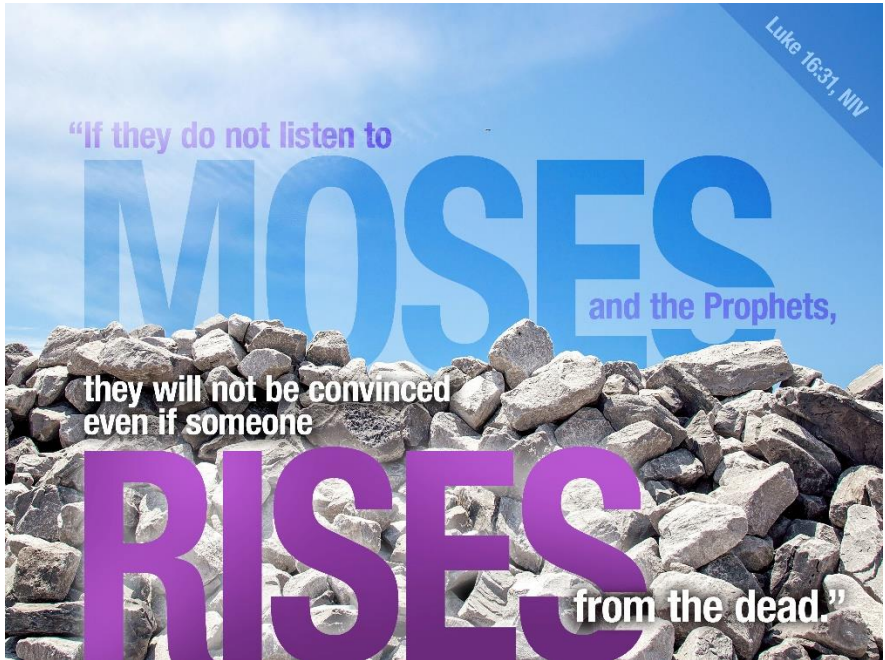


Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 28, 2025  
10:30 a.m.



*"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"*

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*The readings for this day continue the theme of the past several weeks asking God's people to consider their relationship to wealth. Our money can be a powerful tool for alleviating suffering in the world, but it can just as easily become a strong force that alienates us from the riches of God's love. We need to know where we place our deepest values.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** **Amen.**

## EXHORTATION

**[P]** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**[C]** **who made heaven and earth.**

**[P]** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**[C]** **But with You there is forgiveness.**

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**[P]** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**[C]** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**[P]** Almighty God in His 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 declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**GREETING OF PEACE** *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**HYMN** “When All Your Mercies”

*harmonized for part-singing*

1) When all Your mer - cies, O my God, My wak - ing  
2) Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My dai - ly  
3) Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life Your good - ness

soul sur - veys, Trans - port - ed with the view, I'm  
thanks em - ploy; Nor is the least a cheer - ful  
I'll pur - sue, And af - ter death, in dis - tant

lost In won - der, love, and praise.  
heart That tastes those gifts with joy.  
worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.

*Sing stanza four in unison:*

Through all e-ter-ni-ty, to You  
A joy-ful song I'll raise;  
But, oh, e-ter-ni-ty's too short  
To ut-ter all Your praise!

Meter: C.M. (86.86)  
Joseph Addison, 1712

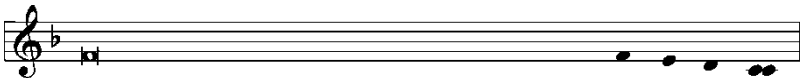
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attr. George Kirbye, 1592

**GREETING**

**[P]** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **[C]** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



**[A]** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



**[C]** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. **P** God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is not a cause for rejoicing but rather for sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor.*

**R** Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

**R** Of course, 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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** **P** The Holy Gospel of Luke, chapter 16, beginning at verse 19.

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

*When Jesus taught that no one can serve both God and wealth, some of his hearers mocked him. He responded with the story of the rich man and Lazarus.*

**P** 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.' "

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*  
**MESSAGE**

*Stand*  
**HYMN**                    **"They Holy Wings"**

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

1 Thy ho - ly wings O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy child-ren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new-born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet-ly slum-ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1832–1903, st. 1,3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2 and tr., st. 1, 3  
 Music: Swedish folk tune, arr. *With One Voice*, 1995  
 English text © 1983 Gracia Grindal  
 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”*

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

*Sit*  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Stand*

**[P]** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PREFACE**

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**[C]** And also with you.

**[P]** Lift up your hearts.

**[C]** We lift them to the Lord.

**[P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C]** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**[P]** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

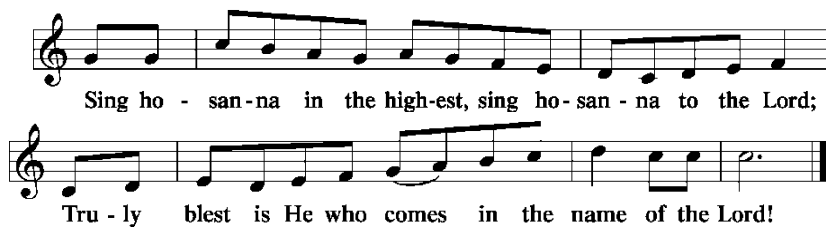
**SANCTUS**



**[C]** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**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.

## LAMB OF GOD



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on peace, us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

## HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Refrain* F C'

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.  
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F Dm Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm C<sup>7</sup> F Refrain  
 feet, mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.  
 race, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet: this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Written for the Church in Ghana. Tom Colvin, b. 1925, alt.  
 Music: Ghanaian folk tune; adapt. Tom Colvin, b. 1925; arr. Jane Marshall, b. 1924  
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CHEREPONI  
 7 7 9 and refrain

## HYMN

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
 body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace. [C] Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- [P]** Let us pray.
- [P]** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- [P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- [C] Amen.**

- [P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING HYMN “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia,  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in

choirs:  
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song:  
 One:

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: J. Athelstan L. Riley, 1858-1945, alt.  
Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623

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## POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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