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THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 13 & 14, 2026

Welcome to Worship! Joseph had every opportunity to make his brothers pay for what they had done to him. Instead, he forgave them, restored them, and sought their good. In our readings today, we see that same movement: from our natural desire for payback, to the good news that our debt has been paid in full through Christ, to a life that pays it forward by extending God's mercy and love to others.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here! Please stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after service for a hospitality gift. We hope you'll join us again!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Bible Classes meet in Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School** meets upstairs. **Adult Information Class** meets upstairs in Heritage Room.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 & 7:00**. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms when at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center.

DIVINE SERVICE III, Page 184 +

THE PRELUDE: 9:00 & 11:15 "Processional in C" -Hal Hopson

7:00 "Father Most Holy" -Elizabeth Grimpo

THE OPENING HYMN: "See This Wonder in the Making"

Hymn 593

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of NOE THEODORE ABLE, Page 268

Grandparents: Adrienne Able & Jereme Able

Sponsors: Andrew & Morgan Hoene, Jay Able, Isabelle Maschino

+++ 11:15 THE BAPTISM of KAISER ALAN DALE PELSTON, Page 268

Parents: Joshua & Nicolette (Robertson) Pelston

Sponsors: Kendal Robertson & Jenna Robertson

THE INVOCATION:

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

C Amen.

THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

THE KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15-21

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35 C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

+++ 7:00 THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the

remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Hymn 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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THE SERMON: "Pay it Forward"

THE OFFERTORY: "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Hymn 845 (v. 1-2, 5)

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 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.

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THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION: pages 194-202;

Preface

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C** It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns: 621, 610, 533, 793, 790, 643

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the_ eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

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533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal, O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder: Jesus has come and brings
pleasure eternal!
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder! Fetters of death now dissolve,
disappear. See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder! He sets us free from
our guilt and our fear, Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor. Jesus has come!
Hear the roll of God's thunder!
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer. See now the threatening strong one
disarmed! Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress, Brings forth the
pris'ners triumphant, unharmed. Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory! Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story; Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting
hour! Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you! Jesus has come! He, the King
of all glory!

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793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION, and BENEDICAMUS

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE 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.

C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 895

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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THE POSTLUDE: 9:00 & 7:00 "Now thank We All Our God" -Paul Manz

11:15 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" – Healey Willan

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Preacher: Pastor Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Vicar Genszler & Pastor Bloch

Sunday Organist: Lisa Lohmeyer

Monday Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Monday Prelude:** Naomi McKinley

Pastor Blumenberg is on vacation.

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