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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 16)  
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**Prayer before worship:** Dear Lord, you are going to return, for that is your promise. Cause our faith in you never to be lacking, so that on the glorious day when you appear we shall rejoice and know with certainty that heaven is ours. Until that day keep us faithful to you, and make us true and faithful witnesses of your saving gospel. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**OPENING HYMN**      *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*      **CW916**

- 1 Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,  
however long from mercy our hearts have turned away,  
your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
- 2 Today your gate is open, and all who enter in  
shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,  
a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us, his Holy Spirit waits;  
his blessèd angels gather around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us how often we have come;  
although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
what should we do without you when heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,  
we know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 66:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. <sup>21</sup>And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. <sup>23</sup>From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>“And they will go out and look on the dead

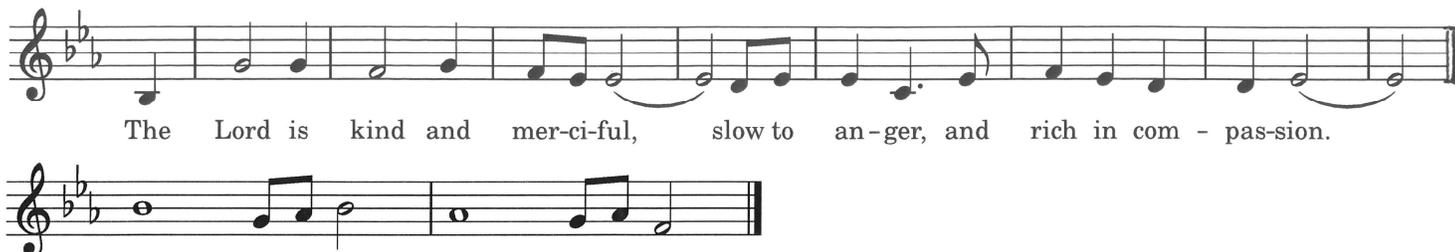
bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM of the DAY**

*Psalm 103*



**Praise the Lord, / my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—  
who forgives / all your sins  
and heals all your dis- / eases,  
who redeems your life / from the pit  
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,  
who satisfies your desires / with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain***

**The Lord is compassionate and / gracious,  
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.  
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve  
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.  
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,  
so great is his love for those who / fear him;  
as far as the east is / from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON**

**Hebrews 12:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the

mountain, it must be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your words are my joy and my heart’s delight.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

<sup>26</sup>“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

<sup>27</sup>“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

<sup>28</sup>“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

- 1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to your salvation.  
My heart is stilled, on Christ I build, he is the one foundation.  
His Word is sure, his works endure; he overthrows all evil foes;  
through him I more than conquer.
- 2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can redeem another.  
All helpers failed; this man prevailed, the God-man, Christ our brother.  
This Servant-Lord our life restored; we're justified, for he has died,  
the guiltless for the guilty.
- 3 Seek him alone who did atone, who did your souls deliver.  
O seek him first, all you who thirst for grace that fails you never.  
In ev'ry need seek him indeed; to ev'ry heart he will impart  
his blessings without measure.
- 4 My heart's delight, my crown most bright, O Christ, you are forever.  
Not wealth or pride or fortune's tide our bond of love shall sever.  
You are my Lord; your precious Word shall light my way each daunting day.  
O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

SERMON

Luke 13:22-30

THE LORD EXTENDS AN OPEN-DOOR INVITATION TO HIS  
KINGDOM

1. THE DOOR TO SALVATION IS NARROW
2. THE INVITATION WILL EXPIRE SOON

*Stand*

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten  
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were  
made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the  
Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated*

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends.

Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind.  
[Pour out your special blessing on ... ] Give patience and compassion to all who care  
for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our  
prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **OFFERING / COMMUNION**

*If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.*

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks,  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with  
them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints  
on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

*Be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN      *All Men Living Are But Mortal*      CW840**

**1 All men living are but mortal and will surely fade as grass;  
only through death's gloomy portal to eternal life we pass.**

**When this body here has perished, then will heav'nly joys be cherished  
where the saints, in glorious dress, live and reign in righteousness.**

- 2 Therefore, when my God shall choose it, willingly I'll yield my life,  
nor will grieve that I should lose it, with its sorrow, pain, and strife.  
In my dear Redeemer's merit peace has found my troubled spirit,  
and in death my comfort this: Jesus' death my source of bliss.
  
- 3 Jesus for my sake descended my salvation to obtain:  
death and hell for me are ended, peace and hope are now my gain.  
With great joy I leave earth's sadness for the home of heav'nly gladness,  
where I shall forever see God, the Holy Trinity.
  
- 4 There is joy beyond our telling, where so many saints have gone;  
thousands, thousands, there are dwelling, worshiping before the throne.  
There the angel hosts are shining, evermore in chorus joining:  
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord! Triune God, by all adored!"
  
- 5 Patriarchs of sacred story and the prophets there are found;  
twelve apostles, bright with glory, on twelve seats are there enthroned.  
All the saints that have ascended age on age, through time extended,  
there in blissful concert sing hallelujahs to their King.
  
- 6 O Jerusalem, how glorious are your heav'nly mansions fair!  
I can hear the tones victorious ever sweetly sounding there.  
Oh, the bliss that there surprises! Look, my soul, the sun now rises,  
and the breaking day I see that shall never end for me.
  
- 7 Now I see what here was told me, see that wondrous glory shine,  
feel the spotless robes enfold me, know a golden crown is mine.  
Thus before the throne so glorious now I stand, a soul victorious,  
filled with purest joy and peace that in Christ shall never cease.

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

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