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THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE I
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 19)
September 12 & 13, 2026

WELCOME

HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” *LSB* 826, sts. 1-4

INVOCATION

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

C. Amen.

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

KYRIE (Sung)

A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

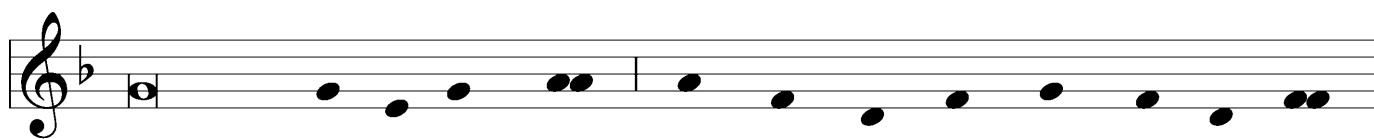
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria in Excelsis – Glory to God in the Highest”

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but to Your glory and for the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 1:1-6

¹Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-7

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

P. This is the Word of the Lord
C. Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING John 15:1-11

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CREED – The Third Article

P. I believe in the Holy Spirit... What does this mean?

C. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERING

(10:30 ONLY) OFFERING SONG "Christ, be Our Light" *Trinity Choir*
(congregation joins on refrains)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Chorus: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Chorus:

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. Chorus:

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering
others,
Walls made of living stone. Chorus:

5. Many the gifts, many the people.
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making Your kingdom come. Chorus

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Christ Is the Root" *Tune: "Abide with Me" based on Colossians 2:6-7*


1 Christ is The Root from whom all bless - ings flow.
 2 In God's Bap - tis - mal grace we died yet rose!
 3 When Je - sus' Spir - it came our sins to bathe,
 4 There - fore let's tell of Christ who lived on Earth.

Root - ed in Him our faith shall ev - er grow.
 On - ly through faith this mir - a - cle's dis - closed.
 Through Word and wa - ter we were brought to faith.
 Speak of His love and His in - car - nate birth.

We shall a - bound in thank - ful - ness and praise
 By faith a - lone we're con - fi - dent that we
 Thus, we were plant - ed in - to Christ our Root,
 Broad - cast how Je - sus died up - on the tree

As with our Lord we live in love and grace.
 Shall live with God through - out e - ter - ni - ty.
 Washed and then sanc - ti - tied to bear good fruit.
 And rose to live a - gain and so shall we.

5 Rooted in Jesus, ev'ry day's endured
 With grace and saving faith that is renewed
 By God the Holy Spirit who will send
 Comfort and strength of faith that shall not end.

△ 6 Praise God the Father of all light and life.
 Praise God the Son who saved us through His strife.
 Praise God the Spirit who showed us The Way.
 Praise God the Three-in-One throughout each day.

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SERMON *The Rev. Alex Slotter***INSTALLATION OF JOSHUA BAUMANN (FLS Administrator/Principal)****DEDICATION OF TEACHERS****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****THE LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICTION**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**SONG “In Christ Alone”** sts. 1-4

1. In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * *****Acknowledgments**

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