Readings and Music for

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025

Processional

"Holy Father, Great Creator"

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Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,

whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,

from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken

to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

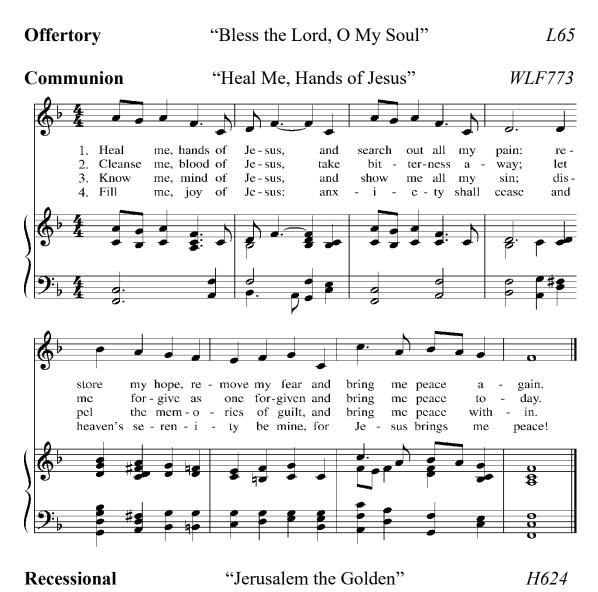
See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham

whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Sermon Rev. Hunter Farrow



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, Meghan, Jan, 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:			
Today	Holy Eucharist	Church/FB	10:00am
	Coffee Hour	Leach Hall	11:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Transfiguration Family Reunion Celebration - After service on Sunday, September 14th, the Children's and Youth Ministry Committee (CYMC) is hosting our start of school kick-off celebration. They're serving up fried chicken for lunch, you all are invited to bring a side or desert to share if you are able. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

This year, we thought it would be fun to play a Guess-Who picture game during the luncheon. Do you have a favorite photo of yourself from early childhood (i.e. approximately age two to seven)? We'd love for you to submit it for this game. We will be accepting photos for the next several weeks. You can send your photos to Debbie Trapp at trappsrus@sbcglobal.net. Alternatively, you can hand-deliver a physical copy to Debbie or put it in a sealed envelope with Debbie's name and leave it downstairs on Linda's desk. Please mark the back of the photo with your name or otherwise indicate who you are.

- Church School Starting Next Month It's back-to-school time, and Church School classes will be starting again soon for kids, age Kindergarten and up. Our first day of class this year will be on Sunday, September 21st, one week after our Family Reunion Celebration. As a reminder, church school meets right after the service on most Sundays. We're very excited for the new year!
- Beds Plus Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write "Beds Plus" in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the ShelteR.
- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!
- **Daycare Update** If you would like to get a better picture of the current status of the daycare, there are two documents sitting on the table in the narthex for you to take a copy. One is a timeline of the remediation, reopening, and rebuilding of the damaged classroom, and the other is a basic report on the current finances and staffing of the daycare.



Jubilee Happenings

September 19th-20th – Autumn in the Park (Palos Park); Parade at 1 PM on the 20th.

September 24th – Potluck and Concert with Singer-Songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine

October 11th – Chili Cook Off

November 8th – Bunco

December 10th – Christmas Cookie Exchange

Online Giving:



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