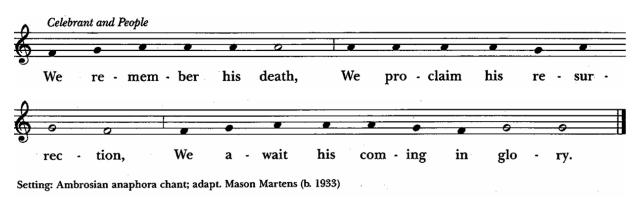


The people may kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . .

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,



The Celebrant continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

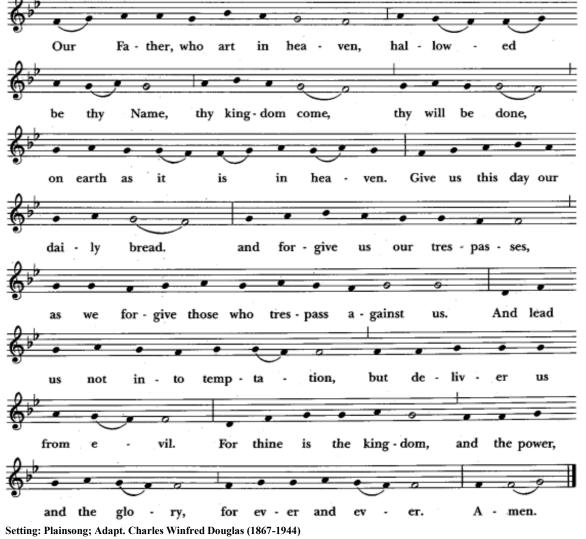
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

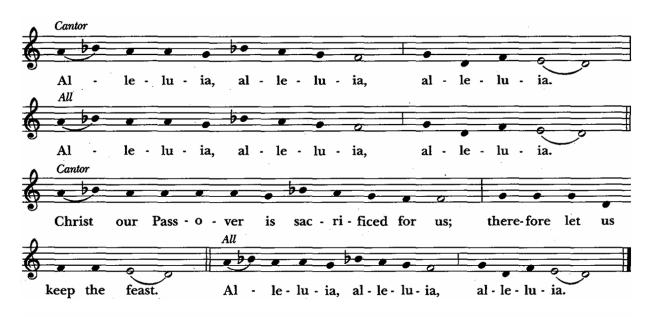
Celebrant and People:



Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



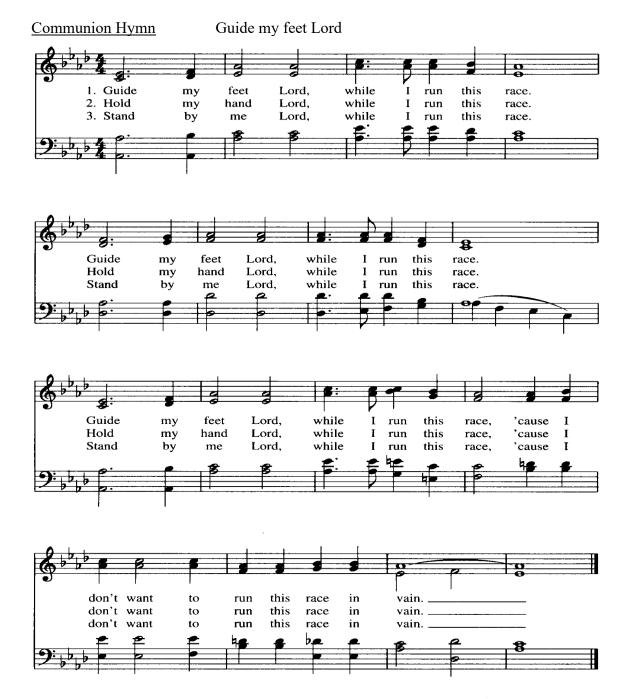
Setting: From Missa orbis factor; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.



Setting: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935)

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of

Christ's presence.

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that

community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "Ye holy angels bright" Hymn #625

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Toccata all' Offertorio" Domenico Zipoli

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.

If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYE/S: Chris and Sam Schatzman

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Ganzel

FIRST READER: Leah Nakamura

SECOND READER: Mabel DuPriest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Cindy Ganzel

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Jessica MacPhail

USHERS: Becky Turk, Brian Paulhus

CANTOR: Jim Cook

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER: Wally Herman

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Stan, Amber, Gregory **Homebound**: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's
Brown Bag Ministry
Diocese of Wisconsin Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Kathy, Waring

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following: St. Luke's Discretionary fund. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Beck Turk to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Bob Hart on his birthday

Parish Worship and Picnic Sunday, October 5th 10:30 am

St. John's Chapel at the DeKoven Center
Potluck Picnic Following in Gymnasium
Combined worship led by clergy and people of St. Luke's, St. Michael's,
and St. Matthew's

Please bring a dish to pass as you are able. These can be dropped off in the gymnasium prior to the service. Reminder that there will be **NO** worship service at St. Luke's on that day.

Town Meeting Racine County Budget and Economic Challenges

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 322 Ohio Street, Racine, WI Wednesday October 1 2025 6-8pm

Did you know that United Way of Racine County estimates that a family of 4 in this county with childcare needs \$43/hr in order to make it to the end of the month? Of the 15 political entities in Racine County, 7 have a working poor population 25 percent or higher.

How does county government with its \$240 million budget support families in Racine Co?

Did you know of 72 counties in Wisconsin, Racine County ranks LAST in Health and Human Services spending in \$s per capita?

Racine County ranks 61 st in property tax rate. Come and learn how the county budget affects you, your neighbors and this community. Meet a County Board member-Eric Hopkins. Learn how you can help create a more just budget.

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