

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #520- vs. 1, 2, 4 “Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
 we have come again to hear you;
 let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 and in glowing faith be near you
 as the promises here given
 draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded
 till your Spirit breaks the night,
 filling us with light unclouded.
 All good thoughts and all good living
 come but by your gracious giving.

- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 praise to you and adoration!
 Grant us what we need the most:
 all your gospel's consolation
 while we here on earth await you,
 till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 46 *(read responsively)*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
 God will help it when the morning dawns.
- 6 **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
 he utters his voice; the earth melts.**
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 **Come, behold the works of the LORD;
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
 he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 **"Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations;
 I am exalted in the earth."**
- 11 **The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
 open to the seed of your word.
 Lord, let my heart be good soil,
 where love can grow and peace is understood.
 When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
 When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
 Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL

John 11:32-35

SERMON
 Brenden

Rev. Julie

HYMN OF DAY ELW #703 - vs. 1, 3, 4 "Oh God, Why Are You Silent"

- 1 O God, why are you silent?
 I cannot hear your voice;
 the proud and strong and violent
 all claim you and rejoice;
 you promised you would hold me
 with tenderness and care.
 Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
 and ease the pain I bear.

- 3 Through endless nights of weeping,
 through weary days of grief,
 my heart is in your keeping,
 my comfort, my relief.
 Come, share my tears and sadness,
 Come, suffer in my pain,
 oh, bring me home to gladness,
 restore my hope again.

- 4 May pain draw forth compassion,
 let wisdom rise from loss;
 oh, take my heart and fashion
 the image of your cross;
 then may I know your healing
 through healing that I share,

your grace and love revealing,
your tenderness and care.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Responses: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #583 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. **To Refrain**
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use

ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. ***To Refrain***

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. ***To Refrain***

4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. ***To Refrain***

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION & HYMN ELW #494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you,

seated at the heav'nly board,
 may the church still waiting for you
 keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
 in our hearts keep watch and ward;
 in the world to which you send us
 let your kingdom come, O Lord.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.**

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
 who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
 † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #536 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;
 by good counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd's care enfold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

**Till we meet, (till we meet,
 till we meet, (till we meet again,
 till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,
 till we meet, (till we meet,
 till we meet, (till we meet again.)
 God be with you till we meet again.**

- 2 God be with you till we meet again;
 holy wings securely hide you,
 daily manna still provide you;
 God be with you till we meet again. **To Refrain**
- 3 God be with you till we meet again;
 when life's perils thick confound you,

put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *To Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**