The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5-6, 2026
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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 590, *solo st. 3*

Invocation (*stand*) p. 213

Confession and Absolution

Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*) LSB 943
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 947
All **All glory be to God on high and thanks for all His favor;**
No harm can touch or terrify a child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—all strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You; we give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true and just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain. Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

O Jesus Christ, the only Son begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one with God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry, have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight and source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery: to this we hold forever.

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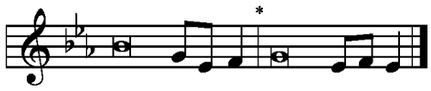
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen**. (*sit*)

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel Is Israel's Watchman* Ezekiel 33:7-9
7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word
from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall
surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die
in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his
way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have
delivered your soul.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Blessed Are the Forgiven* Psalm 32:1-7 (antiphon: v. 8)

[8]I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.

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[1]Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.

[2]Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

[3]For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.

[4]For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

[5]I acknowledged my sin to you,and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.
[6]Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.
[7]You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

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

[8]I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.

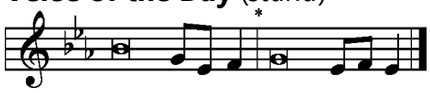
Epistle *Submission to the Authorities* Romans 13:1-10

[1]Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3]For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4]for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5]Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6]For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7]Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

[8]Owe no one anything, except to love each other, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Matthew 5:3



Alleluia. Alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in | spirit,* for theirs is the kingdom of | heaven.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Temptations to Sin* Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" [2]And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them [3]and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4]Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

[5]"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, [6]but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

[7]"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! [8]And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. [9]And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

[10]"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. [12]What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? [13]And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. [14]So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

[15]"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. [16]But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17]If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18]Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [19]Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [20]For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

Solo Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Refrain

All **Father welcomes all His children**
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Solo Little children, come to me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

All **In the water, in the Word,**
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*

All **Let us daily die to sin;**
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

Sermon

Creed (*stand*) LSB 953

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, all creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne and for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, praise forever be to Thee!

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Words of Institution

Sanctus LSB 960

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
the Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
with robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
one to the other called and praised the Lord:
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Pax Domini *congregation responds "Amen"*

Agnus Dei LSB 434, st. 1

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Distribution (*sit*)

"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near" tune: ST. CRISPIN

1 **O gracious Lord, with love draw near**
To these, Your children gathered here;
The Spirit's gift in them renew:
The gift of faith that clings to You.

2 **Sustain the work You have begun**
In these united to Your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
They have been cleansed by Jesus' blood.

3 **Deliver them from ev'ry wile,**
From all that would their hearts beguile,
From worldly ways and Satan's lies,
That they may not Your Word despise.

4 **Lord, keep them firm in their intent**
To You, Your Word and Sacrament.
O make them bold, their faith to share
And make them strong, each cross to bear.

5 **O Father, grant that by Your grace**
They may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death Your name confess.

6 **Then robed in white before Your throne,**
Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

1 **I want to walk as a child of the light.**
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain **In Him there is no darkness at all.**
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 **I want to see the brightness of God.**
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 **I'm looking for the coming of Christ.**
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617, st. 1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction *congregation responds "Amen"*

Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

Postlude

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