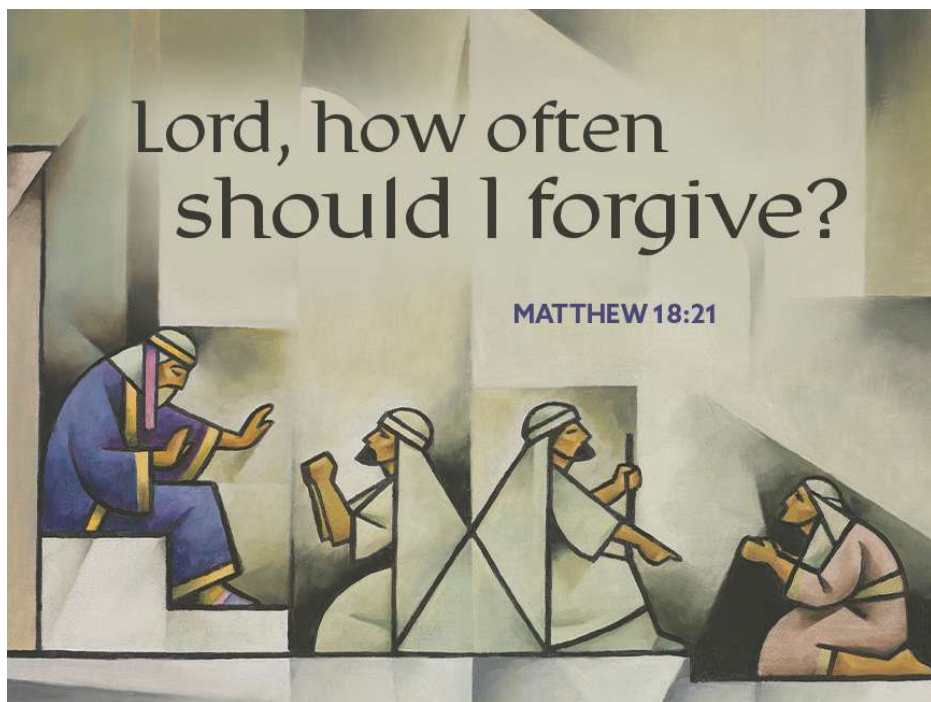




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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG

All Hail the Power

#328

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;
3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 the wormwood and the gall,
 go spread your trophies at his feet
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
 of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C **And also with you.**

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you
 lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray 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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

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

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Trusting in God's Forgiveness

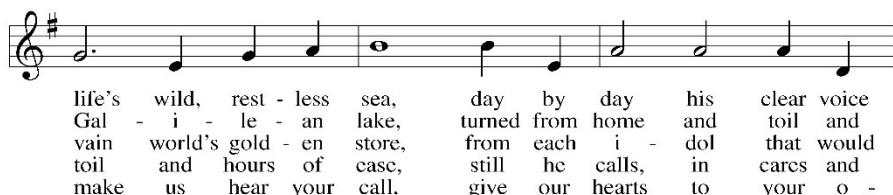
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SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

#494



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
(Ephesians 1:13-14)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!
2 Corinthians 5:17)**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

C **Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we
may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

P Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Raise up leaders (*like John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, whom we remember today*) to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember (*name/s, and*) all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

+ BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it, in to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, thy new cre - a - tion, let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy work ere a - tion, pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 'take a - way the love sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee in
 Changed from glo - ry in to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me hosts - ga - be; end of our
 as thy O - me hosts - ga - be; end of our
 heav'n we take our place, till we praise cast

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy in - perfect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

+ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace.

Children Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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Shane Tieman

Prayer Leader

Kara Tieman

Greeter

George & Brenda Moore

Acolytes

Altar Committee

Sherry Mullins, Brenda Moore, Vicki Nye-Titus

Council President

Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Bill Murphy, Linda Martin, Melanie Hawk, Nicholas Young, Rod Schneider, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Piguet, Mary McQuay, Chris Parish, Tom Bussler, Luke White, Jack Clevenger, Bob Rase, Glenn Rase, Jim Webb, Leah Willis, Dennis Klaiber, Cheryl Crank, Judy Buknis, Shanna Garrett, Belford Sexson, Linda Sexson, Derrick Gleim, Dorrita Gleim, Mackenzie Gleim, Owen Wilburn, Wendi Waugh, Carol Easter, David Otworth, Ed Hughes, Brandon Cline, Colton Snyder, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts.

BLANKET PROJECT GROUP will meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

CHOIR will practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

JOIN PASTOR TIM for Coffee Hour on September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Adam’s Flying Pig.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Carolyn Piguet, Andy Otworth, Avery Otworth, Robert Sommer, Tom Bradley

BAPTISMS: Nathan Riehl, Cathy Gleim, Erika Riffe

ANNIVERSARIES:

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Attendance

2026 Average	65
2025 Average	64

Serving Next Sunday, September 20

Organist	Leigh Ann Henry
Worship Assistant	Vivian Riffel
Lay Reader	
Prayer Leader	
Greeter	
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Sherry Mullins, Brenda Moore, Vicki Nye-Titus
Council President	Rick Williams

Happening This Week at St. John

Today—Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Tim at Adam's Flying Pig

Next Sunday—Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship—Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Upcoming Special Events

Saturday, September 26

Yard Games at 4:30 p.m. at St. John

Saturday, October 17

Fall Festival at 3:00 p.m. at St. John

Friday, November 13

Game Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. John

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.

