

# Readings and Music for

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6, 2026

*Flowers given by Pat Jonikaitis in thanksgiving.*

**Processional**

“Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun”

*H11*

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 119:33-40**

*We will read the Psalm responsively, with the people reading the verses in bold.*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

**34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

**36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.**

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

**38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God**

**Sequence** "Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart"

*H488*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 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. If the member 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. 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. 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Offertory**                      “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”                      *H674*

**Communion**                      “Circle the Table”                      *VF85*

1 Cir-cle the ta - ble, hands now ex - tend. Wel-come a stran - ger,  
 2 See on the ta - ble, set in Christ's name, signs of the suf - fering  
 3 Eat and be thank - ful, lift up your praise. God has for-giv - en

greet a new friend. O - pen your cir - cle, let it ex - pand.  
 love ov - er - came: cup of sweet wine and loaf of fine bread.  
 your self-ish ways. Go from the ta - ble, go forth to share

Wel-come God's child-ren from far a - way lands.  
 All things are rea - dy so come and be fed. love you found there.  
 with your new neigh-bors the

**Recessional** “Go Forth For God, Go to the World in Peace” *H347*  
**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

***This week at Transfiguration:***

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| <b><i>Today</i></b> | <b><i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>    | <b><i>Church/FB</i></b>  | <b><i>10am</i></b>    |
|                     | <b><i>Coffee Hour</i></b>       | <b><i>Leach Hall</i></b> | <b><i>11:15am</i></b> |
| <b><i>9/11</i></b>  | <b><i>Friday Night Fire</i></b> | <b><i>Church</i></b>     | <b><i>6:30pm</i></b>  |

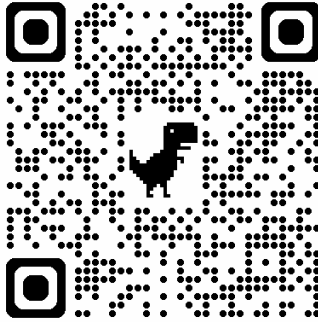
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Friday Night Fire** – We’re continuing our monthly bonfire nights into the fall this year. Join us for our next bonfire night this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Hunter and Elizabeth will provide a simple meal, but feel free to bring a side or dessert to share. If you have lawn chairs, we encourage you to bring them. BYOB. Hopefully, the weather cooperates this time!
- **TFIG Family Reunion** - Please join us on Sunday, September 13 right after the service for our annual Transfiguration Family Reunion. We'll be serving fried chicken for lunch and invite anyone who is able, to bring a side dish/salad or dessert to share. It's a great time to reconnect with our church family, as we bid farewell to summer and settle in to the rhythm of a new program year. We hope to gather everyone up at the altar for a family picture. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the foyer bulletin board so we know how much chicken to order. Hope to see you there!

- **Autumn in the Park** - Save the date for Palos Park's Autumn in the Park festival on September 18th and 19th. The church will have a booth at the festival, and the daycare, along with representatives from the parish, will be marching in the parade on the 19th at 2PM.
- **Church School Resumes** - Our first day of class for the new church school year will be Sunday, September 20. Summer has been great - but we've missed our weekly gatherings and we're excited to have lots of fun in the new school year! Transfiguration Church School meets immediately after the Sunday morning service. This year, we will have 3 classes; one for PreK (4 yr olds) and Kindergarten, one for early elementary grades, and one for middle-high schoolers.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – Save the date for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The vestry with help from Parish Life is hosting a spaghetti dinner to help raise funds for some recent and upcoming capital expenses. You may have noticed that we updated our signage on Southwest Highway and at the corner of 86th and 122nd. We would love to recoup some of the funds we put into that as well as help fund some upcoming projects, like large concrete planters in front of the daycare to provide an extra layer of protection for our kids and some significant expenses related to replacing a couple A/Cs and furnaces. We appreciate the ways that you all help support this parish and are confident that this spaghetti dinner will be a great success.

More details will be available soon, but in the meantime, we are hoping to have some raffle baskets as well as some silent auction items. If you are interested in donating items for a gift basket or would even like to put together a whole basket to donate, please reach out to Hunter or Bea Hiznay, who will be helping coordinate the raffle. Similarly, if you have any big-ticket items, like theater tickets, golf passes, etc. that you would like to donate for a silent auction, please let us know.

## Online Giving:



**Rector:** Rev. Hunter Farrow, [rector@transfigpalos.org](mailto:rector@transfigpalos.org)

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### **Administrator's Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

### **Priest's Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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