

*Ninth Sunday of*  
**PENTECOST**

July 30, 2023



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FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?



ROMANS 8:35



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### PRELUDE

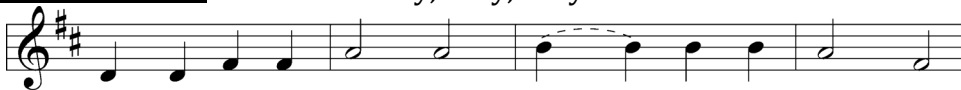
“Fugue in E-flat”  
 (“St. Anne”)

*J. S. Bach*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



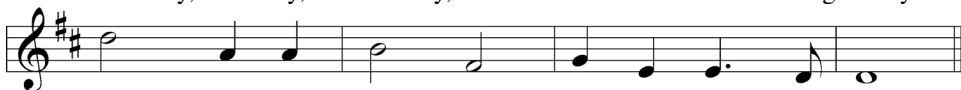
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**  Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Deuteronomy 7:9; Romans 8:28*

**Pastor:** The LORD your God is God,

**People:** **the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments**

**Pastor:** All things work together for good,

**People:** **for those who are called according to His purpose.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** God's love is unconditional. We confess our sins, not to become worthy of His love, but because He promises to forgive.

**People:** **Of Your great love, have mercy on us.**

**Pastor:** We confess how our love has grown cold; that often we require others to earn our love.

**People:** **Of Your great love, O Lord, forgive us.**

**Pastor:** Let us lay all our sin and every failing before the Lord with sincere faith in His promised mercy and grace.

**People:** **In Your great love, O Lord, free us from our sin.**

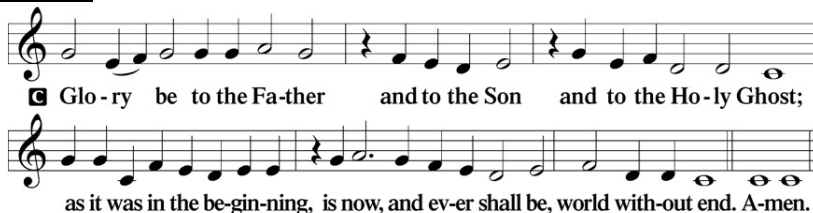
**Pastor:** Thus says the Lord God, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **♪ Amen.**

## THE INTROIT *Psalm 105:2-5; antiphon: Psalm 105:1*

**Pastor/Choir:** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

## THE GLORIA PATRI



♩ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"Light of Light, O Sole Begotten"

LSB 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed  
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,  
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us  
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed  
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:  
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our  
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst  
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will  
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.  
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!  
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."  
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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## **THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:**



☐ And with thy spir - it.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** You treasure us, O Lord, and You steadfastly love Your chosen people. In the midst of even the worst things that can happen to us, we are more than conquerors through the love of Jesus. Help us to know the peace that Your presence brings in the midst of our troubles, and guide us toward the kingdom You promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**  **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

*(God chooses His people out of love.)*

<sup>6</sup>"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 8:28–39

*(For those who love God, all things work together for good.)*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** @10:30am

“Jesus Is My Heart's Delight”

J. S. Bach  
The Cathedral Choir

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:44–52

*(Three parables of the Kingdom)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People:



☐ Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH**

*Smalcald Articles. Part II, Article I: The first and chief article.*

Pastor: That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification (*Rom. 4:25*).

People: **And He alone is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, (*John 1:29*); and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (*Is. 53:6*).**

Pastor: Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit freely, and without their own works or merits by His grace,

People: **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (*Rm. 3:23*).**

Pastor: Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, (*Rom. 3:28*):

**People:** **“For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law”. Likewise: “That He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Christ.”** (*Rom. 3:26*)

Pastor: Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered, nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin.

**People”** **“For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved”, says Peter** (*Acts 4:12*). **And with His stripes we are healed** (*Is. 53:5*).

Pastor: And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice.

**SERMON HYMN**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

LSB 574



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is  
3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful



strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is  
writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him  
soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
there Who made an end of all my sin.  
fied To look on Him and par - don me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!

At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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**SERMON**

“When Bad is Turned into Good”

Romans 8:28

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor  
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## **OFFERTORY** Ps 51:10-12

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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## **VOLUNTARY**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Healey Willan

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

People:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

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Pastor:

Giver of every perfect gift, You shape my life from womb to grave. Reveal Your good and gracious will that plants me in this time and place. Display the gifts assigned to me, make them a witness to Your name. You planned and know the gifts I have; Creator, God, from You they come, unique and special, from Your heart, intended for a chosen role. Thrill me to find and recognize the talents only You can give. Revealing Word, sent Son of God, Proclaimer of the Kingdom's dawn, it is for You, because of You, that every talent is bestowed. You have a plan for me to fill, a purpose for this life of mine. Enabling Spirit, Gift of gifts, empower me, stir up my faith, make me an instrument of grace, of mercy, blessing, peace, and joy. Let me not miss another day in seeing what Your gifts can do.

*~Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008. Lutheran hymn writer)*



**People:**



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

**Pastor:**

Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly joys. Lord, deliver me from eternal torments. Lord, if I have sinned in mind or thought, in word or deed, forgive me. Lord, deliver me from all ignorance, forgetfulness, cowardice and stony insensibility. Lord, deliver me from every temptation. Lord, enlighten my heart which evil desires have darkened. Lord, I being human have sinned, but You being the generous God, have mercy on me, knowing the sickness of my soul. Lord, send Your grace to my help, that I may glorify Your holy Name. Lord Jesus Christ, write me Your servant in the Book of Life, and grant me a good end. O Lord my God, even though I have done nothing good in Your sight, yet grant me by Your grace to make a good start. Lord, sprinkle into my heart the dew of Your grace. Lord of heaven and earth remember me, Your sinful servant, shameful and unclean, in Your Kingdom. Amen.

*~St. John Chrysostom (347-407)*

**People:**



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

**Pastor:**

Lord Jesus Christ, hurry. Do not delay in bringing the blessed day when the hope of the happy redemption will be fulfilled. For this reason you have asked us to pray: Your kingdom come. Since you have so commanded us to pray, give us grace and help to pray diligently, firmly believing that we shall finally come to such glory. Continually mortify this old body that we

may finally receive a new body not so full of sin nor so inclined to all manner of evil as the life we now live. Give us bodies that will not become sick, nor suffer persecutions, nor die. Give us bodies redeemed from all temporal and spiritual misery, like your own glorified body, dear Jesus. Grant that the glad and blessed day of our redemption and glorification may come soon, and that we may realize it as we now hear and believe your Word. Hurry, we pray.

~ Martin Luther (1483-1546)

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

**Pastor:** Be at peace, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. And may you...

**People:** **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances;**

**Pastor:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything;

**People:** **and hold fast to what is good.**

### **BENEDICTION** *Num. 6:24-26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People:**



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728 v. 1-2, 4-5



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

**POSTLUDE**

"A Mighty Fortress (Finale)"

*Karl Osterland*