



GATHERING AND EQUIPPING FULLY ENGAGED DISCIPLES
THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn: Children Singing- "Pass It On"

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Sit

Holy Baptism (11am)

Charlotte Jones

Hymn: 605 Father Welcomes

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

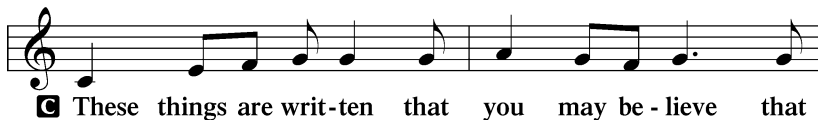
So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

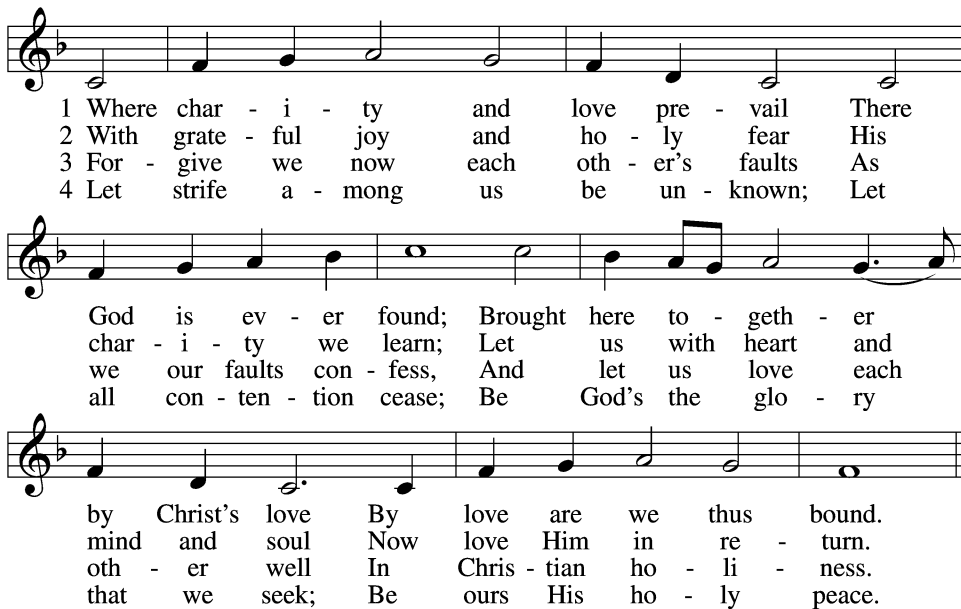
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed (5pm and 8:30am)

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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Sermon

Offering *In gratitude, obedience, and Christian love, we return to the Lord of the gifts we have first received from His hand. If you have not yet, please be sure to fill out the attendance book- this allows for faithful spiritual care, and the opportunity to greet those next to you by name.*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

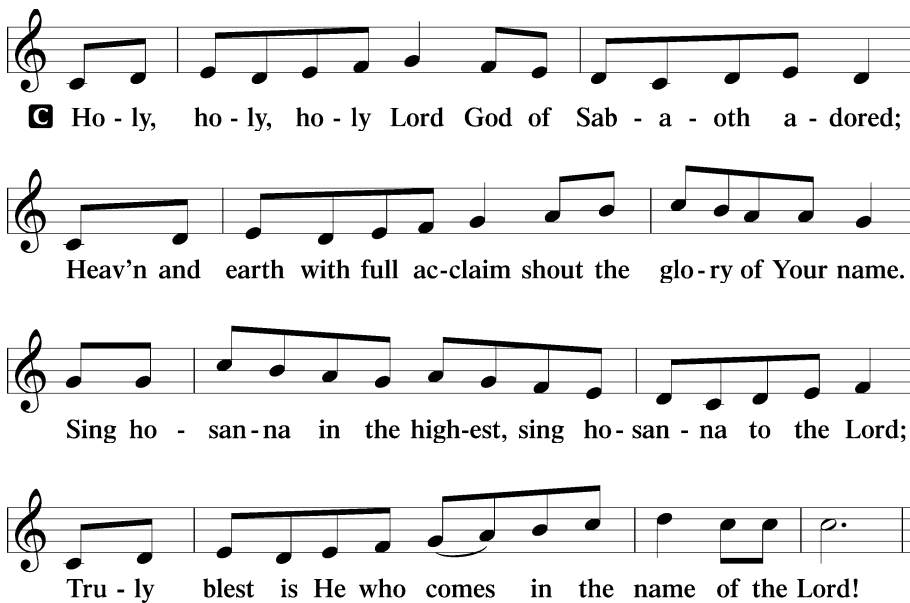
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

763 When Peace, like a River

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Stand

Dismissal

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS *new prayer requests are in bold

Luke, Larry, Sally, Brad, Barb, Rob, Sara, Drea, Gary, Angela, Chris

FIRST RESPONDERS AT HOME Brandon, Randy, Rachel, Jason, Robin, Mike, Jacob

FOR THOSE WITH CHILD Becca, Krista, Jessica, Holly, Danielle

FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES John Bantle, Michael Crain, Jake Barbosa, Xyon Scott, Kyle Finley, Nick Oberkrom, Chris Whelan, Matthew Moss, Joseph Collins, Jeramy Brown, Zane Robertson, Carey Thomas, George Stahl, Drew, Ben Aumiller

WE PRAY FOR OUR PARTNERS IN KINGDOM BUILDING Vicar Stephen Christian & Sam Held

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 13

Join us for a fun morning with your CHURCH FAMILY! There will be Rally Day activities for kids, youth, adults and families! Everyone will meet in the Gym at 9:50a.

Then, at 10:15a, a parent can join Sunday school children (**ages 3 – 5th grade**) downstairs in the Sunday school area. We'll enjoy a few songs together, have a hands-on look at the things your child will learn this year, and tour the new classroom spaces. With parental help, each child will make a project that will remain at church to put his or her special mark on our space.

6th-8th graders head downstairs to the Youth Room for Sunday School. We'll spend some time getting to know each other, have a special LCR MS Youth project, and introduce our new curriculum.

SMALL GROUPS - New sprint is beginning the week of **September 14!**

Descriptions and Signups are in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Deaconess Britt, ext. 102 or britt@lcrstl.org

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING - Sunday, September 20 at 10a in the Sanctuary. The Call Committee approved by voters on April 12th is seeking approval to extend a Call for the Director of Music position. Agenda: Call to Order/Welcome, Opening Prayer, Approve new voting members, Vote to extend Call for the Director of Music Vacancy, Closing Prayer, Adjournment

WEDNESDAYS AT RESURRECTION – Beginning September 16

5:30 – 6:30p – Confirmation (6-8 grade)

5:30 – 6:30p – Children's Music & LCR Kids (K-5 grade)

5:30 – 6:30p – LCR Youth (9-12 grade)

5:30 – 6:30p – Parent Devotion and Fellowship (Coffee Lounge)

6 – 6:45p – Handbells

6:45-7:30p - Choir

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Beginning **Sunday, September 27** during Discipleship Hour (9:45-10:45a), join Pastor Gruenwald in the Gym for Lutheranism 101. A six-week bible study for everyone! Learn or be refreshed on Lutheran teaching, worship, and life.

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL - Sunday, October 4 12:30-2:00p

Whether your loss is recent, years or even decades ago, we will gather to honor and remember the precious lives lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss or abortion. OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. RSVP Required to Deaconess Cheryl Lynn Sell 314.477.6137 or lindy9105@gmail.com

FALL CLEAN UP DAY AT OUR REDEEMER CEMETERY- October 10

Please join board members on Saturday, October 10, at 9 am to spruce up Our Redeemer Cemetery. Bring pruners and work gloves. We will finish before noon. The cemetery is located at 8300 Mackenzie Road. Call Dave @ 314 607-7071 for more information.

PARENTING WORKSHOP – Sunday, October 18 4:30-6:30p

Parents and/or caregivers of children pre-k – 5th grade. Connie Herbert, M.S. Ed will discuss milestones, common hurdles and strategies to address them. Dinner provided and childcare available. RSVP at lcrstl.org

SERVE AT RESURRECTION – Are you interested in serving at Resurrection? Get involved now!

Contact Jamie in the church office to see what our needs are jamie@lcrstl.org

FALL FESTIVAL - Join us on **October 25** for Resurrection's Fall Festival! Children are invited to dress in their best costumes and members of all ages are invited to visit creatively decorated tables, thematic crafting, and enjoy a fall themed snack. Come and go between 2-4 p.m. Please contact Vicar Stephen if you are interested in volunteering! Stephen@lcrstl.org

GREEN PARK - Join us **Friday, September 18 9:00a - 11:15a** for Pre-K Discovery Day at Green Park Lutheran School. Preschoolers with an adult are invited to join us for a FREE morning of fun! Featuring: Chef Bananas children's musician, Bubbles Gone Bananas sensory experience, a petting zoo, and more. Reserve a spot for your child or preschool! Email katie.gaeta@greenparklutheralschool.org.

LUSO - Students in kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join us for Cheer Mini Camp **on Saturday, September 19**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Lutheran South's Gym.

Participants will learn cheers, a dance, and stunts to be performed at halftime of the Lutheran South varsity football game on Friday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m.

\$35 registration - includes a shirt and bow. Sign up at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>

LCMS FOUNDATION - The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. It is essential that the considerations, goals and thoughts of both spouses be included as well as coordinating with your legal & financial advisors. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these conversations. Contact Erich Faulstich 314-779-6494

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