

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • 10:30 A.M.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

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HYMN 388

"O worship the King, all glorious above!"

Hanover

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

HYMNAL S-35

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ²² "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." ²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence follows the reading.

PSALM 14 (*All sing. Congregation remains seated.*)



¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no / God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any / good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven upon us / all, *

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after / God.

³ Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned / bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not / one.
⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those / evildoers *
 who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the / LORD?
⁵ See how they tremble with / fear, *
 because God is in the company of the / righteous.
⁶ Their aim is to confound the plans of the af / flicted, *
 but the LORD is their / refuge.
^{* 7} Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of / Zion! *
 when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice and Israel be / glad.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence follows the reading.

HYMN 439

"What wondrous love is this"

Wondrous Love

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who

repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?"⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Becky Zartman Carpenter

THE NICENE CREED

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Presider and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

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Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on _____ and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We also pray for Jeanette Belfield, Brenna Bennett, Becky Bryan, Bill Hudgins, Mary Dawson, Albert Ervin, Frances Gaither, Dwight Johnson, Dawn McGlohon, Boo White, and Brent Wilson.

Leader Defend from all perils _____, and all others who are preparing for the birth or adoption of a child.

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader We praise you for _____ and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Leader Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem

We Are The Lord's

arr. Roland Martin

We are the Lord's. His all sufficient merit, sealed on the cross to us this grace accords. We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit; Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's. Then let us gladly tender our souls to him in deeds, not empty words. Let heart and tongue and life combine to render no doubtful witness that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's. No darkness brooding o'er us can make us tremble while this star affords a steady light along the path before us: Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's. We are the Lord's. No

evil can befall us in the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords; No pangs of death shall even than appall us. Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord's. text: Karl J. P. Spitta

HYMN 416 (vs. 5) "For the beauty of the earth" Dix

**For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A) 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HYMNAL S-125 Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, a moment of silence is observed.

Hymnal S-169**Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

Presider

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Presider and People

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Presider

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

Presider and People

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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Please follow the directions of the usher to the communion rail. After receiving the bread, communicants may receive the wine either by sipping from the chalice or by intinction (i.e. carefully dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten free wafers are available. For a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

HYMN 664**"My Shepherd will supply my need"****Resignation**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Presider Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

VESTRY

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