



13th Sunday after Pentecost—August 30, 2009

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

PRELUDE

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, . . . and the Holy Spirit. ☑ Amen.

☞ Sisters and brothers, . . . God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ Holy and gracious God,

☑ **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

☞ In the mercy of almighty God, . . . blood of Christ. ☑ Amen.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

#627

(Please sing alternate stanzas 2-4 on facing page)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Word

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

A A reading from Deuteronomy:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

A The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 15

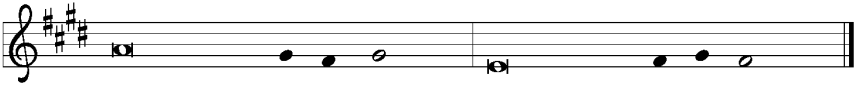
Sung antiphonally

REFRAIN: Choir, then all



A LORD, who may dwell in your tab - er - na - cle?

VERSES: Light=Choir, Bold=All. ☒ = Refrain (All)



☒ ¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

☒ ²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take | back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. ☒

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

James 1:17–27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

☒ A reading from James:

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

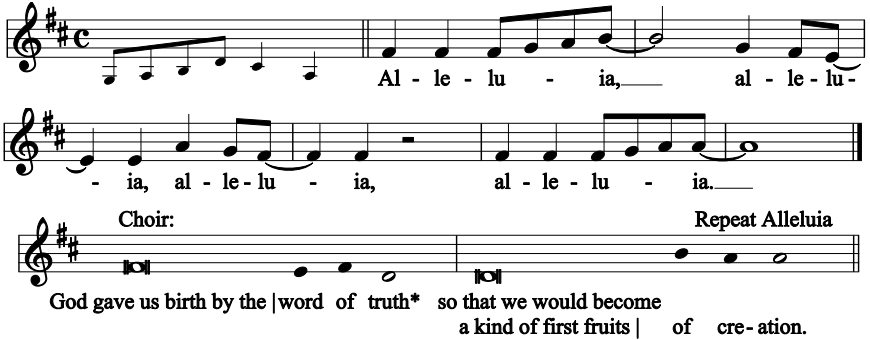
²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Choir: Repeat Alleluia
 God gave us birth by the | word of truth* so that we would become
 a kind of first fruits | of cre - ation.

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Ⓐ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Change My Heart, O God

#801

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

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☐ ...God of mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE CHOIR

With Songs of Rejoicing

J.S. Bach, arr. Hopson

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

#183

Meal

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Holy God,

C you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above. Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

D Holy God, our Maker, . . . both now and forever. **C** Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

Certainly, Lord

This Far by Faith #113

1 Have you got good re - li - gion?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you
2 Have you been re - deemed?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you
3 Have you been to the wa - ter?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you
4 Have you been bap - tized? . .	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you

got good re - li - gion?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you got good re - li - gion?
been re - deemed?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you been re - deemed?
been to the wa - ter?	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you been to the wa - ter?
been bap - tized? . .	Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Have you been bap - tized? . .

Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly, Lord!
Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly, Lord!
Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly, Lord!
Cer - t'nly, Lord!	Cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly,	cer - t'nly, Lord!

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☑ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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☐ Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. ☒ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless you... † give you peace.

☑ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

BAND

Thy Word

arr. Pethel

COMMEMORATION FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, September 2, 2009: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns



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**We celebrate Holy Communion
every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.**

IN NEED OF PRAYER _____

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Gabrielle Faith O'Melia (Michalskis), Holly Erickson, Carolyn Kucinkas, Amy Martin, Mike Knight, Tina Gleisner, Dan Kretschmer (Nina Kretschmer), the youth of FLCR, and the grieving families of Susan Gentry (Nancy Gentry's daughter), Susan Chmielecki, Eda Johnson, and Norman Hedenberg

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