

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast
September 6, 2026 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

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Liturgist

Kevin Witte & Sean Califf

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

† *Gathering Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW 773

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Liturgy of the Word

† *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.**

† *Kyrie*

Leader



In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the



Lord.



For your

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



peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

† *Now the Feast*

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;

praise and glory for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u- nit-ed us to be one great people of God.

2 Pow- er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

† *Prayer of the Day*

God, your Holy Spirit nourishes us and makes us bear good fruit. In your goodness, you have given us boundaries and laws. Give us the self-control to live within your law for our good and the good of our neighbors. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Galatians 5: 22-23

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Acclamation:

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al-le- lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

† GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the

pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,
‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Beth

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant **ELW 659**

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

† Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our
prayers, confident that God hears us.

God, you give all your church the Holy Spirit, that we may all

bear good fruit. Make us rooted and growing in you, that the fruit of the Spirit in us may be abundant in our words, actions, and thoughts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for Dean, Wayne, Merlin, Mike, and the family and friends of Jane. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

† Peace

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Special Music: *Amazing Grace*

Luke Wartick

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were



gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from



all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared with-in our midst
2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have

gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

† *The Great Thanksgiving*

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of power and

might; heaven and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

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

Pastor: You are indeed holy... Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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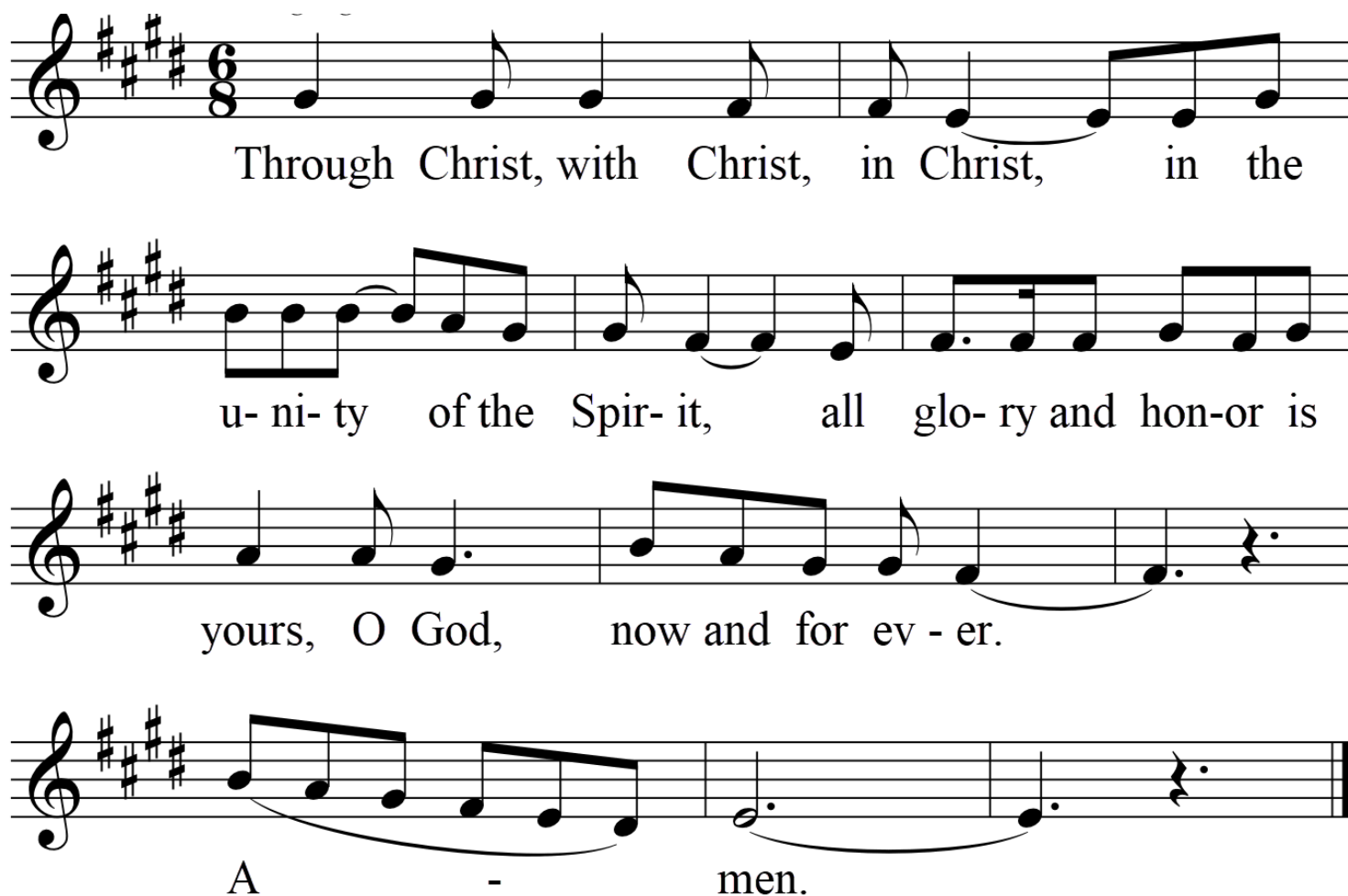
Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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† Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ



† Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Nuestro padre en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdónanos nuestros pecados
como nosotros perdonamos
los que pecan contra nosotros.
Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.
y líbranos del mal.
Por el reino, el poder y
la gloria es tuya,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of hatred and
 you are the way of justice and
 you are the way of mercy and
 world;
 fear;
 peace;
 love;

Congregation:

have mer-cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace,

Congregation:

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
 when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
 when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

Refrain

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred
all around us: *Refrain*

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: *Refrain*

When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: *Refrain*

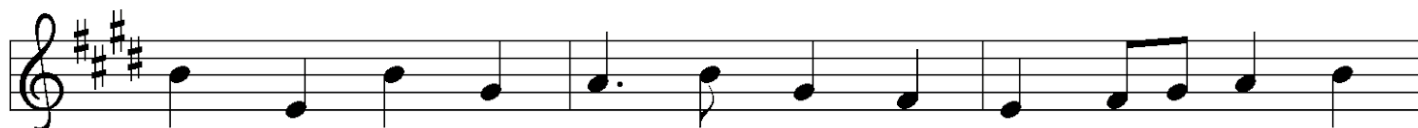
Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we
may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue
forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

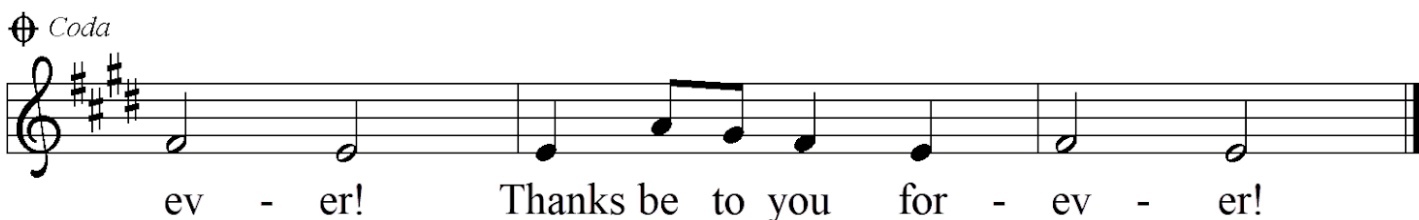
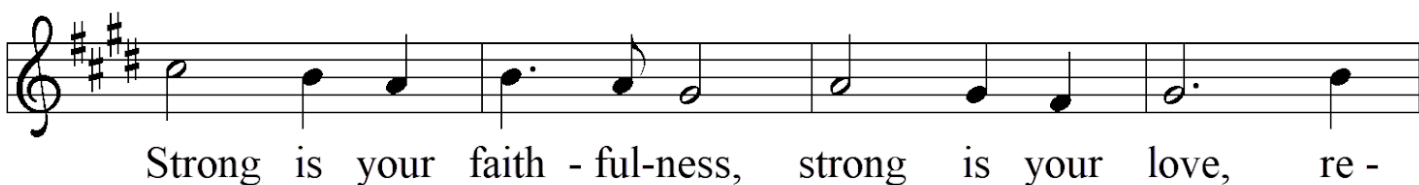
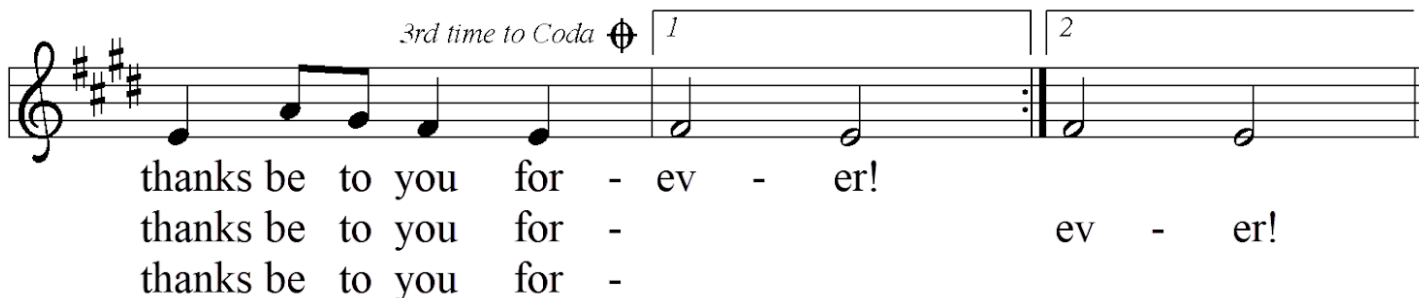
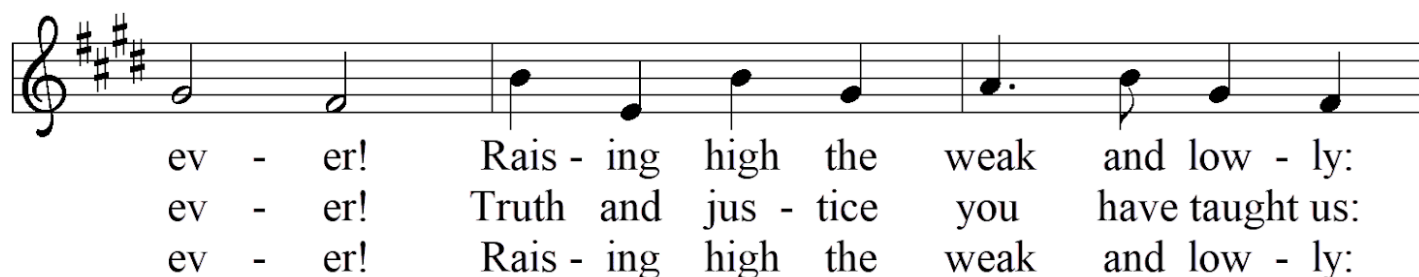
Sending

Announcements

† Song of Blessing



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



† *Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude