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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

SERVICE OF THE WORD - ELW pg. 213 #2

Prelude – “Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven” – setting, Wayne Wold

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 865 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – (ELW 157)

The musical score for Kyrie (ELW 157) is written for two parts: Leader and Assembly. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score consists of six systems of two staves each. The lyrics are as follows:

Leader: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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HYMN OF PRAISE – (ACS 1089) HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

... lle-nos es-tán el cie-lo y la tie-rra de tu glo-ria.
 your glo-ry fills all heav-en and earth. ... You are ho-ly, God.

Ben-di-to el que vie-ne, en nom-bre del Se-ñor. ...
 ... Bless-ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho-san-na en el cie-lo. San-to-e-res, oh Dios.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. You are ho-ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
 Music: Argentine traditional
 English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

ARGENTINE SANTO
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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.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Alicia Driver, Worship Assistant

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So 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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰Now 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?" ¹¹Say 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?

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

(The Psalm will be read, beginning with Leader)

³³Teach 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.**

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

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

³⁷Turn 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.**

³⁹Turn 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.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**Alicia Driver, Worship Assistant**

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law.

Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 174)

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Pastor – The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**Pastor Kelly Reagan**

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If the member 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 603 GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Hear us, O God.

Cong – 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.

Cong – Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “Be Thou My Vision” – setting, John Carter

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY HYMN – (ELW 695) GOD, MY LORD, MY STRENGTH v. 1

**As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Cong – Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

Cong - Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 543 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

(Please be seated)

Postlude

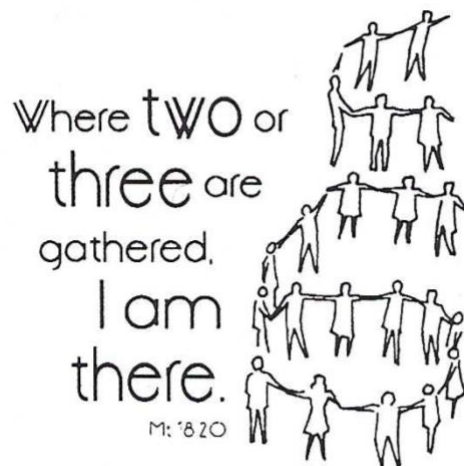
Pastor - Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER OF THANKS

Thanks be to God as Sterling MacKensie is born on September 1 to Gabby & Eric. She is the great-granddaughter of Pastor Mel & Jan Younger.



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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| <p>1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!</p> | <p>3 Tenderly he shields and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.</p> |
| <p>2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!</p> | <p>4 Angels help us to adore him,
who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.</p> |

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

PRAISE, MY SOUL

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603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless - ing; make us stron - ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: William H. Monk, 1823–1889
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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

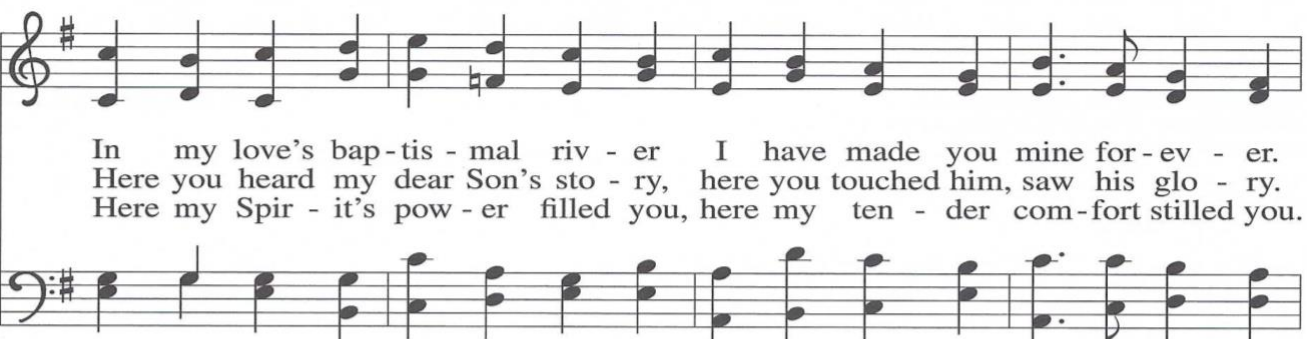
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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."