

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 13, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #731: O God, Forsake Me Not

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

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.**

Confession of Sins

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.**

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

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalms 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

P: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

C: **save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.**

P: Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C: **for to You do I cry all the day.**

P: Gladden the soul of Your servant,

C: **for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

P: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C: **listen to my plea for grace.**

P: But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;

C: **turn to me and be gracious to me;**

P: give Your strength to Your servant,

C: **and save the son of Your maidservant.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C: **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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.
O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8–16 (ESV)

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have

said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that He spoke by Elijah.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Galatians 5:25–6:10 (ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

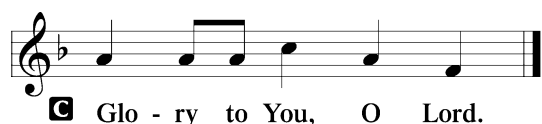
One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #712: Seek Ye First

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

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.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #636: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
2. #725: Children of the Heavenly Father
3. #632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Thank the Lord (sung) (stand)

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

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.



A - men.

Hymn #740: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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