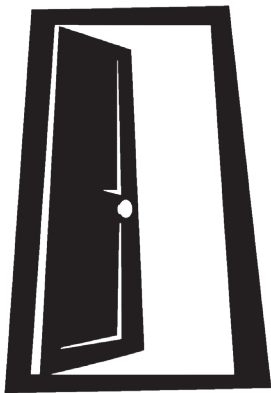


Pentecost 11

August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 (Year C)

The scriptures appointed for today’s worship are ones that are hard to hear. Words about judgment, discipline, and a narrow way can cause us to fear that we aren’t doing enough for the Lord. The Good News for us is what we need to be continually reminded of — we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and not by our works. The narrow door is the path of faith and complete trust in Christ.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-23 **All Will Worship Before the Lord**
The Lord will gather all nations and tongues of people together to worship him. This was the prophecy given to Isaiah in the midst of a disobedient and rebellious Israel. Those who were unfaithful will come and offer sacrifices before the Lord, even those who have never heard his Name.

Psalm 50:1-15 **God is Judge Over His People**
God’s beauty and perfection shine forth, sang the psalmist. Even so, God does not keep silent in the face of unfaithfulness. The very heavens He created declare his righteousness as he judges between good and evil.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29) **The Lord’s Discipline**
The author of Hebrews reminded believers that they were in a struggle against sin, but they were not to lose heart when discipline from the Lord occurred. God loves those whom he cares to discipline. He does it for our own good, so that we might share in his holiness. We are not to fear the pain of correction, but instead should see it as a path to righteousness in His name.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:22-30 **The Narrow Door**
When presented with a question about who will be saved, Jesus encouraged those who asked him to strive to enter the narrow doorway. Many will try to enter, but few will be admitted. There will be many to whom the owner of the house will say, “Go away. I do not know you!”

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * As teachers and students head back to school for another year, remember them in the prayers of the Church. Pray for educational opportunities to exist over all the globe.
- * Consider putting signs on all the entry doors before today’s worship. The signs, which could easily be made in a simple word-processing program, could remind disciples of the narrow path, the narrow gate, and the narrow doorway of the life of faith.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
All People that on Earth Do Dwell	245	---	791	883	17	17
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken	358	---	648	647	3	3
How Firm a Foundation	507	---	728	796	191	191
Have No Fear, Little Flock	476	---	735	764	202	202
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty	250	---	901	533	46	46
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	543	---	790	858	11	11
Come, We That Love the Lord	---	742	669	625	---	---
O Day of Rest and Gladness	251	---	906	521	---	---
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace	419	---	844	716	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Come, Now is the Time to Worship (CCLI# 2430948)
Great Are You, Lord (CCLI# 6460220)
Hope of the Nations (CCLI# 3540703)
In Christ There is No East or West (CCLI# 25352)
At Your Name (CCLI# 5942543)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.