



**HOLY COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AFFIRMATION OF VOCATIONS**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (ELW # 408 - favorite) →

Anonymous

ITALIAN HYMN
Felice de Gardini

1 Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4 To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est

1 name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all -
2 might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy
3 wit - ness bear In this glad hour: Thou who al -
4 prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

1 glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come, and reign
2 peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess; Spir - it of
3 might - y art, Now rule in ev - ery heart, Nev - er from
4 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -

1 o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
2 ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
3 us de - part, Spir - it of power.
4 ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

INVOCATION (✠ = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Sisters and brothers, be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. (*taken from Ephesians 4:2-3, 5:8&11*)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Holy and gracious God, **C: we confess that we have not led a life worthy of our calling. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to Your will. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of Your grace. Make us holy and blameless before You in love, so that we might live to the praise of Your glory. AMEN.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off are brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This Is the Feast*” (ELW p140) →

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: O God our strength, without
You we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us
from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and
cleanse us from all evil that arises from within our-
selves, that we may be preserved through Your Son, Je-
sus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 45:1-15

(congregation reads indented)

My heart is stirred by a noble theme

as I recite my verses for the king;

my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

You are the most excellent of men

and your lips have been anointed with grace,

since God has blessed you forever.

Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;

clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously

in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness;

let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Let your sharp arrows pierce

the hearts of the king's enemies;

let the nations fall beneath your feet.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

All your robes are fragrant

with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

Daughters of kings are among your honored women;

at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:

Forget your people and your father's house.

The king is enthralled by your beauty;

honor him, for he is your lord.

The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift,

men of wealth will seek your favor.

All glorious is the princess within her chamber;

her gown is interwoven with gold.

In embroidered garments she is led to the king;

**her virgin companions follow her
and are brought to you.**

They are led in with joy and gladness;

they enter the palace of the king.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“His Banner Over Me Is Love” →

1 I am my Be-lov-ed's and He is mine- His
2 He brought me to His ban-quet-ing ta-ble- His

1 ban-ner o-ver me is love, I am my Be-lov-ed's and
2 ban-ner o-ver me is love, He brought me to His

1 He is mine- His ban-ner o-ver me is love;
2 ban-quet-ing ta-ble- His ban-ner o-ver me is love; He

1 I am my Be-lov-ed's and He is mine-
2 brought me to His ban-quet-ing ta-ble- His

ban-ner o-ver me is love, His

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGSong of Solomon 2:2-13.....p. 1050

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGJames 1:2-4, 12-27.....p. 1880

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“He is Exalted” (FC - Twila Paris)



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will



praise him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will



praise his name! He is the Lord; for -



ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly



name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 7:1-23.....p. 1563

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Please sit.*) “When To Change and When Not To”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

“Yield Not To Temptation” (TFF # 195 - Horatio R. Palmer)



1 Yield not to temp - ta - tion, for yield - ing is sin;
2 Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, bad lan - guage dis - dain;
3 God saves us in tri - al, God gives us the crown;



each vic - t'ry will help you some oth - er to win;
God's name hold in rev - 'rence, nor take it in vain;
through faith we shall con - quer, though of - ten cast down;



fight val - iant - ly on - ward, dark pas - sions sub - due.
be thought - ful and ear - nest, kind - heart - ed and true.
Christ Je - sus our Sav - ior our strength will re - new.



Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.

Refrain



Ask the Sav - ior to help you, com - fort, strength - en, and keep you;



he is will - ing to aid you, he will car - ry you through.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 22)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. As we gradually return to normal, people have the choice of receiving the elements "contact-free" (continuous flow on left side) or kneeling in "tables" and being handed the elements (right side). For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Beautiful Savior" (SBH # 434 - favorite) →



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing
 bright the spar - kling stars on spring;
 Son of God and Son of Man! high;

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

2. “Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus” (Maj # 440 - favorite) →

> 1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His Word,
 > 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
 > 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest, and joy and peace.
 And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

TEXT: Louisa M. R. Snead MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick 8.7.8.7. with Refrain TRUST IN JESUS

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

AFFIRMATION OF VOCATIONS *(Please sit.)*

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of

all creation in thanksgiving for what He has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm those who are endeavoring to carry out their vocation as Christians in the world.

Those who are employed or looking for employment are invited to stand in place to receive the Lord's blessing as Christians in the workplace.

P: Having determined to live out your faith through your work, in the place of your employment, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you, to the best of your ability, daily pray and seek the assistance of God's Spirit to help you to be faithful to serve in the market place according to God's will for you in Christ's name?

R: I will, and I ask the Holy Spirit to help me be faithful.

P: May you serve the Lamb well and bring glory to His name!

R: AMEN.

BLESSING

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: 

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

(ELW # 580 - Text: Fred Pratt Green; Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry) →

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Unison

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker/Sharon Branigan
PHONETREE: Marianne Sands
SOUND SYSTEM: 9:00-Chris Chmela
LIVE STREAM: Jan Stryker
LITURGIST: 9:00-Patty Stein
LECTOR: 9:00-Penny Miller
COMMUNION: 9:00-Patty Stein/Jonathan & Josh Miller
PRAYER CARE: Sharon Branigan
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker/Karen Brown
COMMUNION VISITORS: Pastor Brown
GRASS CUTTERS: Gary Mosser/Mike Miller/Nick Wechsler

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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