

16th Sunday after Pentecost - Praise
September 13, 2026 - 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanists

Praise Band

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

† Call to Worship: We Are Called

We are called, we are claimed,
we are loved, by the holy name.

We are healed, we are whole,
the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

We are here to proclaim,
God is here, calls us each by name.
We are here to give praise,
the Love of God will not change. We're singing,
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh
Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Creating and renewing God, **You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money**

and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

† Song of Mercy

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,
we're calling on you Lord
for us to be restored.
Oh mercy.

† Gathering Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

Liturgy of the Word

† 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.**

† Prayer of the Day

God of promise, you are not a God of destruction, but of rebirth. In your love, you protect and cherish us. Your eternal promise is to renew us and lead us into flourishing. May our gratitude for

your love so spill over that we, in turn, commit ourselves to the flourishing of your whole creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Reading: Genesis 6 5-22, 8: 6-12, 9: 8-17

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your

sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."

²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

**The Lord said to Noah, there's going to be a floody, floody (2x)
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy
Children of the Lord**

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him.

**Then Noah, he sent out – he sent out a dovey, dovey (2x)
Dovey said there's blue skies abovey, bovey
Children of the Lord**

¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

**The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy (2x)
Everything was fine and dandy, dandy
Children of the Lord**

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**So rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory (2x)
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord**

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

† Gospel Verse: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

† Gospel: Matthew 8: 24-27

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 8th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

²⁴A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” ²⁶And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Jordan Presnall

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,

is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

† *Apostles' Creed*

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*

Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer, we
pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, as you preserved a remnant of all that you had made through the devastating flood, call out from us what is our best, that we might will and work for the future flourishing of all. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Creation groans in agony, from the abuse and neglect we have, in our pride and ignorance, unleashed upon it. Help us to staunch the destruction and begin a work of healing in all the earth. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

From what often seems like chaos and corruption in the nations of the earth, raise up leaders who will work to preserve and protect every single person in all the world. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Hold all who suffer loss, grief, pain, trauma, and challenges of every kind, especially Wayne, Merlin, Mike, David and Mike. Assure us that you are not a God who destroys, but a God who restores. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

As we begin our new program year, our children return to school, and we embark on new undertakings of every kind, remind us that you walk with each of us. Strengthen and inspire our work, join us in our play, and hold us in our rest. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

We praise you for all the saints who have gone before us, living out their faith in the midst of turbulent times. Strengthen us by their example to persist in love and service in the face of uncertainty. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

God who created all that is, we place all for whom we pray, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts, into your loving arms.

Amen.

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, all of creation—all that is—comes from you and belongs to you. Free us from our attachments to our earthly possessions, and receive from them these offered gifts out of what you have given us, for the ongoing work of your love for all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **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.

† Words of Institution

† Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn: *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* ELW 623

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

† Sending Song: Go Now

Filled with the Holy Spirit
Go now with God, go now with God
Into the world as a servant
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

Waters of mercy have found us
Go now with God, go now with God
Grace on the journey surrounds us
Go now with God, go now with God
Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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