

Saint Athanasius Lutheran Church

September 13, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB p. 203ff)

Hymns

589, 602, 622, Special, 729, 895

Readings

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Confession and Absolution

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Propers

Introit and Gradual

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Special Hymn

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Acknowledgments

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Introit (*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*)

P Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! *
I have fled to you for | refuge!

C 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!

Gradual (*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*)

C 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.

843 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless The
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals The
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And

taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew; What triv - ial debts are
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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