

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

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Pentecost 16

September 13 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Welcome

Matins Order of Worship – pg. 219

Confession and Absolution

P: Holy and Gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is only known to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C: Amen

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Psalm 103:1-12

P: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

P: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

P: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

P: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

C: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

P: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

C: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Hymn - LSB # 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Old Testament – Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus, he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle – Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his

own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord, and gives thanks to God.

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God

(please rise)

Holy Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and

reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsory – pg. 221

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn - LSB # 760 "What God Ordains is Always Good"

Sermon

Canticle Te Deum – pg. 223

Offering

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Prayers

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Benedicamus and Benediction – pg. 228

Closing Hymn - LSB # 818 "In Thee is Gladness"

Announcements and Postlude

✠ ✠ **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** ✠ ✠

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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MATTHEW 18:21-22 Lord, how many times shall I
forgive my brother or sister who
sins against me? Up to seven times?

The Lord replied.

Not seven times I tell you,
but seventy times seven times.

prayables

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