



CLASSIC SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 • 8:30 AM • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses. **Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather The morning routine gives believers a tangible way to pause and invite God to strengthen us for the day ahead. *Some questions to ponder on:* What parts of parenting/ caring for little ones/ mentoring seem rewarding? What parts seem thankless? Whether you have children or not, do you have a positive or negative viewpoint toward parenthood? What does your morning routine entail? Is there a moment you can use to remind yourself to intentionally connect with God for strength for the day? Do you feel like you have to gut it out? How can you tap into the empowerment of the Holy Spirit instead of trying to do it all on your own?

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

OPENING HYMN

507 Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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OPENING SENTENCES

Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Proverbs 3:3–6

P Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

C You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

P Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

C So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

C In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[Silence for personal confession and prayer.]

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been devoted to the Lord and have not fully cherished the sacred writings of our faith. We have failed in ways of keeping our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. At times we have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have broken the law of God by coveting that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and spoken the best of all people. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

(An exhortation to live justly)

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

(A Prayer for Spiritual Strength.)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL (*Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.*)

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

16 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures^l of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).

MESSAGE HYMN

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin, Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be; Truly living, To You giving, Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour, As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity, We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us; By Your teaching; Let our preaching; And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife, In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death, And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace, On us shower; By Your power; Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name and sing...

HYMN

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.

But the reapers, oh, how few; For the work there is to do!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness, we bless You for all that He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray, all Your people who now join at Your Table. By Your presence in this Sacrament nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in Your holy Church, forever and ever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (see pew hymnals)

915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us,"
782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings,"

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness; To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, giving thanks for the everyday presence of Christ in life...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader	Todd Thorbahn
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Elder	John Berndt	Acolyte	Elias Buckingham

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