

September 6, 2026
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall



"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."
Romans 13:8 NRSV

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "The Savior Is Waiting" *Carmichael, arr. Bock*
Performed by: Terry Millard, saxophone & Lynn Millard, piano
"As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship."

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ann Lemaster

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 149:1, 4-5

Praise the Lord!

Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful, for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

Let the faithful sing for joy.

*HYMN "We Praise You, O God"

#612

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trials and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us.

Forgive us yet again, by the faithfulness and interceding love of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ's name we pray...

Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14 NRSV

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Love Found a Way" *McHugh & Nelson*

Performed by: Terry Millard, saxophone & Lynn Millard, piano

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:10-20 NRSV

¹⁰"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not

leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Agents of Reconciliation" Matt Randolph

Eucharist

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES, OUR OFFERINGS,

OFFERTORY "Living for Jesus" *P. Keveren*

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" #498

1. Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our life, our Lord.

2. Loaves were broken, words were spoken in the quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our life, our Lord.
3. Loves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our life, our Lord.
4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our life, our Lord.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

from Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God's benefits.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #203

R. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with you love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *to Refrain*

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. *to Refrain*

3. These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *to Refrain*

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. *to Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

*EXTENSION OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth"

C. Kocher

**All those who are able may stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY Sunday, September 6th, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- **TODAY Sunday, September 6th, Adult Sunday School, in the Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.**

- **TODAY Sunday, September 6th, ONE SERVICE ~**
Traditional Worship in the Fellowship Hall w/ the Celebration of our Lord's Supper. This week's communion servers are: Kristi, Elkner, Lynn Millard, Mike Wills, Tom Hagan and Lynda Limpert, 10:00 a.m.
- **Monday, September 7th, LABOR DAY**
- **Tuesday, September 8th, Cub Scouts Pack 150**
- **Wednesday, September 9th, Men's Breakfast, Gus's Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 9th, Donegal Women's Bible Study, in the Conference Room, 10:00 a.m.**
- **Thursday, September 10th, Meeting of the Deaconate, in the Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 13th, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Rally Day / Church Picnic**
- **Sunday, September 13th, Adult Sunday School, in the Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday, September 13th, ONE SERVICE ~** Traditional Worship, in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, September 13th, CHURCH PICNIC,** following the 10:00 a.m. service.



There will be no children's Sunday school throughout the summer.

Below is the current summer schedule.

Sunday 09/06/2026	10:00 a.m. Service in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday 09/13/2026	10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary (Rally Day / Church Picnic)



BE SOMEONE'S WARMTH

THIS WINTER

Time to clean out those closets!

If you find coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or other warm winter things that have not seen the light of day since the last ice age... **bring them to church. We know people who need them!**

All month long, we will be collecting gently used **coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and other cold-weather gear as well as blankets and sleeping bags** for our neighbors who may need a little extra warmth this winter.

You know that coat you haven't worn in five years but keep because "*I might need it someday*"? Or that sleeping bag you have because "*I am going to start camping again!*" **This is that day!** 😊

So go forth, open those closets, face the avalanche, and **share the warmth!**

September is for giving, decluttering, and making sure everyone has something warm to wear.

Donation bins are set up in the church breezeway and in the Fellowship Hall.