

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 6, 2026**

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Intonation and Fugue

Scherer

Entrance Hymn #400

All creatures of our God and King

*1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,*

Refrain:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show: [Refrain]*

*5 All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
[Refrain]*

*7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]*

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over groups of three eighth notes on the fifth, sixth, and eighth staves. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The score concludes with a double bar line on the tenth staff.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sequence Hymn #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.*

*2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night*

*with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.*

*3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirch-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

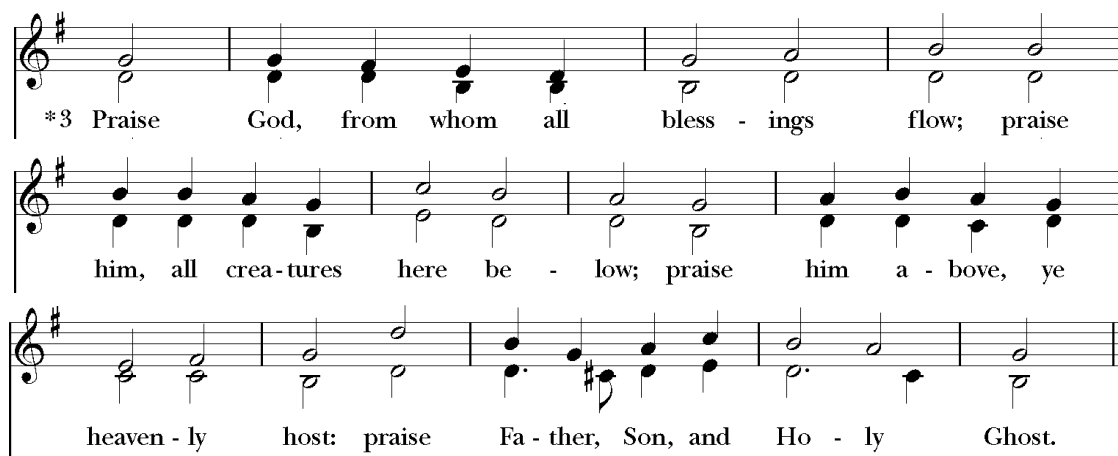
Offertory Anthem

S'œur Monique

Couperin

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 WLP #778

We are all one in mission

*1 We all are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.*

*2 We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent,
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so people of all nations may feel
God's warm embrace.*

*3 We all behold one vision,
a stark reality;
the steward of salvation
was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation
and hope amid despair.*

*4 Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.*

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Dismissal

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Voluntary on the Doxology

Purcell

Worship Ministry for Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Jan Griffin
LEMs	8am: Shanon Smith 10:15am: Julie Wiley
Lectors	8am: Michael Dodson 10:15am: John Spencer
Acolytes	8am: 10:15am: Athena P. & Lisa R.
Chalice Bearers	8am: 10:15am: Caleb T. & Susan P.
Eucharistic Visitor	H. Deckard
Ushers	8am: Tom S. & Mark D. 10:15am: Marlo W. & Layna K.
Altar Guild Principal	Ann Barry
Music Director	John Spencer
Video	Steve Wiley & Al Wells
Money	
Counters	Colin B. & Mary A.
Children's Chapel	Blake S. & Alex S.

What's Happening at All Saints'

Office Closed - The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, Sep. 7**, in honor of Labor Day. We'll see you on Tuesday!

Join the Choir - Choir rehearsals start on **Wed., Sep. 9**, with our first Sunday anthem on Sep. 13. We rehearse every Wednesday during the program year at 7pm. No auditions or experience required. Come sing with us!

Saints and Sinners - Our adult potluck social group will meet **Friday, Sep. 11** at the home of Joyce McClanahan, 418 Shaw St., Richland. We start with drinks and appetizers at 6pm, with dinner to follow. Please bring a place setting, as well as a lawn chair. Sign up in the narthex the week before or RSVP to Joyce.

Christian Formation Resumes - Our first day of the new formation year, **Sunday, Sep. 13**, will be a combined session, with adults, teens, and kids meeting in the multi-purpose room at 9am for the Godly Play story of “Holy Baptism.” Join us for the story, wondering, and feast!

Monday Bible Study - Bible Study begins on **Sep. 14 at 1pm** in the library, continuing their study of “Great Figures of the New Testament” by Dr. Amy Jill Levine. Email Liz Carter at 2lizandgeorge@gmail.com for more information. Please join us!

Tuesday Bible Study - Bible Study resumes on **Sep. 15 at 1pm** in the library. Tuesday’s group, led by Jan Wells, will study *The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible’s Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love* by John Shelby Spong. Questions? Email Jan Wells at jan@awells.net.

Traffic Notice - On **Sunday, Sep. 20**, the Tri-Cities will play host to the Ironman triathlon again. Expect lane and road disruptions in the morning, and plan ahead to make it to church on time! Traffic impact maps are available at <https://www.visittri-cities.com/events/signature/ironman/>.

All Saints’ Book Group - The Book Group will meet on **Thursday, Sep. 24 at 6pm** to discuss *Longitude*, by Dava Sobel. This book is a fascinating history of astronomy, navigation, and clockmaking. We’ll begin with a potluck dinner, and conclude with discussion. All are welcome!

Fall Gathering Day - Join us and our SW regional siblings for Fall Gathering Day on **Saturday, Sep. 26, from 9:30am-3:30pm**, here at All Saints’! All are invited, lay and clergy, for formation, fellowship, and worship.

Hygiene Items Needed - Any donations of the following items would be appreciated, as our youth put together hygiene packs for people displaced by wildfires. Please bring items to the church by **Sep. 27** - our goal is 50 packs. Thank you!

Needed: small shampoo and conditioner bottles, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, razors, lip balm.

Outreach Focus: White Swan - Through September, Outreach is collecting items for families who have lost their homes in the White Swan area fires. A complete list of needed items can be found in the Wed. Word and the Narthex. Outreach will deliver collected donations to the Yakama Nation.