

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Opening Hymn

See This Wonder in the Making *LSB #593*

Service of Holy Baptism

Today we rejoice to welcome ***Renesmee Marie Herd*** into the family of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Renesmee is the daughter of Mathew Herd and Stephanie Kroetsch. Her baptismal sponsors are Dave Sachs and Heather Wilken. May God's richest blessings be upon this child now and always!

As part of the Baptism Service we will pray the Lord's Prayer and Confess the Apostles' Creed. Both are printed below.

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.

Apostles' Creed

All 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.

Hymn of Praise

To God on High be Glory



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Fletcher Planert - soloist)

"Then Sings My Soul"

by Stuart Hine, choral setting by Mary McDonald

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

O God of Mercy, God of Light AGPS #182

Sermon

St. Matthew 15:21-28

"OUTSIDE THE BOX"**Prayer of the Church****Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering****Service Holy Communion**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

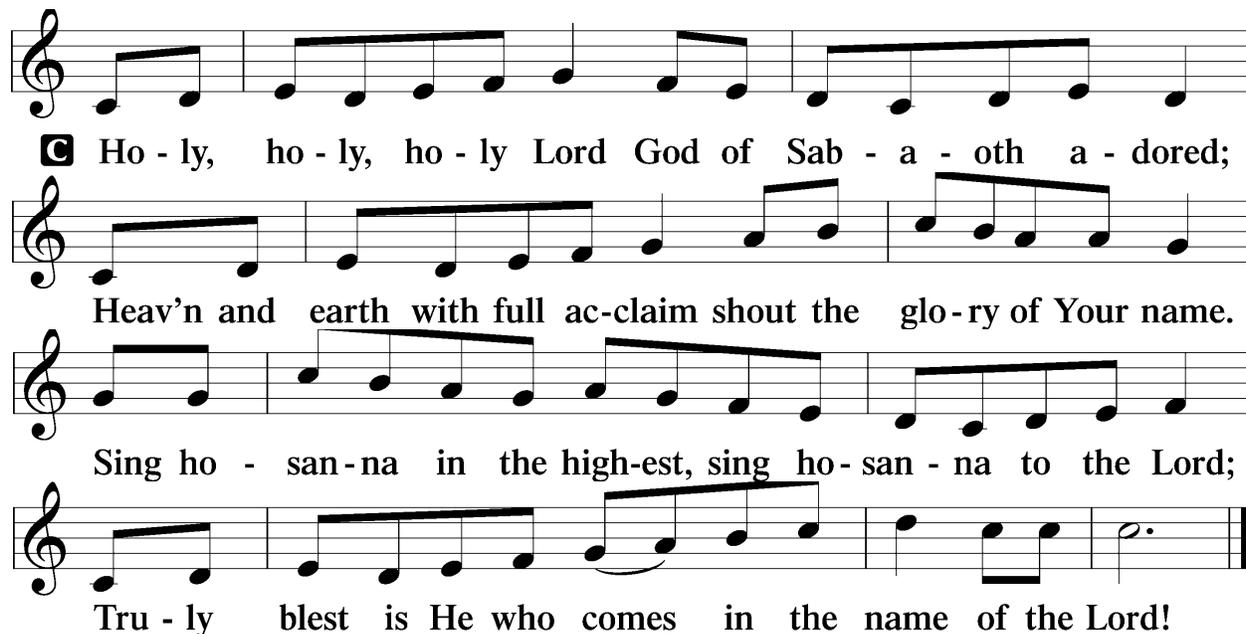
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

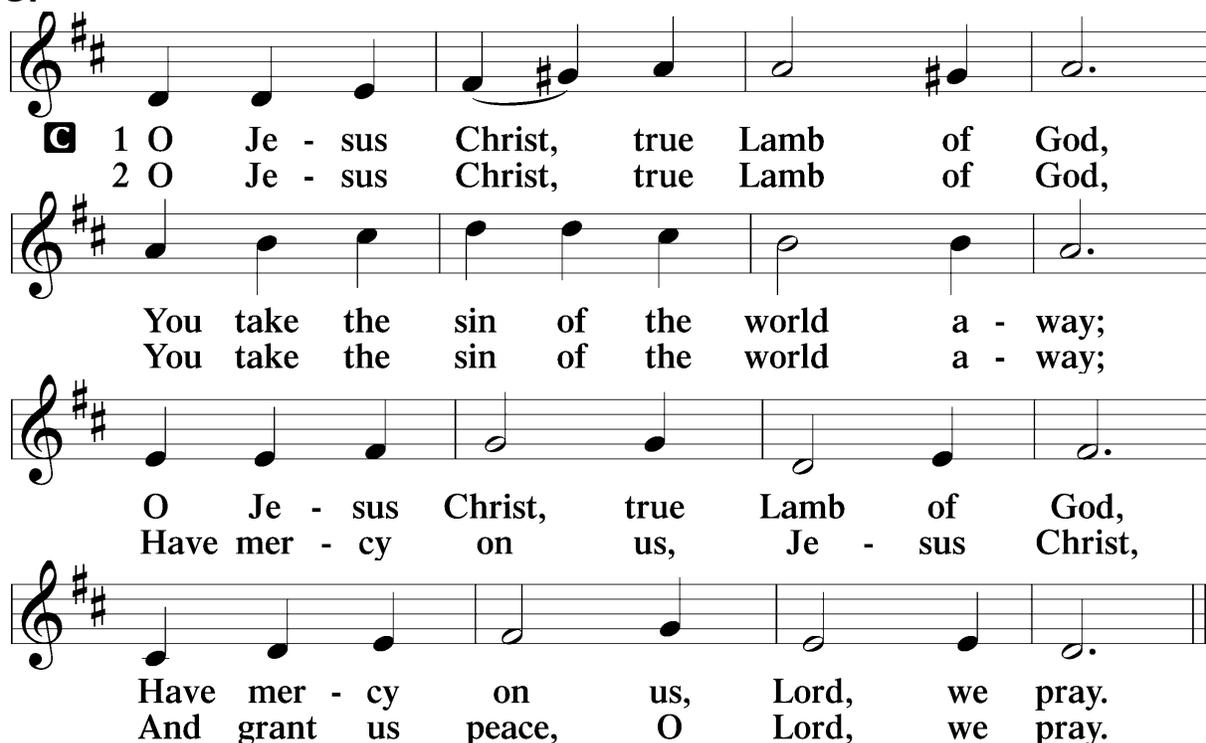
Pastor

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People

Amen.

Agnus Dei



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

What A Friend we Have in Jesus *LSB #770*
 Son of God, Eternal Savior *LSB #842*

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People***Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor

Let us bless the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.***Pastor*

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.

*People***Amen.**

Closing Hymn**Lord, Dismiss us with Your Blessing** *LSB #924*

Officiant.....Pastor Nolan Astley
Preacher Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistants..... Pastors William Chuol & Lloyd Wentzlaff
Pianist..... Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday*), Kaitlyn Neustaedter (*Monday*)
Special Music..... Jennifer Massicotte & Katie Reed (*piano duet*)
Sound Operator Claude Massicotte

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this morning we rejoice with **Jennifer (née Kahlmeier) and Colin Tadgell** who were united in Holy Marriage yesterday. We also remember **Pat Famme** who is recovering from back surgery. We give thanks for our **mission team in Moncton, NB** and thank God for the blessings He has poured out on the VBS at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We also ask God's blessings on **Lenora Wallden** as she begins her service among us as a Director of Parish Services Intern. Lenora will be formally installed into her position next Sunday, August 27.

Staff Holidays...**Richard Roth** is on holidays and **Janet Cumby** will begin her holidays on Wednesday. Both will return to the office on Tuesday, September 5. **Debbie Pritchard** returns to the office Wednesday, August 23.

Coming Events...

Nicaragua Mission Trip Information Meeting Pastor Syens has been invited to attend the National Youth Gathering in Nicaragua October 27-29 and be the main speaker for a Reformation Evangelistic Outreach in Chinandega on Tuesday, October 31. There is possibility for others to be part of this mission trip or to learn more about Mission work in Nicaragua. If you are interested in learning more about reaching out on missions to Nicaragua please join us on **Wednesday, August 30 at 7 p.m.** where Jane Ford will be here to help answer questions and help us learn more about where we can serve.

New Church Directory coming in September Please take a moment to check your information in the current directory to see if it is correct and let us know by **Sunday, September 3** of any updates that are needed to your address, phone number, etc. There are update forms in your pigeon hole and at the Welcome Centre, just take one, fill it in, and place it in the offering plate or in the office boxes on the church office door.

Regular Service Schedule Resumes on Sunday, September 10 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 This is Rally Sunday when Bible learning begins again for all ages. Join us at **9:45 a.m.**

GriefShare A new group will be starting on **Monday September 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and will continue for 13 weeks. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Please contact Anita Syens at rasyens@hotmail.com for more information.

Youth Golf Tournament is on **Saturday, September 16** at Creekside Golf Course, Woodstock with tee off (shot gun start) at 1:00 pm. Registration forms are available at the Welcome centre. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097.

