



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday July 26, 2026



Please stand

Processional Hymn: LSB # 611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
3. Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
4. Chief of sinner though I be, Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.
5. O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy 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.

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. 105:2-6; antiphon; 105:1

- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord: call upon his name;
C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
C **tell of all his wondrous works!**
P Glory in his holy name;
C **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**
P Seek the Lord and his strength
C **seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works he has done,

© his miracles, the judgment he uttered,

P O offspring of Abraham his servant,

C children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

✠ 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 Oh give thanks to the Lord: call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

This is the Feast

Refrain



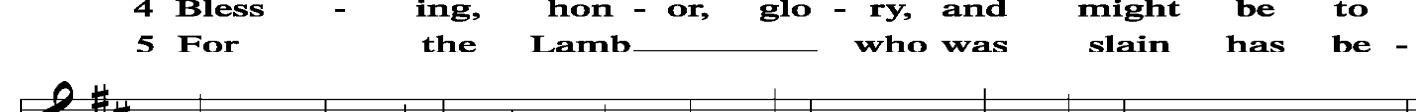
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

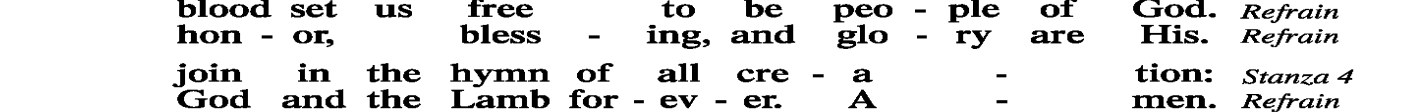


1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ "For 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. ⁷ 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, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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."

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 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For 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. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, or your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music - Kathy Dunbar - "A Simple Word of Grace "

Please Stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open Our 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 13:44-52

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴ "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, ⁴⁶ who, 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. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and 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." ⁵² And 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn: AAHH # 412 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

Refrain: We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in His holy word, He’s never failed me yet
Oh-----can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.

1. Don’t be discouraged when troubles in your life,
He’ll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife,
That’s why we’ve **(Refrain)**

2. Just the other day I heard someone say He didn’t believe in God’s word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way, and He’s never failed me yet.
That’s why we’ve **(Refrain)**

Sermon: “We Are God’s Treasure”

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44-52

Please stand

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.**

Offering

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

P 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”

C 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.

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