



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

L: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

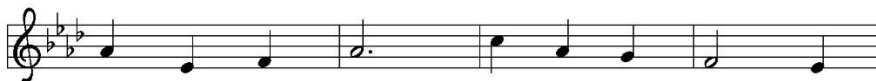
C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ, Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Earth and All Stars! ELW 731



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing	plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash - ing	cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel!	Loud pound - ing	ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs!	Loud boil - ing	test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth!	Loud sound - ing	wis - dom!



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Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams!	Loud build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and band!	Loud cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son!	Loud pray - ing	mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel 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 ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

L: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior, ELW 838



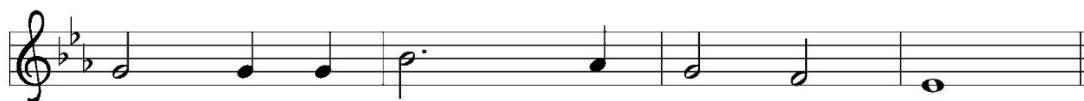
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs and bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church those in need and all of God's creation...

Each petition ends with:

L: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

L: ...All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

*Thy Will Be Done, Joyce Elaine Eilers
ORLC Choir, Daniel Hickox-Young, soloist*

OFFERING RESPONSE

Create In Me a Clean Heart O God

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God,

and put a new and right _____ spir - it with - in _____ me. _

And do not take — your ho — ly spir - it from me. —

Re - turn to me — the joy — of your sal - va - tion. —

Sus - tain a new — and will - ing spir it with in — me. —

and put a new and right _____ spir - it with-in _____ me. _____

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: ALL: Leader: 3

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mmmm Mmmm

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our Savior, Je-sus Christ, who on this day over came death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY HOLY

Sing each line twice



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r___ and might_____



2. Heav'n and earth___ are full___ of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est_____



3. Bless'd is he_____ who comes___ in the name of the Lord_____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world; _____

have mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of

God you take a-way the sin of the world; _____ have mer -

- cy on us. _____ Lamb of God you take a-way the

sin of the world; _____ grant us peace,

grant us peace, _____ grant us peace. _____

Optional Repeat

COMMUNION SONG

Bread of Life from Heaven, ELW 474

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love for you,	gave him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells in you;	make your
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare his death;	eat this



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dure.	Come,	learn	the	true
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn
									and,	with



Refrain

sat -	is -	fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv -	ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

- L: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
- C. **Amen**
- L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
- C. **Amen**
- L: The God of grace ✙ bless you now and forever..
- C. **Amen**

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine, ELW 671

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Verse 1

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Verse 2

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

DISMISSAL

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rite of Installation Service
for Bishop Justin A. Grimm

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 3:30 p.m.
Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley



ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry
will preside and preach.

Clergy are invited to vest
and process. The color
of the day is red.

A reception will follow.

Gift Cards Sales today. Stop by the table to see what is available for purchase. Thanks for your support.

September 13 is "**God's Work, Our Hands**" Sunday. On this day, ELCA congregations are encouraged to participate in service projects that help our neighbors. Cross Lutheran has again invited us to be a part of their service activities, which include putting together "blessing bags" of essential items for people living on the street. You can bring donations of the following items to church to help make the bags: black crew socks, winter hats, travel-sized toiletries. You can also help assemble the bags at Cross at **noon** on September 13. Let's join with our neighbors to share in God's Work with Our Hands!

Alley Shoppe - no donations will be taken from the public: Certain items will be accepted by the volunteers if in good condition (blenders, toasters, mixers, tea pots, coffee pots, lamps, full/queen/king sheets and blankets, quilts, towels and silverware).

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her continued treatment.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Cherie Kilbride

Lessons for next Sunday, September 13:

Genesis 50:15-21 and Matthew 18:21-35

Next week's lector: Jim Burke

A note on our new liturgy:

"Behold, I Make All Things New" was written by Ben Splichal Larson. Ben was killed in the Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010, when he was there with his wife, Renee, and his cousin, Jon. Ben sang the "Lamb of God" while buried in the rubble and then died. It was Ben's intention, and now his family's prayer, that the music he wrote to the ancient worship language of the church be a catalyst for renewal, hope, and faith for people and congregations. In the spirit of Ben, we give his liturgy to the Church with joy and pray it may bless all who sing it.



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