

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF  
PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



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TURN AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

Matthew 18:3



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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

"Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise"

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1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful  
2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace And con - stant -  
3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; Their whole de -  
8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall



hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -  
ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they know it  
light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus, and to  
rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the an - gel hosts a -



ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.  
well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.  
keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.  
dore With grate - ful songs for - ev - er - more.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*Revelation 5:11-14*

**P** Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**C** **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

**P** And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**C** **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

**P** And the four living creatures said,

**C** **"Amen!"**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

† Service of the Word †

## Psalm 32:3-4, 7

**L** For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*

**C** **through my groaning | all day long.**

**L** For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*

**C** **my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

**L** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\*

**C** **you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

## Gloria Patri

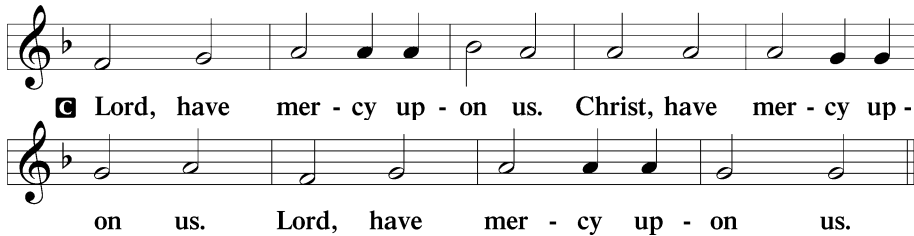
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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Praise

### "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long  
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:  
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -  
treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -  
more than an - y That brought me sal -  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized  
va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **Collect of the Day**

*2 Tim. 4:22*

**P** O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman 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 one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 13:1-10*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, 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: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on

earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Children Message**

*-Children of all ages are welcome to approach the altar at this point-*

### **Sermon Hymn**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

LSB 549



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
6 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball  
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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**Sermon**

"Higher Thoughts"

*Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at*

[www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving),

*or mail to 202 E. Fifth St, Royal Oak, MI 48067*



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn** (during offerings)



## Prayer of the Church

*-The 8:15am service will continue with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-*

### † THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

#### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### Proper Preface

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

#### Sanctus

LSB 195

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

*Mt. 6:9-11*

**☩ 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 Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Co. 11:23-25

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**♫** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

LSB 634



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



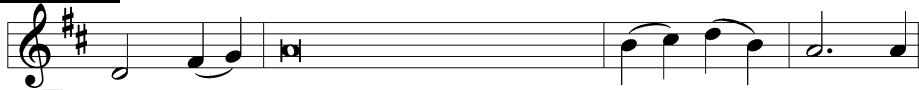
wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*



**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -**



**cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**



**which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,**



**a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy**



**peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and**



**to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,**



**is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Benediction**

*Num. 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.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

*LSB 725*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## **Serving us in Worship**

Preacher Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski  
Music Gregory Paul  
Altar Guild Johanna Schurrer  
Readers 815-Barb Costakes  
1100-Chris Francik  
Elders 815-Chuck Brewer

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