

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- The Will of God Is Always Best**

CW 435

1. The will of God is always best And shall be done forever.  
And they who trust in him are blest; He will forsake them never.  
He helps indeed In time of need; He chastens with forbearing.  
They who depend On God, their friend,  
Shall not be left despairing.
2. God is my comfort and my trust, My hope and life abiding,  
And to his counsel, wise and just, I yield, in him confiding.  
The very hairs, His Word declares, Upon my head he numbers.  
By night and day God is my stay;  
He never sleeps nor slumbers.
3. Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea-Deny me not this favor:  
When Satan sorely troubles me, Then do not let me waver.  
Keep watch and ward, O gracious Lord; Fulfill your faithful saying:  
All who believe By grace receive  
An answer to their praying.
4. When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am leaving,  
Grant me to say, "Your will be done," Your faithful Word believing.  
My heav'nly Friend, I now commend My soul into your keeping,  
O'er sin and hell And death as well  
Through you the vict'ry reaping.

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

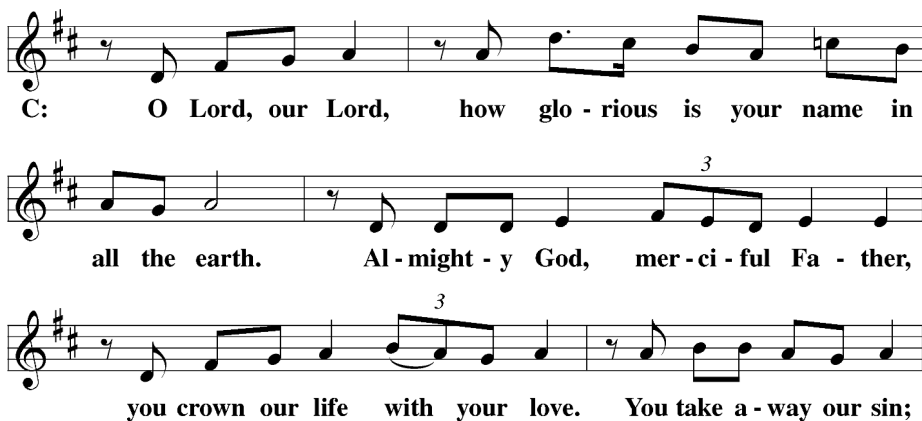


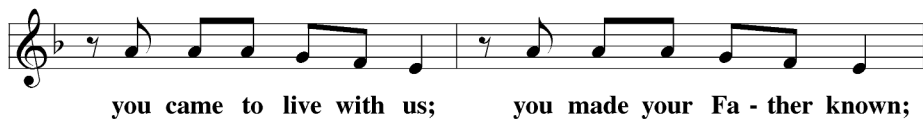
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*







### *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson ----- 1 Kings 17:17-24

After these events, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. The illness became worse until he stopped breathing.

Then she said to Elijah, “What is the issue between us, man of God? Have you come to remind me of my sins and to kill my son?”

He said to her, “Bring your son to me.” Then he took him and carried him to the upstairs room where he was living, and he laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD, my God, have you sent tragedy on this woman with whom I am staying by killing her son?”

Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times, and he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD, my God, let this boy’s soul return to his body!” The LORD listened to Elijah’s voice, and the boy’s soul returned to his body, and he came to life. Then Elijah took the boy and brought him down to the house from his upstairs room, and he gave him to his mother.

Elijah said, “See, your son is alive!”

The woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is true.”

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 150**

CW p.122

*Refrain*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise God in his sanctuary;\*  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;\*  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

*Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,\*  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,\*  
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,\*  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

*Refrain*

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.\*  
Praise the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## Second Lesson ----- Ephesians 3:13-21

So I ask you not to lose heart because of what I am suffering for you, because it is your glory.

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, I pray that you would be

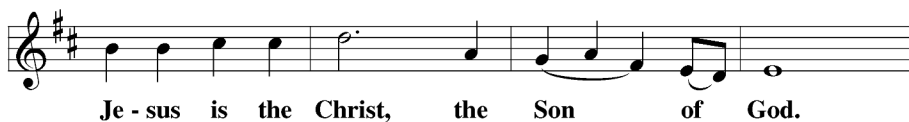
able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

### *Verse of the Day*

*Psalm 103:8*

M: Alleluia. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. Alleluia.



*Stand.*



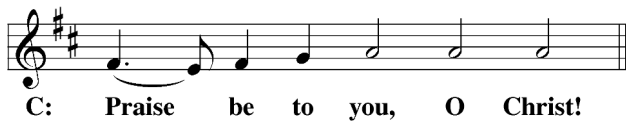
## Gospel ----- Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterward Jesus went on his way to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd were traveling with him. As he was approaching the town gate, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother. She was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not cry." He went up to the open coffin, touched it, and

the pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear gripped all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us" and "God has visited his people!" This was reported about him in all of Judea and in all the surrounding countryside.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day ----- My God Will Never Leave Me

CW 418

1. My God will never leave me, And I will not leave him;  
A light my God will give me In pathways dark and grim.  
He reaches out his hand, His mighty power sharing,  
My burdens ever bearing Wherever I may stand.
2. When human thought and action Shall unavailing prove,  
God grants me his protection And shows his pow'r and love.  
He helps in ev'ry need, From sin and shame redeems me,  
From chains and bonds reclaims me; From death I, too, am freed.
3. God shall be my reliance In sorrow's darkest night;  
Its dread I bid defiance When he is at my right.  
I unto him commend My body, soul, and spirit-  
They are his own by merit-All's well, then, at the end.

4. Oh, praise him for he never Forgets our daily need;  
Oh, blest the hour whenever To him our thoughts can speed,  
For all the time we spend Without him is but wasted,  
Till we his joy have tasted, The joy that has no end.
5. And when the world will perish With all its pride and pow'r,  
All that the world may cherish Will vanish in that hour.  
But though in death they make The deepest grave our cover,  
When there our sleep is over, Our God will us awake.

**Sermon ----- Luke 7:11–17**

*Fear Him Above All Things—the Lord of Death and Life*

*Stand.*

*Nicene Creed*

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one

baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

*Prayer of the Church*

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

*Online giving option:*

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*Offerings support the spread  
of the Gospel here and around the world.*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: That the fullness of Christ would supply His Church with His own Spirit of boldness, strength and love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all pastors and teachers of God’s Word, who preach the unsearchable riches of His mercy, that God would strengthen them to proclaim boldly the forgiveness of sins in Christ’s name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our homes, especially in times of loss and heartache, that hearing our cries, our faithful Father would bless us and renew our faith and life in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For widows, shut-ins and those who live alone, that as God gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain, so He would also provide faithful friends and companions to the lonely, encouraging them in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our rulers, that they would humbly heed the proclamation of God’s Church and uphold the godly callings of father and mother in our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For those in need of healing and deliverance, that as Christ healed the sick of every disease and affliction, He would also show them mercy, [*especially to \_\_\_\_\_,*] and that He would heal them in His time and according to His will and preserve them in the repentant confidence of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive our Lord in faith when He comes to us in His body and blood and be strengthened for service by this Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For a faithful path through this fallen world, that we may join the saints in heaven, know as we are known and comprehend the fullness of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, we are bold to ask You, heavenly Father, because You have made us Your people and members of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



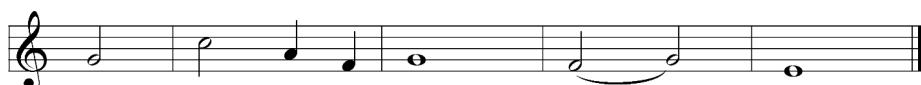
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

**Hymn ----- Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

CW 312

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.
6. Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.



7. Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



### *Be seated.*

## **Hymn ----- Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me**

CW 428

### **1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?**

Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.

Who can rob me of the heaven

That God's Son For me won When his life was given?

2. When life's troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sees them;  
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.
3. God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.  
God is good; his love attends me  
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.
4. Since I know God never fails me,  
In his voice I'll rejoice When grim death assails me.  
Trusting in my Savior's merit,  
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav'n inherit.

