

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us
with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Amos.

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but
rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the
poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches

and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (*Ps. 146:7*)

¹ Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R
⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed**
down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Timothy.

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ 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, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone

from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (ELW 719)

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for people in any need (*especially*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 28, 2025

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Wanda Crostley in memory of Vincent Crostley.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in memory of husband, Jim Wenner.

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM;
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	15th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Thursday	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
	1:00PM	Blessing of the Animals (SJ)

Thank You: A special thank you to our Liturgist, Kurt Steigerwalt and Nora Oswald who will be sharing the message today in Pastor Tony's absence.

Pastor Tony will be on vacation from September 15, 2025 through September 28, 2025. Please contact Randy Lentz (570)386-3870 for any pastoral needs during that time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September 28 to October 4

09/28 Cecelia Biehl	10/01 Sherri Hand
09/28 Mary Cressley	10/01 Courtney Schleicher
09/29 Penelope Spitzer	10/02 Courtney Kunkel
09/29 Courtney Van Fossen	10/03 Michele Brown
10/01 Faith Beck	10/04 Casey Dugan

Fall Bazaar: St John's will be having their fall bazaar on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Car/ Motorcycle Show: Dinkey will be holding it's 2nd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025; rain date October 11, 2025. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

Blessing of the Animals: Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM at St John's. All animals, leashed or crated, are welcome along with their owners.

Crop Walk: The crop walk will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM starting at Riverview Park.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Tess Hinger	Gordon Scherer
Debbie Meckel	Alice Scitney
	Debra Strohl

SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Alexis	Louise Everett	Joe Kluk
Faith Beck	Ann German	Jim Koch
Arlene Bisbing	Dick German	Deb Lilly
Eli Bowland	Joseph Gorman	Kenny Schleicher
Sherri Bowman	Eleanor Hack	Kathy Steigerwalt
Lauren Dugan	Stephen Hoffman	Patti Walck
Candy Everett	Doug Keller	Sandy Walter
	Sandy Keller	Betty Weber

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation
<u>Pastor:</u>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<u>Music Director:</u>	Bridgette Gorman
<u>Greeters:</u>	Wetzel
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Colby Solt
<u>Lector:</u>	Jim Koch

Worship Participants for October 5, 2025:

<u>Greeters:</u>	Bierman
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Derek Spitzer
	Jordyn Albert
<u>Lector:</u>	Brad Kuehn
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Kurt Steigerwalt
	Karen Wetzel

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

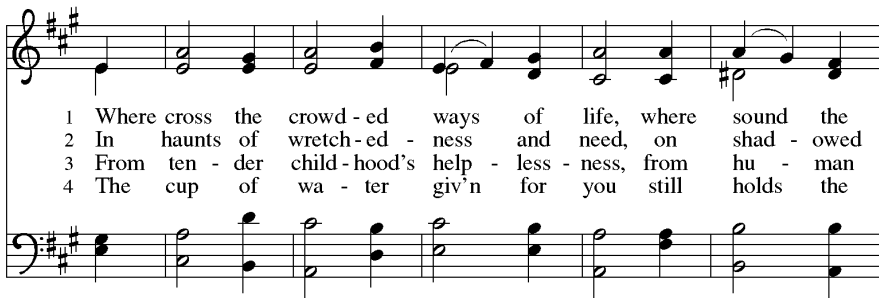
bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

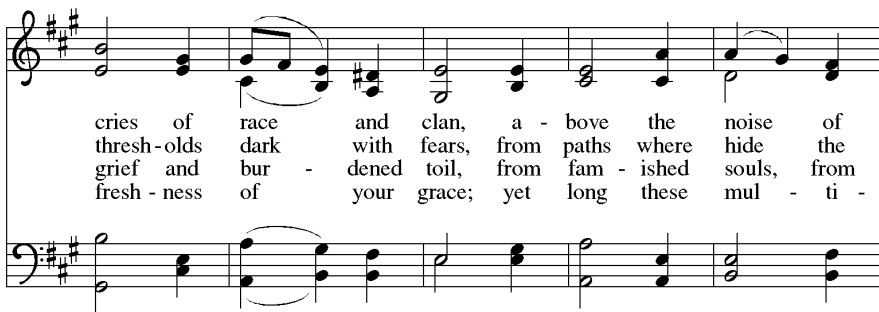
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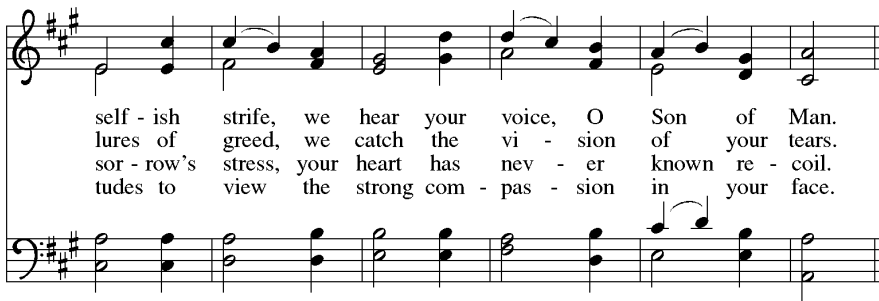
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed-ness and need, on shad-owed
3 From ten-der child-hood's help-less-ness, from hu-man
4 The cup of wa-ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a-bove the noise of
2 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 grief and bur-dened toil, from fam-ished souls, from
4 fresh-ness of your grace; yet long these mul-ti-



self-ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi-sion of your tears.
3 sor-row's stress, your heart has nev-er known re-coil.
4 tudes to view the strong com-pas-sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

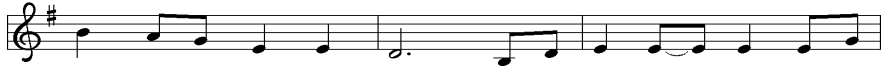
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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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