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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

HOLY BAPTISM

AUGUST 30, 2026

10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!

Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today.

Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations.

Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building - exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*

*VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.
Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.*

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*

Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*

Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*

Lynn Frick, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See
the difference Christ makes



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in E minor "Cathedral"

Johann Sebastian Bach

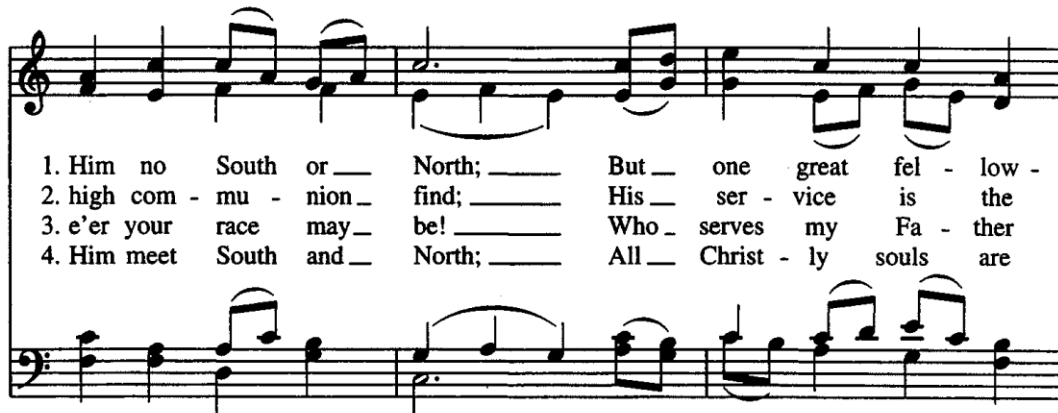
HYMN IN PROCESSION

#62 In Christ there is no East or West

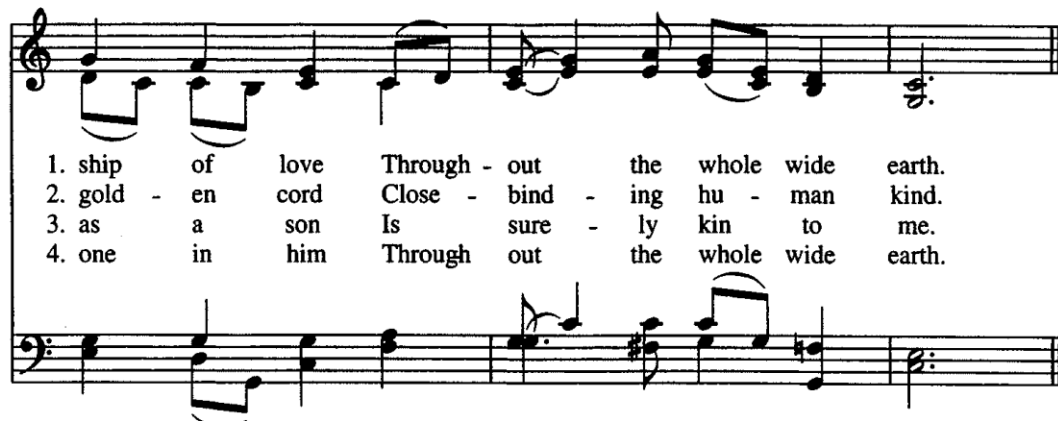
Lift Every Voice & Sing II



1. In _____ Christ there is no _____ East or West, In
2. In _____ Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their
3. Join _____ hands, di - ci - ples of the faith, What
4. In _____ Christ now meet both East and West, In



1. Him no South or _____ North; _____ But _____ one great fel - low -
2. high com - mu - nion _____ find; _____ His _____ ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may _____ be! _____ Who _____ serves my Fa - ther
4. Him meet South and _____ North; _____ All _____ Christ - ly souls are



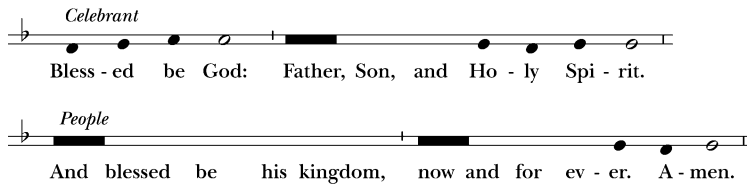
1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him Through out the whole wide earth.

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA S-280

Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

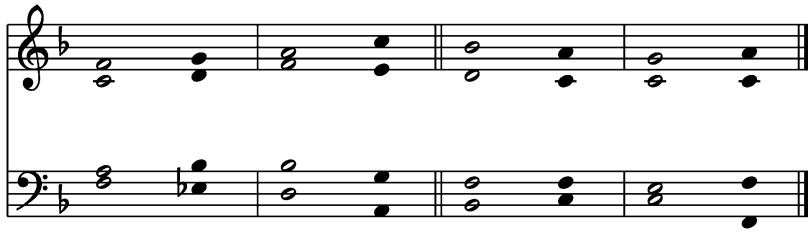
Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *
make known his deeds among the **peoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous **works**.
- 3 Glory in his holy **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his **strength**; *
continually seek his **face**.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments of his **mouth**,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his **servant**, *
O children of Jacob his **chosen**.
- 23 Israel came into **Egypt**, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of **Ham**.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly **fruitful**; *
he made them stronger than their **enemies**;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his **people**, *
and dealt unjustly with his **servants**.
- 26 He sent Moses his **servant**, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*

#484 Praise the Lord through every nation

Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

BCP 301

John Paul Cline, son of David and Sara Cline

Godparents: Erin and Curt Rusher

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

Procession to the Font, Hymn #296

Hymnal 1982

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

The Baptism

BCP 307

Post Baptismal Collect

BCP 308

Chrismation

The Welcome of the Newly Baptized

Procession from the Font with Asperges (*hymn on next page*)

Alleluia Refrain, Hymn #711



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing or kneel.

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially +Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Sean, our Presiding Bishop; +Samuel, our Diocesan; Jennifer, our Assistant Bishop; +Joseph, Bishop of the Diocese of Mumias, Kenya; +William, our Interim Rector; and Bonnie, our Deacon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Ethel, Harper, Jane, Lisa and Yo; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Daniel Montero and Barbara Perry, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

[Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.]

A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming

your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Please kneel, as able.

BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

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.

ABSOLUTION *Please remain kneeling.*

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Prayed by all.

Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Guest Information cards (found in the pew racks)
may be placed in the offering plate or given to the clergy after church today.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at
www.SLS.church/give

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

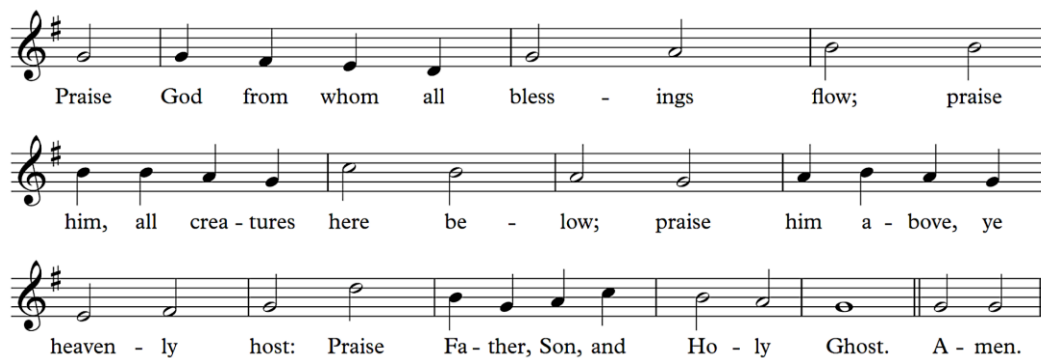
Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him who made him,
and the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
(Psalm 149, 1-2)

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #380, verse 3 Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982



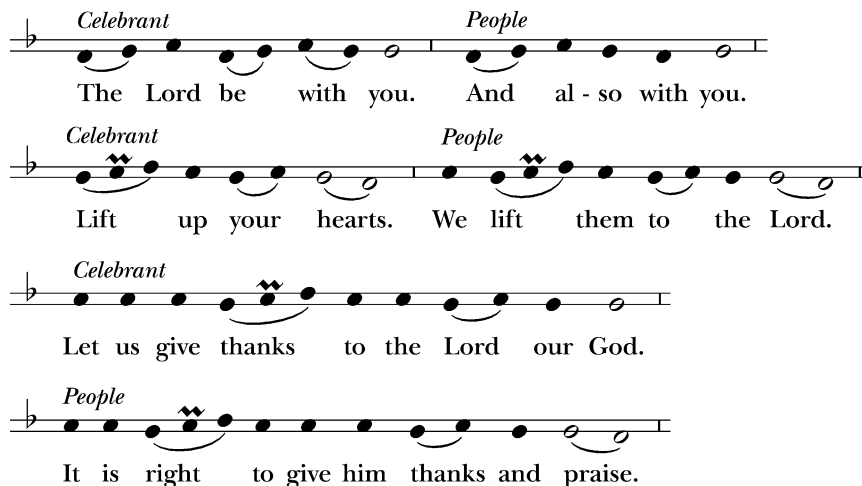
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Please remain standing.

BCP 367

SURSUM CORDA S-120

Hymnal 1982



SANCTUS S-125 Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues: We give thanks to you, O God ...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

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

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155*Sung by all.**Hymnal 1982*

All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.

COMMUNION HYMN #605 What does the Lord require*Hymnal 1982***THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand or kneel.**BCP 365*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING**HYMN IN PROCESSION***Sung by all.*

#397 Now thank we all our God

*Hymnal 1982***THE DISMISSAL**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Now thank we all our God

Johann Sebastian Bach

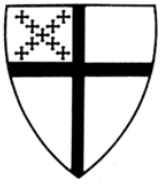
Servers	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Malachi Whitson, Brian Whitson, Hank Newman, Trevor Eppehimer	Andy and Susanna Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb
<i>Greeter</i>	Malachi Whitson	Andy and Susanna Lund
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Brian Whitson	Pennie Martin
<i>Lectors</i>	Lee Piper, Malachi Whitson	Jane White, Dick Martin
<i>Chalicians</i>	Stephen Collins, Stephanie Phoenix	Penny Roemer, Ray Swann
<i>Intercessor</i>	Chip Carter	Mary Ann McCubbin
<i>Verger</i>	Greg Shields	Ray Swann
<i>Acolytes</i>	Nick Clement, Sawyer Jacobson, Millie Klauder, Emma Stephenson	Nicholas Eppehimer, Pierce Ellis, Emma Stephenson, Ingrid Jacobson
<i>Choir</i>	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
<i>Nursery</i>	Katie Leckonby, Laura Greene	Katie Leckonby, Tory Curran
<i>Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson, Jim Greene	Caroline Stephenson, Andrew Jacobson
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Davis Cooke	Reg Boland
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Luanne Short, Andrew Jacobson	Kathy Carter, Sarah Wooten
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Katie Setzer, Meredith Ellis, Laura Greene	Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson

Eucharistic Candles given by: Reg Boland in honor of teachers, firefighters and police officers

Office Candles given by: Marilyn King in memory of William Sturges Bryan, Dr. Rowland R. King, Sue Sample Bryan, James Blount Bryan, H. Blount and Annette S. Bryan, Norman L. and Marie W. Bailiff

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Nan Medley in honor of St. Luke's Choirs and Stephen Williams

Altar Flowers given by: Anne Crawford in memory of Franklin Way, Virginia Boyd Way, and John Robert Crawford, III.



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2028: David Cline, John Cowan, Mary Ann McCubbin, Luanne Short

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