



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Prayer Before Worship: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness. Give us the courage and love to watch out for the spiritual welfare of our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Opening Song: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Lyrics by John Fawcett

Music by Hans Nagel & Darby Hughes

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship our spirit finds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one--
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and oneness reign
Through all eternity.

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M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Day:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON - *Ezekiel 33:7-11*

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. ¹⁰“Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’

VERSE OF THE DAY: (spoken by all)

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)

SECOND LESSON - *Galatians 2:11-21*

¹¹When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹²Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? ¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not ‘Gentile sinners’ ¹⁶know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷“If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Alleluia Response (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL - *Matthew 18:15-20*

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be

loosed in heaven. ¹⁹“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Holy Bible : New International Version. 1996, c1984 . Zondervan: Grand Rapids

Hymn: Jesus Sinners Does Receive – CW # 304

**[1] Jesus sinners does receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder.
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve--
Jesus sinners does receive.**

[5] I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve--
Jesus sinners does receive.

**[2] We deserve but grief and shame,
Here their ills have perfect healing
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe--
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**[6] Oh, how blest it is to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe--
Jesus sinners does receive.**

[3] Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live--
Jesus sinners does receive.

[7] Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave--
Jesus sinners does receive.

**[4] Come, O sinners, one and all,
Come and take this free salvation!
Come, obey his gracious call;
Come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe--
Jesus sinners does receive.**

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Sermon Text: *Galatians 2:11-21*

Sermon Theme: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Offering:

Please mail in your offering as we continue to support the work of spreading the gospel throughout our community and the world. Thank you for your continued support!

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks for all your goodness and mercies. Grant us faith in your power that we may ever trust you for all our daily needs and fulfill our duties without fear and anxiety for the morrow, knowing that you care for all your children and order all things in heaven and earth according to your Word.

Open our minds to understand that our most precious treasure is the unsearchable riches of Christ, our most satisfying food, the Bread of Life, and our most glorious dress.

Endow your Church and people with a spirit of humility and sympathy, that the compassion of Christ may shine forth in love and kindness toward the fallen, the wayward and the heavy laden, and strengthen your servants everywhere that they may not grow weary in well-doing.

Through all of life's short day, help our families with your divine benediction and presence. Be with them in sorrow or joy, sickness or health, disappointment or success, and preserve them with your grace.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

Forgive our sins, O Lord, and teach us that you are a God of grace and mercy. And since we can do no good thing without your help, renew us daily by your Spirit that we may bring forth the works of faith, love and hope, and finally reap with all your saints the abundant joy of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken by all)

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly hosts.

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

M: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (spoken by all)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

Distribution:

Please note that communion will be distributed as you are dismissed.

Please approach the designated table at the direction of the usher and after you have received communion you may depart in peace.

Announcements - View our website and like us on Facebook for updated announcements.

Thank you for your continued support

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to share the good news of Jesus with our community and the world. Thank you for your mailing your offerings into the church the office.

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Please contact or write to us with any questions, concerns, words of encouragement or prayer requests. God be with you, and God willing we will be able to meet together in God's house soon. If you are in need of pastoral care and would like to have a visit over the phone please contact me. You can reach me either through my home number 826-2280 or cell phone 320-522-2428.

Health Protocols and Procedures Have been Posted

Please make yourself familiar with our protocols and procedures for in-person worship. They have been posted at the door. Please wear a mask in compliance with the guidance of our governing authorities. If you have questions about this change or any of our other protocols and procedures please speak with a member of the church council or the pastor.

Stay Connected Wherever You Are: We would like to encourage all those who are unable to come to worship, or unsure if they ought to come, to continue to make use of local radio, television, and online ministries. Below is a listing of different ministries available on different forms of media.

Television: Watch *Time of Grace* at 10:30am on Kare 11 on Sunday mornings -

Radio: St. John's of Redwood Falls on 97.7 KLGR FM @ 8:00am Sunday mornings

Lutheran Chapel Services on KNUJ 97.3 FM or 860 AM @ 7:45 am Sundays

Online: Join us for worship online in one of several ways: visit www.stmatthewsdanube.org or Search for St. Matthews Danube on YouTube for recorded services and livestreaming or follow us on Facebook.

Other Online Resources:

Visit the following websites to enrich your daily devotional life with a variety of online resources. wels.net timeofgrace.org nph.net forwardinchrist.net

God's Blessings to Local Schools

As children head back to school we pray that God would stretch his hand of protection and care over the children, the teachers, administrators, volunteers, and so many others who serve our communities through our schools. Lord, according to your gracious will, bless our schools as a safe place where children can learn and grow in knowledge and stature.

Catechism Class Wednesdays at St. Matthew's Danube

Catechism Class meets on Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 5:45pm in the fellowship hall at St. Matthew's Danube. Class is open to students in 5th - 8th grade.

Sunday School

St. John's in Renville and St. Matthew's in Danube will have in-person Sunday School available, but there will also be materials available for a remote learning option. Please email pastorkuschel@yahoo.com for more information about the remote learning resources. May God bless these efforts to share the word of God in a variety of forms as we bring up the next generation in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Sunday School Schedule

St. John's Renville - 10:00 am (contact Faye Schmidt 320-979-6663)

St. Matthew's Danube - 10:35 am (contact Beth Kuschel 320-522-2428)

Thank You Lloyd Zabel: We would like to thank Lloyd Zabel for constructing the plexiglass safety shields that will be used during Sunday School at St. John's in Renville.

Bible Information Class - Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Fridays at 1pm

For those interested in learning about the core doctrines of our Christian faith come join us Wednesday nights starting September 23 at 6:00pm. Another class is being planned for Fridays at 1pm starting September 18. This class, which serves as a membership class, also serves a good refresher course for current members. Join us for this opportunity to get into God's Word and connect with members, friends, and neighbors. Class will last for about an hour and will be held up in the gathering space (narthex) in the back of church. Join us and learn more about who God is and what he has done to save us!

Memorial Service for Veronica Roschild

A memorial service for Veronica Roschild will be held at St. John's in Renville. May the Lord comfort those who mourn with his powerful word.

Mission Festival - September 27: Pastor Kuschel will be sharing some updates on WELS missions during a special mission festival on Sunday, September 27. Join us for worship as we praise the Lord for the good news of great joy that is for all people of all nations.

September council meetings:

St. Matthew's Danube - Monday, September 14 | St. John's Renville - Monday, September 21

Tri-Parish Ministry: Sunday Worship Schedule

St. Matthew Flora Twp - 8:00 am St. Matthew's Danube - 9:30 am St. John's Renville - 11:00am