

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 21, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Give praise and glory unto God” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
2 The host of hea - ven praise - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;



his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er



fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

—Words: Johann Jacob Schutz (1640-1690); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)  
and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Music: *Du Lebensbrot, Herr jesu Christ*, Peter Sohren (1630?-1692?);  
adapt. Johann Anastasius Freylinghausen (1670-1739), alt.

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS "Glory to God on high" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



- 1 Glo - ry to God on high and peace to all on earth;
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, you take our sin a - way;
- 3 You are the Ho - ly One, Most High, Lord Christ, a - lone,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, King, we praise you for your worth.  
now seat - ed at the Fa - ther's side, have mer - cy when we pray.  
you and the Ho - ly Spi - rit with the Fa - ther on his throne.

—Words: Gloria in excelsis, Canticle 20  
Metrical setting by Christopher L. Webber, 1986  
Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (8:18–9:1).

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



## SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1–7).

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## HYMN “Blest are the pure in heart” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be;



the se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
to dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
and for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
give us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

—Words: St. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792–1866); st. 2 and 4 William John Hall (1793–1861)  
Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691–1758);  
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870)

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1–13).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Erin Keck for Children’s Chapel.*

*They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God Al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Beach Spring*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: God is just; God is one. But we are often fragmented and consumed by many wants. Let us gather our needs now and offer them confidently and simply to God, saying: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: For peace in all places of violence and war, a reduction of arms, an end to war, terrorism, and gun violence everywhere; and for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: For the leaders of the world powers, that they may be just and honorable in their dealings with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: That all elected officials may respond to the needs of their communities and serve the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: That the church and its leaders may be ingenious and tireless in preaching the good news, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: That all Christians may hold their goods and money lightly and use them for the sake of God's dominion, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: That the wealthy and those with no material want may use their bounty in keeping with their calling, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: That employees and employers may act honestly in their workplaces and treat one another with dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: For the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the jobless; for refugees in our local communities and around the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: For the celebrations of this congregation: for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

*(continued)*

Leader: For all those who have asked our prayers: the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name; and those we hold in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord. For:

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	JANE Reed
CHIP Beets	THE LISTER FAMILY	THE ROBERTS FAMILY
BEVERLY Burns	FRANCIS Lloyd	RARA Schlitt
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	BILL Manning	DENISE Tivedo
CATHY Chait	NATALIE McNutt	ALICE Towery
GAIL Cox	PAT Pagni	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	SUE Wager
DANA Downey	THE PATRICK FAMILY	ALICE Wegmann
DOUG & JENNIFER Dunn	ALLAN Philp	and
DOUG Emblar	MARILYN Randall	MICHELE Welsh
BEVERLY Guiler		

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: That God's compassion will be swift to meet us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

Leader: For all who have died and for families and friends who grieve, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: Just God, one God, we live in this world and look for the world to come. Teach us what to ask for; give us all we need. Make us life-givers with you who build your dominion here, in the Name of the Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.*

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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. *Amen.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

## Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. *(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.

Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

—Words and Music: African American Spiritual

HYMN “A world in need now summons us” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;  
the Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 one God, and we have one Mediator in Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave himself for us, that we might be welcomed into your kingdom and, at the last, into our eternal home. 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:

*Everyone sings:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Many and great, O God, are thy works” *Everyone sings.*



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of  
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -



earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;  
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with — us;



thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy  
with thee are found the gifts of — life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.  
life that has no — end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

—Words: American folk hymn; rev. Phillip Frazier (1892–1964), alt.  
Music: *Lacquiparle (Dakota Indian Chant)*, Native American melody

HYMN “Lord, make us servants of your peace” *Everyone sings.*

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

— Words: James Quinn (b. 1919–2010), based on prayer attr. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)  
 Music: *Dickinson College*, Lee Hastings Briston, Jr. (1923–1979)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
- low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly  
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “O day of God, draw nigh” *Everyone sings.*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

—Words: Robert Balgarnie Young Scott (1899–1987)  
Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?);  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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