

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: Hospitality is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but easily perceived when experienced. Several biblical writers encourage the people of God to be hospitable, including Paul as he writes to his young follower Timothy; likewise, Peter in his First Epistle, and also the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews who counsels: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2). Viewing people attending worship who are not known to us personally as “angels in disguise” may give us a right perspective as we interact with them and make them welcome in our midst. “Seek to show hospitality,” Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (Romans 12:13). His directive is for us to heed as much as it was for his original readers in Rome.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 850 vs 1 & 2*

**God of grace and God of glory
On Your people pour Your pow’r
Crown Your ancient Church’s story
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour**

**Lo the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ assail His ways
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the living of these days
For the living of these days**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160*

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all
generations.

**People: Teach us to number our days that we may get a
heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

People: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

People: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

People: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By

thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand for the responsive reading of the Introit)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

People: Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.

Pastor: Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word.

People: I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous,
and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Pastor: Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for Your law is my delight.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

KYRIE (sing)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1–7 ESV*

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 6:6–19 ESV*

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to

be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE *Luke 16:31*

Pastor: Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19–31* ESV

Pastor: “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment,

he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out,

Reader 1: 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

Pastor: But Abraham said,

Reader 2: 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

Pastor: And he said,

Reader 1: 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

Pastor: But Abraham said,

Reader 2: 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

Pastor: And he said,

Reader 1: 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

Pastor: He said to him,

Reader 2: 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
neither will they be convinced if someone should
rise from the dead.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” *LSB 688 vs 1&3*

**Come follow Me the Savior spake
All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves the world forsake
Obey My call and guiding
O bear the cross whate'er betide
Take My example for your guide**

**My heart abounds in lowliness
My soul with love is glowing
And gracious words My lips express
With meekness overflowing
My heart My mind My strength My all
To God I yield on Him I call**

++ Sermon ++

The book of the minor prophet Amos

Text: Amos 5:12-15

Amos wants to jolt god's people out of complacency and
turn us away from sin, back to god's law and promise

1. He uses a plumb line to picture how we measure up to god's perfect, utterly straight law.
2. He uses a sword to demonstrate what we deserve for our many sins.
3. He uses figs to illustrate the two possibilities for the harvest.

CATECHISM *The Third Article*

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”

**People: In peace, O gracious Lord, we pray
And make our supplication.
The call to seek You we obey—
That blessed invitation.
With confidence that You will hear,
Your throne of mercy we draw near
Assured of affirmation.**

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Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”

**People: Before the cross subdued we bow,
To You our prayer addressing,
Recounting all Your mercies now,
And all our sins confessing;
Beseeching You throughout each year
To keep us in Your faith and fear
And crown us with Your blessing.**

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Pastor: For the blessing of God upon us, that we may
lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”

**People: We praise You in this time of prayer
With thanks for countless mercies:
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow’r
Our grateful song rehearses;
For You have been our strength and stay
In many a dark and dreary day
Of sorrow and reverses.**

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Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”

**People: The needs of others, Lord, we share
In humbly voiced petitions.
We bring to You each thought and prayer
For all needs and conditions.
According to Your gracious will,
Your promise to respond fulfill
With loving disposition.**

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Pastor: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”
People: We now remember, as we pray,
Our dear ones in Your caring
Who brightly shine in endless day,
Past death and all despairing.
At our life’s end, Lord, as Your own,
Bring us with them around Your throne,
The joys of heaven sharing.

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Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

“In Peace, O Gracious Lord, We Pray”
People: Then gracious God, in years to come,
We pray Your hand may guide us,
And, onward through our journey home,
Your mercy walk beside us
Until at last our ransomed life
Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
When heav’n itself shall hide us.

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Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OFFERING (offering will be received as in pre-covid days)

(Please stand)

(As the offering is brought forward)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” *LSB 781 vs 1 & 2*

**We give Thee but Thine own
What-e'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks
and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You continually strengthen us with Your abiding presence and promise to direct and receive our prayers and petitions. Continue to bless Your people in Your Holy Church that we may know the truth that is found in Christ alone. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful and join them

with the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

SANCTUS (*sing*) *LSB 195*

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to call upon You with all boldness and confidence. Gathered at Your Table, grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood, fully trusting in Your promises that are fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Unite us with thankful hearts in praise of Your glory and grant us a foretaste of the feast to come.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**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 HYMN

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” *LSB 715*

**Jesus Savior pilot me
Over life’s tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal
Chart and compass come from Thee
Jesus Savior pilot me**

**As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the ocean wild
Boist’rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say’st to them be still
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea
Jesus Savior pilot me**

**When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then while leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me
Fear not I will pilot thee**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

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

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same to make our good confession, fighting the good fight of the faith. Finally, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *LSB* 649 vs 1-3

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above**

**Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares**

**We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear**

(Please be seated)

Announcements (Let us bless one another together)

**People: Bless our going out, we pray,
Bless our entrance in like measure;
Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,
Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure;
Bless us when we reach death’s portal,
Bless us then with life immortal.**

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THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Quilts - Next Sunday

Come to Church and see the beautiful display of quilts. Many will be donated to the Focus Center of Hope in Pontiac, Michigan.

Mite Box Offering Sunday - Next Sunday

All proceeds to go to the LWML for many Mission Projects around the world;

BINGO!

October 5th

Quilting

September 29th

Church Offerings

Now collecting in PEWS like we did before COVID

Newsletter for Oct. Nov. Dec

Due Thursday September 28th by 12pm

Attendance

Sunday September 18th

9:30 am 35

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Amy Hudson – September 29th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Nancy Dajos in as she has a medical procedure scheduled for next week, the 28th

Family of Laraine Maynard, friend of Pam Benford, who was called to glory

Kathy Carley & Family, friend of Pam Benford, Brother was called to glory

Linda Mesea, Pat Bates sister, ill;

Susan McPherson, friend of the Utcai's, hospitalized;

Nena Mullins, Friend of Pam Benford, moved to Cleveland Clinic and diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, testing-- back pain

Pat Bates, giving her doctors the wisdom to discover the cause of her illness and then then prescribing the treatment.

FOR YOUR NEXT SUNDAY PREPARATION:

You Can Read and Understand the Book of Obadiah

Text: Obadiah 9–11

Outline

1. Edom's glee at the plunder of Jerusalem climaxed a long and bitter family rivalry.
2. So Obadiah predicts a bleak future for the Edomites.
3. But all this reminds us that God wills love and unity for his new family in Christ.

Pray for This As You Read the Book of Obadiah this week in preparation for next Sunday.