

Growing in God's Word

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, 5:30 PM Service



AS WE GATHER

The Bible is God's inspired Word, and the practical handbook of every Christian. 2nd Timothy tells us that the Bible is practical for teaching, reproof, and for training in righteousness, so that we can be equipped to do good works for God's Kingdom!

861 Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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+ INVOCATION +

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

People: Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1st John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OPENING SCRIPTURES

Growing in God's Word

Pastor: Man does not live on bread alone,

People: But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Pastor: How can a young man keep his heart pure?

People: By guarding it according to Your Word.

Psalms 119:9

Pastor: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk,

People: So that you may grow up in your salvation.

1st Peter 2:2

Pastor: All Scripture is inspired by God, and profitable for teaching,

People: So that we may be equipped to do every good work. *2nd Timothy 3:16-17*

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'This is the Feast' (LSB 155). It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.' are written below the notes. The second staff is the piano accompaniment, also in G major. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

(God's Word is like a fire.)

"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

2nd Timothy 3:14-17

(God's Word is inspired by God and profitable.)

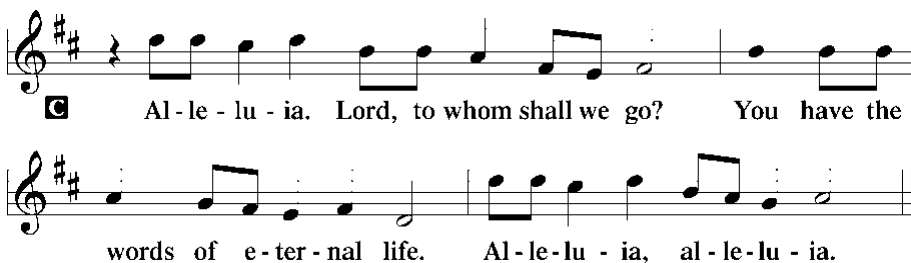
¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:23-33

(Jesus confronts the Sadducees for not believing God's Word.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, ²⁴saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.' ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother. ²⁶So too the second and third, down to the seventh. ²⁷After them all, the woman died. ²⁸In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

²⁹But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ³²'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." ³³And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

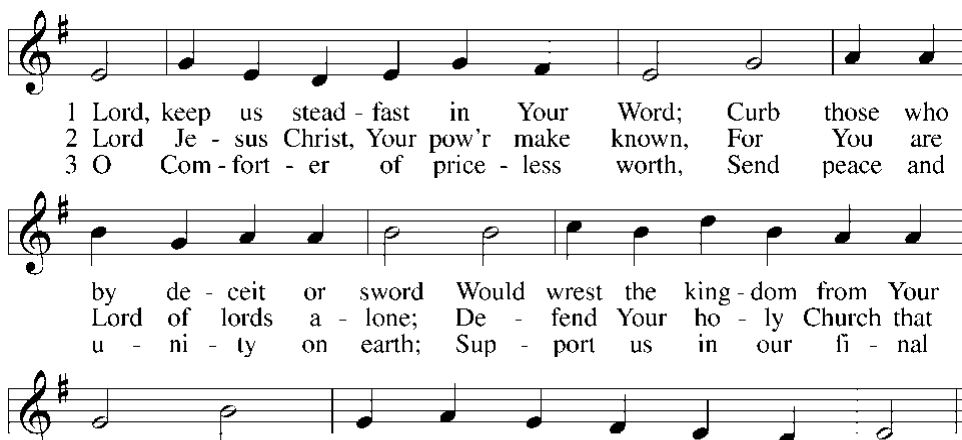
THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

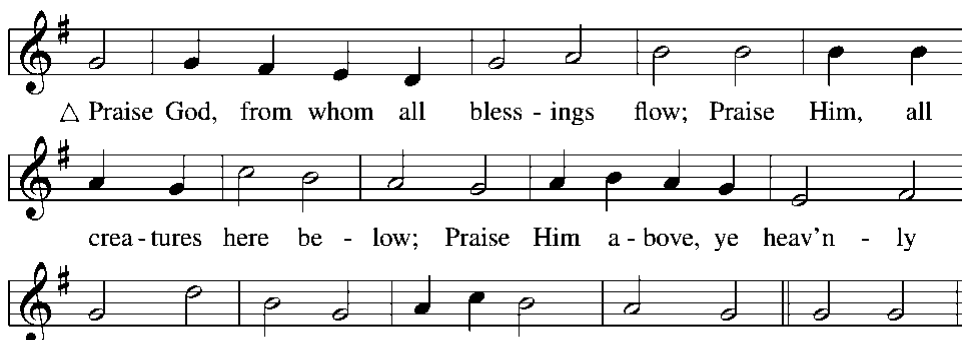
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING *(Offering plates are located in the back of the church.)*

OFFERING HYMN 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ 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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois. Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your inspired Word, the Bible. Help us by Your Spirit to be active students of Your Word so that we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, teach us Your Word that we might be fully equipped for every good work and eager to do Your will, Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: We pray for all those in need [especially _____], Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

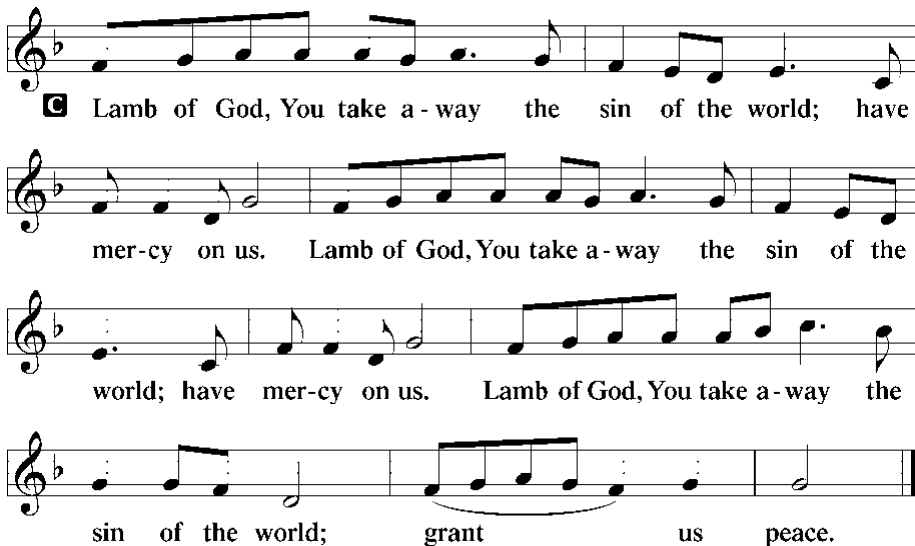
PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

862 Oh, Blest the House



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph Carl Ludwig von Pfeil, 1712–84; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, Columbus

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep-herd of ten-der youth, Guid-ing in
 2 You are the ho-ly Lord, O all-sub-
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre-
 4 O ev-er be our guide; Our shep-herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your

love and truth Through de-vi-ous ways; Christ, our tri-
 du-ing Word, Heal-er of strife. Your-self You
 pared the feast Of ho-ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je-sus, O
 prais-es high And joy-ful sing: In-fants and

um-phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a-base That from sin's deep dis-grace
 mor-tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en-dur-ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be-long,

And here our chil-dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis-dain; Help from a-bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U-nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.
 Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden
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What Does the Bible Say About:

Money
Work
Wealth
Debt
Stress
Generosity
Investing
PEACE

Financial
PEACE!

**New Video Bible Study
Begins August 16th
8:45 AM
In the Gathering Room**

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVE

Organ and Piano: Katie Cobert

Song Leaders: Sat: Alex Barrows

Camera: Sat: Ken Gorski

PowerPoint: Sat: Pam Ziegler

Lay Assistant: Sat: Dennis Ziegler