

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “Variations on Lift High the Cross” arr. Janet Linker . . Cloud Wang, Organist

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WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB 850, vs. 1, 3, 4

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Cure Your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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OPENING VERSICLES LSB 260

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE LSB 261

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.*

And you will say in that day:

*"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."*

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;*

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 7:6-9

R The Old Testament Reading is from the 7th Chapter of Deuteronomy.

R ⁶"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations." (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READINGRomans 8:28-39

R The Epistle Reading is from the 8th Chapter of Romans.

R ²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." ⁵²And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."" (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY LSB 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Lonnie Gonzales, Associate Pastor of Outreach

MESSAGE. Pastor Michael P. Dorn

MESSAGE RESPONSE "When Peace, like a River" LSB 763, vs. 1, 3, 4

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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OFFERING

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800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 5:00*

MUSICAL OFFERING. "Thou Art God" by Lionel Bourne Karisma Mendoza, Soloist

*Thou art the peace of all things calm,
Thou art the place to hide from harm,
Thou art the light that shines in dark,
Thou art the heart's eternal spark,
Thou art the door that's open wide,
Thou art the guest who waits inside,
Thou art the stranger at the door,
Thou art the calling of the poor.*

*Thou art the peace of all things calm,
Thou art the place to hide from harm,
Thou art the light that shines in dark,
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Thou art the door that's open wide,
Thou art the guest who waits inside,
Thou art the stranger at the door,
Thou art the calling of the poor.*

*Thou art peace, Thou art calm. ah ah
Thou art my love,
Thou art my Lord and with me still,
Thou art my love, keep me from ill,
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.*

*Thou art my Saviour this day,
Thou art my Saviour this very day.*

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PRAYERS

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE LSB 266

Cantor: *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor: *Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.*

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor: *Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.*

Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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