

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Prelude - The prelude is an introductory part of our worship service.
Worshippers are encouraged to use these few moments for prayer
and/or reflection on a scripture passage or hymn.

Announcements

The Invocation

Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1,2,4)

P/ How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!

C/ **My soul longed even yearned for the courts of the Lord:**

P/ My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C/ **How blessed are those who dwell in Thy house!
They are ever praising Thee.**

Hymn #373 (Red Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Confession of Sin

P/ O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your
beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our
failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C/ **Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of
fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating
witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your
service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.**

P/ Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that
we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation,
grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our
neighbors as we ought.

All/ **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love:
According to your abundant mercy blot out our
transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and
cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

P/ God has been listening! And He tells us that if we confess our sins He is
faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. He further assures every repentant sinner: I have
blotted out, as a thick cloud your transgressions, and your sins and
iniquities I will remember no more. In the name of Jesus Christ we are
forgiven.

C/ **Praise the Lord, our God! We receive it thankfully and
resolve to live as God's people. Amen.**

Collect for the Day

P/ Let us pray...

All/ **Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and
peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and
serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15:-21 (pp. 55, 52)

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12 (pp. 1206-1207, 1127-1128)

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 (pp. 1047, 979)

The Confession of Faith (See inside front cover of hymnal)

Sacrament of Baptism

Choir ~ Jesus Loves Me

The Sermon

Hymn #351 *Father, I Adore You*

Offering

Offertory "We give Thee..." (#391, st.1)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn #451 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Postlude



-Bruno Jesse Rose will be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit this morning. We give thanks to God for the blessing of
faith and the joy of bringing children before His throne of grace

-Thank you to Thalackers for serving at fellowship last Sunday in
honor of Luka's birthday.

-The signup for this year's Women's Retreat is on the back table.

This is a great time to get away for study and fellowship!

-Thank you to everyone who helped get things ready for Rally
Sunday today.

This Week:

Mon.	Sept. 14	6:30 a.m.	Men's Morning Study
		1:00 p.m.	Men's Afternoon Study
Tues.	Sept. 15	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
Wed.	Sept. 16	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:00 p.m.	Bible Study @ St. John's
		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Christ Lutheran
Sun.	Sept. 20	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship

Last Sunday – attendance 81; offering \$3095.00

Lessons for 9/20 – Is. 55:6-9; Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30; Matt. 20:1-16