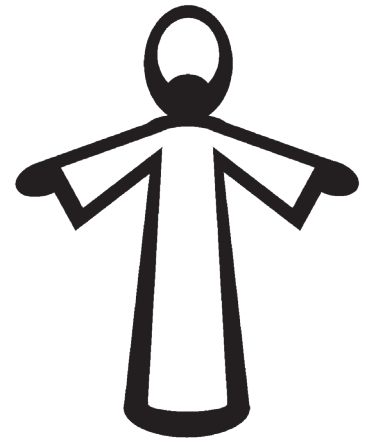


Pentecost 16

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 (Year C)

As disciples of Christ, we are called to care for the poor, ill, hungry, and thirsty as God has cared for all of our needs. Living a life of comfort and sumptuousness with no regard for those who have nothing is to defy the will of God for our lives. Jesus taught that what we give in this life is what we receive in the next as he pointed to a rich man who had no regard for poor Lazarus in life, and so he suffered in death.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7**Woe to the Comfortable**

The Word of the Lord came to Israel and chided them for their feelings of superiority over other nations and peoples. Woe to those who make their beds in comfort, eat sumptuous meals and sit idly enjoying all the good things in life. None of these are concerned with the "ruin of Joseph." These will be the first ones sent into exile.

Psalm 146**Happy are Those Whose Hope is the Lord**

When we are happy in the Lord who is our hope and refuge, the psalmist writes, we can do nothing other than sing his praises. There is no other that we can trust with all we are and all we have — it is him who gave us all we have in the first place. It is him who keeps his promises forevermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13**Standards for Leaders in Christ's Church**

Paul declared that any who want to take on positions of leadership in the church will be held to high standards in all aspects of their lives, including marriage, parenting, personality, spiritual discernment and maturity, and honesty.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31**Rich Man and Lazarus**

Jesus tells a story of rich man who in his life had everything he could ever want. Daily he passed by a poor, pitiful man named Lazarus and ignored him, not bothering to give him even a crust of bread. In Hades (Sheol), the rich man yearned to be in comfort with Lazarus, but that was not to be. In life he neglected the poor and ignored the will of God; in death he received that which he gave in life.

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.
- * Consider doing a study on the words used in 1 Timothy 3 that describe the various positions of leadership, as well as the congregation. How is each one to conduct their life? Are the standards too stringent? Compare this passage to your parish's constitution. Who is responsible for what aspects of the ministry? When we have a clear vision of the parameters of what God has called us to in Jesus Christ, we are clearer about the work with which we are entrusted.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	325	---	708	750	---	---
God of Grace, God of Glory	415	---	850	705	---	---
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	423	---	848	712	---	---
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Just As I Am	296	---	570	592	193	193
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	458	---	743	775	39	39
Let Us Break Bread Together	212	---	---	471	83	83
You Servants of God	252	---	---	825	---	web
Beautiful Savior	518	---	537	838	252	252
God Be with You Till We Meet Again	---	---	---	536	55	55

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:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(CCLI# 6399315)
Oh, How Good It Is
(CCLI# 6399212)
Cast My Cares
(CCLI# 6088695)
Change My Heart, O God
(CCLI# 1565)
Beauty for Brokenness
(CCLI# 1236690)

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