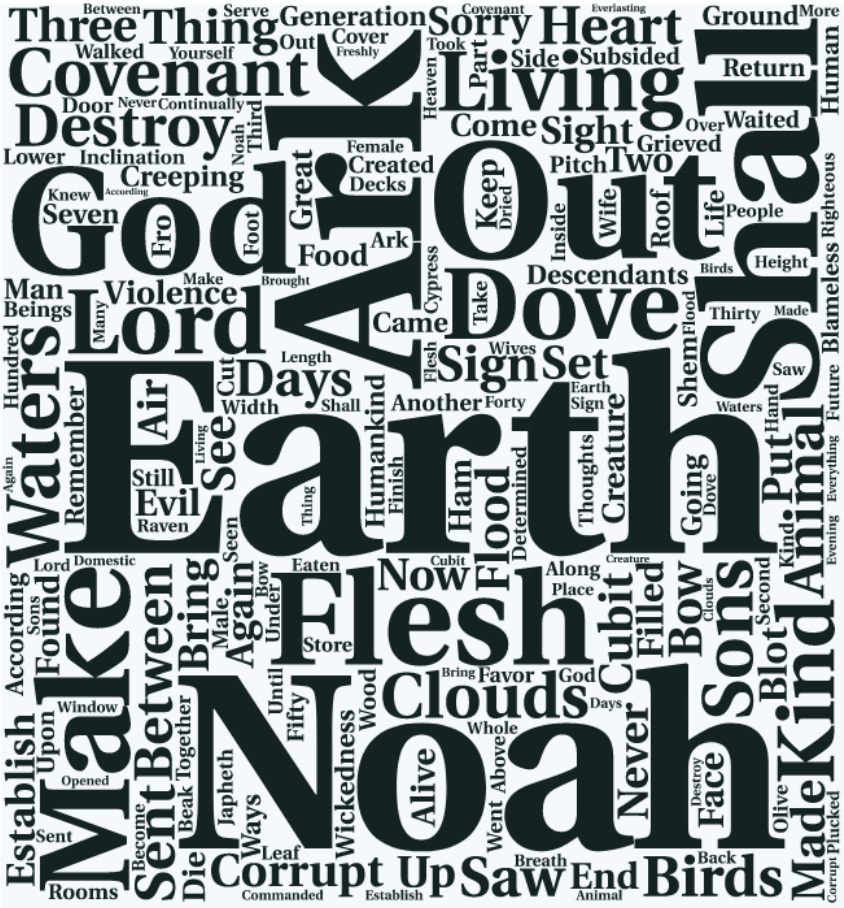

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Flood and Promise

September 13, 2026

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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God,

You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made. Amen.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation, in Jesus' holy name. **Amen**.

(+) Gathering Song *God, Who Stretched...* ELW 771

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space;
we, your children in your likeness,
share inventive pow'rs with you;
great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined pow'r,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

3 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew:
children of creative purpose,
serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise;
each endeavor well begun;
great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

(+) Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

(+) *Glory to God* p. 121

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 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.

3 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. *Refrain*

(+) Prayer of the Day

God of promise,
You are not a God of destruction, but of rebirth. In your love, you protect and cherish us. Your eternal promise is to renew us and lead us into flourishing. May our gratitude for your love so spill over that we, in turn, commit ourselves to the flourishing of your whole creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1st Reading Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in
the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their
hearts was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that
he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his
heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the
humans I have created—people together with animals and
creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have
made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.
9 These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man,
blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah
had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was
filled with violence. 12 And God saw that the earth was corrupt,
for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. 13 And God
said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for
the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going
to destroy them along with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of
cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and
out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the
ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height
thirty cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit
above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower,
second, and third decks. 17 For my part, I am going to bring a
flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all
flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth
shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you
shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons'
wives with you. 19 And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall
bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you;

they shall be male and female. [20] Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. [21] Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them." [22] Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him…

8:6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made [7] and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. [8] Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, [9] but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. [10] He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, [11] and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. [12] Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more...

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, [9] "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you [10] and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. [11] I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." [12] God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: [13] I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. [14] When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the

clouds, [15] I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16] When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17] God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 124

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 8:23-27

P: The gospel according to Matthew…

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

8:23 And when [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. [24] A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. [25] And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" [26] And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. [27] They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song *Lord of Our Life* ELW 766

1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
hear and receive your churches' supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

2 See round your ark the hungry billows curling,
see how your foes their banners are unfurling.
Lord, while their poisoned arrows they are hurling,
you can preserve us.

3 Lord, you can help when earthly armor fails us;
Lord, you can save when deadly sin assails us;
and, in the day when hell itself appalls us,
grant us your peace, Lord:

4 Peace in our hearts, our troubled thoughts assuaging,
peace in your church, where kindred souls are raging,
peace, when the world its endless war is waging,
peace in your heaven.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: God of mercy and grace,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

Peace

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings. Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.

Offering Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Holy God,

all of creation—all that is—comes from you and belongs to you. Free us from our attachments to our earthly possessions, and receive from them these offered gifts out of what you have given us, for the ongoing work of your love for all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 129

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

… we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,…
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant…
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
In the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection…
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate…
And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age...
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

(+) The 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.

Communion

We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar. The cups in the center contain grape juice; the others have wine.

We can bring communion to you at your seat if that is helpful – just let the usher know. Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to commune that way.

Lamb of God p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table
to serve a needy world.
As you have blessed us,
may we become a blessing to others,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

(+) Sending Song *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 631

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

(+) Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 13, 2026

This week at CTV

Today **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

9/15 Items for *The Messenger* due

Coming up…

9/20 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** – Worship, 9:30 AM
God Calls Abram and Sarai – Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 28:19-20
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

September Food Pantry Wish List

Spaghettios with Meat
Ravioli With Meat
Toilet Paper
Canned Chicken
Ground Coffee

September 17 & 18 – Rummage Sale

CTV is hosting a rummage sale run by Joan Swessel's SAI Music Fraternity group. Thursday, 9-5; Friday, 9-3. Feel free to come and shop!

Year 1 Narrative Lectionary bookmarks available!

Bookmarks with all of the Sunday readings for this cycle of the narrative lectionary are available on the credenza in the entryway. Feel free to take one!