

16th Sunday after Pentecost — September 13, 2026

Prelude *Come, Ye Disconsolate* arr. by Kenneth T. Kosche, ASCAP

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn *Oh God Beyond All Praising* **ELW 880**

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Apostolic Greeting **WOV Pg. 28**

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

P: And also, with you

Gloria **WOV Pg. 29**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also, with you

L: 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.

P: Amen

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ 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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13 *chanted responsively*

- ¹ Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ² **Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**
- ³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **O Lord, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
- ⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ **Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹ 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 Wisdom, Holy Word

P: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

WOV Pg. 31

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 18th Chapter.

P: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “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.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come. Ye Disconsolate

ELW 607

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Affirmation of Baptism

Please refer to Page 234

ELW (red book)

Prayers

L: Having received the gracious mercy of God, we now pray that others may also know divine compassion, Lord. in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all our Christian family, that we quickly and sincerely forgive any offenses that arise within the Body of Christ, and seek forgiveness for offenses we have caused, Lord. in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all our human family, that any animosity or harsh divisions may be healed by a forgiving spirit Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the marvelous creation of God, that holy forgiveness may be ours for ways we have mistreated or harmed the natural world, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For any other needs you wish to raise in prayer, please do so now. ... Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: And for all needs only known to God, we seek heavenly grace, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer Amen**

Peace - A prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **P: And also, with you**

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received



Anthem

Sanctuary of Grace

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There is a room, a quiet place, an inner chamber made of grace; A place of peace and childlike faith, a space to dream, to hope, to pray. There is a home, a shelter strong, where every sigh becomes a song; A fortress sure where all can go, a place to live, to learn, to grow. Come to the home near God's own heart, where hope begins and healing starts. Come to the cross, the rifted rock; rest in the loving arms of God, rest in the loving arms of God. There is a room, adorned in light, a shrine of truth, a Chapel bright; A place to pray, to seek, to find, a sacred space of love divine. There is a refuge from the cold, a healing haven for the soul, a dwelling filled with gentle grace, a house of worship, made for praise. Come to the home near God's own heart, where hope begins and healing starts. Come to the cross, the rifted rock; Rest in the loving arms of God, rest in the loving arms of God. There is a tower standing tall, a soaring symbol over all, and those who gather to this place will find redemption of love and grace. Come to the home near God's own heart, where hope begins and healing starts. Come to the cross, the rifted rock; rest in the loving arms, rest in the loving arms, in the loving arms, the arms of God. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side. Be still, my soul, his arms are open wide. Be still, my soul. Be still, my soul.

Offertory Hymn

WOV Pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving –

L: The Lord be with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: And also with you.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Word of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Agnus Dei

WOV Pg. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music *We Place upon Your Table, Lord* arr. by Edwin T. Childs

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

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L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

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Dismissal

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AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

P: Thanks be to God

Postlude *"Jupiter" Theme from "The Planets" Suite*

**by Gustav Holst,
arr. By Eric H. Thiman**

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Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

Happenings Around the Church

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Event	Date	Time
Soup Kitchen Ministry	Sunday, 9/13	10:00 am
NW Hills Exchange Club Meeting	Monday, 9/14	8:00 am
Red Cross Blood Drive	Monday, 9/14	12-7 pm
Christian Ed Committee Meeting	Monday, 9/14	5:30 pm
Church Council Meeting	Monday, 9/14	6:30 pm
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsal	Tuesday, 9/15	7:00 pm
Men's & Women's Fellowship Breakfast	Wednesday, 9/16	8:30 am
Worship & Music (zoom)	Thursday, 9/17	6:00 pm
IT Committee (zoom)	Thursday, 9/17	7:00 pm
Private Birthday Party	Saturday, 9/19	1-5:00 pm
Rally Sunday – Jesus is my Rock	Sunday, 9/20	
Country Living Meeting	Monday, 9/21	6:00 pm
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsal	Tuesday, 9/22	7:00 pm
Toastmasters Meeting	Wednesday, 9/23	7:00 pm
CAFAF Meeting	Thursday, 9/24	5:30 pm
Evangelism Meeting	Sunday, 9/27	11:00 am
WELCA Meeting	Monday, 9/28	6:30 pm
CT Yankee Chorale Rehearsal	Tuesday, 9/29	7:00 pm
CAFAF CPR Class	Wednesday, 9/30	6:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$3,996
Shortfall	-\$2,294
YTD	-\$ 76,710

- Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.
- Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.





Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We need volunteers for the offloading of the pumpkins on Saturday, October 3rd (after 2PM) AND help to man the sale table in 4-hour shifts (11-3 or 3-7).

What a great way to get involved with your church and a community event. We will give any student a certificate for "community service hours" if needed for school.

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The following is a list of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Charlotte Madia	Justin Wade & Family	Kyle W.
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OUR NURSING HOME MEMBERS

Francine Ahrens	Mae Fay
Dee Gammon	Betty Hilton
Walter Joray	Midge Rosenbeck

OUR MILITARY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above All Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beuis
Dominic Boscarino
Ethan & his Marine Unit
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
Ben Speaker
Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit

