

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19A)
13 September 2026

Presentation of the Offering

Lord, as Your prospering hand has blest us, may we give You of our best. May our offerings and our works of love prove our gratefulness to be true and so be acceptable to You as true praise. Amen.

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious King, we stand in need of Your mercy. Spare us those punishments which we, by our sins, have deserved. Soften our hearts toward one another, that we would share in the forgiveness You deliver to us today. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give You thanks, heavenly Father, for the reconciliation You have given us through Christ. Bless our Synod and those who lead it, including Matthew, our Synod president; our Synod's Board of Directors; and all others who have been called to serve, that we may be united in witnessing to Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us and to pray for those who persecute us. Lead all enemies of Your Church to true repentance, that they may know the truth of Your Word, confess Christ as the only way of salvation, and finally have a share in the eternal life that He has prepared for all who trust in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sent the greater Joseph, Christ Jesus, to forgive His murderous brothers. Build our homes upon that same mercy, that in them husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters may live together in peace and give witness to the glory of God's gracious ways. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, You brought Joseph to rule and shepherd Egypt. Raise up new Josephs among us. Clothe them with Your wisdom and might to preserve order in a fallen world, using punishment and mercy as is best. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life and death, You are master of all goods and ills in this life, and You hold in Your hands all who suffer in the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Comfort them, as well as Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Larry, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Marilyn, and let us confess that, whether we live or die, we belong to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember Lucas Thompson. Bless him in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Master, You are always ready to forgive, though we deserve only punishment. Press the proclamation of this eager love deeply into our hearts, that we, too, may sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.