

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16A)
23 August 2026

Presentation of the Offering

Generous Lord, keep our hearts from greed, that we may joyfully support Your Church and those who serve us in Your name. Keep us from pride of heart that delights more what we do than in what You have done and continue to do for us. Accept our sacrifice of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving along with the offerings we bring this day. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church — Ektene Form

For the riches and wisdom of the Lord; for knowledge of the Lord through His Word; and for trust in His grace and favor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that all servants of the Church may fulfill the ministries committed to them; and that we all may each boldly confess Christ before the world in word and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, that even as God blessed and multiplied Abraham and Sarah's descendants, all mothers with child might be protected and all fathers equipped to lead and raise their households in the fear and love of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, Congress, governor and all civil leaders in their pursuit of peace and unity; and for all judges and magistrates in their pursuit of justice with mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the suffering, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Lincoln, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Larry, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, and Marilyn, that the Lord, our life, would sustain and strengthen them; and for those who mourn, that the Lord would console them with the promise of everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Alex Thompson, that our heavenly Father would bless him in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all believers, that we may offer the Lord our very selves as living sacrifices, redeemed in Christ and declared righteous and holy, so that we may glorify God in all we think, say and do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.