

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Sunday

September 13, 2026 – 8:30 AM

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING OF VOLUNTEERS

***GREETING** P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***HYMN #655 “SON OF GOD ETERNAL SAVIOR” PD**

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

A: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Time of silence for reflection

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM *“With a Voice of Singing” - by Martin Shaw, arranged by Alice Carpenter*

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Children from ages 4 to 8 are invited to go to the children’s church program for an age-appropriate bible lesson. They will return after the sermon.*

Word

READING – JOHN 1:35-39

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

SERMON BY PASTOR MIKE

***SERMON HYMN #336 “LAMB OF GOD” (PARIS) CCLI #16787**

*APOSTLES CREED

A: *“Let us celebrate our common faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.”*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived

by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS

OFFERING & REFLECTION MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Our Lord Jesus is the host of this communion meal. We welcome all baptized Christians to join us.

- All those who believe Jesus is Lord are welcome.
- Children who haven't received communion instruction are more than welcome to come forward for a blessing.
- If you need non-alcoholic or Gluten Free just ask your server.
- And the ushers will direct you forward.

LBW HYMN #305 "I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS" PD

HYMN #462 "NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION" OL#03952

COMMUNION BLESSING

Sending

BENEDICTION

***HYMN #854 "BLESSING AND HONOR" PD**

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

Offerings can be placed in the basket in the narthex on your way out.

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www.shepherd-hills.com/give

Our Mission:

"We are called to Love God, Grow in the Holy Spirit, and Serve Others."

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