

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 27, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Bringing In the Sheaves

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 Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot

free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Sit

Gloria in Excelsis



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.
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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as LORD, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

[L] This is the Word of the LORD.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



[C] Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



[C] These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



[C] Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the twenty-first chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O LORD.

[P] This is the Gospel of the LORD.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

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,
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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - I Love to Tell the Story

Sermon *"The Body"* *1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 26*

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Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

- [P]** The peace of the LORD be with you always.
- [C]** Amen.

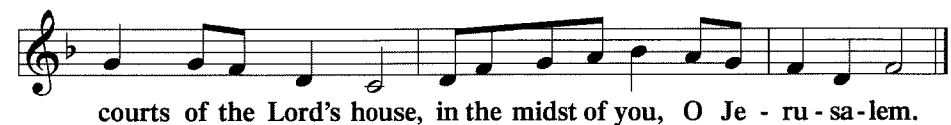
The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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Connection Cards

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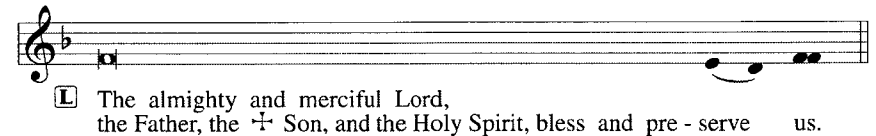
Offering and Offertory Prayer



Benedicamus

- [A]** Let us bless the LORD.
- [C]** Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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Announcements

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Closing Hymn - Send the Light!