



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 AM

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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE - "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue," by John Leavitt
(b. 1956)

Based on ELW 644

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” ELW Hymn 835

***GREETING**

May 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.**

***GLORIA**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual
mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us
everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and
salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever
you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
8 If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do
not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall
die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if
you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from
their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved
your life.

10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said:
“Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away
because of them; how then can we live?” 11 Say to them: As I live, says the
Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the
wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil
ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 119:33-40



33 Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

**34 Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

35 Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

**36 Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain. R**

37 Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

**38 Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law. 9 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.” 10 Love does no wrong to a
neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment
for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when
we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then
throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us
walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit
sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on
the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its
desires.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15 “If your brother or sister sins against you,
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are
listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to,
take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be
confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person
refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to
listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax
collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you
ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or
three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

ELW Hymn 735

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and
whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you