Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

PRELUDE — DR. CHRISTIAN GUEBERT, ORGANIST

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

CHORAL MUSIC

"Esto les Digo"

Kinley Lange

SPANISH (DHH) Matthew 18:19-20

Esto les digo: Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.

Matthew 18:19-20 (ESV)

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, You give Your people strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Support us in the good fight of the faith that we may take hold of the eternal life to which You have called us; through Jesus Christ, the blessed and only sovereign, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

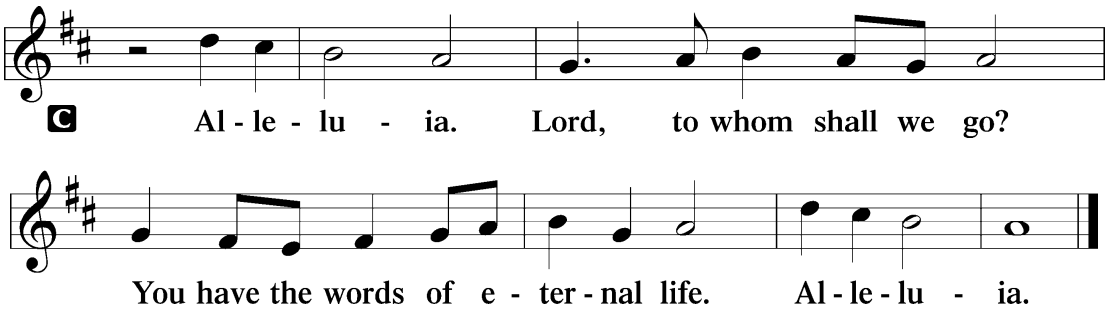
THE EPISTLE READING 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-12, 17-19

6 Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the
world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing,
with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a
snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some
have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 11 But as for
you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,
steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life
to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence
of many witnesses.

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes
on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18
They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus
storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take
hold of that which is truly life.
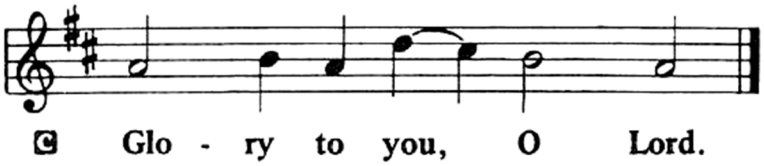
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 16:19-31

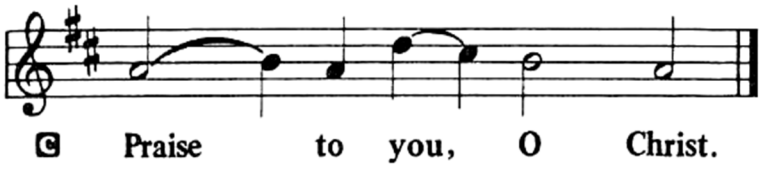
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixteenth chapter.



THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

19 [Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who
feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus,
covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table.
Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried
by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades,
being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24
And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end
of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham
said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in
like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And
besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who
would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And
he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five
brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But
Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said,
'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He
said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if
someone should rise from the dead.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
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THE SERMON — REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Take Hold of Eternal Life"

1 Timothy 6:6-12

APOSTLES CREED

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.

OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.
Use the e-Giving Card in the pew or visit
www.abidingsavior.com/church/give
You may also place your offering in the offering plate as it passes.

MUSICAL OFFERING — CHAPEL CHOIR

"Luther's Morning Prayer"

setting by Carl Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the night,
and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray,
and keep me safe from Satan's sway
that all I do or think or say
please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend
my body and soul until life's end.
Your angel keep me safe from harm
until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!

Refrain: **Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,**
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. *Refrain*

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages We with angels sing. *Refrain*

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POSTLUDE

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by Clutch and Joy Kuester in loving memory of their son, Kurt Kuester.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams	Alexander Hernandez	Brad Morton
Terri Green	Jeanne Kelly	