

*Sixteenth Sunday of*  
**PENTECOST**

September 28, 2025



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## Lutheran Church

September 28, 2025

### PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

*Johann Christian Kittel*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress"

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him-self fights by our side With weap-ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver-pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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### INVOCATION

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

People: **♩ Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *based on Psalm 146:1-2, 10*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O My soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

### **A CONFESSIONAL INVITATION**

Pastor: Jesus tells us of a rich man and a poor man, whose name was Lazarus. The rich man ignored Lazarus in life, though Lazarus was right outside his door. How often in our own lives do we ignore those who are outside our door, who are in our own community and in need? How often do we put our trust in riches rather than in our Redeemer? We turn to our heavenly Father to ask His mercy and forgiveness.

### **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have taken comfort in the riches of this world rather than in the riches of Your kingdom. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and remove our guilt and shame.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Almighty God has shown His love for us in this: He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for all people, for the rich and the poor, for you and for me. 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 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*

Pastor/Choir: Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments. Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in Your word. Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant. Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.

## THE GLORIA PATRI

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789




1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise  
liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -  
or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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## THE SALUTATION *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

**People:** 

☐ And with thy spir - it.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Lord God, Your generosity exceeds our understanding. Guide Your people to practice generosity wisely and abundantly, so that the world may catch a glimpse of Your unfathomable generosity through us; 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

Amos 6:1-7

*(Woe to those at ease in Zion.)*

<sup>1</sup> “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup> O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

<sup>4</sup> “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*(True Contentment)*

<sup>6</sup>Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

*(The Rich Man and Lazarus)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**People:**



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

<sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

<sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Pastor: What is the second article of the Apostles Creed?

**People:** **I believe 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, dead, and 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 shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People:** **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 creature, 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, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM** @10:30am

LSB 595 v. 5

♪ **Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.**

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*Baptized in God's House today is **Ernest Frederick Essary**  
His parents are Ryan Essary and Sarah Trautmann  
His godparents are Kyle Gerald, Rozalyn Trautmann, Steve and Mandy Chmura  
and*

***Henry Frankie Adam**  
His parents are Shawn and Kyra Adam  
His godparents are Jake Elston and Danielle Piper*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB 748

1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

## **SERMON**

### "One of Us"

John 1:14

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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## **OFFERTORY** *Ps 51:10-12*

LSB 704 v.3

3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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## ANTHEM

"Offertory"

John Ness Beck  
Cathedral Choir, Nicole Miner, Violin

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

*10:30 service continues with the benediction*

## † The Order of Holy Communion †

@9:00am

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

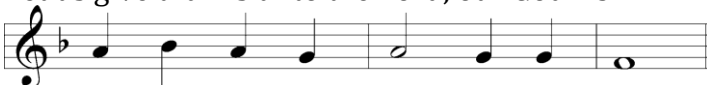
People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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**♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**0 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**0 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

***TWO STATION COMMUNION:***

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

## “Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - na - te Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

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

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy rich - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

**DISMISSAL**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**



Pastor: We thank You, almighty Lord, that You provide even for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. How much more do You provide for us, Your dear

children. You give us this Holy Communion—Christ present for us in forgiveness in the midst of the worry and anxiety of our lives. We thank You, adore You, and praise You now and forever.

**People:**     ♪ **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**


**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**


“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

  
 1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

  
 blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

  
 own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*  
  
 On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

### **POSTLUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress”

*Gordon Young*