
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

September 20, 2026



SERVING THIS WEEK

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Accompanist Kelli Gracia
Acolytes Brernnan/Tristan Monaghan,
Colton Denney, Audrey Pasillas
Ushers Mike Endstad,
Elijah Enstad
Elder on Duty Bo Boucher

September 21 – 27

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday

Join with us as we use The Matins Service
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Monday

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HYMNS

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*The Will of God Is
Always Best*

539:1-4

*Jerusalem, My
Happy Home*

534:3,7,14

*Rejoice, Rejoice,
Believers*

473: 1,2,8

*For Me to Live Is
Jesus*

EPISTLE LESSON

No I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:13–21 (ESV)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. ¹² As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!” ¹⁷ And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country. *Luke 7:11–17 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to put an end to death. Keep us from losing heart in the face of sorrow, strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ, that through Him we will no longer weep. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Father, when loss and heartache invade our homes and tempt us to doubt Your divine care and promises for Heaven, hear our cries and renew our faith and life in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life and death, You gave all things into the hands of Your Son. Inspire those who bear the sword in His stead to do so in faithfulness and love for their fellow man. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, in His compassion Your Son responded to the need of the widow of Nain and raised her son from death to life. Have mercy on all who are ill or receiving treatments [*especially _____*]. Relieve them of their discomfort and grant them healing and recovery according to Your will, that they may glorify You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, Your saints in Heaven now know as they are known and comprehend the fullness of Your love in Christ. Conduct our way through this fallen world to join them in Your heavenly presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SISTERS IN SERVICE

Upcoming Meeting – this afternoon immediately following Sunday School. We will be having a joint meeting for Sisters in Service and the Evangelism Committee to organize and plan for upcoming opportunities to serve our congregation and our community. All confirmed members, men and women, are encouraged to attend! We are in need of additional members to join both groups. Since our ministries share a similar heart and purpose, we will be combining our efforts for planning and serving.

BOOK CLUB

The first book club meeting today. We will be reading the “Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life,” by Tish Harrison Warren.

All book club times are Sundays at 3pm at Bethany.

2026 WOMEN’S MISSION RALLY:

Attention ladies! This year’s Rally “*Here I Am! Send Me*” will be held Saturday 9/26 at Christ Lutheran Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon. The cost is \$10 per person and includes meals. Carpool down with your gal-pals on Friday 9/25 - numerous lodging options nearby. Sign up online or by phone – see flyer on the bulletin board by the janitor closet.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 9/20 Trinity 16

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Sisters in Service/Evangelism
meeting

3:00pm Book Club

MONDAY, 9/21

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 9/22

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 9/23

12:30pm TELSS Cross Country Meet
@Manchester State park

THURSDAY, 9/24

9:00am Power Hour

SUNDAY, 9/27 St. Michael's Day

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

*Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God
by Benjamin and Karalena Smith in celebration of Paris's 3rd
Birthday.*

SERVING NEXT WEEK, September 27-October 3

Organist: Cathy Sharrett

Acolytes: Donovan & Grant Singleton, Salvador Alas

Ushers: Larry Sharrett, Isaac Sharrett

Elder on Duty: Conrad Plyler

Communion Assistants: Mike Nesseth, Shu-Ting Lai

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm

