

Readings and Music for

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2026

Flowers given by the Karrisons in memory of Shannon Jaekel.

Proclamation

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

H405

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

We will read the Psalm responsively, with the people reading the verses in bold.

- 1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave ***
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ***
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ***
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ***
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, ***
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's letter 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God**

Sequence

"Be Thou My Vision"

H488

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	<i>H645</i>
Communion	“I Am the Bread of Life”	<i>H335</i>
Recessional	“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”	<i>H293</i>

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

<i><u>This week at Transfiguration:</u></i>
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<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
	<i>TGIF Family Reunion</i>		
<i>9/15</i>	<i>Vestry</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>7pm</i>
<i>9/19</i>	<i>Autumn in the Park</i>	<i>123rd St.</i>	<i>1pm</i>
	<i>Parade</i>		
	<i>Festival</i>	<i>Village Green</i>	<i>2pm-5pm</i>

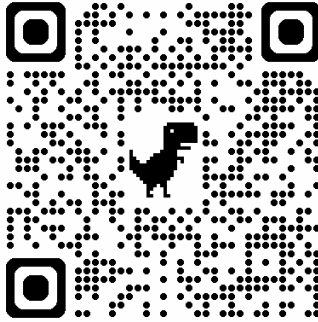
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TFIG Family Reunion** – Today is our annual Transfiguration Family Reunion Sunday, when we celebrate coming back together as people return from summer vacation and kids head back to school. Join us after service for a delicious meal of fried chicken and plenty of tasty sides, salads, and desserts to go around. It's a great time to reconnect with our church family, as we bid farewell to summer and settle into the rhythm of a new program year. We hope to gather everyone up at the altar for a family picture, so stick around the sanctuary for a few minutes after service.
- **Autumn in the Park** – September 18th and 19th is Palos Park's Autumn in the Park, fall festival. On the 19th, from 2PM-5PM, we'll be set up at a booth at the festival connecting with folks in our community. We are also proud to sponsor the face painter for the festival for the second year in a row. The daycare is walking in the parade at 1PM on the 19th, and if anyone from the parish would like to walk alongside them, please gather at the parish around 12:45PM.
- **Church School Resumes** – Our first day of class for the new church school year will be Sunday, September 20th. Summer has been great - but we've missed our weekly gatherings, and we're excited to have lots of fun in the new school year! Transfiguration Church School meets immediately after the Sunday morning service. This year, we will have 3 classes; one for PreK (4 yr olds) and Kindergarten, one for early elementary grades, and one for middle-high schoolers.
- **Bed's Plus Presentation** – On September 20th, during coffee hour, we have a guest presenter from Bed's Plus coming to share with us about their organization and all the good that they do. This is a great opportunity for folks to learn more about an organization that we have partnered with for some time.

- **Bible Study** – Bible Study starts back on Monday, September 21st. We will resume our custom of meeting every first and third Monday throughout the school year. We meet on Zoom at 7PM, and all are welcome. It is a very casual time of conversation about Scripture. There is no homework. We read the text and discuss it all together. If you have been thinking about trying out Bible Stud, this is a great time to jump into it. Our first book when we start back up will be the book of Ephesians.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – Join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner for a good cause. Proceeds help cover the installation of large security planters in front of the daycare section of our building. There will also be raffle baskets and a silent auction. Adult tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Kids tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. We hope you will join us for a tasty meal and help support a worthy cause. You can get your tickets by using the QR code below, calling the church, or during coffee hour today or next Sunday.



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Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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