

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Prelude “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” *played by Joshua, Liam & Sam Garcia*
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *arranged by Philip Keveren*

Welcome and Announcements

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

The Rite of Holy Baptism *Raidon Fausett*

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

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Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Blessing of School Staff

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament

Genesis 50:15–21

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

Responsory

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- C** Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
- P** How do you know this?
- C** From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
- P** Are you sorry for your sins?
- C** Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- P** What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
- C** His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
- P** Do you hope to be saved?
- C** Yes, that is my hope.
- P** In whom then do you trust?
- C** In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** Amen.
- P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? (John 20, Matt 18)
- C** Yes.

- P** Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven"*. The Pastor says "I" because Jesus said "you." The pastor, though sinful, speaks for God and announces God's cleansing forgiveness to those who made confession. John 20:23.

you believe. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. 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.**

Children's Message

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Sermon

606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Collect of the Day

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- P** 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.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C 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.

New Testament Cantic

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C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

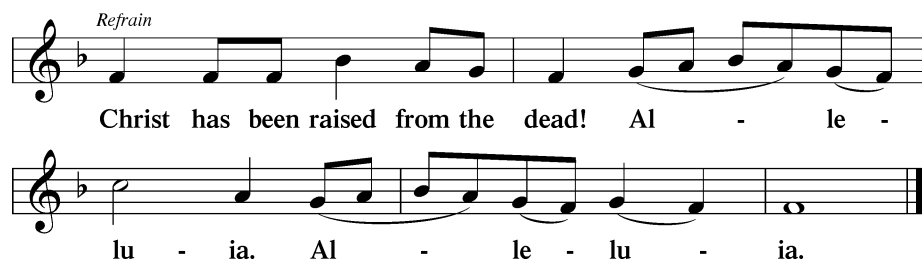
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.



Greetings from The District and Grace, Pocatello: *Rev. Jonathan Dinger*

The Congregation will follow the Cross and the Officiants out the center aisle, outside, and to the front entrance of the new school building.

Processional Hymn 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

P: Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares that the learning of God's Word is to His praise, saying, "I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn Your just and righteous decrees. Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes."

P: Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that all things are holy when sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this school building that it may be a place where all may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of the only true and saving God.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, since You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and learn at this school that they may know the truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Entryway and Offices

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: From where does my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: He who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, he who keeps Israel

C: Will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD is your keeper;

C: The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P: The sun shall not strike you by day,

C: Nor the moon by night.

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C: He will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C: From this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God look with mercy upon all who enter here. Grant safety, provision, and a steadfast hope to your servants and children who gather here that they may find peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Great Hall Commons

P: Be renewed in the spirit of your minds... Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with this neighbor, for we are members one of another... Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4*

P: Let us pray.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort. What manner of love You have bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God. As You have in Christ forgiven us, grant us also to live in that forgiveness toward one another, free from fear and misgivings and held together confidently in Your love, which covers the multitude of our sins for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Classrooms

P: Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. *Proverbs 9*

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us to know wisdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

General Blessing

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this school to the praise and honor of His name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

O God, the source of all abiding knowledge, through Your Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Look with favor on this school, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with ready diligence to Your will and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your purpose; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Closing Remarks and the Table Blessing

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