

**Order of Worship
for
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2023**

SONG
“All Things Are Possible”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

HYMN OF PRAISE
“This is the Feast of Victory”

ELW pg 140-141

PRAYER

Let us pray:

*O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without
your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and
lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.

HYMN
“Come Thou Almighty King”
ELW 408

READING

Romans 13:8-14

**The lesson is from the letter of Paul to the Romans,
chapter thirteen, verses eight through fourteen.**

Paul writes:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

**The Gospel, according to Matthew,
chapter eighteen, verses fifteen through twenty.**

Matthew writes:

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person

refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Gretchen Freese

MESSAGE

“Love and Forgiveness”

Rev. Gretchen Freese

Paul reminds of the commandments to love our neighbor. Jesus teaches the disciples about how to handle conflict in the gathered assembly. Together we are reminded of who we are and whose we are.

SONG

“Show Us the Ancient Paths”

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority,
I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our
sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to
do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

OFFERING

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those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need.
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of the resources you provide to us.*

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HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

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AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

For those worshipping in-house,
*we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may do so.*

For those joining us online,
*If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus the Christ.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

SONG

“Change My Heart, O’ God”

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN
“Blessed Assurance”
ELW 638

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