

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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P = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: TAKE ME ON A RIDE**
~Please be seated~
WELCOME

↑ **OPENING SONG: COME AS YOU ARE**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

L Come all who are weary

C of wealth, of poverty, of power,
of struggle, of division

L Come all who are heavy-laden

C with too much, with too little, with anxiety,
with fear, with anger

L Come all who have hope

C for liberation, for peace, for freedom,
for the kingdom

L Hear these words

C "See, I am making all things new."

~from I Am Making All Things New, written by Rosie Venner.

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: BE PRAISED**

~Please be seated~

READING: Revelation 21:1-5, 22-25
& 22:15, 17 *see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:27-30** *see insert*

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: 10,000 REASONS**

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES' CREED

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have
given Online or through the mail. Thank you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, we bring these gifts
before you today with hearts full of gratitude.
We know all good things come from Your hand.
Please bless this offering and use it to bring shelter,
comfort, and hope to those who need it most. Amen.



↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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; Save us
from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH
or at home with your household

COMMUNION SONG: BROKEN VESSELS

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &
BENEDICTION**

P The God of hope,
love and grace ✝
grant you strength and joy,
now and forever.

C Amen.

↑ **SENDING SONG: UNTO YOUR NAME**

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, Sep 13, 2026-16th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

READER: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

[A brief silence.]

READER: For your church throughout the world, that we may turn away from judgment and despising others and instead embody the forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Ground this congregation in your welcome, and inspire us to welcome others with compassion and grace.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

READER: For your creation and all who care for it, that you protect farmers, ranchers, and all who steward the earth, and inspire leaders and communities to wonder at and preserve the beauty of your creation. Raise up those who hold people in authority accountable when power is misused.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER . . . PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR

READER: For all who are afraid, burdened, or in need, that your promises bring peace and freedom from the weight of failure. Remember all who need shelter, sustenance, healing, and hope, and keep us in the joy of eternal life as we remember all who have gone before us in faith.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

PASTOR: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

ALL: AMEN.

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER

**THAN MY FEET COULD EVER WANDER
AND MY FAITH WILL BE MADE STRONGER
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR**

**I WILL CALL UPON YOUR NAME
KEEP MY EYES ABOVE THE WAVES
MY SOUL WILL REST IN YOUR EMBRACE
I AM YOURS AND YOU ARE MINE**

THE LESSONS

Sunday, September 13

READING: Revelation 21:1-5, 22-25 & 22:15, 17

L Today's reading is from Revelation, the 21st and 22nd chapters.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

¹⁵Outside (the gates) are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:27-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.