

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 2026**

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Romanze

Beethoven

Entrance Hymn #594

God of grace and God of glory

*1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

Collect for Purity (together)

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some half notes and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly', 'sin of the world', and 'Most High'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The score ends with a double bar line after the final 'A - men'.

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sequence Hymn #513

Like the murmur of a dove's song

*1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*2 To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,*

*to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

A brief meditative silence follows.

Nicene Creed

All standing, as able

We believe in one God,

***the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

***the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.***

For us and for our salvation

***he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

***On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven***

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of the People *(stand or kneel)*
The Leader and People pray responsively

Almighty God, you speak life into being and call us into holy community. Help us to knit closer connections with our neighbors in order to learn from each other, heal wounds, and share your love. Grant us courage and grace not to be silent, and to stand with all people in their faith journeys. Guide us with the Holy Spirit to grow into the likeness of Jesus.

Dear Lord,
Help us to follow where you lead.

Help us to remember that all people are neighbors and children of God. Help us become better ministers of your word. Pray for the church. *(Pause _____)*

Dear Lord,
Unite us in love.

We pray for all who govern or hold authority in the nations of the world. *(Pause _____)*

Dear Lord,
Bless us with civility, justice and peace.

Creator, open our hearts to respect the earth, and all its gifts.

Dear Lord,
Keep us mindful of our responsibility to honor these gifts in our day, and to protect them in the days ahead for our children and grandchildren.

We give thanks to you, Father, for all that we have and all that we can give and for the love of our families and friends. *(Pause _____)*

Dear Lord,
Bless us with your love and guidance in all that we do, in service to you and to one another.

Pour out your mercy on all in our community that our divisions may be overcome.

Dear Lord,
May we be drawn together in love.

We pray for all who lack what they need to lead happy and productive lives: Those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, lonely, or infirm. *(Pause _____)*

Dear Lord,
Help us to remember and care for them.

For all those departed this life. *(Pause _____)*

Dear Lord,
We pray that they have found new life with you.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

(After a brief moment of silence we pray all together)

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Peace *(stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Community Announcements, Thanksgivings, and Prayer Requests

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The New 23rd

At the Offering

At the Offering (stand as able),

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Stand, sit, or kneel as able)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized and/or choose not to receive, you are also invited to God's table; come forward to receive a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate your desire.*

**Gluten-free bread is available; just let the server know of your need.*

A Prayer of Mission for Eucharistic Visitors

People *We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's body and blood.*

Celebrant Go in peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #194

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

*1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!*

*2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Savior giving.
Alleluia!*

*3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!*

*4. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!*

Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
Music: *St. Albinus*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Dismissal

People *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude

Guide me ever, Great Redeemer

Carlson

Worship Ministry for Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Jane Schmoetzer
LEMs	8am: Shanon Smith 10:15am: John Wells
Lectors	8am: Mary Vierck 10:15am: John Spencer
Acolytes	8am: 10:15am: Rick Walling
Eucharistic Visitor	H. Deckard
Ushers	8am: Mark D. & Tom S. 10:15am: Steve Wiley
Altar Guild Principal	Ann Barry
Music Director	John Spencer
Offertory Music	Julie Wiley
Video	Steve Wiley & Al Wells
Money	
Counters	Colin B. & John S.
Children's Chapel	Katie M. & Cynthia S.

*The altar flowers are given in honor of the Altar Guild,
and in loving memory of Evelyn Anderson.*

What's Happening at All Saints'

Summer Adult Formation - Join us each Sunday in the parish hall at 9:15am for Adult Formation! This summer we're focusing on passages that help us reflect on the diocesan annual theme, "Sing to the Lord a New Song." This week we'll discuss Acts 16:16-34 (Paul & Silas in prison).

Lay Minister Training - Acolytes, LEMs, ushers, lectors, and chalice bearers all play important roles in our Sunday worship. If you've been looking to get involved, please plan to attend our "Training Day" for all these service roles on **Saturday, August 8!** This day is intended both for new volunteers and current lay ministers.

10:00am Acolytes
11:30am Lectors
1:00pm Ushers
2:00pm LEMs
2:45pm Chalice Bearers
3:00pm Worship Leaders

August B4 Dinner - Our "Building Bridges Between Believers" series continues on **Tuesday, August 11, at 6pm.** We'll focus on the theological underpinnings of grace, and the practice of gratitude. We'd love to see you there!

Picnic in the Park - Mark your calendar for our annual joint outdoor service and potluck with St. Paul's on **Sunday, August 23, at 10am!** St. Paul's will be hosting at the Highlands Grange Park picnic shelter, at 1600 S. Union St., Kennewick, next to the Mid-Columbia Library. Bring a chair and a dish to share.

Camp Cross 2026 - Camp sessions have begun for the summer at Camp Cross, but registration is still open! Scholarships are available if needed - we want everyone to be able to enjoy Camp. You can find out more about each session as well as register at [**campcross.org**](http://campcross.org)

August Outreach: ELC - We are partnering with the Early Learning Center in Richland to provide needed items for their preschool students. We are collecting: NEW underwear (sz. 4-7) and socks (small); new or gently used shoes (sz. 11-13) and clothing (sz. 3T-5); as well as sanitizing wipes. Please bring your donations to the box in the narthex. Thank you!

Prayer for the Hawaii Youth Pilgrimage - Please join us in praying for Iris Slonecker and Katy O'Callaghan as they travel to Hawaii for the Province VIII Episcopal Youth Event (PYE).

*Loving God, as these pilgrims journey to Hawaii,
keep them safe on their journey and the ones they love safe at home.
Walk with them in every step, conversation, and new experience.
Open their hearts to see you in one another, in the beauty of creation,
and in the people they meet along the way.
Give them courage to grow, humility to learn, and joy in the friendships and faith they share.
May this pilgrimage help them know more deeply that they are known and loved by you.
Through Christ our guide and companion, Amen.*