

# Sunday September 25, 2022

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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#### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

**3 MINUTES OF SILENCE** to prepare us for worship today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In" (verses 1-3) #532 ELW

*Please rise on the last verse*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*Please be seated*

**BELL ANTHEM:**                   “”

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## SCRIPTURE

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### 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**

**PSALM: Psalm 146** (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! 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 all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

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

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners 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 watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

*Please stand for the gospel*

**GOSPEL: 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.**

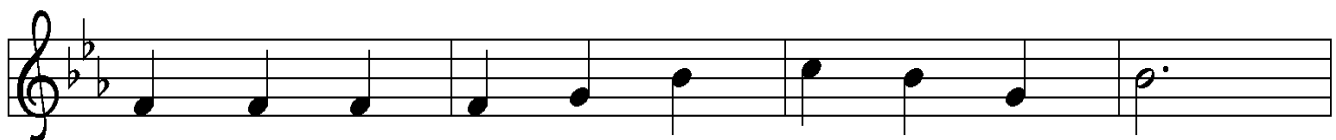
## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: “Be Thou My Vision”

#793 ELW



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.*

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

## **PEACE**

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

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **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.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

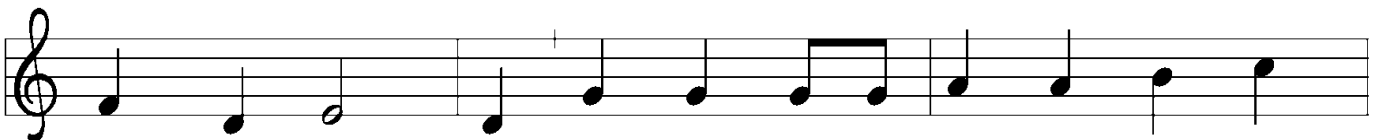
God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: "O Day Full of Grace" #627 ELW



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -





be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.  
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
 Please come again.*

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Bell Choir

Ushers: The Vukelich Family

Greeters: Carolyn Morris

Hospitality: Janice & Wayne Olson & Sue & Dick Stebbins

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 18, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 58 Online: NA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Shane Vossen, Randy Zahradka

**GRIEF SHARE CLASSES** Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. All are welcome.

**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN THE SANCTUARY.** We have noticed coffee spills on the carpet in the sanctuary. Please do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

**RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE BAZAAR** if you have items for the Bazaar Raffle, or items for the sale, please bring them to church as soon as possible. Also, if you get your medications shipped to you in Styrofoam coolers, the crafters can use those coolers. Just drop them off in the office. Thank You!

**MEATBALL SUPPER** Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca is having a Meatball Supper on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm. See poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Get your 'Boo' on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

**JOIN US!** Please join us for cake and coffee next Sunday, October 2nd, after services, in honor of Pat Becker and wish her well as she moves on to a new address!

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**                      **Sept. 29, 2022 – Oct. 2, 2022**

Monday	9/26	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/27	9:00 am	Quilters
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	9/28	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9/29	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	10/2	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream