



PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 21, 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD'S DAY

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Welcome and Announcements

RE Tom Sell

Preparation for Worship

*** CALL TO WORSHIP - RESPONSIVE READING**

Revelation 22:1-5, 12-14, 16-17, 20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Congregation Standing ◦ **Bold body of text recited together.**

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*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Sands of Time are Sinking

Words: Anne R. Cousin, 1857 (Based upon letters of Samuel Rutherford, 1600-1661.)
Music: Traditional Folk Tune; arranged by Philip Palmertree and Belmont RUF. ©2001 Philip Palmertree Music.

1. The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for – the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.
2. The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.
3. O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth ... In Emmanuel's land.
4. The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory ... of Emmanuel's land.
5. O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit – I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth ... in Emmanuel's land.

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

Rev. John D. Bennett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther[†]

**O Father, receive again the thing which you have created.
O Son, receive the thing which you have governed.
O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved.
Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses forever.
For I cry, Lord God and Father, mercy.
Lord God Son, mercy.
Lord God Holy Spirit, mercy. – Amen**

[†]*Martin Luther (1483-1546): Leading voice of the Protestant Reformation
due to his insistence on the biblical doctrine of justification by faith alone.*

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Isaiah 53:4-6

Minister: *For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy,
hear this word of assurance:*

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*** HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 247**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153. Tune: PASSION CHORALE, Hans Lec Hassler, 1601. Arranged by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729.

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. Is. 53:5



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, Thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but Thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
look on me with Thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to Thee.

Question 89: *What does the third commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To treat God's name, word, and works with reverence.**

Question 90: *What is the fourth commandment?*

Answer: **The fourth commandment is "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." (NKJV)**

Question 91: *What does the fourth commandment teach you?*

Answer: **To work six days and keep the Sabbath day holy.**

*** CONFSSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the Scripture,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. – Amen.

[†]The word "Catholic" means *universal* or *whole*.
It is not specifically referring to the Roman church, but all believers throughout the world.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

RE Dr. Jeremy Dalton

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. – Amen.**

Interlude

SERMON

Rev. John D. Bennett

Mark 10:1-12

¹And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

²And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Minister: *The Word of the Lord!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 611

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Words: Spiritual. Tune: WALK WITH ME, Arranged by John F. Wilson, 1964.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Is. 43:2

Unison

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

F C/E F A7 Em7/B A/C# A Dm Em7

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my
tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is
trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is

C7 Dm Dm/C Bm F C Dm Bm Gm7 A7 Dm Gm Dm 7

pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
al - most break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
bowed in sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see *Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence* on page 10 of the bulletin.

The Great Thanksgiving†

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: *It is indeed good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You and saying:*

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord Most High!**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: *The gifts of God for the people of God.*

*Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

The Invitation to the Lord's Table†

The Words of Institution

†Ushers will escort congregants to the communion table during the **Hymn of Communion**. Please take the elements back to your seat. After **The Words of Institution**, we will partake together.

‡*The Great Thanksgiving*, includes the *Sursum Corda* (Latin for "lift up your hearts," which dates back to the early 3rd century). The *Sursum Corda* calls us to be heavenly minded while we are summoned into the Lord's presence. Variations of this first phrase can be found in the liturgies of Augustine, Calvin, Knox, and Bucer. Being spiritually lifted into the throne room of Christ, we join the angels in worship, proclaiming "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

HYMN OF COMMUNION

Come, Ye Sinners

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1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth - Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - Amen.

* BENEDICTION

Psalm 67:1-2

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that [his] way may be known on earth,
[his] saving power among all nations.

Sunday School

- ❖ Sunday School meets weekly from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. Adult classes include:
 - **Union with Christ – Living Out Our Identity in Jesus:** Larry LaFreniere, Teacher, Room 10
 - **The Book of Isaiah:** Jeremy Dalton, Teacher, Room 11

Events This Week

- ❖ **Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.
- ❖ **Morning Men's Group** meets Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Youth Large Group** meets Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Covenant Kids** will meet this Wednesday from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** will meet this Wednesday, September 24, and next Sunday, September 28.
- ❖ **Providence Practical Theology Conference on Marriage:** This Friday, September 26, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., and this Saturday, September 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Author and Professor Dr. John Kwasny will be leading the conference.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Evening Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday, October 1, at 5:45 p.m. Child care and dinner are provided.
- ❖ **Monthly Congregation-Wide Fellowship Lunch:** Sunday, October 5, following the morning worship.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas Tech

- ❖ Large Group meetings are Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Raegan Watkins is the RUF intern. *RUF Pastor Search in process.*

Providence Weekly

- ❖ To receive the weekly Providence email newsletter, subscribe by entering your email at the bottom of the Home page at the church's website (www.providencecpca.org).

Meal Ministry

- ❖ **Shared Joy, Shared Pain, Shared Meal:** The women of Providence bring meals to people in the church as needed, such as births, deaths, hospitalizations, and illnesses. If you can provide meals or if you need a meal, contact Wendy Wilkerson, WendyInIdalou@gmail.com, or 806-831-5447.
 - Meal requests are registered at: www.TakeThemAMeal.com.

Nursery

... **is available during worship for children 5 and under**, although babies and children are welcomed and valued in our service. However, in order to facilitate a restful and reverent worship for all who enter, parents are encouraged to take advantage of the many resources we have available for children who become noisy or fussy.

- (1) A cry room with a live stream of the service is set up in Room 1, across the hall from the nursery, located at the west side of the building.
- (2) Snacks and coloring pages are located along the back wall of the sanctuary.
- (3) Children's Bulletins are located on the back table of the sanctuary.

Feel free to ask an usher or congregant for help in locating any of these helpful resources.

Ushers

❖ *Serving today*

- Levi Myers ◦ John Haley
Larry LaFreniere ◦ Peter Griffith

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- Jason Mulkey ◦ Ryan Henry
Tom Nicholson ◦ Trace Hunt

Nursery

❖ *Serving today*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Betty Bingham ◦ Missy Landess ◦ Alison Nicholson
• **Pre-School:** Melynn Henry ◦ Cana Dalton ◦ Libby Nicholson

❖ *Serving next Sunday*

- **Infant/Toddler:** Elizabeth Stewart ◦ Susan LaFreniere ◦ Ann Moushon
• **Pre-School:** Corrie King ◦ Merrill Mulkey ◦ Henry Mulkey

Celebrating the Lord's Supper at Providence

The Lord Jesus Christ is present with us by his Spirit at this table, so in His name we invite everyone who trusts Him for salvation and is a baptized member in a church which faithfully proclaims His gospel. However, we are warned not to partake if you do not trust Him or if you are living in unrepentant sin; instead, please let the bread and the cup pass by (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Rather, turn to Him in repentance and faith, so you may join in this glad and holy celebration of His saving death and resurrection life for all His people. Children who have made a public profession of faith and been received as members by the leadership of their church are also invited to the table. Children who have not yet made such a profession are asked to let the bread and the cup pass. We use wine in the Supper, but the outer ring of the tray is grape juice; we also hold the elements until everyone is served. Let us rejoice together in Him!

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Participating in Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and show me the reality of who You are. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I deserved. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. – *Amen*.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, help me to look to You as the fulfillment of all my needs, and to turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. – *Amen*.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. – *Amen*.

ESV Daily Bible Reading Plan for Week of September 21-27, 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Psalms/Wisdom</i>	<i>Pentateuch/History</i>	<i>Chronicles/Prophets</i>	<i>Gospels/Epistles</i>
09/21	Psalms 51	2 Samuel 11	Ezekiel 11:14-25	Luke 14
09/22	Psalms 52	2 Samuel 12	Ezekiel 12	Luke 15
09/23	Psalms 53	2 Samuel 13	Ezekiel 13	Luke 16:1 - 17:10
09/24	Psalms 54	2 Samuel 14:1-24	Ezekiel 14-15	Luke 17:11-37
09/25	Psalms 55	2 Samuel 14:25 - 15:12	Ezekiel 16	Luke 18:1-30
09/26	Psalms 56	2 Samuel 15:13 - 16:14	Ezekiel 17	Luke 18:31 - 19:27
09/27	Psalms 57	2 Samuel 16:15 - 17:23	Ezekiel 18	Luke 19:28-46

Sermon Notes

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Purpose Statement

Providence Presbyterian Church aims to worship and serve the one true and living God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people in Lubbock, West Texas, and the world. In doing this we will encourage and equip believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to grow in our love for one another and our neighbors; all the while endeavoring to know, live, and speak the love, joy, peace, hope, and truth of God's word revealed to us in the Scriptures.

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