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Prayer Request

- ☐ Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**
- ☐ Prayer Chain
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- ☐ Pastor Kolb

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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Introit

(Tone C)

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9



Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

When 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.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ‘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. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As 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. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.
One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only
vegetables. Let 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.
Who 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.
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. 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. For none of us lives to
himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both
of the dead and of the living.
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; for it is written,
“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”
So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against
me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say
to you seven times, but seventy times seven.
“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to
him who owed him ten thousand talents. 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. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have
patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the
master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 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.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with
me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he
should pay the debt. 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.



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