

Sunday, September 13th, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“Earth and All Stars”

ELW 731

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!
2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!
3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!
4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!
5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Dialog:

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Come, behold the works of the Lord; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

P: “Be still, and know that I am God!”

C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?”¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died,¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.”¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103:1-13 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them.⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who

abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves."²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him,²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made.²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Children's Sermon:

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*Hymn of the Day:

"Here I Am Lord"

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1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?" Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*The Apostle's Creed

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 into hell. 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

1. We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
2. We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mine. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
3. We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first 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.

*The Words of Institution

*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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

ELW 595

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
3. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Jessica's 50 birthday from Larry & Sandy Wheeler

It's back to school time!! The WOT will be collecting items for our local schools and for kits to go to Lutheran World Relief. There are two different boxes set out for collection so make sure you put yours in the box you want your items to go to. The bags you take off the pews are the ones that go to Lutheran World Relief and each bag has a printed copy of all items needed to fill that bag. There are copies of items needed for our local schools on the display table by the kitchen. Thank you for helping us help others!

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13th at 9:45 am!

Crew will begin Wed, September 16th for all 3rd-6th grade youth from 3:30 pm till 5 pm. See Sign up Sheet for Crew Snacks! Want to help with Crew? Because we would love extra help! Please see PB.

On Sunday, September 20th the youth will be doing their Mission Trip presentation at 9am.

Youth Summer Trips for 2027 Informational Meeting will be September 20th at 10am. We have the opportunity to go on two trips. The Youth Gathering in Minneapolis is June 28-July 2, 2027 and/or a mission trip to Logan County, West Virginia on July 17-23, 2027. All high school youth welcome. More info at the meeting. Deadline to sign up is October 4th.

Serving Our Lord and Church

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Altar Guild: Beth Ford, Jacque Bowell

Fellowship: Char, Barb, Becky, Sandy, Sharon

Schedule For The Week of Sept 13-20

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	3:30pm	Crew
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebersperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
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Kathy Joles	Arlene Clack	Howard Edlin	Family of Muriel Joles

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: 1 Kings 9:15-25	Monday: 1 Kings 9:26-28	Tuesday: 1 Kings 10:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:14-22	Thursday: 1 Kings 10:23-29	Friday: 1 Kings 11:1-8
Saturday: 1 Kings 11:9-13	Sunday: 1 Kings 11:14-22	

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