



**August 16, 2026**

**10:00AM**



**Opening Song**    Brown Hymnal 26    Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

<sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant —

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

<sup>1</sup>I 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. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

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

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

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21–28*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>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.” <sup>23</sup>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.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Sermon

John Richardson

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering -

**Offertory** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

## Service of the Sacrament

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** 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."

#### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

#### **Distribution**

**Communion Hymn:** Brown Hymnal 8 Be Thou My Vision  
Brown Hymnal 429 The Old Rugged Cross  
Brown Hymnal 461 Softly and Tenderly

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

#### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Song** - Brown Hymnal 205 Onward Christian Soldiers

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Announcements**

**Preparing for Holy Communion:** The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Mark will be out of the area August 19<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need pastoral care please contact Pastor Singh by cell phone (917/254-2597)

**Transportation to Church:** Some of our members have requested transportation to and from church on Sunday mornings. They live in the following areas:

**Schenectady** (near the intersection of State Street and Route 7)

**Albany** (near the intersection of Central Ave, Manning Blvd and Clinton Ave).

**West Albany/Schenectady area** (near Central Ave and west of Route 155).

**North Colonie** (near Shaker High School).

Call Dave McMullan (518/252-1071) if you could help with these transportation needs.

**Prayer Gathering:** The Elders will be leading a Prayer Gathering in the Prayer Chapel this coming Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m. A zoom link will be provided for anyone unable to participate in person.

**Take, Read, Share:** Check out the library cart in the breezeway with a variety of books available to take, read, keep, share or return. Top shelf selections include books by Billy Graham and members of his family, books by Corrie Ten Boom, and books by Chuck Swindoll. There are a variety of other books on the lower shelves of the cart. Help yourself and read for your enjoyment and edification.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Healing:** Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Patrick O'Brien, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

**Homebound:** Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

**in Assisted Living:** Marga Hildenbrandt, Al & Helen Walck .

**Prayer for Our Savior's Christian School** as faculty and staff prepare for this coming school year. Give thanks for all returning faculty and pray that every position would be filled by people who are passionate about sharing the love of Christ with others. Give thanks for all the children enrolled in preschool-9<sup>th</sup> grade, and pray that more would enroll before the beginning of school on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **SERVERS**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds

**Contemporary Worship:** Heather Baird

**Greeters:** Sandy Gansle

**Reader:** Andy & Arin Cross

**Communion:** Tom Roemke & Andy Cross

**Pray-ers:** Marlow & Ellyne Olson

**Ushers:** Joe Lenge & Terri Zuesldorf

## **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** (23 August 2026)

Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20

### ***The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God***

Jesus asked His disciples: *"But who do you say that I am?"* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *"the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *"the gates of hell shall not prevail"* (Matt. 16:18-19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *"will never be dismayed"* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that *"joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song"* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *"according to the measure of faith that God has assigned"* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *"as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God"* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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