

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

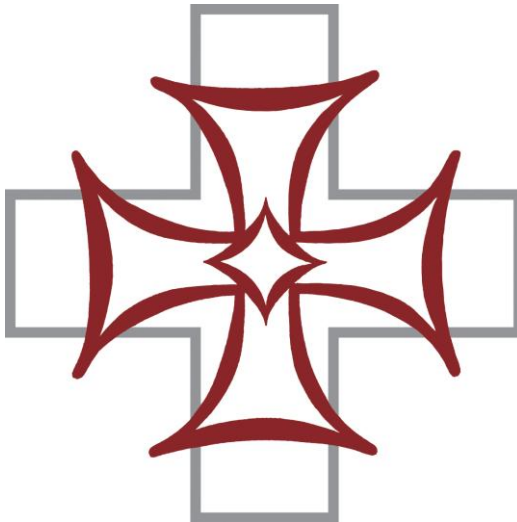
Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.

Adapted from "Service of Prayer and Preaching" The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p. 260

The season of Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the growth of God's people.

Theme of the Day

The Psalmist declares, "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble" Psalm 46:1. Through the years, God's people have cried out to Him for rescue and for shelter from the trials and troubles of life. Our God is not far off. He has come very near to us in the person of Jesus. He knows our grief and our pain and he has come to win the victory for us. Despite our circumstances, we proclaim that God is with us and he is our fortress.



A Message to Our Guests

We hope your visit with us will be warm, stress-free, and meaningful.

While you wait for service to begin, the provided QR code will take you to our guest-focused FAQ (clcs.org/guests). For more information, please speak with an usher or visit the Welcome Center located in the center of the narthex.



Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row.



A Note on Offerings

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

Offering boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

Opening Hymn (*Stand on verse 6*)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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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.** (*Psalms 118:24*)

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (*Psalms 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.** (*Psalms 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 & Annoucement 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.

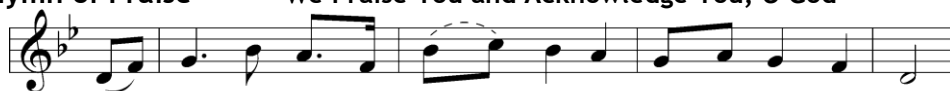
P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the 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.

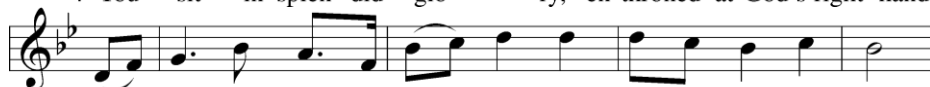
Hymn of Praise

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

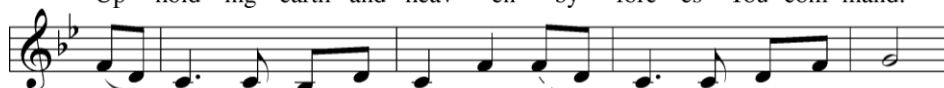
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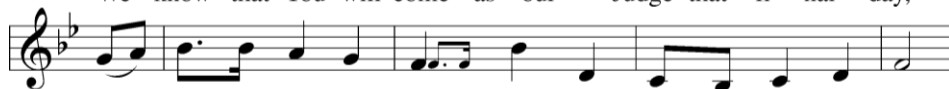
1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



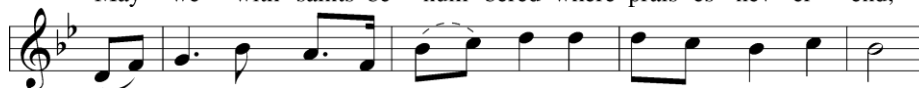
To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-trieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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)*

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

First Reading

"God is our refuge and strength"

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

"Put on the whole armor of God"

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Verse (Please stand) “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589

1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!

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Holy Gospel

“The Word became flesh for us”

John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechism Reflection *(Christian Questions & Answers) Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Creed*

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, you have promised that as Your beloved sheep no one will be able to snatch us out of your powerful hand. Lead us to hear Your voice in the Scriptures that we may follow You into the gift of eternal life. Help us to believe and confess all that you have done for us. Hear us now as we join together in the explanation of the second article of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. [Amen.]

Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us;
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none,
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main eth.

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Offering Prayer

*The heavens are yours, O Lord, and yours also the earth;
you founded the world and all that is in it.*

~ Psalm 89:11

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Shared Confession of Faith *(Please stand)*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

Hymn of Preparation

"Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950

1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,
For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry
a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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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*

Lamb of God (Sung)

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

LSB 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

For Prayer & Personal Reflection

“The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress” (Ps 46:11)

How has God demonstrated his power over the forces of evil and disaster in your life?

How does Jesus’ sacrifice invite us to be still and know that He is our God?

How can God use His community of faith to strengthen and bless others this week?

Distribution Hymn

“Be Strong in the Lord”

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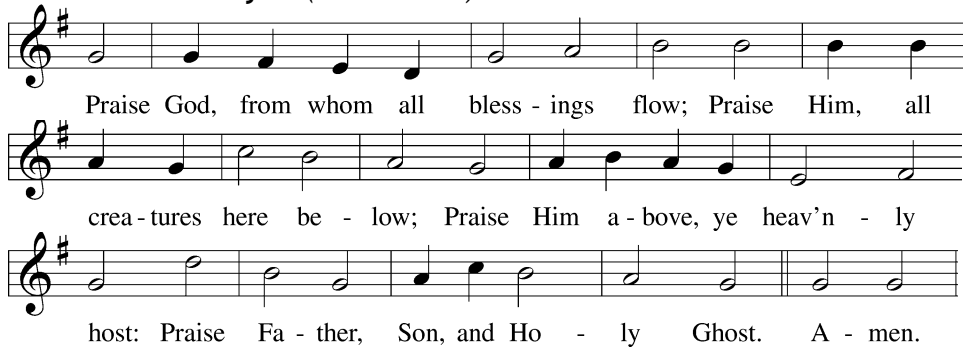
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| 1 Be strong in the Lord
In armor of light,
With helmet and sword,
With shield for the fight;
On prayer be dependent,
Be belted and shod,
In breastplate resplendent:
The armor of God. | 4 Though Satan presume
To test you and try,
In helmet and plume
Your head shall be high;
Beset by temptation
Be true to your Lord,
Your helmet salvation
And Scripture your sword. |
| 2 Integrity gird
You round to impart
The truth of His Word
As truth in your heart;
His righteousness wearing
As breastplate of mail,
His victory sharing,
Be strong to prevail. | 5 So wield well your blade,
Rejoice in its pow’rs,
Fight on undismayed
For Jesus is ours!
Then in Him victorious
Your armor lay down,
To praise, ever glorious,
His cross and His crown. |
| 3 With eagerness shod
Stand firm in your place,
Or go forth for God
With news of His grace;
No foe shall disarm you
Nor force you to yield,
No arrow can harm you
With faith as your shield. | |

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Post-Communion Hymn *(Please stand)*

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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.



Sending Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

LSB 664

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es
strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and
it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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Announcements

✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

Preacher: Pastor Mark Schumm

Worship Leader: (5:30p) Pastor Kurt Ebert (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

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

Acolyte: (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Damon Honebrink