

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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

Invocation

L/P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L/P If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

L/P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are
by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve
Your present and eternal punishment. For
the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead
us, so that we may delight in Your will and
walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy
Name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son
to die for you and for His sake forgives you all
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore
forgive you all your sins in the Name of the
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in
your truth;
unite my heart to fear your Name.
I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my
whole heart,
and I will glorify your Name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of
Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a
band of ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie

L/P O LORD,
C have mercy.
L/P O Christ,
C have mercy.
L/P O LORD,
C have mercy.

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:57–64; antiphon: v. 89

H HETH*

*ה 'Heth' (khāyt) is the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letter is associated with the concept of "fence" or "enclosure," symbolizing protection and definition. Psalm 119 is an acrostic poem where each line of each stanza begins with the same letter, and each stanza (letter) praises God for His law (Torah) and His word. The Psalm for today is the "H" section.

⁵⁷The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸I entreat your favor with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

⁶²At midnight I rise to praise you,

because of your just and righteous decrees.

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you,

of those who keep your precepts.

⁶⁴The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

teach me your statutes!

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18–27

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

L/P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the thirteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

L/P This is the Gospel of the LORD.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Sermon "Re-Creation"

Romans 8:18-27

Stand

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

Matthew 24-26
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the LORD and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and

glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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Connection Cards

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Offering and Offertory

[illegible]

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to

me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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Announcements

Stand

Closing Hymn - Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng