

September 25th, 2022

10:30 am

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress is our God”** *Martin Luther, Frederic Hedge*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not His equal

And though this world, with devils filled should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me

*People* ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord.

*People        The name of the Lord be praised.*

*All    Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.*

*Celebrant    Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*

*People        Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.*

*Celebrant    Glory to the Father.*

*People        Glory to the Son.*

*Celebrant    Glory to the Spirit.*

*People        Forever Three in One.*

*Celebrant    Be glorified at home.*

*People        Be glorified in church.*

*Celebrant    Be glorified in Texas.*

*People        Be glorified in the United States.*

*Celebrant    Be glorified on earth.*

*People        Be glorified in heaven.*

*Celebrant    Glory to the Father.*

*People        Glory to the Son.*

*Celebrant    Glory to the Spirit.*

*People        Forever Three in One.*

*Celebrant    Alleluia!*

*People        Amen.*

**The Collect for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Celebrant* O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**The First Lesson is from the book of the Prophet Amos, Chapter 6.**

**Beginning to read at verse 1**

6 “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup> Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup> O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup> “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.” (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**Psalm 146**

*Let us read this responsively by half verse.*

1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; \*

***while I live I will praise the Lord.***

2 Indeed, as long as I have my being, \*

***I will sing praises unto my God.***

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, \*

***for there is no help in them.***

4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, \*

***and in that day all his thoughts perish.***

5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help \*

***and whose hope is in the Lord his God,***

<sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; \*

***who keeps his promise for ever;***

<sup>7</sup> Who does right to those who suffer wrong; \*

***and who feeds the hungry.***

<sup>8</sup> The Lord sets prisoners free; \*

*the Lord gives sight to the blind.*

9 The Lord helps those who have fallen; \*

*the Lord loves the righteous.*

10 The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow;  
\*

*but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.*

11 The Lord shall be King for evermore, \*

*even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**The Second Lesson is from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy, chapter 6  
Beginning to read at verse 11**

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you 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, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words” Lynn De Shazo

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart. (2x)*

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Luke chapter 16, beginning to read at verse 19.

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

*Lynn DeShazo*

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.***

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* ***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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.***

### **Prayer Intercessions**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist* We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All* ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist* Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All* ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist* We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All* ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; and Chuck and Owen, our priests; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.  
*All* ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.  
*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.  
*All* ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.  
*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Christ Our King Anglican Church, New Braunfels, Texas. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.  
*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.  
*All* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* O God, our heavenly Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

*All Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.*

### **The Peace**

**Offertory Song "Ain't No Grave"** *Claude Ely, Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs*

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave

Shame is a robber and he' come to take my name



Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground  
Love is the power where my freedom song is found

*Chorus:* There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue  
Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run  
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound  
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down (to chorus)

There was a battle a war between death and life  
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified  
He went on down to hell He took back every key  
He rose up as a lion now He's setting all the captives free

*Chorus 2:* There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
When He heard the trumpet sound - He rose up out of the ground  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down

*All sing      Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here  
below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People* **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People* **We are redeemed.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

***“Sanctus”***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People        Amen. His body was broken for us.*

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People        Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People        We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.*

*Celebrant* Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People        Amen. Jesus is Lord.*

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory!

*People        The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!*

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant* As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

*All 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.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People        Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.*

*Celebrant* The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People        is a sharing in the blood of Christ.*

*Celebrant* Draw near with faith and receive.

*People        Christ is the host and we are His guests.*

*Celebrant* Christ is alive for ever.

*People        We are because He is.*

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Mystery”**

*Charlie Hall*

***Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity***

***Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink***

***Jesus, Mystery- Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again.***

***Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again.***

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.*

**Communion Songs “This Is My Father’s World”**

*Franklin L. Sheppard, Maltbie D. Babcock*

This is my Father’s world and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and around me rings the music of the spheres  
This is my Father’s world I rest me in the thought - Of rocks and trees of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise  
This is my Father’s world, He shines in all that’s fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass - He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father’s world o let me ne’er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong - God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and Heav’n be one

**“Holy Spirit”**

*Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt*

There is nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You are our living hope - Your presence Lord

I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of love  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone - In Your Presence Lord

*Chorus:* Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for - To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

*Bridge:* Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

**“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”** *Louisa M.R. Stead, William J. Kirkpatrick*

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know “thus sayeth the Lord”

*Chorus:* Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him; how I proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus; O for grace to trust Him more

Yes ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus; just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking; life and rest and joy and peace (to chorus)

I’m so glad I learned to trust You; precious Jesus, Savior, friend  
And I know that You are with me; will be with me to the end (to 2nd chorus)

*2nd Chorus:* Jesus, Jesus how I trust You; how I proved You o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus; O for grace to trust You more  
O for grace to trust You more, I need grace to trust You more  
Grant us grace to trust You more

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

### **The Blessing/ Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

**Closing Hymn “Abide With Me”** *Henry Francis Lyte, William Henry Monk*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death O Lord abide with me

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.

*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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