

**The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



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1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #6 “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, power and praise
Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, Ringing:
Holy, holy,
God is holy;
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory.

2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His Bride selected.
Holy, Holy
Is our union
And communion.
His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.

3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing,
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us he wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought.
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory!
Joy eternal,
Bliss supernal;
There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our Triune God we sing,
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises more and more
For all His grace and favor.
Singing, Ringing:
Holy, holy, God is holy--
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

3. The Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Congregation Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") Psalm 119:105-112

Pastor ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules. ¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! ¹⁰⁸Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules. ¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. ¹¹⁰The wicked have

laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. ¹¹¹ Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♪ **Congregation** 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, forevermore. Amen.

7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♪ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Latin, "Glory in the highest to God")

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

9. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

10. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

11. Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ 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, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

12. Gradual Hymn #583 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.

13. The Epistle *Romans 12:1-8*

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

14. The Alleluia

♪ **Congregation** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

15. The Gospel *Matthew 16:21-26 Please stand*

Pastor The Holy Gospel for today is written in the...

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

16. The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

Congregation I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

17. Chief Hymn #422 "Come Follow Me', The Savior Spake"

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take my example for your guide.

2 "I am the Light; I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

3 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal.

4 "Thus when you find most hot the fray, I at your side stand ready;
The fight is Mine, I lead the way, At all times firm and steady.
A soldier false who will not heed when Christ the Captain takes the lead!

5 "Who seeks to save on earth his life Without Me, he shall lose it;
But who for Me in earthly strife Now loses it shall find it;
Who counts the cross for Me too hard Who counts not of Me, the Lord."

6 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For all who bear the battle's strain The crown of life they shall obtain.

18. Sermon – “From That Time” Matthew 16:21-26

19. The Offering

20. Prayer

The Service Of Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

21. The Preface (p. 72)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

♪ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

22. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”) (p.76)

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

23. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)

Pastor 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.

♪ **Congregation** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

24. The Words of Institution (p.79)

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

25. The Pax Domini (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

26. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

27. The Distribution

28. Distribution Hymns

#314 "Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord"

1 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

2 By that pure body and that holy blood
Saved and refreshed, we render thanks to God.

3 Salvation's Giver, Christ, the only Son,
By His dear cross and blood the world hath won.

4 Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

5 Victims were offered by the law of old,
Which in a type this heav'nly myst'ry hold.

6 He, Lord of light, and Savior of our race,
Hath given to His saints a wondrous grace.

7 Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the earnest of salvation here.

8 He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields.

9 He feeds the hungry with the break of heav'n,
And living streams to those who thirst are giv'n.

10 Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow
All nations at the doom, is with us now.

#322 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

1 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou living Bread, May I for mine possess Thee.
I would with heav'nly food be fed; Descend, refresh, and bless me.
Now make me meet for Thee, O Lord; Now, humbly by my heart implored,
Grant me Thy grace and mercy.

2 Thou me to pastures green dost guide, To quiet waters lead me;
Thy Table Thou dost well provide And from Thy hand dost feed me.
Sin, weakness, and infirmity Am I; O Savior, give to me
The cup of Thy salvation.

3 O Bread of Heav'n, my soul's Delight, For full and free remission
With prayer I come before Thy sight, In sorrow and contrition.
With faith adorn my soul that I May to Thy table now draw nigh
With Thine own preparation.

4 I merit not Thy favor, Lord, Sin now upon me lieth;
Beneath my burden, self-aborred, To Thee my spirit crieth.
In all my grief this comforts me, That Thou on sinners graciously,
Lord Jesus, hast compassion.

#342 "O Paschal Feast, What Joy Is Thine"

Tune: ELH 511 "Zach Bleib Bei Uns"

1 O Paschal Feast, what joy is thine!
We praise, dear Lord, Thy name divine,
For Thou hast triumphed o'er the tomb;
No more we need to dread its gloom.

2 The Tree where Thou wast offered up
Now bears the fruit of life and hope;
Thy precious Blood for us was shed
That we might eat of heav'nly bread.

3 We thank Thee, Jesus, that Thy hand
Hath freed us from sin's galling band;
No more its bondage need we fear,
The year of liberty is here.

4 O Paschal Lamb, God's holy Son,
Through whom redemption now is won,
Thou givest saving strength indeed
In all our conflicts, all our need.

5 As Thou didst rise on Easter Day,
Help us to rise from sin, we pray;
And at the end of earthly strife
Raise us, O Lord, to endless life.

#261 "Who Trusts In God, A Strong Abode"

1 Who trusts in God a strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.

2 Though Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

3 In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

29. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, "Now Dismiss Us") (p.81)

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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, forevermore. Amen.

30. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them 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 true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

31. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

32. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

33. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen

34. Closing Hymn #559 "The Son Of God Goes Forth To War"

1 The Son of God goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky
And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue,
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong,
Who follows in his train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints; their hope they knew
And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel,
Who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train!

Announcements

Preschool Begins – Tuesday & Wednesday, September 8th & 9th.

Sunday School & Bible Class - begins on Sunday, September 13th.

Church Council – The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm.

Catechism Class – Catechism class will begin on Wednesday, September 16th at 4:15 pm. Parents are invited to attend the first class which serves as an orientation.

TLC – The September TLC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Times – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Special Parking Lot Fundraiser – The parking lot looks great after the mill and overlay project that took place this past week. The cost is \$65,000 for a mill and overlay of the entire lot. If you would like to contribute to this project, please specify your donation is for the parking lot project.

Women's Bible Study – Women's Bible class will resume Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30. We will be studying "The Theology of the Cross" and would love for you to join. Please talk to Sarah Smith if you have questions.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 10th with a study of the 1st Epistle of John.

Heritage Choir will meet on Wednesdays starting this week — September 9th, from 6:30 to 7:30. Please come and sing with us! We are looking at an additional rehearsal time for those that are interested in singing in the choir but cannot make it to the Wednesday evening rehearsal.

Sunday mornings?

A different weeknight?

During the day?

Please contact Julie Wright if you have questions, suggestions, and/or would like more details.

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1-2

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