

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 6, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - O God of Mercy, God of Might

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

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

C Amen.

L 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 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.

L 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.

Introit

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

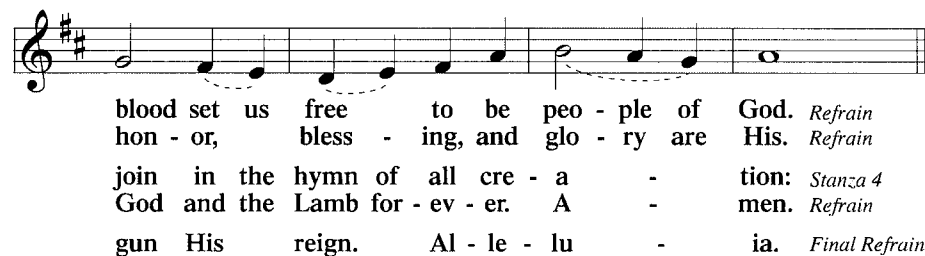
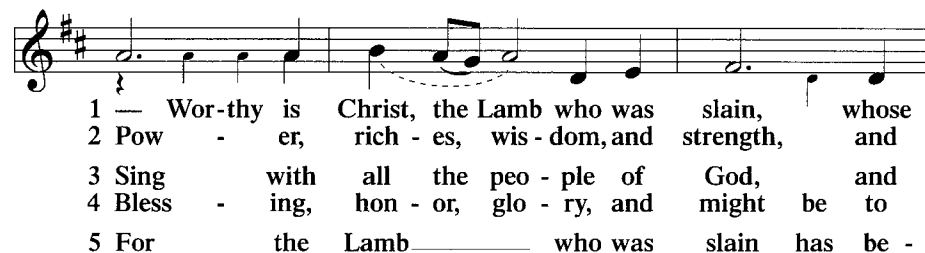
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie

- L** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
- C** LORD, have mercy.
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
- C** LORD, have mercy.
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
- C** LORD, have mercy.
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
- C** LORD, have mercy.
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
- C** Amen.

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L P** The LORD be with you.
 - C** And also with you.
 - L P** Let us pray.
- O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the

things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts
no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be
found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13: 1 - 10

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1
Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18: 1 - 20

L **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

L/**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Sermon *"Work - God's Gift to Humans"*
Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Commissioning of Jennifer Callard as Assistant Preschool Teacher

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

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[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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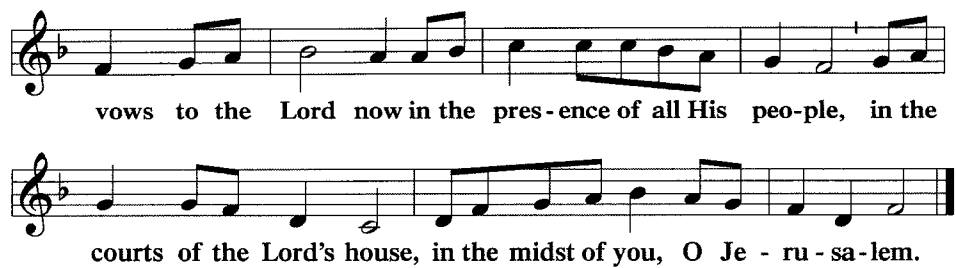
Connection Cards

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Offering and Offertory



[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



Sit

Announcements

Stand

**Closing Hymn - Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant
Way**