

16th Sunday after Trinity

October 5th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

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Out of the
abundance of the
heart
the mouth speaks.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #5

“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for “Lord, Have Mercy” and “Glory be to the Father”



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin,
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King,
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in,
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not

be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.



Mark 9:14-29

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.'" ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus

took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: TLH #276

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"



James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The

tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The Power of the Spoken Word

- I. With our words, we have become death
- II. With His Words, Christ has become life

The Offertory

☩ *♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #395:1-3, 7

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

☩ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☩ Amen!

Hymn: WS #763

"At the Name of Jesus"

St. John's Choir – We will begin choir practices on Sunday, October 12, at 8:30 AM. They will continue Sunday mornings before Bible Class for the fall season through the end of 2025. New members are always welcome, so if you like to sing and are interested in giving it a try, please join us!

October Quarterly Meeting – The voting members of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our third quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 19, 2025, after a noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, Agenda items will include: Transfer of Stephanie (Kazemba) Lau to Messiah, Eau Claire; Auditing of the Church, School, and Cemetery accounts; Setting the Fall Worship Schedule; Details about hosting the Joint Mission Festival Service on November 9; Election Meeting date and installation date for elected (re-elected) officers; Annual Meeting date. Any other agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

Pastor Out-of-Town – Pastor will be at Minnesota Pastor's Conference in Hutchinson this afternoon through Tuesday morning. If you need to contact him, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email using the contact info on the bulletin cover.

CLC Call News – Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis of ILC, has **received** the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Living Word Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Ushers	10/5	Kendall B, Larry B.
	10/12	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	10/19	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
Cleaning		This Week – Kazemba, Thaemlitz (wk. 3)
		Up Next – Ferg., Dron., Baumann, Ohlmanson

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 6th – 11th, 2025

Mon Luke 13:6-9 If tragedies that cut us down serve as a call to repentance for the believer, he bears fruit for the Lord. The Gardener does not desire the death of the tree, but that it should live and bear fruit.

Tues Acts 16:13-15 The Lord opens the heart of Lydia to the preaching of Paul. No sooner were she and her household baptized than the fruit of hospitality sprang forth and she invited them to stay at her house.

Wed Acts 16:16-34 A woman possessed by a spirit is freed in Jesus' name, and Paul and Silas end up beaten and in prison. The prisoners get to hear their prayers and hymns, and the jailer's family is baptized!

Thurs Acts 16:35-40 The magistrates want Paul and Silas to leave quietly after their public beating, but Paul wants their mission vindicated so they can go and encourage the believers before they leave Philippi.

Fri 2 Chronicles 7:12-22 After the consecration of Solomon's temple, the Lord appears to him, and promises to hear the prayers from this place. But if they turn away from God, the house will have no purpose.

Sat Jeremiah 17:5-10 Those who trust in the Lord for strength are like trees by the water. They will bear fruit. Those who want to "follow their heart" would do well to have the Lord in their heart.

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