

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Handbell Choir

Announcements
Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Confession and Forgiveness

... let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

We are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

...your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Gather Us In"

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

This is the Feast

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

Prayer

. . . our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

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Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Gospel

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

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Response to Gospel

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr Mary Pharmer

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: **receive our prayer**

. . . in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

Presentation of Gifts

"Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1 & 4

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Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Words of Promise

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated

Communion All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

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"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing

. . .keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

. . . We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing of Quilts and School Kits

. . . We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"Canticle of the Turning"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Marilyn Peterson & Maureen Shull — Ushers/greeters

Jettie Morelock — Acolyte

Ray Vance — Reader

Robin Hoefer — Pianist/Bell Choir Director

Mary Pharmer — Pastor

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



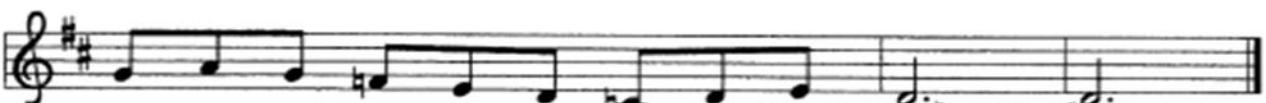
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



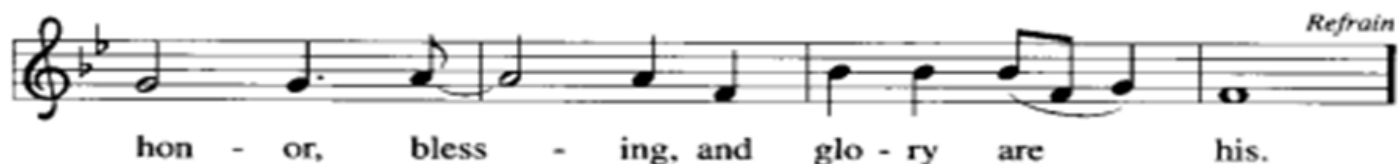
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.



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Christ, Be Our Light

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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Holy, Holy, Holy ELW page 173

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

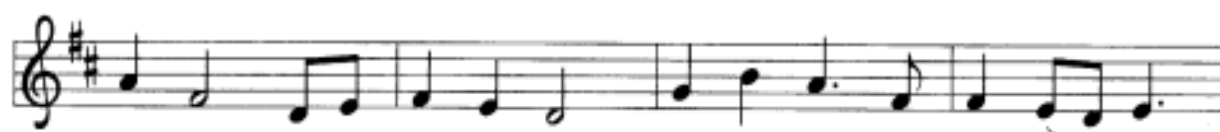
Lamb of God ELW page 154

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

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- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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HUNGRY FEAST

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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
 Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



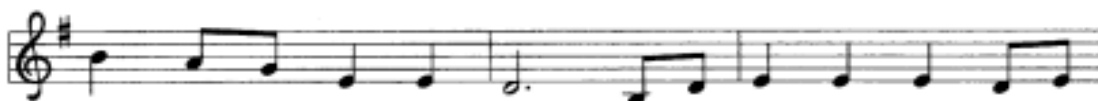
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



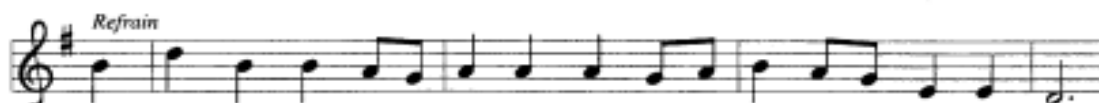
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Announcements for September 28, 2025

Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** to use during worship are available in the narthex.
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Dean Erickson, Barb Grenawalt, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship to vote on a call.

Emergency Pastoral Care: will now be provided by Pastor JoAnna from Faith Lutheran in So Beloit. She will be "on-call" for emergencies (815)298-9951 or email: PastorJoAnna@me.com

The most recent **JPLC Directory** is already outdated. It is important that the office has your correct contact information including your preferred method of contact. Please update your information by October 5th with the office. jplc@sharontelephone.com or 815-292-3226 We wouldn't want you to miss out on some witty and exceptionally funny message!

Altar Flowers: The cost is \$25. Sign up on the chart in the narthex and pay Linda Tolson directly (check or cash) and she will get the flowers. The flowers will be used for two weeks and then you may take them home.

Bible Presentation: Next week, October 5th we will celebrate with families of 1st and 5th graders as we continue to fulfill our baptismal promise with the children.

Sunday School: Will meet in the Chapel for Music and then the Upstairs Sunday School rooms for a time of Fellowship.

Jefferson Prairie will host a **Thanksgiving dinner** on Wednesday, November 26. There will be many opportunities to help in the coming weeks; in the near term, though, we most need folks to help plan! If you want to help plan Thanksgiving dinner, please be in contact with the church office or with Carrie Morelock.

CEMETERY Please remove any decorations you'd like to save prior to Fall Clean-Up (to be determined). If members are willing and able, you may weed-eat/weed-whip/weed-whack around stones in either cemetery as you see the need and have time. It was recently done but see Connie Johnson or the office if you have questions or are interested.

Veteran Grave Wreaths: Wreaths Across America is coming to JP on December 13th. We will honor the Veteran's in both cemeteries with balsam wreaths. You can "sponsor" a specific grave by signing up in the Connecting Room OR give a non-specified donation. Visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org to learn about the program. See John Clint or the Office with questions.

Sharing Your Offering: Giving statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website www.jplchurch.org, download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 28	9:30am	Worship
		Special Congregational Meeting/Sunday School/Fellowship
Tuesday, September 30	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, October 1	6:30pm	Bible Study
		Confirmation
Sunday, October 5	9:30am	Worship with Bible Presentation
		Sunday School/Fellowship