



Welcome to the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 13, 2026

PRELUDE

Please stand for the procession

OPENING HYMN HYMN 411 O BLESS THE LORD

**O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless His holy Name!**

**O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all His benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.**

**He will not always chide; He will with patience wait;
His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.**

**He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.**

**He clothes thee with His love, upholds thee with His truth;
And like the eagle He renews the vigor of thy youth.**

**Then bless His holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!**

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant and People Together

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You,
we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of
the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You
alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated

THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. (Exodus 14:19-31)

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel His dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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, so that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? 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 give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. (Romans 14:1-12)

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN HYMN 393 PRAISE OUR GREAT AND GRACIOUS LORD

**Praise our great and gracious Lord, call upon His holy Name;
Raising hymns in glad accord, all His mighty acts proclaim:
How He leads His chosen unto Canaan's promised land,
How the word we have heard firm and changeless still shall stand.**

**God has given the cloud by day, given the moving fire by night;
Guides His Israel on their way from the darkness into light.
God it is who grants us sure retreat and refuge nigh;
Light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Dayspring from on high.**

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Matthew 18:21-35)

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

The People are invited to be seated

*The People are invited to stand as able
Celebrant and People together*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People are invited to stand/kneel as able

Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;
That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially, *Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent*. We pray for all priests and deacons of this Diocese, especially *Jane Mayrer, Scott Slater, Walter Eversley, Richard Ginnever*. We pray for all churches of this diocese, especially, *St. John's, Deer Park; St. Mark's, Lappans; St. Matthew's, Oakland*.
That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; we pray for all veterans and for those who currently serve this country—especially first responders and those in the military from this parish. We intercede for those serving *in Alaska at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright, Clear Space Force Station, and the Anchorage VA Medical Center*.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;
Give us all a reverence for this earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources in the service of others and to Your glory.
We pray for the health of our world, especially communities with water scarcity and lacking in other critical resources.
That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the homeless, the jobless, the displaced, and people affected by war and strife—especially in Ukraine, Gaza and Iran.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise You for all Your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on the *Grace Prayer List* and all those struggling with mental health and addictions, especially in Frederick County.

That they may be healed in body, mind, and soul.

The People add their intercessions

Silence is kept

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept

Celebrant and People together

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in Your will,

and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The People greet each other in peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. [Ephesians 5:2]

OFFERTORY HYMN HYMN 648 WHEN ISRAEL WAS IN EGYPT'S LAND

**When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.**

Refrain

**Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.**

**The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;
To lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.**

[Refrain]

**They journeyed on at His command, let my people go;
And came at length to Canaan's land, let my people go.**

[Refrain]

**Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;
And let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.**

[Refrain]

DOXOLOGY HYMN 380, V. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come from Thee, O Lord.

People: From Thy own have we given Thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing as able

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

BCP 378

For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world.

BCP 367

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

THE SANCTUS HYMNAL S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to You, O God, for the goodness and love which You have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be Your people; in Your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, Your Son. For in these last days You sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, You have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before You. In Him, You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before He died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for You. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to His command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to You, O Lord of all; presenting to You, from Your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray You, gracious God, to send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Your Son in His sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all Your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



A period of silence is kept.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 365

*All are welcome to come to the altar and hold out their hands for communion
or cross arms over their chest to receive a blessing*

People are invited to stand or kneel as able

COMMUNION HYMN

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our
Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of
Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the
work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful
witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

People are invited to stand as able

CLOSING HYMN HYMN 690 GUIDE ME

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore (x2)**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield. (x2)**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee. (x2)**

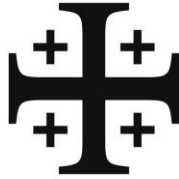
THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!





Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

Sandy Baer
Jason Beatty
Julia Colonna
Kristen Cowher
George Delaplaine
Jackie Duda
Gina DuMars
Barb Full
Kathy Heckendorn
Marlin Heckendorn
Anne Henry
Marie Kuehne
Michael Lewis
Janet McNerney
Shirley Makin
Charles Morris
Joe Motherway
Betty Nipper

Bonny Nipper
Silas Nipper
Winnie Nissley
Neil Ofsthun
Judy Parlongo
Vince Parlongo
Julie Patton
Rhonda Redmond
Tim Shipley
Nancy Smith
Randy Smith
Frank Teegarden
Nestor Urbina
Holly Van Court
Kaden Vellenkoop
Sally West
Chuck Woodcock

Those serving in the military and first responders:

Jackie Druktenis
Devin Fertil
Roanan Furlong
Erin Holahan



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

VESTRY MEETING

September 15th

CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

September 20th, 9:20 AM

Rehearsals will occur every Sunday at 9:20 AM in the sanctuary! Please join us if you are feeling the call to the music ministry.

SING ALONG TOUR

September 23rd

Please join the choir on their "Sing Along Tour" on September 23rd 10:30 AM at Village Crossing, 2480 Waterside Drive, Frederick MD 21701.

Following that we'll have lunch at Panera Bread.

Then at 1:00 PM we go to Heartfield's, 1820 Latham Drive, Frederick MD 21701. I'll have songbooks to use that day. Everyone is welcome! Carol Dissmeyer, 410-967-0218.

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

September 24th, 6 PM

We will have our planning meeting in the Parish House. We will begin gathering at 6 PM with a meeting start time of 6:30 PM. Dinner is to be determined.

GRACE CRAFTERS

September 26th, 9 AM to Noon

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4th

OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK –
IN REMEMBRANCE OF MEAGHAN HOLAHAN

October 24th

This fall Trish Holahan will be participating as part of the Team Leidos - Frederick in the Out of the Darkness Frederick Walk which will support suicide prevention.

Her daughter, Meaghan, lost her mental health battle in July of 2025. She had just graduated with a Master's in Clinical Psychological Counseling from Northwestern University.

Your donation will help the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) fund research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.

Please visit <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/participant/3523572> and/or speak with Trish Holahan with any questions.

