



15th Sunday after Pentecost—September 13, 2009

9:00 A.M. Outdoor 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

PIANO AND ORGAN How Great Thou Art arr. John F. Wilson

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, . . . endures forever. ☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us approach the throne. . . our sin and trusting in God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ God of truth,

☑ **we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.**

☐ Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, sacrificed himself for us and for our sins. In Christ, you are freed from your sins and given a place in God's household forever.

☑ **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN The Summons #798

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING Page 165, front of hymnal

☐ 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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

▣ A reading from Isaiah:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens —
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting;

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

▣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 116:1-9

Sung antiphonally

REFRAIN: Choir, then all



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



☒ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

☒ **for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."** ☒

⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;
I was brought low, | and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living. ☒

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.

☒ A reading from James:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us

make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Choir: Repeat Alleluia

Christ suffered for sins
once for all, the righteous for | the un- righteous,* in order to bring | you to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Ⓟ ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross

#660

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

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Ⓟ ...Here us, O God.

☛ **Your mercy is great.**

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE CHOIR Who Put the Tears in the Eyes of the Lamb? Carol Bass

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

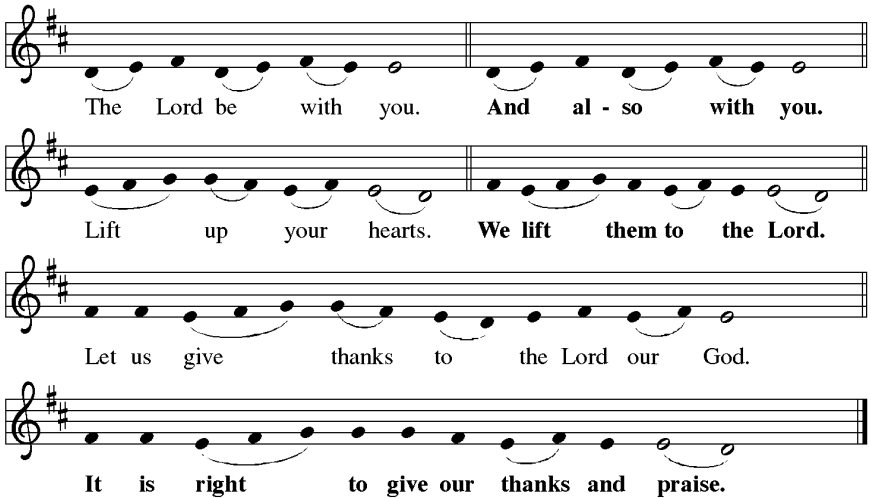
THE OFFERING PRAYER

- A** God of majesty,
C in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care what you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** Holy God, our Bread of life,...both now and forever. **C** Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Right Column

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*Sit***THE DISTRIBUTION**

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#810

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#774

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ The body and blood...keep you in his grace.

☞ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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☞ Loving God,...Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.**

THE BENEDICTION

☞ The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace. ☞ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Heroic Toccata

Edward Broughton

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 13: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.



Monday, September 14: Holy Cross Day



Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Wednesday, September 16: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died c. 258

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.



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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.

Irene Lukasiewski, Donald Ruta, Wayne Lord, Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Jessy Matthews, the youth of FLCR, Carl Gustafson, James Buys, Richard Buys, Eleanor Calderone, Allan Peterson (Eleanor Calderone's brother), and the grieving families of Susan Chmielecki, Eda Johnson, Norman Hedenberg and J. Hernandez (Louis Sacco)

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In memory of Adolph Johnson by twin daughters Cindy Pavano and Sandy Quarello.

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