

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Beneath the Tree of Life (*verse 1 only*)

Refrain



Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



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|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------|
| Je - sus, | sing - ing | praise | to him | who |
| pas - sion, | Oh how | sweet | the taste, | how |
| va - tion, | come and | die | to sin, | rise |
| mer - cy, | we in - voke | your name, | re - | |
| Gos - pel, | may we | bear | the fruits | your |



leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
 up to life with - in the reign of God.
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

To Refrain

GREETING

A 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.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

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

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
A 2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord:
Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



To Verses 1 and 2
earth.

To Verse 3
earth.

Final ending
earth.

Verse 1



☐ 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.

To Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O Lord God,

C Enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING Romans 13:8-14

A A reading from Romans

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ 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, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ If that person 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless-ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***“Hear us O God”***, the congregation responds, ***“Your mercy is great”***.)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

GIFTS OF OFFERING

(See inside cover for QR code to give electronically)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of creation,

C You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord.

P You bid us return to you and be renewed, that your justice may shine like the sun and the poor of the earth be lifted up. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy


Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,


God of pow-er 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, bless - ed is he who


comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho -


san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P On 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 to 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.

Remembering, therefore, his welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come.

Refrain



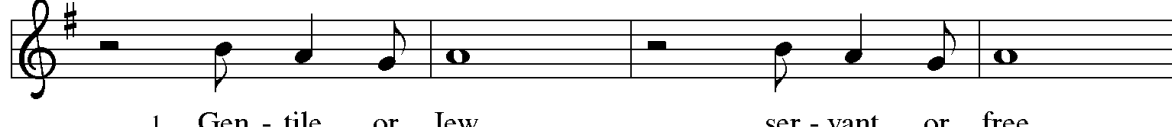
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

P Sustaining God,

C **With this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Roxanne Moger

Lector: Bob Dennis

Communion: Tamara & David Crocker

Coffee Corner: Tamara & David Crocker

Ushers: Dick Sprague, Dan Rowland
& Paul Mercurio

Altar Guild: Joanne Auerbach

Altar Flowers: Joanne Auerbach

HELPING HANDS FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th is God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday, and that is where the September's Helping Hands will be focused. If you have been around for prior years' GWOH activities, you know we don't limit ways to serve to just one Sunday!



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.





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Join Shine With Purpose for a special afternoon dedicated to mental health awareness, kindness, connection and hope.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Come for an hour or stay for the afternoon.



Together, we can remind people that *they matter, they are valued,* and they don't have to walk through life alone.



Questions?

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