

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 15, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *Jesus Calls Forth Life from Death*

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (St. Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the bier and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested, since through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (1 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”



Readings for Next Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day:	Proverbs 25:6-14
Epistle of the Day	Ephesians 4:1-6
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Luke 14:1-11

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Miserere mei Domine
“Be gracious to me, O Lord”

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Merciful Lord Sunday

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional

Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" #697

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The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to You do I cry all the day.

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up on You.

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

for I am poor and needy.

In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

for You answer me.

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify Your name forever.

For great is Your steadfast love toward me;

You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

(Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5)

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Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

A - - - men!

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day

1 Kings 17:17-24

[Elijah Raises the Widow's Son]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gradual

Nations will fear the name of the LORD,

and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory.

For the LORD builds up Zion;

He appears in His glory.

(Ps. 102:15-16)

Epistle of the Day

Ephesians 3:13-21

[Prayer for Spiritual Strength]

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. Luke 7:11-16

[Jesus Raises a Widow's Son]

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

"I Walk in Danger All the Way"

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Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

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[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise]

Prayer of the Church

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

The Service of the Sacrament

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn "**Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**" #637

[We rise]

Doxology

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[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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