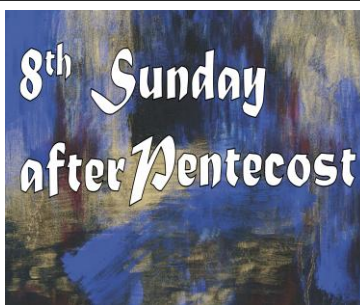




DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 19, 2026



Processional Hymn: LSB # 850 "God of Grace, and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. 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.

4. 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.

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian Church and by the authority of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: LSB 805 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.

Service of the Word

Introit _____ *Ps. 86:11–15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6*

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.

P teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

C unite my heart to fear your name.

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C and I will glorify your name forever.

P For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

P O God, insolent men have risen up against me a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C and they do not set you before them.

P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
 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.

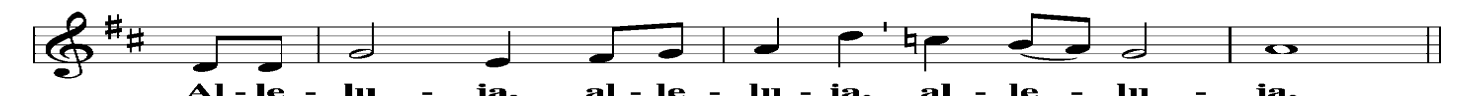
P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

This is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rom. 11:33, 36

C Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with

groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music - SOTC Praise Choir “Lord You Are The Potter”

Please Stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord We Want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn: AAHH # 160 “The Lord is My Light”

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is my light and my salvation
the Lord is my light and my salvation, who shall I fear?

Refrain: Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? The Lord is my strength of my life;
whom shall I fear?

2. In the time of trouble, He shall hide me, In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me. Whom shall I fear? **Refrain.**

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Whom shall I fear? **Refrain.**

Sermon: “Danger All Around Us”

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Special Music: SOTC Praise Choir “God is Here”

Please stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

☩ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray
(The congregation sings the following before and after the prayers:)

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**☩ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

☩ You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers.