

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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# THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Moscow



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-  
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy  
 in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in

at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.  
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated*

- <sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- <sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- <sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- <sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## SECOND LESSON

*James 2:1-10 -17*

*Reader* A Reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
 yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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## THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis



## THE NICENE CREED

*Said in unison.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

We are humbled by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who support your mission of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits.

Pray for the world.

*Silence*

We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer: N.

Pray for those who are suffering.

*Silence*

We are grieved by the loss of those who have died, especially N., recently departed. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*Blaenhafren*

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we  
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our  
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion  
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,



not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

### SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
 source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
 and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

## SANCTUS

### *Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
    Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
    Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.  
On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

### EPICLESIS

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. AMEN



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

*People and Celebrant*

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM (SUNG BY CANTOR)

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread is given to communicants with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

One bread, — one bod - y, —

one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. \_\_\_\_\_ And we, \_\_\_\_\_ though  
 man - y, \_\_\_\_\_ through - out the earth, We are one  
*Last time*  $\oplus$   
 bod - y in this one \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last time*  $\oplus$   
 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and  
 1. free, wom - an or man, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. works, one in the Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one \_\_\_\_\_  
*D.S.*  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ no more. \_\_\_\_\_ One  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of all. \_\_\_\_\_ One  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ for all. \_\_\_\_\_ One  
*D.S.*



♩ CODA

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Christ the Solid Rock

*Bradbury/Mote*

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My  
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 2. an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All  
 3. then is all my hope and stay.  
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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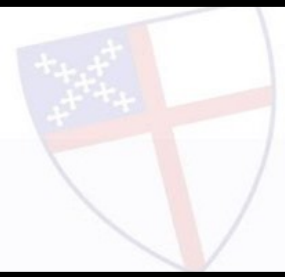
*Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.*

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Terrie Knox  
 in thanksgiving for all God gives us



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## PRAYERS

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Annie Stinson

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Vestry

Happy Anniversary: John and Brenda Donohue

For those who are sick: Kitty, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary, Vickie, Joleen, Christine, Obi, Charlie, Cynthia.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 7–Friday September 10

8:00 AM—Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

September 12

10:00 AM Sunday In-Person Eucharist and Virtual Service

12:00 PM Outdoor Service in the Peace Garden (Masks Optional)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premieres on YouTube

## The Bible Tells Me So

Pastor Amy from Trinity Lutheran church is offering a class this Fall using the book *“The Bible Tells Me So”* by Peter Enns. St. Peter’s parishioners are welcome to attend. Here is the description and dates:

“Have you ever started reading the Bible and wondered, ‘Why is it full of violence?’ ‘Why would God do/say that?’ How do we reconcile what is *in the Bible* with *what it means for us today*? This class is for anyone with questions about the Bible, God, or faith. It is for anyone who is comfortable with the Bible, God, or faith. It is, truly, for anyone.

In our 7 sessions, we will use the book and video series from author and theologian Pete Enns. *“The Bible Tells Me So chronicles Enns’s spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God’s Word as it is actually written.”*

Sign up now to join Pastor Amy on Mondays at 11:30 (in person) or 6:30 (online) for *The Bible Tells Me So*. Classes will be 60-90 minutes long.

**Dates:** September 13, September 20, October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1

**In Person:** gather in the sanctuary at 11:30 am for the video. We will adjourn to the large group classroom for conversation. Feel free to bring your lunch!”

**Note:** There is a link to the registration form on Trinity Lutheran’s website, and also the link will be included in our weekly email.

