

PENTECOST 16
September 27/28, 2025
Sat 5PM/Sunday 9:30am Live
Stream/Gilbert
Order of Worship

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREETING:

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Psalm 146)

We come to worship with grateful hearts seeking peace.

We trust in God, who provides all we need.

May our hope be anchored in Christ as we commit ourselves to him.

We set our hope on God alone and worship with thankful hearts.

May our hope be rooted in Christ as we commit to goodness and compassion.

We sing praises to God as we pray for peace and mercy:

KYRIE: ELW 157 (Tempe Only)



OPENING PRAYER:

Merciful God,

you teach us that true wealth is found in faith, love, and gentleness. Help us to trust in you more than in riches and to share generously with others.

May our lives honor you as we pursue righteousness and hold fast to the hope of eternal life. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: The Church

Verse 1

For the different ways we see You For all the ways You move All the colors and expressions Oh the beauty of Your Church What a masterful reflection When we are unified Truly celebrate each other And let go of our pride

Pre-Chorus

That You would have a spotless bride

Chorus

Oh praise the Father praise the Son Holy Spirit make us one Every nation tribe and tongue This is our cry Your Kingdom come

Verse 2

We surrender our agendas
Our preferences our plans
Would You help us work together
To be Your feet and hands
Our heart is just to know You
To show them who You are
The Gospel's still the answer

For every searching heart

Bridge

Brothers sisters under the banner of Your Name Mothers fathers under the banner of Your Name All Your children all for the glory of Your Name

Verse 3

Every story of revival
Every miracle we've seen
It's a glimpse of what is coming
So by faith help us believe
And we know the day is coming
When we will see Your face
Every knee will bow before You
And every heart will say

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Lord hear our cry Your will be done This is our cry Your Kingdom come

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Jesus Strong and Kind (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

Verse 1

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

Sat 5pm Tempe: *NO Children's Message* Sunday Tempe & Gilbert: *Sing at all services*

SPECIAL MUSIC GILBERT: After You/Run to the Father,

SPECIAL MUSIC TEMPE: Carry the Light, Sanctuary Choir

Keziah Miner

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come, Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne. Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame, Fill us with power to speak of Your name.
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said: 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:	
"Rich Man, Poor Man"	"Chasms"
Pastor Steven Holm	Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Sat 5pm/ Sunday Tempe)	(Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me save that Thou art Thou my best thought by day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart whatever befall Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Ending

Be Thou my Vision

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APOSTLES' CREED: ELW p. 127 I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, strengthen your church throughout the world. Unite us in your love, empower us to serve, and guide our leaders with wisdom and courage. May all your people share the grace and hope you give. God of grace, receive our prayer.

God of peace, pour out your Spirit where there is conflict and division. Inspire reconciliation, end violence, and let compassion flourish so that all people may dwell in safety and dignity. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful Healer, Bring comfort, hope, and restoration to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and grant strength to caregivers. Be with all who are ill, grieving, or in need (especially). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. Comfort all who mourn and keep us steadfast until we join with your people in everlasting life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a word of peace with our neighbors.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The grace of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for ELCA World Hunger.

You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at <u>www.desertcross.org</u> with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel

PENTECOST OFFERING SONG: Gratitude

Verse 1

All my words fall short I got nothing new How could I express All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs As I often do But every song must end And You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Verse 3

I've got one response I've got just one move With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

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OFFERING PRAYER:

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's compassion, let us confess the ways we have ignored the needs of our neighbors and hardened our hearts:

Merciful God,

We confess that we often turn away from those in need. Like the rich man who overlooked Lazarus at his gate, we have closed our eyes to the pain of others and failed to share compassion. Forgive us for our indifference and our failure to love as you command. Open our hearts to see Christ in the face of every neighbor and move us to respond with compassion and generosity. Teach us to live lives of mercy, crossing every barrier to offer your love to all. Amen.

Hear the good news: In Christ, God bridges every divide and offers forgiveness to all who turn to him. Your sins are forgiven in the name of Christ. + Freed from fear and selfishness, go and share God's mercy with the world, trusting that God's grace is more than enough for you and for all.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

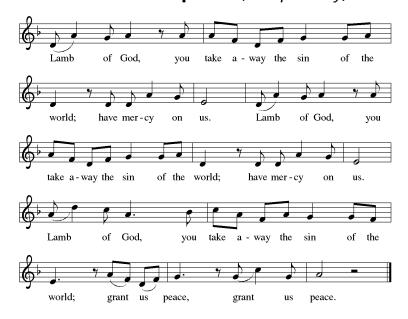
INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

This is Christ's table. There is a place for you. All are welcome.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p. 201 (Tempe Only)



DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 486 God Extends an Invitation

1 God extends an invitation to the table of creation, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we gather in thanksgiving and we offer all our living.

Here the feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor +
and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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