**September 28, 2025**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude**

**PLEASE STAND AS WE BEGIN OUR SERVICE, AND JOIN IN SINGING “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please Stand*

**Chorus of Welcome**                              *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship**

L: In the beginning, God…

**P: Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night and called it good.**

L: As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God…

**P: Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.**

L: As we lost our way, God…

**P: Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.**

L: On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized, God…

**P: Declared, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”**

L: Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism in which God…

**P: Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.**

**Opening Praise Song**   “Living Waters” Keith & Kristyn Getty

Are you thirsty, Are you empty, Come and drink these Living Waters

Time unbroken, Peace unspoken, Rest beside these Living Waters

Christ is calling, Find refreshing, At the cross of Living Waters

Lay your life down, On Thee, all come, Rise up in these Living Waters

Refrain: There's a river that flows with mercy and love

Bringing joy to the city of our God

There our hope is secure do not fear anymore

Praise the Lord of Living Waters

Spirit moving, Mercy washing, Healing in these living waters

Lead your children to the shore line, Life is in these Living Waters [Refrain]

Are you thirsty, Are you empty, Come and drink these Living Waters

Love, forgiveness, Vast and boundless, Christ, He is our Living Water [Refrain]

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Youth Message**

***Joys & Concerns* - Today we are asking that you fill out a prayer request card if you have a joy or a prayer request. We will not be stating these requests out loud today.**

***Gathered Prayer***

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

*Please be seated*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“A Thankful Heart” Please join in singing!*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,

ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  Come, Ye Thankful People, Come # 694

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;

From His field shall purge away all that doth offend that day;

Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;

But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;

Come, with all Thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson      1 Corinthians 3:1-9 [NRSV]**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3 for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? 4 For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. 9 For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

**Sermon** *-* ***Rev. Randy Brubaker***  *“What?”*

*Please be seated*

***Services of Membership & Baptism – Please use booklet insert for this service.***

*Please stand*

**Closing Hymn** **“**Child Of Blessing, Child Of Promise” # 611

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,

with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are; from God you came.

Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction “***Living Waters***”** refrain only

There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God

There our hope is secure do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of Living Waters

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

God inspired the Bible, and because of its divine origin, it is the final authority for all matters in our lives. It provides us with instructions to live in a God-honoring way, and it equips us with knowledge and wisdom for the works God calls us to do

**October 5, 2025 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 17:5-10 - Lamentations 1:1-6 - Psalm 137 - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy,**

***please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

Our prayers display trust in God, our belief in Christ, and when prayers are answered, we praise Him for his faithfulness. Our prayers glorify God. Praying is not just a conversation. Prayer is praise for the work God will do through our prayers. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

**Prayer Requests from September 21st**

Joy that Theresa is in church, new medication is helping.

Prayers for Wadiya Korpoi as she moves to her new base in Atlanta, and for her sister Nyawo who is going to help her with the trip to Atlanta. Traveling mercies for both.

Dende fell and is asking for prayers for relief from pain.

Prayers for Emily Wilson as she moves to a house in NJ.

Prayers for Ally Wilson as she continues to look for a job in dance, but is temporarily working in a coffee shop.

Prayers for Sheryl Duke & Carol Evans as they continue the process of getting new apartments.

Prayers for Joyce Kerstetter who is in the hospital waiting for a diagnosis.

Continuing prayers for Rachel Holland as she is adjusting to life after the death of her husband. Today is also Rachel's birthday.

Continuing prayers for Allyson Jenkins for leg healing and prayers for her sister, Ann Vidde for relief form neck pain.

Prayers for the Bernard family and prayers for protection for Lorens.

Prayers for healing for Anna Marie

Continued prayers for Keri & John IV

Continued prayer for Dan, Lee, and Ryan

Prayers for Gerry Rozanski's grandson Alex for a safe trip to Japan.

Prayers for Trecia Sanford.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Sheryl Duke David & Esther Clinton

Tracey & Bill Lewis Jennifer Prayers for our Pastor Lori and our congregation.

**For families, especially:**

Zilpha and James Browne, The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families,

Jean Bernard and family, The Spotts Family, Bresnan Family

**For an end to violence, for peace and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

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