

dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ 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.’ ”
(After the reading: *Praise to you, O Christ.*)

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

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Hymn of the Day: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW #712

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: We Are An Offering ELW #692

Offertory Prayer:
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction
P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory ELW #705

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, September 28th, 2025; 9:30 am 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness:
P: We come before our God, this morning, under the sign of our baptism in the name of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
C: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: We Are Called ELW #720

Apostolic 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.

Call to Worship: Psalm 146
P:Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

P: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
P: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
P: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
P: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
C: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day:
P: Let us pray.
C: Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: **Amos 6:1a, 4-7** Dennis Moritz
^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Scripture Reading: **1 Timothy 6:6-19**
⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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 ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ 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.

Gospel Acclamation: *As We Seek Your Face*
 As we seek Your face
 May we know Your heart
 Feel Your presence, acceptance
 As we seek Your face.

 At Your feet we fall
 Sov’ereign Lord
 We cry holy, holy
 At Your feet we fall.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 16:19-31**
 *(After the reading is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ 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.’ ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the