

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service



*Resurrection of the Widow's son from Nain (Lucas Cranach the Younger, c. 1659)
Altarpiece in the Stadtkirche Wittenberg*

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. (Psalm 86:3, 5)

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
10:15AM, Sanctuary | September 20, 2026

On this Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?"

It's a just complaint. What, exactly, was the point of God bestowing unending flour and oil on this widow and her son, if the son was just going to die after all? It's this kind of question that we have likely wrestled with.

We can ask this question more generally: What was the point of the whole creation if we were just going to end up in sin and in death? What is the point of blessing, if death is going to come and end it all?

We have the vantage point of the resurrection. We know the story doesn't end with death, but with life. The Son of God offered himself for the life of the world on the cross, giving himself to his Father and to us in death. We know what happened on that third day.

None of this takes away the pain or sorrow we continue to endure on this side of the grave. Yet we have enduring hope, for we know what is to come.

Holy God, encourage the growth in what is good in us, and hinder all that is evil, that we may bring forth honor and glory to your name, through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, Amen.

✝ Pastor Justin Baker

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome!

For more information about our church, or for any questions whatsoever, contact Pastor Justin Baker by phone, email, or office visit, or you can request prayer or a visit by placing a Contact Card in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Announcements

- (1) **\$1970 of \$4500** Goal reached so far for **Church of Uganda** Month!
- (2) **Oktoberfest** is this Saturday! September 26th, 11-1:30PM
- (3) **Signup** to attend the **Mission Region Convocation** on October 17

~ Please refrain from recording & using cell phones during the service. ~

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Sunday, Sept. 20	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 2:30 PM	Sunday School Worship: Pentecost 16 Worship at Redstone	Heritage Hall Sanctuary Redstone
Monday, Sept. 21	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Acts Bible Study Acts Bible Study Start the Week	Luther Hall Music Room Luther Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 22	9:00 AM 7:00PM	Bell Choir Practice Champion Cheerleading	Sanctuary Heritage Hall
Weds., Sep. 23	6:00 PM	Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thurs., Sep. 24	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Al-Anon Boy Scouts	Luther Hall Heritage Hall
Friday, Sep. 25			
Sat., Sep. 26	11:00 AM- 1:30 PM	OKTOBERFEAST!	Pavilion
Sun., Sep. 27	9:00 AM 10:15 PM	Sunday School Worship: Pentecost 17	Heritage Hall Sanctuary

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Prelude

Aria on "Jewels"

ORGAN

Setting Dale Wood (1934-2003)

The service begins from the altar.

Invocation & Order of Confession

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Processional | Holy Is the Lord

In Tune with the Spirit

Verse 1

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our
strength
We bow down and worship Him
now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse 2

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our
strength
We bow down and worship Him
now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's
renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's
renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

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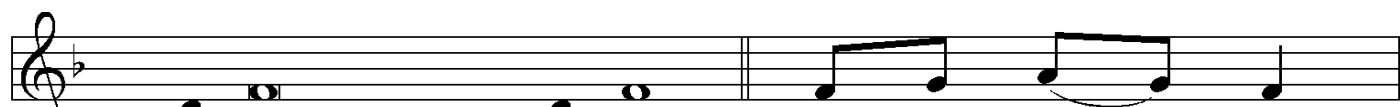
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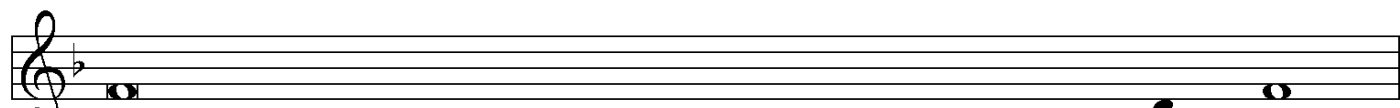
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.



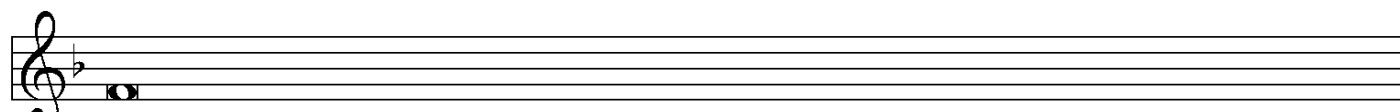
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



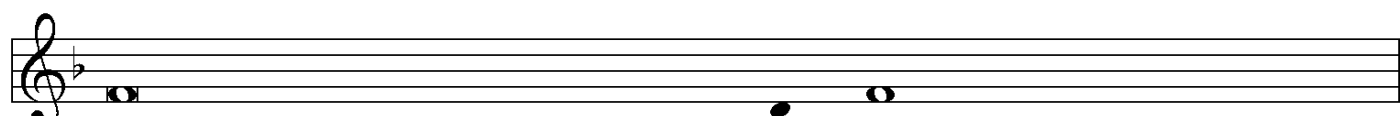
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



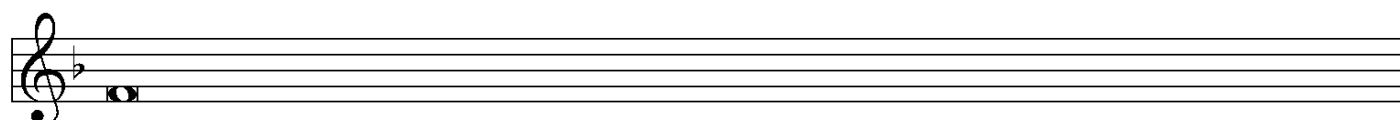
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



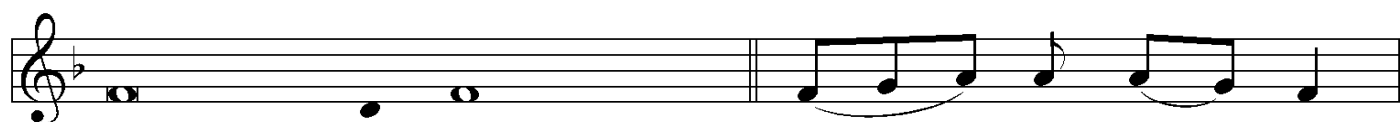
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



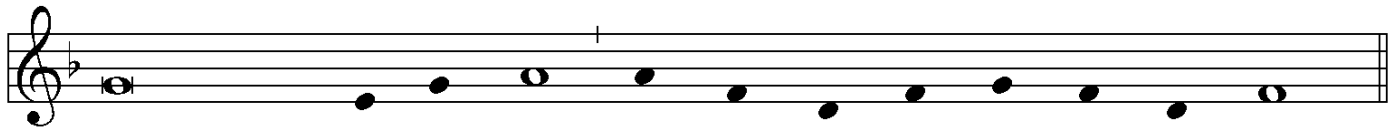
let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise

Gloria



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O Lord, may Thy grace always go before and follow after us, and make us continually intent upon good works; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

A The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 30 (read responsively)

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

³O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

⁷By your favor, O Lord,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”**

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,

¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now 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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

P Paul, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, teaches the following:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:1–4, ESV).

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

The Gospel Acclamation | The Alleluia



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.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-16

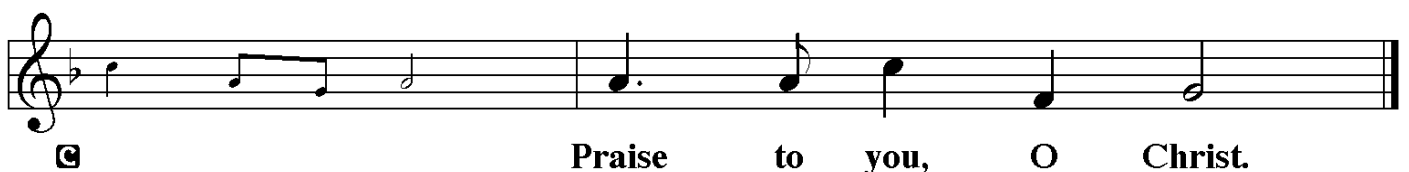
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 7th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

P The Gospel of our Lord



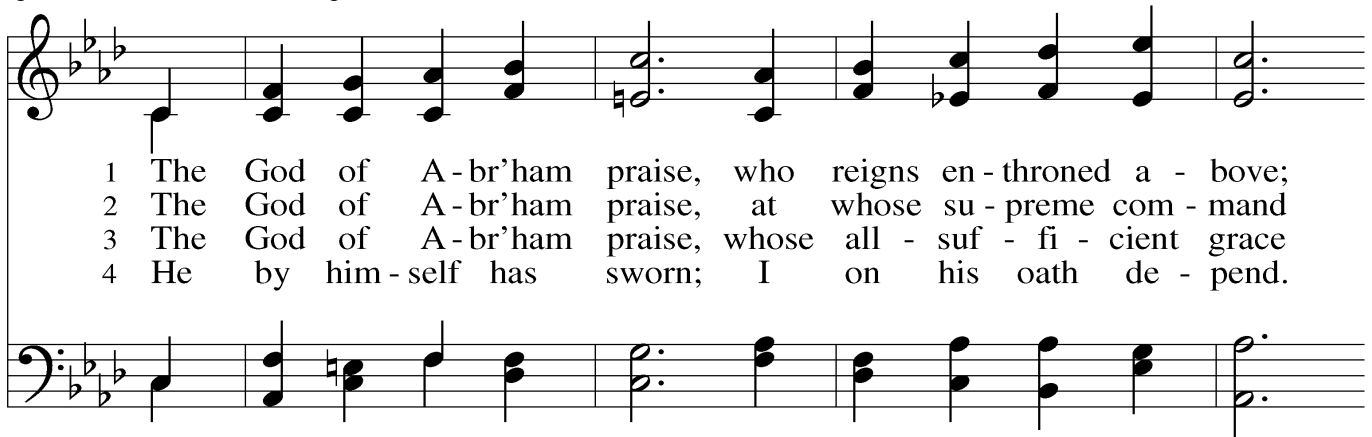
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

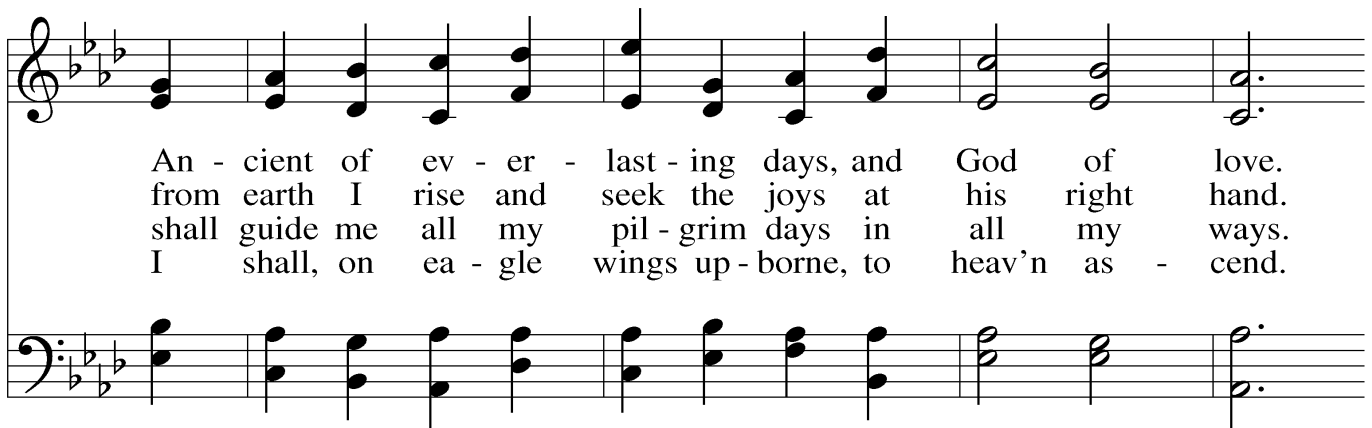
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Hymn of the Day | The God of Abraham Praise

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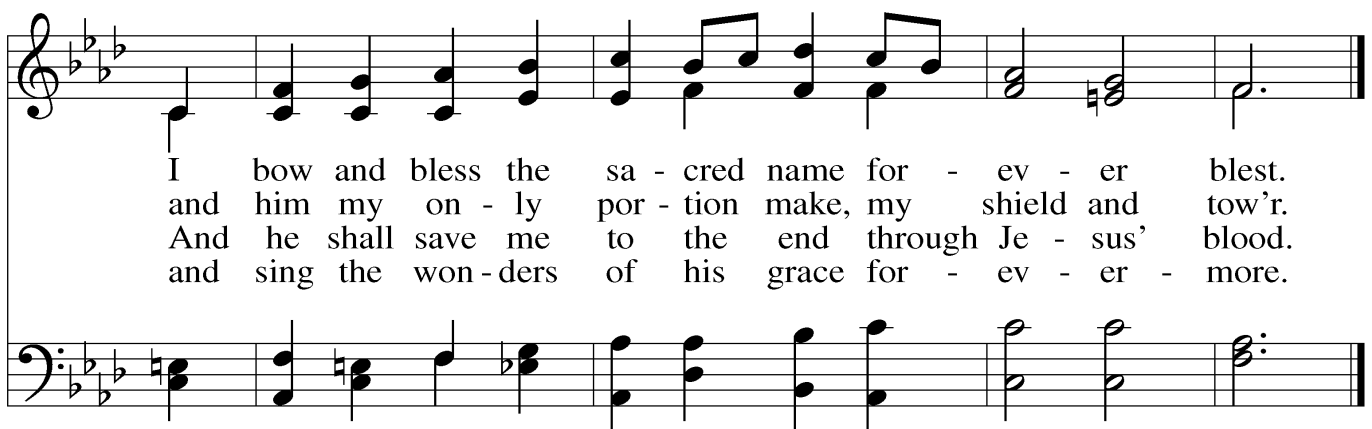
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all-suf-fi-cient grace
 4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love.
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
 He deigns to call me friend; he calls him-self my God!
 I shall be-hold his face; I shall his pow'r a-dore,



I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
 and him my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And he shall save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
 and sing the won-ders of his grace for-ev-er-more.

10 Before the Savior's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
forever new.
He shows his wounds of love;
they kindle to a flame!
And sound through all the worlds above
the Paschal Lamb.

11 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
all might and majesty are thine
and endless praise!

The Apostles' Creed

P People of God, in whom do we believe?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers of the Church

O LORD, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it. (Psalm 40:13b–14a)

P Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not or, in our blindness, cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

A brief silence is kept.

A O Holy God, thank you for continuing to bless our church with offerings of money, disciples, and service. Thank you for hearing our prayers, and for these good gifts you have given us:

A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially:

Mandy Wertz, Bill Primozic, Diana Hillman, May Hill, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, Rachael, Jonathan, Pastor Bill White, Bernie, Ben, Alice, David, Jeff, Craig, Kelly, Josh, Missy, Maria, Ben, Cassandra, Nojia, Kevin, Julie and family, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Colleen, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah & these we now name:

~ A pause is kept that names may be offered silently & aloud. ~

Remember also those who suffer persecution for the faith, protecting especially those missionaries whom we have come to know: *the Reverend Dan Omar, the Reverend Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, & the Reverend Dagaga Gemachu*. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning, especially *the families of Harold [Danette's Uncle], Tom [husband of Pastor Joyce], of June Ugen, & of all those who mourn*. To all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A Bless the families of this congregation. May your Spirit beckon those who have never believed, or who have fallen away, to hear, believe, and receive your Son. May those who suffer mental, physical, or spiritual distress be healed and be given the strength to endure. May those who suffer from addiction, of the body or of the soul, be given the strength to overcome it. May we all be given wisdom, patience, and tenderness in how we love our families.

Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

- P** Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that we all may be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

GENERAL THANKSGIVING*

- P** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **C** **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- P** *O Lord, I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only. O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not. ~ Psalm 71:16b–17, 18b*

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

SPECIAL OFFERING: Church of Uganda

Throughout the month of September, we are raising support towards the completion of construction of Trinity Lutheran Church, Kyahenda, Uganda. The total estimated need for completing this church is ~\$16,000. Our first goal is to raise at least \$4,5000 for this congregation. Please mark your memo lines or envelopes: Church of Uganda.

Offertory

Shout to the Lord

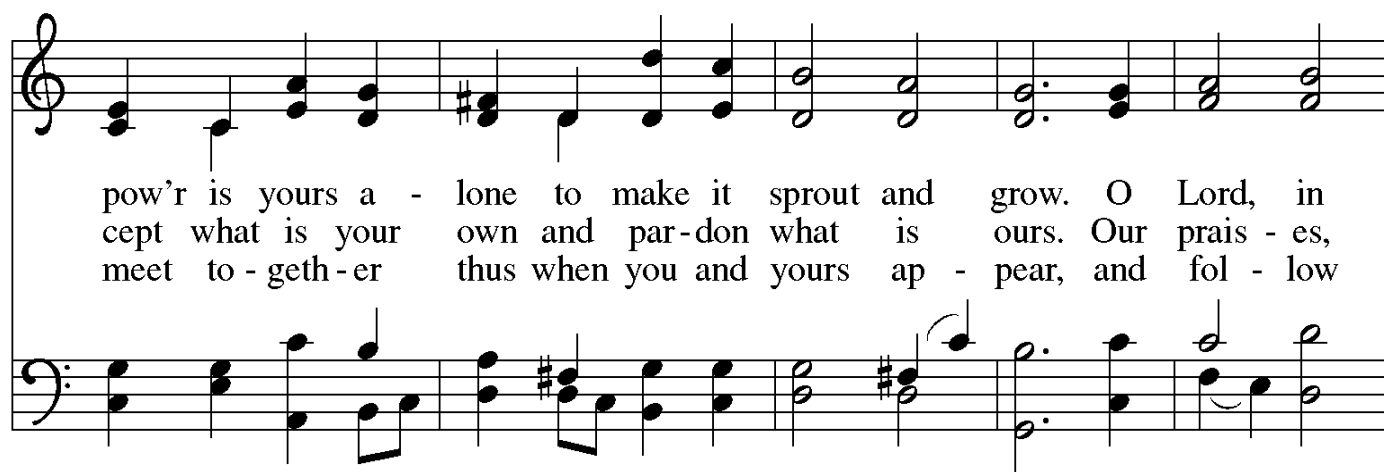
In Tune with the Spirit

Darlene Zschech, CCLI #1406918

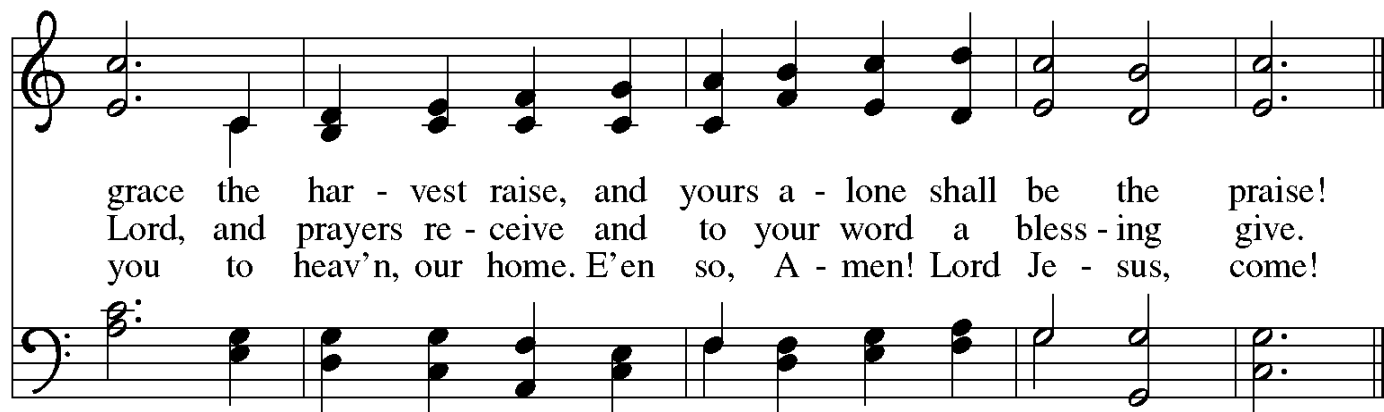
Offering of Praise | *On What Has Now Been Sown*



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



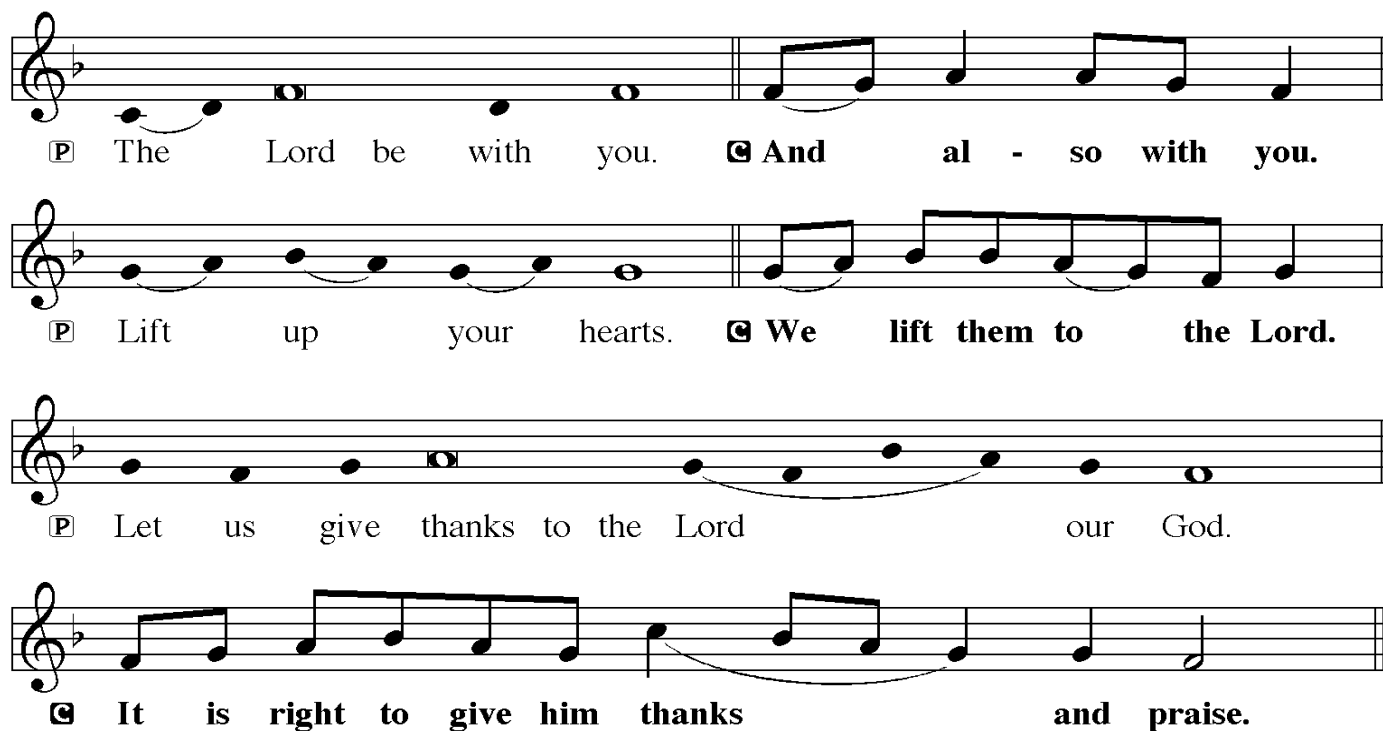
grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

- A** Let us pray. Blessed are you,
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to You, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

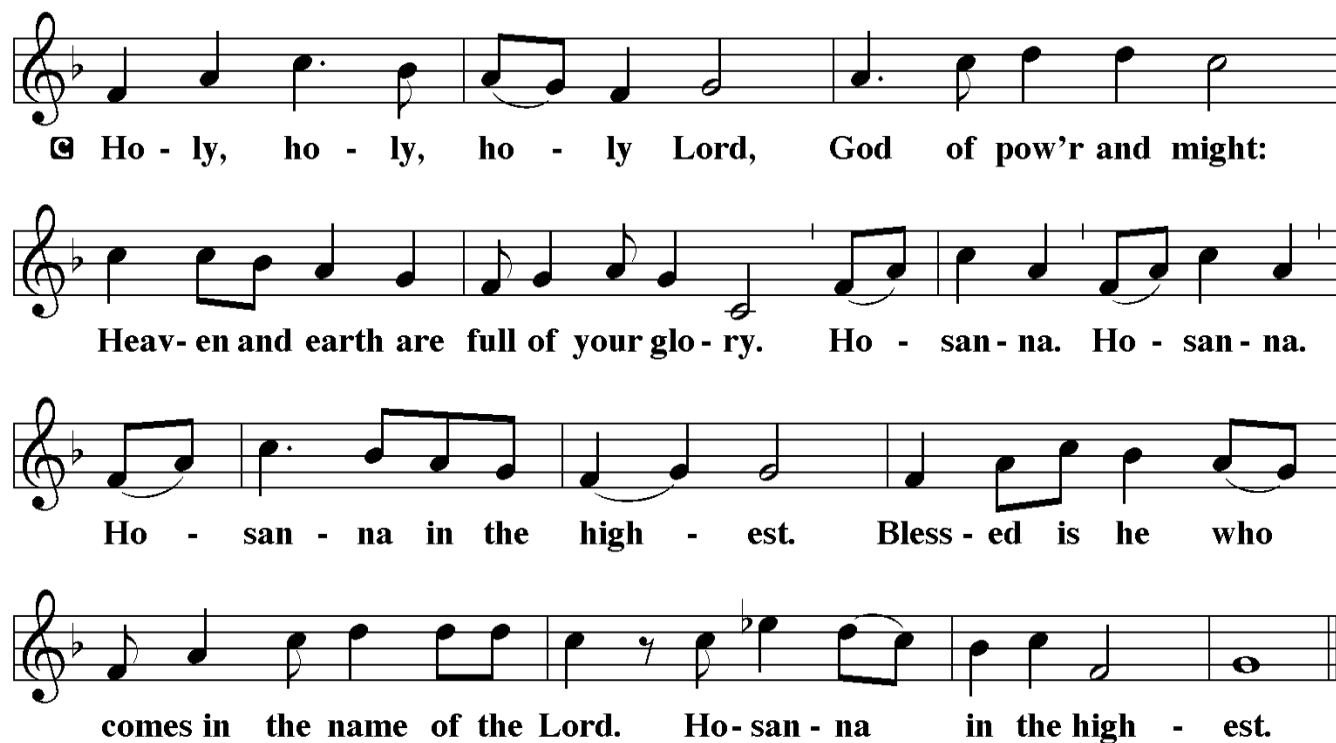
Proper Preface for Pentecost

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

who rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples.

At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Let us pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30).

And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Lord please teach me
To be your servant
King and gentle
Humble and true—to you
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Reflection
Of you

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Communion | Abba, Father

Dave Bilbrough

Abba Father let me be
Yours and Yours alone
May my will forever be
Evermore Your own
Never let my heart grow cold
Never let me go
Abba Father let me be
Yours and Yours alone

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Communion | Here is Bread, Here is Wine

Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

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Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Verse 3

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations
for you, which is your
glory. ~EPHESIANS iii. 13.*

*WISH not, dear friends, my pain away--
Wish me a wise and thankful heart,
With God, in all my griefs, to stay,
Nor from His lov'd correction start.*

*The dearest offering He can crave
His portion in our souls to prove,
What is it to the gift He gave,
The only Son of His dear love?*

*But we, like vex'd unquiet springs,
Will still be hovering o'er the tomb,
Where buried lie our vain delights,
Nor sweetly take a sinner's doom.*

*In life's long sickness evermore
Our thoughts are tossing to and fro:
We change our posture o'er and o'er,
But cannot rest, nor cheat our woe.*

*Were it not better to lie still,
Let Him strike home and bless the rod,
Never so safe as when our will
Yields undiscern'd by all but God?*

*Thy precious things, whate'er they be
That haunt and vex thee, heart and brain,
Look to the Cross, and thou shalt see
How thou mayest turn them all to gain.*

*Lovest thou praise? the Cross is shame:
Or ease? the Cross is bitter grief:
More pangs than tongue or heart can frame
Were suffer'd there without relief.*

*We of that Altar would partake,
But cannot quit the cost--no throne
Is ours, to leave for Thy dear sake--
We cannot do as Thou hast done.*

*We cannot part with Heaven for Thee--
Yet guide us in Thy track of love:
Let us gaze on where light should be,
Though not a beam the clouds remove.*

*So wanderers ever fond and true
Look homeward through the evening sky,
Without a streak of heaven's soft blue
To aid Affection's dreaming eye.*

*The wanderer seeks his native bower,
And we will look and long for Thee,
And thank Thee for each trying hour,
Wishing, not struggling, to be free.*

Post-Communion

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☐ Amen



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score ends with a double bar line.

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Recessional Hymn | Rise Up, O saints of God

LBW 383

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Dismissal

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

Postlude

Classical Prelude

ORGAN

Arr. Thomas Chesterton (1926-2019)

~ ~ ~

Altar Flowers Inscription:

In Honor of My Parents' Wedding Anniversary!

~ Dana Fetter

~

We give thanks for

Debbie Weigold

and the ensemble of In Tune with the Spirit

leading music this morning

~ ~ ~

DAY	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9/20/2026	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9/27/2026	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10/4/2026
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Holly Pelusi	Julie Schamber	Lou Hiener
COUNTER TEAM	Danette Hunter and Carol Wilson	Susan Smith and Ross Nese	Cherie Wolovich and Lisa Yothers
GREETERS	Lou and Michele Hiener	Debbie Weigold	Steve Cehovin & Irv Pritts
USHERS	Steve Cehovin and Matthew Yothers	Debbie Weigold and Tim Ford	Joe Ugen and Scott Gustafson
ACOLYTE	MaryAnn Sinwell	Karla Gustafson	Bob Jordan
CRUCIFER	Holly Pelusi	Matthew Yothers	<i>No Processional</i>
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy and Karla Gustafson	Donna Berardinelli and Kathy Potter	MaryAnn Sinwell and Bob Jordan
ALTAR FLOWERS	Dana Fetter	The Pelusis	The Potters
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Susan Smith	Susan Smith	Susan Smith
LIVESTREAM	MaryAnn Sinwell	Dan Hunter	Dan Hunter
SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT	Michele Hiener	<i>Needed</i>	Dana Fetter
CANTOR (1ST SUNDAYS)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Lou Hiener
LECTOR (1ST SUNDAYS)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Danette Hunter