



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 16TH PENTECOST

Prelude | Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

Congregation: ... and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11.28)

Brief Order of Confession

Pastor: When we come to God with open hearts, we will not be pushed away but will find the very hope and strength that we need. Let us confess to God those things that weigh upon us and trust in the power of Jesus to make us whole.

(silence for reflection)

Congregation: God of creation, we confess to you and to one another that we are often held captive by pride and conceit. We at times treat others with contempt and fail to explain our neighbor's actions in the kindest of ways. We fail to love one another. Forgive our lack of concern for others, for creation, and for your commands, and restore a new and right spirit within us.

Pastor: My friends, hear the good news: "But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3.5-6)
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn - "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" (ELW #452; vs. 1-4)

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise - "Be Not Afraid" (ELW #388; sing 2x)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen



Children's Message

Scripture - Genesis 50:15-21

Gospel Acclamation - "Celtic Alleluia" (ELW #174; cantor sings once, congregation repeats once)

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

Message - Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover

Hymn of the Day - "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (ELW #772)

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | 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.

Communion Blessing

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and for life everlasting.

Congregation: Amen

Communion Canticle - "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" (ELW #717; vs 1-2)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Hymn - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (ELW #547)

Dismissal

Pastor: "Peace be to the brothers and sisters...

Congregation: ... and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 6.23)

All: Amen

Postlude

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover

Cantor: Laura Lovseth | **Organ & Piano:** Matthew Lang

Greeters: Diane Aarni, Joan Collins | **Ushers:** Kelly & Mark Fischer

Tech Team: Lovseth family | **Nursery:** Jenni Ringwald

Café Hosts: Roger & Mary Jo Carlson, Kent Stock | **Donut Pick-up:** Brad Johnson

Counters: Brandon Provolt, Brian Soenen, Barry Lovseth

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Gathering Hymn

“AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH”

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit’s unity,
the very bond of peace.

There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

Hymn of Praise

“BE NOT AFRAID”

sing 2x:

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

“CELTIC ALLELUIA”

cantor sings one time:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

congregation sings one time:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.



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Hymn of the Day **“OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”**

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.

Communion Canticle **“LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS”**

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

Sending Hymn **“SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING”**

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this
dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended.

Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service
in all who believe.

The seed of Christ’s teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.

Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom
and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev’ryday
life we will face
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children,
the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this
life that we share.

Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and
his name that we bear.