# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

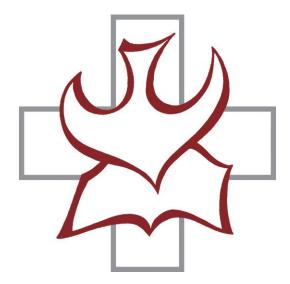
Saturday, September 13, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 14, 2025 - 8:00 a.m.

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The season of Pentecost continues to think about God's work in His Church by the power of His Spirit for the sake of all creation.

#### Theme of the Day

God has given us the gift of music as it lifts our souls and leads us deeper into God's truth. Music engages our hearts, minds, and bodies, as it guides us in prayer and confession, praise and thanksgiving, encouragement and proclamation. Music gives expression to the joys and sorrows of our journey of faith, as we turn to the promises of Christ in every time of life. Today, we celebrate the strong and powerful Word of God that is proclaimed to us and by us within the music and songs of our worship service, for God's strong Word bespeaks us righteous.



**Are You a Guest?** Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. <u>Please Note</u>: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 11.

#### **Red Connection Pads**

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using <u>clcs.org/attendance</u> or the QR code to the right.





### A Note on Offerings

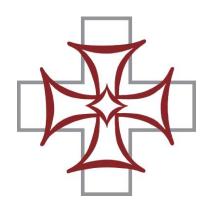
In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

#### Call to Worship

- L: This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)
- L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C: Teach me Your paths.
- L: Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C: Your Word is truth. (Psalm 84:10; 25:4; John 17:17)
- L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness

The Absolution - John 20:21-23

- P: Holy and gracious God,
- C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in Your care.
- P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Upon this your 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.

Jesus said to [the disciples], "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ... "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:21, 22b-23

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Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!"

all who would be - lieve.

Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"

o - pened heav-en's king - dom to

And Ho - ly

glo - ry

You

### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, by Your powerful Word all things were created. Lead us to a deep appreciation of the strong words of Your promises unto us. Grant us the courage and confidence needed to sing boldly Your praise in every season of life. May Your Word bring us comfort and strength for each new day, as we journey through life with You. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message (Please be seated)

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First Reading "And God said, 'Let there be light'..." Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31 <sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ... <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

<sup>8</sup> ... at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it ... <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. 
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Catechism Reflection** (Christian Questions and Answers) The 1st Article Explanation of the Creed

- P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your creation. You have filled our lives with the blessings of Your creativity. You have made us in Your image, as we reflect Your creativity, wisdom, and beauty within our community and world. Create in us a deep appreciation for all that you have given us to enjoy in this life. Lord, teach us what it means to confess, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."
- C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, [spouse] and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. ... For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. [Amen.]





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#### Shared Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Prayers**

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For (...special petitions), let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



## ⊕ Holy Communion ⊕

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

- 1. Forgiveness Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
- 2. Faith Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
- 3. **Fellowship** Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

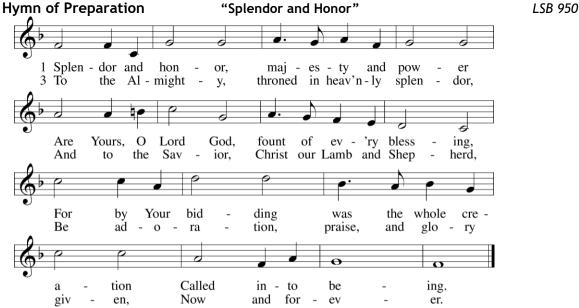
Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the end of the first row on the way to the communion rail.

**Non-alcoholic (white) wine** is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.



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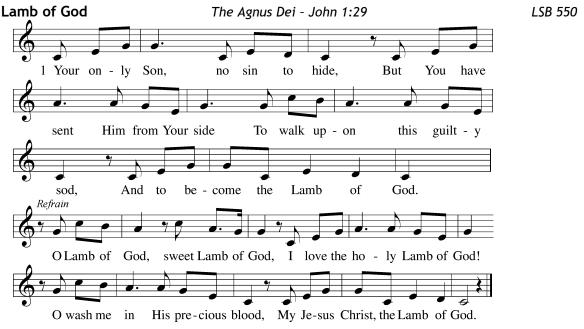
#### Lord's Prayer

- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your Holy Supper, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, and Your resurrection from the dead. So remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:
- C: 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.

Words of Our Lord The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20



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## Communion Distribution (Please be seated)

## For Prayer & Personal Reflection

"...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." Ephesians 5:18b

Why does Paul urge us to address one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs? What encouragement does music provide us as a community of faith?

"...singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart..." Ephesians 5:19

How has Christian music and hymns shaped your faith?

"...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Ephesians 5:20

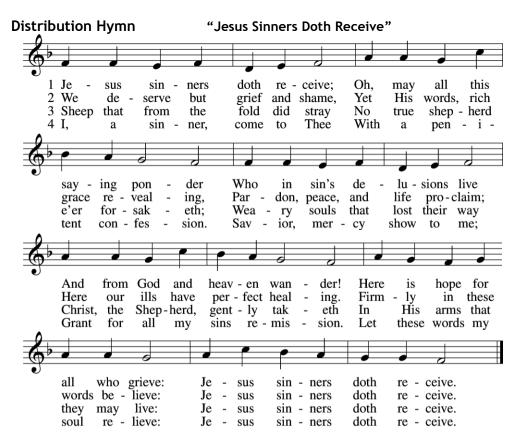
How does daily thankfulness and gratitude toward God change our lives?



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96:1-3





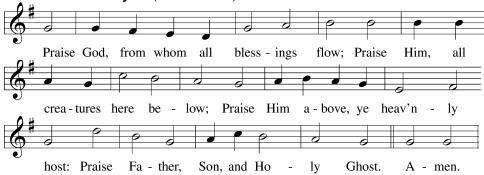
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
  Were as scarlet my transgression,
  It shall be as white as snow
  By Thy blood and bitter passion;
  For these words I now believe:
  Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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## Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand)

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#### **Post-Communion Blessing**

## Evening Prayer (5:30 p.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.)

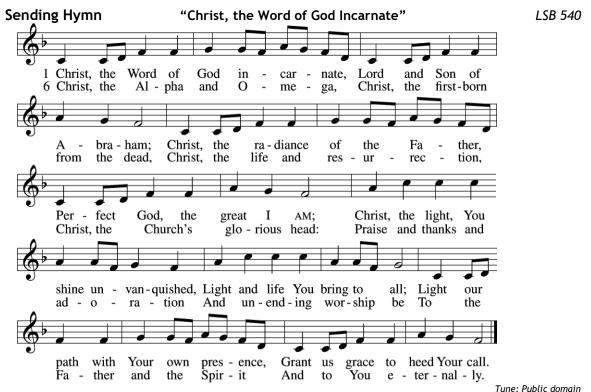
C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **Blessing**

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C: Amen.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27



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#### Announcements

A special door offering is being gathered <u>today</u> to support the work of Calvary India Mission overseas. Your donation will help provide for the ongoing outreach efforts of the Tailoring and Tuition Centers, especially for Tamil Bibles, hymnals, and other biblical resources. You can also donate electronically at <u>clcs.org/give</u>. Select "India Mission Projects." Thank you for your generous support.

## **☆ LEADING OUR WORSHIP** ☆

**Preacher:** Pastor Kurt Ebert

**Worship Leader:** (5:30p) Ellwyn Parks (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

Organist: (5:30p & 8:00a) Ryan Rosenau

Acolyte: (5:30p) Grant Davis (8:00a) Lillian Schroeder