



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sunday, September 10, 2023



*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.  
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

**PRELUDE**

— *All stand as the bell is tolled.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      **“Earth and All Stars!”**      **H82 #412**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All*            **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**      *in front section of H82 #S 280*

*All*            **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Let us pray.  
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*All*            **Amen**

— *All are seated.*

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 33:7-11

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. 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. 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. 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?” 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?

Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
All            Thanks be God.

**Psalm 119:33-40**

Said by all in unison

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN** *“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”* **ELW #603**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 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. If the member 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. 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. 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON** *Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

**NICENE CREED**

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Hear us, O God,

*All* **Your mercy is great.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen**

— *All stand.*

**PEACE**

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

*Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!*

— *All stand.*

**OFFERTORY CANTICLE**      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*      *Old Hundreth*  
*All*      **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*All*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS      *in front section of H82 #S 125*

*All*      **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B      *BCP pg. 368*

*Presider*      We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All*      **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider*      And we offer our sacrifice of praise...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All*      **AMEN**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*      **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**

### FRACTION ANTHEM      *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"*      *in front section of H82 #S 169*

*Cantor*      My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

*Cantor*      Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

*All*      **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

### INVITATION

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.*

**COMMUNION HYMN I**      *"Blest Be the Tie That Bonds"*      **ELW #656**  
**COMMUNION HYMN II**      *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*      **H82 #581**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*All*      **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### BLESSING

*The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**      *"Lift High the Cross"*      **H82 #473**

### DISMISSAL

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.*

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## PARISH SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 15 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM  
Vestry Meeting 11:00AM

Sept. 11 ECW 6:00 PM

Sept. 17 16 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 18 Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM

Sept. 24 17 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Sept. 25 St. Clare's Kitchen 10:00 AM

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST. PATRICK’S CHOIR** | With great joy we welcome our Choir back from Summer Break! Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings. All are welcome. Come and sing with us - there is a place for you!

**ECW** | Ladies, please mark your calendar for the resuming of ECW meetings on Monday 11 Sept. 2023 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share.

**NURSERY** | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sundays of each month.

**FLOWER GUILD** | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

**VESTRY** | The Vestry will meet on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service in the All Saints Room.

**BACK FORTY** | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

**GIRL SCOUTS** | Troop 40276 will begin another year on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

**SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING** | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

September 10, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar  
 October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar  
 November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children’s Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** | Items needed: cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter.

**SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:**

1st – Carolyn Brunson, Michael Brunson Jr., Hermine Holt 11th – Celie Hogue 30th – Jo Cerrone, Janet Ranew

**BIRTHDAY:**

August 27th - Jane Swanson 30th – Tony Moreschi  
 September 2nd – Doris Alley 4th – Michael Northrop, Myra Walker 8th – Billy Youngblood 11th – Anne Gibson  
 13th – Evelyn  
 Clements 19th – Grant Combs, Orva Voth 22nd – Autumn Hart, Emily McPeters 23rd – Ellie Driggers 25th –  
 Danyelle Barber  
 26th – Barbara Cumbee 27th – Kennedy Hackett 28th – Mindy Northrop 29th – Hermine Holt

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

11th – Jimmy & Carole Clements 24th – Sergio & Jo Cerrone, Steve & Joanne Tanner

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

Ray M., Mark Brunson, Bonnie Hough and Family, Donna Timmons and Family, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsisis.

<b>SERVING IN WORSHIP</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	Sandy Wingard	Marian White
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Jane Braun, Adia and Donna Sakura-Lemessy	Sunny LaFontaine Mary Shapard
<b>OFFERTORY BEARERS:</b>	Tom and Orva Voth	Sandy Wingard, Aida Cerney
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Tom and Orva Voth	Libby Sisson
<b>USHERS:</b>	Marian White, Rose Dunlap	Bob Cerney, Howard Glover
<b>A/V TEAM:</b>	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
<b>READERS:</b>	Joyce Bridges-Judkins	Bill Young
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Kennedy Hackett	Daniella and Emmanuella Okafor
<b>CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Sandra Rowe	Stacey Driggers
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