

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, September 25, 2022 ~ 8:15 am**



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 ~ 8:15 AM ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**LITURGY FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR C**

**PRELUDE**

**COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**THE GREETING**

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

**GATHERING HYMN** ..... "Gather Us In"; Verses 1 and 4; ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness

4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings

light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.

now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the

Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,

make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.

fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

O God, rich in mercy, **you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

## **THE SHARING IN THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1A, 4-7**

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **A READING FROM PSALM 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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 <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community  
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**The Holy Gospel** according to Luke 16:19-31. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>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.’ <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”; Verses 1 and 3; ELW #631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to

3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy



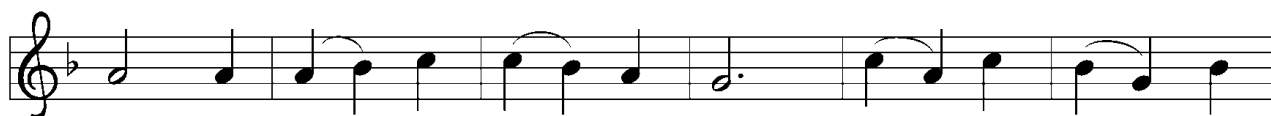
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy

life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion.

more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,



pure. un - bound - ed love thou art: vis - it us with

serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee



thv sal - va - tion. en - ter ev - 'rv trem - bling heart.

with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**THE SERMON**.....Pr. Teri Sutherlin

*(stand as you are able)*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With our faith in Jesus Christ, let all the people of God confess their faith of the church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.** *(repeat response after each petition)*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

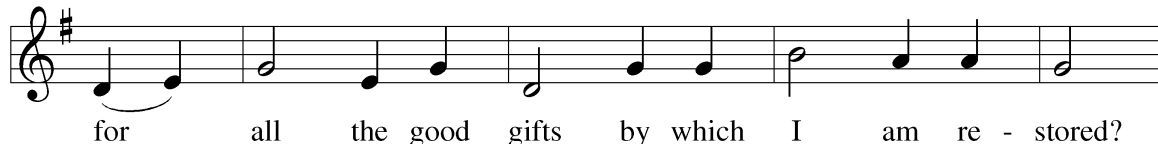
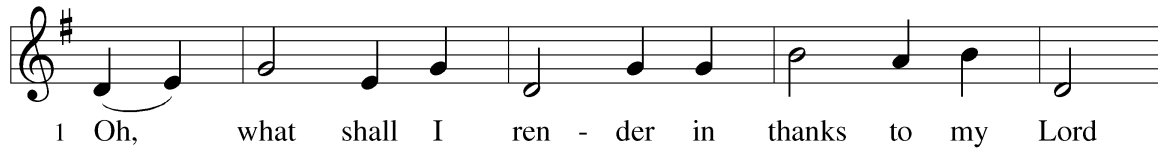
### **THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The congregation members may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace as you are comfortable doing so, saying, "Peace be with you", or similar words.*



**THE OFFERTORY**..... “Oh, What Shall I Render”; Verse 1; HFW #983



Text: Martin A. Selz, based on Ps. 116  
Music: FOUNDATION, early North American  
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**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** ..... “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”; Verses 3 and 4; ELW #712



3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984  
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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**THE BLESSING AND SENDING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **CALENDAR**

Mon, Sept 26..... Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30 am)

Tues, Sept 27..... Quilting Ministry (1:30 pm)

Wed, Sept 28 ..... Pick A Pocket Fundraiser deadline - call 785-483-5358 no later than 1:30 pm  
..... 425 Youth (6:30 pm)  
..... St. John Ringers (6:30 pm)  
..... Agape Choir (7:30 pm)

Thurs, Sept 29 ... Bible Study with Pastor (1:00 pm)

Sat, Oct 1 ..... Heart2Home Pockets ready for pick up (vendor booth during Bricks, Broncs & BBQ  
from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm OR at St. John from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm)  
..... Worship in Chapel (6:00 pm)

Sun. Oct 2..... Worship with Holy Communion in Sanctuary (8:15 am)  
..... Sunday School and Confirmation (9:15 am)  
..... Worship with Holy Communion in Sanctuary (10:30 am)  
..... Final Heart2Home Pocket pick up at Fork That Bakery, 201 E Main, Victoria  
(9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Mon, Oct 3 ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30 am)

Tues, Oct 4 ..... Quilting Ministry (1:30 pm)

Wed, Oct 5 ..... 425 Youth (6:30 pm)  
..... St. John Ringers (6:30 pm)  
..... Agape Choir (7:30 pm)

Thurs, Oct 6 ..... Bible Study with Pastor (1:00 pm)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **10:30 service will be broadcast** on KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM; and on Nex-Tech Cable Channel 130 as a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church.

It's your last chance to **Pick A Pocket!** Proceeds will help the Heart2Home project continue to keep St. John connected with congregational members, as well as others in the community.

- ◆ Call 785-483-5358 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm to order homemade bierocks, ham and cheese pockets, Philly cheesesteak pockets, or pepperoni pizza pockets NO LATER THAN 1:30 pm, Tuesday, September 27.
- ◆ Pockets will be ready to heat and eat, or freeze for later!
- ◆ Pockets are \$5.00 each or \$55.00 per dozen (mix and match dozens are encouraged).
- ◆ Pockets will be ready to pick up on Saturday, October 1. Payment required at time of pick up.

The 2022 4th Quarter **Christ in Our Home** devotionals are available to pick up in the information centers. The St. John subscription will be reviewed before 2023 to avoid over ordering.

- ◆ You may subscribe to *Christ in Our Home* (mailed to your home or PO Box) by calling Augsburg Fortress at 800-328-4648. One-year subscriptions are \$11.00; two-year subscriptions are \$20.00; and three-year subscriptions are \$29.00.
- ◆ St. John delivers *Christ in Our Home* devotionals to Russell Care Center residents and Heart2Home participants. Donations to help offset these costs would be greatly appreciated.

## **ADDITIONS TO PRAYER LIST**

Dorothy Stielow

## **OUR SYMPATHY AND GOD'S COMFORT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF**

- ◆ Ima Kaye Shaffer (1944 - 2022)
- ◆ Ron Sedo (1946 - 2022)

Ron was the son of Rev. R. G. Sedo who served at St. John Lutheran Church from 1963 - 1970. The Sedo family moved to Russell in 1963. In 1968, Ron attended Bethany Lutheran College. Ron and Marilyn were married in Salina KS in 1970. In 1972, Sedo attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and completed his internship in Denver CO. His first parish was Faith Lutheran in Osborne KS. He served at Peace Lutheran in St. Francis KS and then returned to Canada. He served several parishes in Canada in both full-time and interim capacities. Condolences may be sent to his family at:

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