

# *the* FIFTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

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### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

**PRAYER** cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

### AS WE GATHER

Where's your cross? Some point to the cross they are wearing as a necklace or on their ears. Some may pull out of their purse the "Cross in my pocket" that they have been carrying around for years. Today, some may even point to a tattoo or belly-button cross. Strangely enough, many people will draw your attention to a burden they are bearing as their "cross." Thursday was the Feast of the Holy Cross, which is a symbol of victory over sin, death and the power of the devil. The Cross of Christ Crucified is upon you in remembrance of your Baptism on your forehead and hearts marking you as one who belongs to Him. It is in your life as you face the burdens of this world; not as the burdened, but as the overcomers of the world, triumphant in Christ. People will want to be their best around you because your best is Christ living in you. There is no room for foul language, tasteless jokes, gossip, or tolerating sinful behavior around you because Christ lives in you and everyone knows it. Celebrate the Cross in your life. Bear it passionately, on your forehead, on your lips, and in your heart, and through your life, because the Cross of Christ makes a difference in you as one belonging to Jesus and to all those around you who will want to be at their best. This celebration will become contagious and will be of great joy until our Lord returns.



# DIVINE SERVICE

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Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

OPENING HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (*stand last verse*) *LSB 940*

### OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

#### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P We come before God in His holy triune name, for it is in His name that we are saved by faith through Baptism. Yet, standing before God this day, drenched in the waters of Baptism, we are ever mindful of our sin, guilty before God and before one another. Let us therefore make confession of our sins, seeking His forgiveness.

C **We confess before You, heavenly Father, all our sins---those we are aware of and those known only to You. We have often failed to reflect Your genuine love to those around us and have even denied Your love of us. Instead of relying on Your Gospel for our source of strength and comfort, we have searched for worldly things to provide pleasure and solace. We are guilty of turning away from You and being persuaded by the whims of culture and desire. We have judged others unjustly for the very same sins of which we are guilty. Have mercy upon us, and grant us forgiveness in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether die, we are the Lord's. *Romans 14:8, NIV*

Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the grace of God, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen, Thanks be to God!**

### SERVICE *of the* WORD

INTROIT (*Latin for “He enters in”*)

*Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*

L The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C **Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**C With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**SONG OF PRAISE "O Sing to the Lord"**

*Praise Team - LSB 808*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (*Please be seated*)

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also

came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to

pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own

mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Breathe”** *(Please stand)*

*Praise Team*

*Verse* **This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me**

*Chorus* **And I I'm desperate for You  
And I I'm lost without You**

*Ending* **This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:21–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii,

and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

*(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

*LSB 843*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*LSB 845*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(Brief silence)*

*(The response following each petition)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*(Prayers conclude...)*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**SERVICE of the SACRAMENT**

*(begins on page 160 of the LSB)*

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.*

**PREFACE**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! est!  
Bles - sed is He who comes \_ in the name of the Lord; \_ Ho - ly, \_ ho - ly, ho - ly is He!  
\_ Hea - ven and earth \_ are full; full of Your glo - ry! Ho -

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** O Lord, our God, in whose name Your Son came and through whom we have been called to new life in the waters of Baptism, make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ that we may walk before You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Come and eat. The table is prepared.

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God \_ You take \_ a-way the sins of the world \_ have mer-cy on us.



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Lamb of God \_ You take a - way \_ the sins of the world \_ grant us \_\_\_ peace.

**DISTRIBUTION** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)

### SONGS:

"Jesus"

*Praise Team*

1. **There is a truth older than the ages**  
**There is a promise of things yet to come**  
**There is One born for our salvation, Jesus**  
**There is a light that overwhelms the darkness**  
**There is a kingdom that forever reigns**  
**There is freedom from the chains that bind us**  
**Jesus, Jesus**

*Chorus 1*

**Who walks on the waters**  
**Who speaks to the sea**  
**Who stands in the fire beside me**  
**He roars like a lion**  
**He bled as the Lamb**  
**He carries my healing in His hands**  
**Jesus**

2. **There is a name I call in times of trouble**  
**There is a song that comforts in the night**  
**There is a voice that calms the storm that rages**  
**He is Jesus Jesus**

*Bridge*

**Messiah**  
**My Savior**  
**There is power in Your name**  
**You're my rock and my Redeemer**  
**There is power in Your name**  
**In Your name**

- Chorus 2* **You walk on the waters**  
**You speak to the sea**  
**You stand in the fire beside me**  
**You roar like a lion**  
**You bled as the Lamb**  
**You carry my healing in Your hands**  
**God**

*Ending*

**Jesus, There is no one like You**  
**Jesus, There is no one like You**

“Jesus Messiah”

*Praise Team*

1. **He became sin, Who knew no sin;  
That we might become His Righteousness;  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.**
2. **His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, And the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.**

*Chorus*

**Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from Heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

*Bridge*

**All our hope is in You,  
All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God,  
The light of the world.**

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

*LSB 698*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God of heaven, You have given us Your name to bear in this world as a witness to Your grace and glory. You have granted us forgiveness through the body and blood of Your Son we have received today. Enable us to rejoice in our salvation and to live our lives to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

**P** For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

**C So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.** *Rom. 14:7-8*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

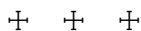
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG: “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”**

*LSB 685*



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