

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Sept. 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Sept. 13, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

\* indicates congregation stands

**We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!**

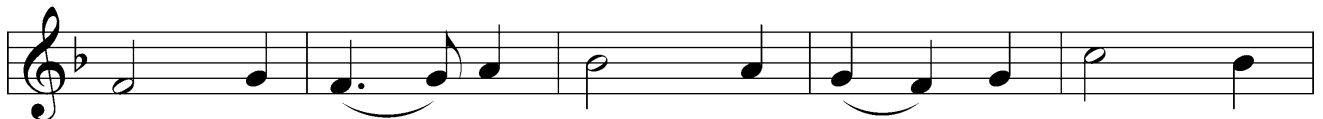
**John 3:16-17**

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *LSB 851*



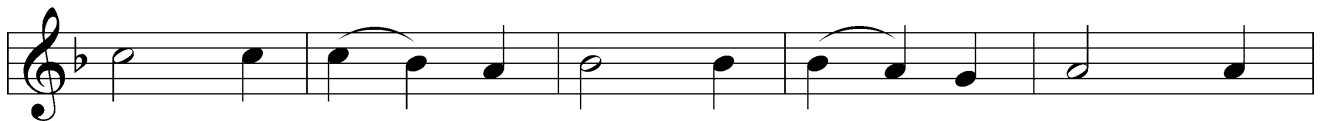
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



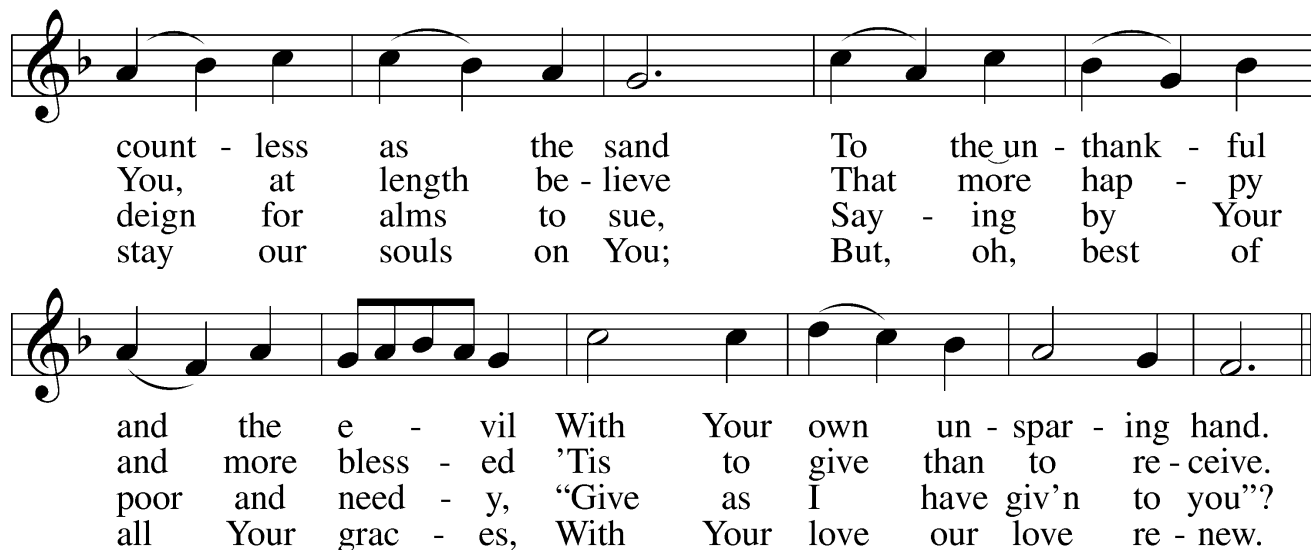
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of  
 and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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### \* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### \* Confession and Absolution

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

**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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

**All: 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.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### \* Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Epistle

Romans 14:1–12 NIV

***If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.***

Leader: The Epistle is from the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to  
God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Quartet Anthem

## Amazing Grace

*Arranged by Stan Bassi*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

Thru many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

## \* Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35 *NIV*

### **How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Hymn

### Chief of Sinners Though I Be *LSB 611*



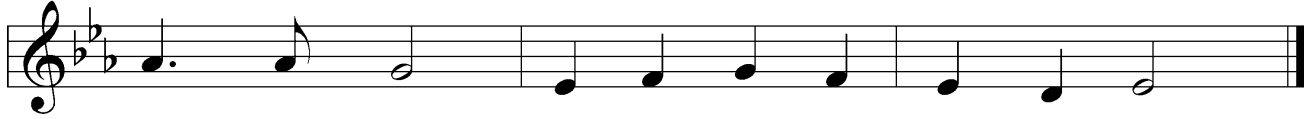
1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

### \* Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service  
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### **\* Prayer of the Church**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ  
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

***After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."  
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."***

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we  
pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **\* Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.

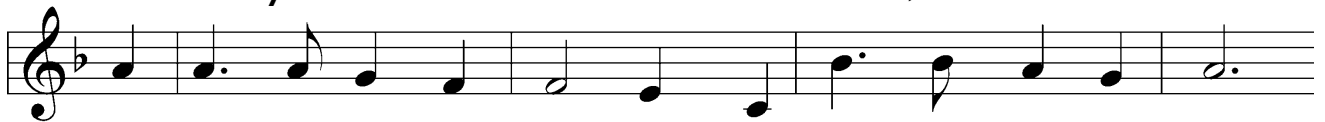
\* Words of Institution

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered continuously. Please follow the direction of the usher and kindly practice social distancing when returning to your seat.

Distribution Hymn

O Savior, Precious Savior *LSB 527*



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!



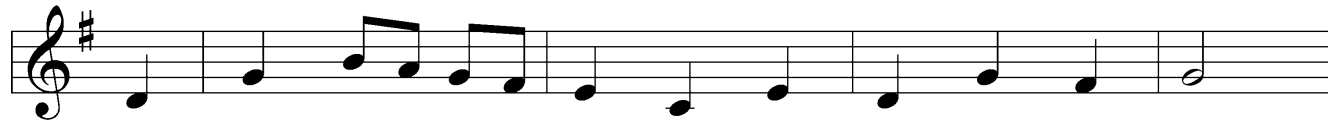
# \* Post-Communion Blessing

## Closing Hymn

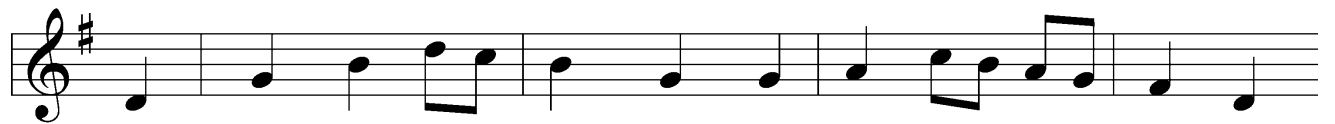
## Sent Forth by God's Blessing *LSB 643*



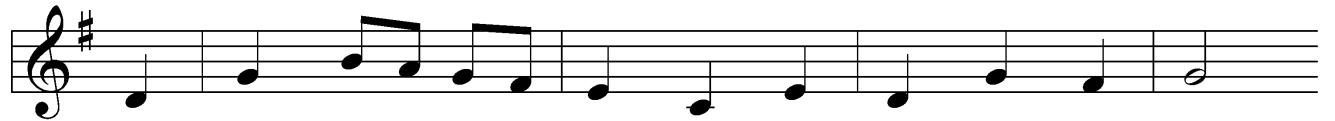
1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



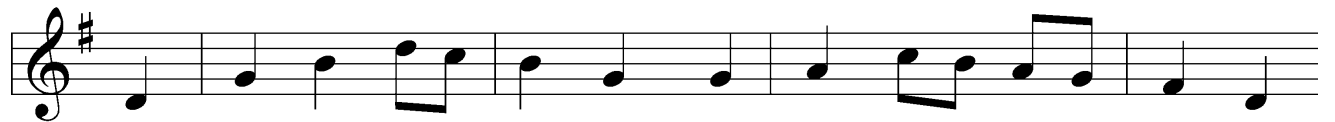
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

## Postlude

Please wait to be ushered out by row so we may be practice social distancing  
and kindly take your bulletin home to prevent reuse.  
Thank you for worshipping with us!

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Mark Rossington  
Deacon: Bob Anderson  
Organist: Dr. John Hwang  
Audio Engineer: Aaron Bland

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## WE WORSHIP GOD!

While we are united through faith in Jesus Christ, we express our praise and thanksgiving with different worship styles. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Saturday • 6:00 p.m. &  
Sunday • 8:30 a.m.**

Traditional worship services featuring the Lutheran liturgy, hymns and choral music.

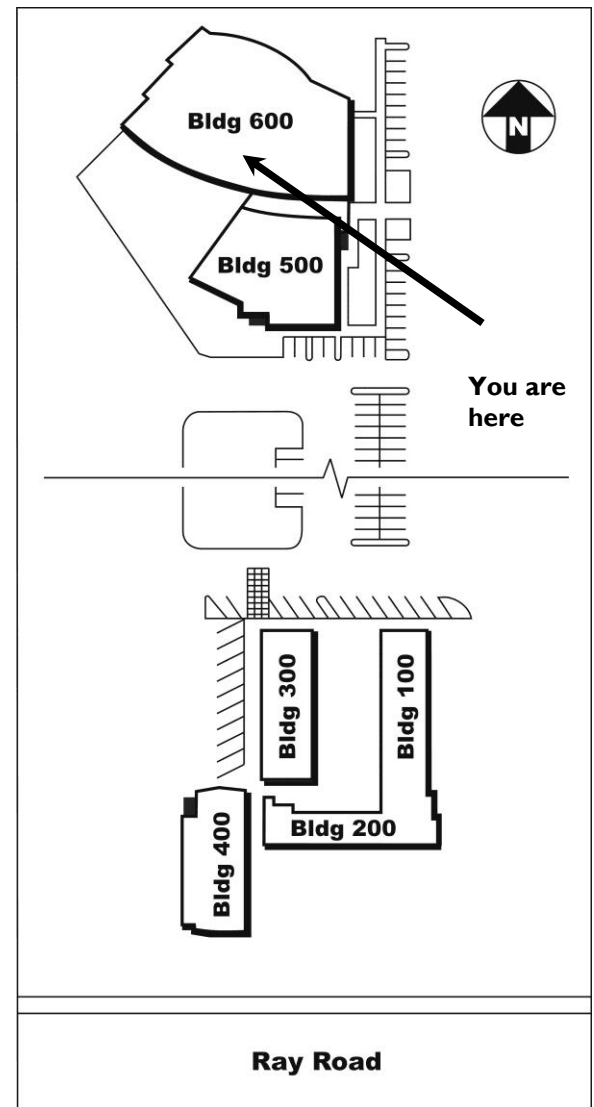
**Sunday • 11:00 a.m.**

An informal and celebrative worship experience using contemporary Christian music led by our praise band.

## WE GROW IN FAITH!

• 9:45 a.m. •

We offer simultaneous Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes at various rooms on our North and South Campuses. See the *Epiphany Star* insert for class descriptions and locations. Please feel free to ask Pastor Mark or ushers if you are uncertain about a location.



### Campus map

- 100 • Classrooms
  - Youth room
- 200 • Classrooms
  - Dining area/Fellowship Hall
  - Kitchen
- 300 • Classrooms
  - Ray of Light Preschool Office
- 400 • Education
- 500 • Church Office
  - Conference Rooms
  - Nursery
- 600 • Worship Center/Sanctuary

