

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 8:00 a.m.

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## As We Gather

*The Lord has blessed us with the gift of the creation, which continues to call us back to worship the almighty God, who created all things. May we this day join our voice with all creation to praise Him, for we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).*

## Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) “This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

LSB 903



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the  
2 To - day He rose and left the dead, And Sa - tan's  
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To Da - vid's  
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - jice, let  
em - pire fell; To - day the saints His  
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,  
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
tri - umphs spread And all His won - ders tell.  
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from Your throne.  
comes to us To save our fall - en race.  
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

## Invocation & Opening Sentences

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: **and forget not all His benefits,**

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: **who heals all your diseases,**

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

## Confession & Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### “How Great Thou Art”

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. O God, our righteousness, restore the broken relationships in Your Church that have been fractured by sin and selfishness. May the warmth of Your forgiving grace melt our cold and stubborn hearts. Provide reconciliation and peace where division and discord reign, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

### First Reading *(Please be seated)* “The Continuation of the Ministry of Jesus” Acts 1:1-3, 8

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God...<sup>8</sup> [Jesus said to His disciples,] “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

#### “Living to the Lord”

Romans 14:1, 5-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions...<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>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; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse *(Please stand)*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

### Holy Gospel

#### “Parable of the Unforgiving Servant”

Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>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.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>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.

**Children's Message** *(Please be seated)*

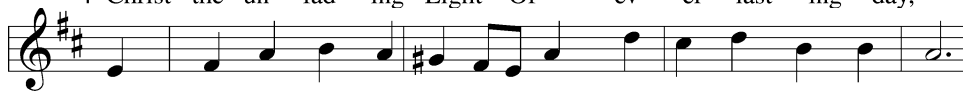
**Hymn of the Day**

**"Christ the Eternal Lord"**

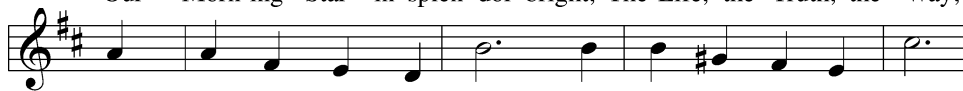
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1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

1) He was only \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>1:1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach... <sup>8</sup> [Jesus said,] “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:1, 8).

2) Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

a. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ .

[Jesus said,] “...behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b).

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ is even more than we imagine our \_\_\_\_\_ could be.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:10a).

<sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost sinner, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life (1 Timothy 1:16).

c. His \_\_\_\_\_ over the obstacles of this life.

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear (Philippians 1:12-14).

## Apostles' Creed *(Please stand)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship *(Please be seated)*

*(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)*

## Gathering of Offerings

*(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.)*

*If you would like to contribute electronically, either onetime or ongoing gifts, please use [www.clcs.org/donate](http://www.clcs.org/donate) or the QR code here.)*

## Offering Hymn

## “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for the oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.



## Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

- P: Let us pray for needs of God's people, our community, and our world.
- L: Dear heavenly Father, look with favor upon the nations of the world, especially those suffering from war, conflict, disease, and famine. Be their peace and healer. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- L: Lord, You have made us the light of the world. Help us bring Your light and love to our workplaces. Increase in us the willingness to forgive others as we have been forgiven in Christ. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- L: Lord, You have given us the gifts of families and friends. Look with favor upon our relationships. Bring reconciliation where there is division. Bring love where there is anger. Bring hope where there is despair. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- L: Lord, send Your forgiveness to all who are weighed down by guilt. Bring resurrection hope to all who hide their sins in shame. Remind them of the baptismal waters, which make them a child of God. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- P: Lord, we rejoice today with those who celebrate. Thank You for all the benefits You have shown to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- P: Lord, we pray for all those who are sick, grieving, or in other times of physical or emotional pain. *(Special petitions)*. Increase in us hope for Your coming kingdom through these present problems and pains. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C: for His steadfast love endures forever!**
- L: All these things we bring before You, O Lord. Hear us now as we pray:
- 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 6:30 p.m. service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.**

***Holy Communion*** - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

**As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.**

*Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.*

*Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.*

# ✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠

8:00 a.m.

## 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 by the blood of His precious cross has brought peace and forgiveness to all the earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus *(Sung)*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

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

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

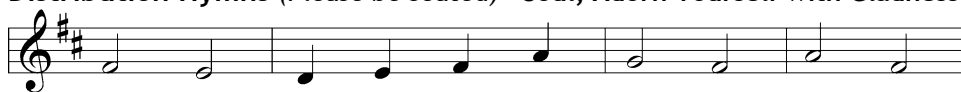
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☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

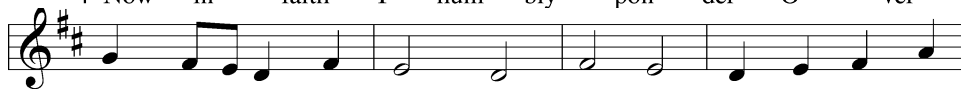


Distribution Hymns (Please be seated) "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

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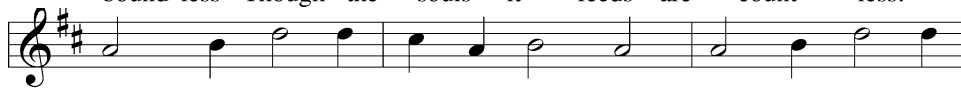
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



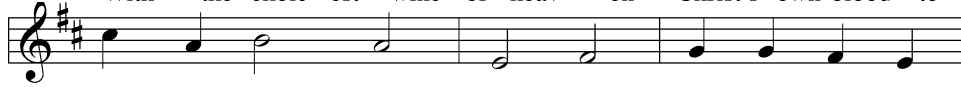
gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost - nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

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5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

**Post-Communion Canticle** *(Please stand)* “Thank the Lord”

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

L: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the benefits of forgiveness, peace, and unity You have given us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to forgive others as we have been forgiven in this Meal, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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6:30 p.m. service continues here

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal  
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -  
ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Postlude

*Next Sat., Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> join us for a special service as the Calvary School 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will lead us in worship for a Reformation Musical and Hymn Sing.*

*Next weekend (Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>), Marv & Rhonda Hansen will be sharing more information about the upcoming India mission trip. A special door offering will also be gathered at that time to provide Bibles for distribution to the people of India.*